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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday Frostbite Series	2 April 2005	Skippers Meeting 1100 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
B.O.D. Meeting	7 April 2005	1745 hrs	Benjamin Pkwy Public Library Branch
Scrub Races	16 April 2005	1100 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Shake Down Cruise	April 22-24	(Check with the Cruise Director)	Belews Creek
Sailing Instructor Orientation	30 April 2005	0900-1100 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Powerboat Workshop	30 April 2005	1100-1630 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina

THE START OF THE SAILING SEASON

The first weekend of April is the start of the Summer Regatta Series and the post race social is the first of the season. Please make note of the coming events.

On April 16th we will have a couple of scrub races. No serious racing but a great opportunity for a new sailor to get out and round the buoys. At least one safety boat will be out to provide assistance if needed. If you took the sailing class in the last two years, this would be an excellent chance to brush up on your skills.

The first cruise of the year will be at Belews Creek and will be an overnight event. Cruise Director Keith Smoot will lead this Shake Down cruise.

Sailing Instructors (Leads and Assistants) will meet on April 30 to discuss the Learn to Sail syllabus and class schedule. At 1100 we will change focus and work on powerboat skills. This class is important must for those of us whose primary boating

experience is sailing. For sailing instructors and race committee members, safe powerboat operation and successful sailor and sailboat recovery are critical skills.

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THE FROSTBITE SERIES ENDS

The March races were canceled under the threat of bad weather. The final standings for the Frostbite Series appear later in the Newsletter.

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Cruise Seminars 2005

This year's cruise seminars are shaping up very well. We have some new topics as well as repeating important information from last year. As always, the seminars will run from 9:00am until noon.

We will start on April 9 with the Cooking and Food Storage seminar, but with a delicious twist. Instead of you listening to me run my mouth, seminar attendees can stuff their faces. My wife,

Wanda from Gwaihir and Peggy Jones from the Catalina 22 Lazy Days will actually cook for the cooking seminar! These ladies are one-pot wonders on their boats. Both are experienced and skilled at cooking delicious meals on the single alcohol stove found on their boats. I was able to convince them to each cook a boat dinner for the cooking seminar. They will show you how to pack the cooler and store groceries for a weekend, and how to stretch your perishable foods, perhaps for longer than a week. Bring a bowl and spoon, we will supply the food and iced tea. First come first served.

On May 14 we will also have everyone's favorite, the Trailer Maintenance and Safety seminar. (Note to self, be sure to check the air pressure in the spare before the next Key West trip.)

The June 11th Coastal Navigation Class will give you a better understanding of coastal navigation charts and how to use them, and we may be able to squeeze in a GPS scavenger hunt.

At the Boat Systems seminar July 9 we will discuss and examine the water, toilet, electrical, and sail and anchor handling systems onboard Gwaihir and perhaps other boats. We will also have a brief but important radio protocol class.

The Anchoring and Docking class (August 13) will cover several types of anchors and how and when to use them, as well a tips on short or single handed leaving and returning to dock.

I plan to finish the seminar schedule with a Knot Tying and Splicing class on September 10. We will go over useful knots not generally taught in the sailing classes, as well as splicing three stand dock and anchor lines. Bring two sections of three-strand nylon, about five feet long, and perhaps five feet of braided nylon or polyester line.

A Swap Meet is planned for the first Saturday in May and October during the social. After the race, everyone is invited to bring your unused equipment, books, charts, skills or curiosity. Everything is up for sale or swap, or just to be given away to make

room for more sailing stuff. Come by to see what us available, or just to talk.

Keith Smoot
Cruising Director

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SAYRA WEB SITE LINKS

Important SAYRA links from Esther Khoury's February article on changes in the racing rules.

For information on Rule 42, go to www.sayra-sailing.org/pages/news.htm#rule42,

For information on significant Racing Rules changes, go to www.sayra-sailing.org/pages/RRS%202004-08%20Significant%20Changes.htm, for "A Quick Overview of Rule Changes..."

For information on Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race, go to the Race Management page www.sayra-sailing.org/pages/rce%20mngement.htm in the lower left side of page. Once on the Race Management page, go to the bottom left and click on either Notice of Race - Updated and/or Sailing Instructions - Updated.

For another summary of Race Rules changes, go to the Tom Farquhar article "WHAT'S NEW FOR THE RACE MANAGEMENT IN THE 2005-2008 RACING RULES" on the Race Management page.

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From the Editor:

I know that the sailing season is about to start because the West Marine catalogue has arrived along with two sale flyers advertising "Spring Commissioning" products.

This year we received a hefty slick magazine "Boats USA International" with feature articles on sailing and motor yachts with more square footage than our modest home! It is nice to dream, I guess but we have enjoyed a couple of boats that are far

smaller. Clearly, the boats in "Boats USA" are not anyone's first boat, but regardless of size, buying your first boat can be an overwhelming experience. Sonja and I spent several months considering what first boat was best for us. Because our previous sailing experience was day sailing on the Columbia River and sailing on Puget Sound, we looked for a trailer-able pocket cruiser. We have enjoyed the Precision 18 because we can haul it to the Coast or Smith Mountain Lake. When we raced it in the monthly Club Regattas, we were very disappointed. Despite many good qualities, "Chinook Wind" was not a fast boat and not a good 'round the buoys' racer.

When the Buccaneer became available, we jumped at the chance to own a good boat for racing and we have enjoyed its speed.

If you are considering buying a boat this spring, it is important to consider whether you will be racing or cruising, day sailing or spending the night aboard. Are you going to single hand or will it be a family boat? Join us at the season opening Social on April 2nd. Club members can be counted on to "talk boats", just ask a sailor what they are sailing, why he or she purchased and would he or she buy it again.

More on selecting your first boat in future columns.

SAILBOATS FOR SALE!

Mirage 5.5

1984 Cabin Cruiser \$2,900. (Lots of Extras) Mirage 5.5 on Magictilt Trailer, (new wheels, hubs & bearings, w/ bearing buddies) 4.5 HP 2stroke Mercury Motor, with new spring assist Popup motor mount. Call Bill Snider at 336/349-6755.

American 14.6 Sailboat

Fiberglass construction with anodized spars, Harkin blocks, fiberglass-weighted centerboard, kick up rudder, and Dacron sails, and galvanized trailer with mast stanchion can seat four adults. \$1000.00 View it at

www.sailingsource.com/americansail/default.htm

Call Randee Drake, 336 586-0181 or e-mail him at

kb4qqj@mindspring.com

16' Mistral & Trailer

North Sails, Swing keel & rudder, Compass. Easy to Sail \$1,500.00 Call: Dave Varsik 336-712-9668

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SAYRA Web site: www.sayra-sailing.org	
US Sailing Web site: www.ussailing.org	

Call People. Go Sailing.

In an effort to involve more sailors in the Club's Sailing Events and Racing Programs, this "Available to Crew" list is published in each newsletter. The people listed have taken our Learn to Sail class or have other previous sailing experience and are looking to get more time on the water. So, if you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer or Frostbite Race Series, why don't you call one of these folks for your crew? Or, if you need a cruising partner on your boat or would like to team with someone on one of the city sailboats for a daysail or a race, contact someone on this list. If you'd like to add your name to the list, contact John Hemphill, Treasurer or Bill Grossie, Newsletter Committee (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

Available To Crew

Name	Home Phone	Work Phone	E-mail
Bill Byrd	336-635-1926	N/A	
Chip Cromartie	336-601-0464	336-274-3559	cromartie@triad.rr.com
Lewis Johnson	336-656-4971	336-334-3448	ljohnson12@triad.rr.com
Paul/Jean Leslie	336-668-2874	336-272-7102 x276	lesliep@gborocollege.edu
Christopher Marriott	336-540-9055	336-323-0092	cmarriot@joyceengineering.com
Cynthia & Sam Reichelson	336-540-1279	336-273-2511	reichelson@cs.com
Deborah Stephenson	336-272-4517	336-279-3966	Addyhouse@aol.com
Pamela Reynolds	336-299-1948	336-832-7484	pfcr4201@aol.com
Jeff Taylor	336-674-3887	336-9544364	kindredsouls@pipeline.com
Gary Wulf	336-674-2498	336-373-8361	gkwulf@hahoo.com

Make a note of the above names as potential partners for your sailing, cruising, and racing adventures!

New Members, call each other!

Longtime members, call new members!!

Do YOU want to be on this list?

FROSTBITE RACE SERIES
FINAL CUMMULATIVE SCORES
December 2004, January and February 2005

Skipper	Boat	Cumulative
Gunn, S	FS 1104	32
Young, D	FS 2252	22
Hemphill, J	FS 4043	21
Rasmussen, E	TNZ 232	19
Thorn, P	Starwind 821	18
Bodman, H	TNZ 1146	16
Russell, J	FS 2300	16
Bouknight, R**	Lightning	14
Bageant, G	TNZ 690	12
Johnson, L	O Day 19	12
Clark, T	Force5 2947	6
Cordon, R	Capri	6
Crum, R	FS 2237	6
Grossie, W	Precision 18	6
McIntyre, JP	NA	6
Hawkes, A	Lightening 14641	6
Rasmussen, J	ISO 1027	6
Smoot, K	Hunter 23	6

RACING RULES OF SAILING 2005 - 2008

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