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## Tell Tales

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### Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday Summer Series	1 July 2006	Skippers' Meeting 1030 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Sunday Summer Series	2 July 2006	Skippers Meeting 1000 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, 5 July 2007	1745 hrs	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Inter-Club Regatta with Carolina Sailing Club (see story below)	Saturday, 4 August 2007	Skippers' Meeting 1030 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina

#### A Successful Mayor's Cup

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Cup Regatta drew 35 competing boats from across North Carolina as well as Virginia for races at the Lake Townsend Marina on June 2-3. Eleven skippers had not competed in the Mayor's Cup in the past.

Winning the Mayor's Cup was Ken Whitt with crew Des Ruyon in a Tanzer 16. The winner receives a Revere bowl as a keeper, while the cup is a perpetual trophy engraved with the name of the winner in the one-design class. Ken Whitt also won the Mid-Atlantic District Championship for the Tanzer class.

Winning the Bryan Cup was Chris Kakavis in a Laser. The Bryan Cup is a perpetual trophy engraved with the name of the winner in the handicap class.

Greensboro Mayor Keith Holiday, spoke at the opening ceremonies. Many sailors thanked the

Mayor for his support and attendance during his terms as Mayor.

Photographer Scott Uhrich has posted Mayors Cup photos on the internet at [www.scottuhrich.com](http://www.scottuhrich.com) then click on the link for the Mayors Cup photos

#### "Racin' rules" by John Hemphill

For the second year in a row, I took third place in the Mayor's Cup Flying Scot division. "I should have won it," I said to Starling Gunn. "If I had only paid attention to the course board on the committee boat - or asked them about the numeral 1 after the WD."

"Yea, well, if I hadn't hit that mark, I might've won it," he replied.

When I started racing my Flying Scot about six years ago I didn't spend very much time worrying about the racing rules. I understood the starting sequence and thought I could read the course diagrams. I figured that if I got close enough to another boat to foul it, or if I broke a rule and

someone protested, that would be a good sign - I was becoming competitive.

Well, six years later, I've learned, several times over: If you want to be competitive, you need to . . .

1. know the rules of racing.
2. know the nuances of the rules of racing.
3. don't ask your competitors to interpret the rules for you.
4. pay attention to signs and signals on the committee boat (and ask questions if you think you see something weird).

I could give lots of examples of how my lack of understanding of rules and protocols of sailboat racing has cost me: confusion about course board symbols, not recognizing flags, not seeing the flags, not knowing what to do when the course gets changed or shortened, etc.

Here's my explanation of my most recent screw-up. Maybe someone will learn something from it.

When the race committee first put up the course board, while we were drifting around waiting for the wind, the posted course was WD1. I thought that was strange. The racing instructions showed that WD was a windward-leeward 2 lap race. My crew and I discussed it. I concluded that, since the winds were so light, they were signaling to us that the course was being altered to a 1 lap race. The race started. I never looked at the board again. I got a great start and led the fleet around the windward mark and, as I passed the leeward mark, headed toward the start-finish line, I assumed I was going to win the race. Then, I notice that Erik Rasmussen, who had started almost 10 minutes ahead of me on his Isotope, was sailing toward the finish line. What the heck, I thought, he should have finished and be out of the way. Then I looked back. Instead of following me, eight other Flying Scots were rounding the leeward mark and headed toward the windward mark for the second lap. "Oh \_\_\_\_\_!"

I turned back toward the windward mark, managed to pass two other boats in the fleet, and finished seventh in the first race.

I won the second race, beating Starling by a full one second. I won the third race.

But, in spite of winning two of the three races, I lost the Flying Scot division by 2 points.

I never questioned the committee boat about the numeral 1. And Mike, the PRO, said at the skippers' meeting that we should feel free to ask the race committee questions.

"If I'd even finished 4<sup>th</sup> in that first race, I would've won the regatta," I complained to Starling. Starling just laughed, "Yea, and if I hadn't hit that mark . . ."

So, here's the lesson: If you see something weird, ask the race committee, 'cause in the world of "what ifs", we're all champions.

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**No experience required!** Even if you do not sail, we invite you to help on Race Committee. Maybe someone in your family is in the race. There are several tasks which are not physically demanding and no knowledge of race rules or procedure is needed. For instance, raising one of the starting flags when directed to do so. Spend a great day on the committee boat helping out and enjoying the racing action from the best seat in the house. Contact us now and we'll get you onboard!

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**OOPS!.....No Mast by George Bageant**

This had been an exceptionally good sailing class. Everyone was tuned into learning to sail and seemed to be very excited about it.

This was the first class of the season and the weather and the water was still on the cool side! The wind had started out mild on the first night and seemed to be building a little each night. This was perfect; gain a little knowledge, get more wind!

As always we start off in the Aqua Finns and Picos and then we progress into the Capri's toward the end of the class. John (Hemphill) and myself (George Bageant) were really pleased with how the class had been improving. These guys were really learning how to sail!

On the second Monday night we had two Capris on the water along with three Aqua Finns. We had

markers set out in a reaching course and started sailing circles and then went to figure eights. And again the wind had been absolutely great!

It was getting close to 7:30 pm and we were telling everyone to start sailing toward the docks. John and I were picking up a marker when we heard a small voice holler "Help!" We looked around and the voice was coming from one of the Capri's. And wouldn't you know it; our two "loose cannons" were on that boat! DeAnne and Katie.

The mast and sails were lying on top of the boat and the girls. They had been dismasted! Thankfully no one had been hurt.

We got Katie into the safety boat and I got into the Capri with DeAnne. We managed to hang onto the mast and sails while John towed us to the dock.

No one was hurt, minimal damage was done to the boat, and everyone was still smiling.

After surveying the damage to the Capri, we found that a ring had worked its way out of the pin that held the windward shroud to its deck fitting. All that was required was a little epoxy, some new screws, and everything was good as new.

Life is never dull when you're on the water, especially if you're teaching a sailing class!

### **Learn To Sail Instructors!**

From Starling Gunn,  
Rear Commodore

Please return all folders and paper work to the LTYC file cabinet at the warden's office when finished with your classes. This will save the next officers and club some time and money. Thanks!

LTYC needs assistant instructors to help with the Learn to Sail classes, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! This is a great way to advance your sailing learning curve. I have found that in the past the instructors and assistants learn as much as the students. So please e-mail me if you would like to help. Thanks in advance for making your club #1!

LTYC Rear Commodore  
Starling Gunn

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### **SAILBOATS FOR SALE!**

**1981 Isotope** - \$2500 with sails and a galvanized trailer. Crossbar, dolphin striker, and trampoline have been replaced and an extension added to the righting bar. Good boat for a beginning racer or someone looking to get back into racing. She won the 2005 Governor's Cup and continues to give challenge to the fleet leaders. Eric and I have owned this boat since 1998. She's gotten us hooked on Isotopes, so much so that we are upgrading to a 2006 model.

Boat specifications at <http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/isotope.html>.

Fleet Activities -

<http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/Isotope%20Nationals%202006.html>

Call or email if interested: 919-732-5410;  
[joleen.rasmussen@bowebellhowell.com](mailto:joleen.rasmussen@bowebellhowell.com)

**Vanguard 470**, one main, two jibs and a spinnaker and comes with a trailer. We're asking \$1900, but might be willing to negotiate if we get a decent offer soon. Contact Clay Johnson at CLAYCARY@aol.com (The original owner sailed it in the Olympic trials in 2000)

Great providence!

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To the members of Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Thank you for remembering Robert in this special way. Habitat was his passion and his Cuban work trip was very meaningful. Thanks for being so special.

Love, Carol and Bob Moates

(Bob's son Robert died as a victim of a robbery in May. The Club honored his memory with a contribution to Habitat for Humanity.)

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**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? Alternatively, if you need a cruising partner on your boat or would like to team with someone on one of the city sailboats for a day sail or a race, contact someone on this list. If you would like to add your name to the list, contact Bill Grossie, Newsletter Committee (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

**Available To Crew**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Cup Regatta  
Greensboro, NC  
June 2-3, 2007**

**Tanzer 16 Fleet**

<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Sail</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Place</b>
Whitt, Ken	534	1	1	1	3	1
Thorn, Pete	1427	5	2	2	9	2
Altman, Arch	1424	2	4	4	10	3
Ingersoll, Wayne	223	4	3	3	10	4
Miller, Lawrence	1529	3	6	5	14	5
Bageant, George	690	6	5	7	18	6
Manis, Paul	379	7	7	6	20	7
Drexel, Carole	2003	9-DNC	9-DNC	9-DNC	27	8

**Flying Scot Fleet**

<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Sail</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Place</b>
Lupton, Fred	3638	1	4	2	7	1
Moates, Bob	1939	2	3	3	8	2
Hemphill, John	4043	7	1	1	9	3
Gunn, Starling	1104	4	2	9	15	4
Heine, Une	3801	5	6	4	15	5
Raper, Steve	4051	8	5	5	18	6
Koch, Bruce	2777	6	7	6	19	7
Griffin, Jack	880	3	10- RAF	7	20	8
Raxter, John	637	9	8	8	25	9

**Open Monohull Fleet - Portsmouth**

<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Sail</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Place</b>
Kakavas, Chris	LASE	177157	2	1	1	4	1
Leverich, Kent	LASE	167267	1	2	5	8	2
Andrews, Phillip	LASE	185542	4	3	2	9	3
Norton, John	LASE	142637	3	5	3	11	4
Bouknight, Robert	LI	13957	5	4	4	13	5
Warren, Ken	LI	10386	6	7	6	19	6
Hawkes, Alan	LI	14641	8	6	7	21	7
Ricci, Giorgio	PICO		10	8	8	26	8
Wren, David	SRN 17	1354	7	12 -DNC	12 -DNC	31	9
Meddock, Justin	BCN	1497	9	12 -DNC	12 -DNC	33	10
Auer, Brett	BCN	818	12- DNF	12 -DNC	12 -DNC	36	11