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## Tell Tales

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### *Schedule of LTYC Events*

Board Meeting	Feb 3	5:45 PM	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Snow Flake	Feb 12	11:00 AM	Lake Townsend
Race Mgmt seminar	Feb 26	10:00 AM	Lake Townsend
Board Meeting	Mar 3	5:45 PM	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Work Day 1	Mar 5	10:00 AM	Lake Townsend
March Madness	Mar 12	11:00 AM	Lake Townsend

### Change of Watch Report

Alan Taylor \_/)

**January's Frigid Digit Race-** gave way to common sense. Not that there weren't people that would have truly wanted to be out there, but the race committee staged a mild coup. The wind initially had the appearance of cooperating, maybe staying low enough for the cold conditions, but the avid weather watchers knew that the wind was unfortunately going to pick up. And indeed there were gusts greater than 20.

With tears in our eyes and angst in our hearts, we retired to the training room where Eric gave a most helpful impromptu discussion on Developing a Strategy—how your goals on the racecourse are affected by the conditions. He gave examples with 3 major types of wind and how your strategy would change when the wind was Persistent, Oscillating, or Shifting Persistently. There was a lot of crowd feedback and discussion. Thanks Eric for having this ready and saving our frigid Saturday!

53 sailors in street clothes, some even in tie and blue blazer, attended the Change of the Watch and awards banquet on January 15. The evening began with socializing as folks arrived and warmed up after the evening chill of traveling on a winter's eve. Dinner consisted of a delicious roasted chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, assorted vegetables and rolls, followed by a slice of cake. Yum! I hope the caterer will be available again next year.



As folks finished eating, the real purpose of the evening began. Uwe acted as master of ceremonies, bringing up various club officers for the presentations. We acknowledged all the new members of 2010. Steve Raper gave a report on membership, holding steady. He honored several members who joined the club in the first few years and are still with the club. Carol Moates & Betty Holjas were at the meeting and were acknowledged as being charter members from Lake Townsend Yacht Club's founding in 1978. Joleen told us about all the juniors who participated in club activities in 2010. Then she brought the Commodore's Junior Sailing Trophy out of retirement in well deserved recognition of Kris Van Fricken (Look for Kris sailing an Isotope next summer.)



Awards were given for all who served the club last year, engraved water bottles, for sailing instructors, as well as mugs to all who served on the race committee.

Adam then awarded the Season's Racing awards (See summary below). New officers were announced, and Uwe passed the helm to himself, as he has been re-elected to a second term. Thank You Uwe for your excellent work.

Did you notice a theme? Those who are active in the club are recognized, thanked, and rewarded (beyond the reward that comes from being of service).

So the 2011 season has officially begun. See you all out at the lake!

## **Saturday**

Flying Scot

Tom Bews / Bob Darby - 1st

John Hemphill & Amanda Rappel - 2nd

Bob & Carol Moats - 3rd

Rick Connelly and Bill Byrd 4<sup>th</sup>

Steve Morris & Holly 5th

Uwe & Nancy Heine - 6th

Monohull

Ken Warren 1st

Allen Taylor & Sue Nuyda - 2nd

ISTP

Eric Rasmussen- 1st

David Duff- 2nd

Joleen Rasmussen - 3rd

## **Sunday**

Flying Scot

Uwe & Nancy Heine - 1st

Tom Bews & Bob Darby - 2nd

Bob Hoffman & Hudson Barker - 3rd

Monohull

Allen Taylor & Sue Nuyda - 1st

ISTP

Eric Rasmussen- 1st

## **A Warmer Place**

On winter days when the clouds hang low and snow covers the ground sailors dream about warmer places. On Christmas day, Susan, Max and I towed FS 4043 the 637 miles to Lake Eustis, Florida where we rented a house for two weeks – a spacious home with a large sunroom overlooking sprawling moss-covered live oaks and tall cypress with their knees spreading into the lake. You can view the lake well via Google Earth. Lake Eustis Sailing Club is due east of the house, a bit more than three miles away by water, about six miles by land.

Christmas evening, our daughter Sarah flew in from Arkansas and joined us. Unfortunately, the cold front that brought cold and snow to the Carolinas followed us to central Florida. For the first four days, a blustery north wind

whipped up white caps on the lake and nights were frosty. We hunkered down, read books, watched movies and scouted the bars and restaurants in the towns of Eustis and Mt. Dora.

On Tuesday, the sun was out and the temperature reached 60. Sarah and I rented a canoe at Juniper Springs State park and floated down the clear water creek formed by the spring. We maneuvered around the bends of the small creek through a forest of juniper, cypress, palmettos and palms. We saw raccoons, otter, wood ducks and a gator. At Juniper Flats, the forest receded. The current picked up and carried us leisurely through the fresh water marsh where we passed herons, egrets, storks, assorted ducks, anhinga, kingfishers and hawks. On Wednesday, when the sun brought a more seasonable 70 degrees, Sarah departed for Arkansas.

On Thursday, I towed FS 4043 over to Lake Eustis Sailing Club and found two guys sitting under the live oaks drinking beer. They agreed the club had reciprocity with LTYC, so they helped me launch the boat and sail it back to our house on the other side of the lake. They invited me to their New Year's Day "fun race".

Friday brought warm sun and a mild but steady wind - a good day for a family sail. Max, Susan and I sailed the Scot across the lake to the public docks in Eustis, tied up and had lunch at the Crazy Gator. We sailed back to the house in time for a nap before sunset.



Saturday was New Year's morning. I had the boat ready to sail across the lake and join the club's fun race, but the lake was glassy calm.

Start time was 11. At 10, I drove over to the club to deliver a case of beer and see what was happening. When I got there a moderate wind was blowing from the south and boats were being launched. I stashed the beer in the frig. and raced back to the house. There was only a hint of a breeze at the dock. I raised the sails and paddled. About 100 yards off shore I caught a light breeze and the boat began to glide steadily toward the eastern shore. The wind slowly picked up. On a beam reach with full sails, I got off the seat and onto the deck. As I got close enough to see sailboats on the water the wind had gone from light to brisk. I hiked out as far as I could. When I saw the buoy marking a starting line the boats were sailing away. I was five minutes late. By the time I passed through the line I was heading up wind and had all the power I could handle since I was single-handing the boat. It was a choppy upwind beat. I sailed mostly off the jib, spilling wind, sometimes flogging the main sail and praying the wind didn't veer. Just before the windward mark I passed a boat with 3 junior sailors that had blown over. I tacked one last time, rounded the mark and went chasing the rest of the boats, still five minutes away and headed across the lake. I passed two other capsized boats, one a Flying Scot with a spinnaker and crew of three. By the time I reached the wind mark on the west side of lake the wind had moderated and I was flat and planing with two full sails. I managed a safe jibe around the mark and caught one more boat of juniors on the final leg back to the start/finish line. The wind was howling again and I didn't feel like I could control the boat well enough to land at their dock, so I turned on a beam reach toward our house. By the time I had the boat safely secured at the home dock I had single-handed it for 12 miles in variable and sometimes gusty wind.

It was great. I loved it - as long I didn't need to sail upwind. I drove back to the club and sat around, ate their lunch and drank my beer. Just like at LTYC, we swapped stories and talked about how we need some younger sailors. This club has large fleets of Scots and MC Scows. My new friends, Mike and Dennis, tried to convince me to leave the boat there and come back for the George Washington's Birthday Regatta in mid-February. Last year they had 36 Scots and were aiming for at least

40 this year. Tempted, maybe, but it would be 637 mile drive. If you're interested, the club has the NOR on its web site:



<http://www.lakeeustissailingclub.org>. I left about mid afternoon. When Susan and passed by the club at sun down on our way to eat there was still a group of guys sitting at the picnic table drinking beer. Sound familiar?

The second week of our stay brought more good weather. We gave one day to Disney World – about an hour down the Orange Blossom Trail to Orlando, but we had a couple of days for leisurely sails around the lake. We made return trips to the Frog and Monkey Tavern in Mt. Dora. On Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we packed the van and hitched the Scot. It was 65 degrees when we drove through Eustis about 10 a.m. When we got back to Greensboro at 9 that evening it was 22 degrees.

It's Sunday afternoon, January 16<sup>th</sup>. There's still snow in the shade of the oaks. The ballgame is a blowout. And I'm dreaming of a warmer place.



## Looking for -

*... a Flying Scot to charter for the 2011 season at Lake Townsend. Terms negotiable. Alan Taylor - 530-263-3009(m)*

## Saleboats for Sail -

**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 have upgraded 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>

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### Call People. Go Sailing

### \*\*\*\* REACH OUT AND CALL SOMEONE \*\*\*\*

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 Nancy Heine, Newsletter Editor (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

### Available To Crew

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