

TELLTALES

May 2015

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Let's Go Sailing Is Coming Up – Our Annual Community Outreach – **You** Are Needed!

The Fowl Regatta Turns Foul – by Nancy Collins

Detailed Race Results from the Summer Series and the Interclub Challenge

Do You “Crew”?

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LAKE TOWNSEND YACHT CLUB INVITES YOU TO...

JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT —

LET'S GO SAILING!

Join us at Lake Townsend as we showcase the City's marina, rental boats and our own Learn To Sail programs.

Saturday, May 30
11 am – 3 pm

Lake Townsend Marina at Bryan Park
Greensboro, NC

Free Admission

FREE sailboat rides with an experienced captain
LTYC & sailing class info booth

Burgee making/coloring/craft booth

Knot tying booth Sailboats on display

Why not stay for lunch? Food will be available for purchase.

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Lake Townsend is now open until 8 pm. Now you have time for an evening sail!
Remember that the lake is always closed on Wednesdays.



New Weekend Class

Adult, Intermediate Sailing Class
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 19th, 20th & 21st



Classes will be held on Fri. from 6 pm 'til closing, and on Sat. and Sun. from 9 am 'til closing.

This class is for adults with basic sailing skills who want to brush off the cobwebs, improve their skills and gain more confidence sailing. (Not to mention meet new friends and have fun!) If you'd like to bring your own boat (BYOB), please do. Club boats are also available.

Sign up on the scratch sheet at: laketownsendyachtclub.com

Let's Go Sailing May 30th

Community Outreach. Tell your family, friends and neighbors.

It's coming up fast and we need all LTYC members to help out.

We need **Skippers!** And lots of you.

Shore Support. Task entails helping visitors find and put on PFD, escort to a boat, answer any questions, and talk up sailing classes.

Dock Hands. Assist incoming and outgoing boats and passengers as needed and talk up sailing classes.

Knot Tying. Got it covered, but if it interests you, we can always use more help.

Scat Boat. Cruise with sailors and provide help where needed.

Point Persons. Describe and explain sailing and what passengers should do while in the boat, and talk up sailing classes.

Please Sign up on the Scratch Sheet now at: laketownsendyachtclub.com

Photos from the April 18 Powerboat Training Day



Hudson, Scott, JC, Jack, David Schultz, Lacy, Steve



Kevin Gheen, newly minted signal boat pilot

Photos from the May 2 Instructor Training and Fleet Check-Out Day



Joleen, Steve, Alan, Nancy, Bob, Ken, Sue



Ken takes an Aqua Finn on a shakedown cruise.



Rigging a Pico.



The TerraFinn is a great training aid.

Do You “Crew”?



Do You Want To?

We Always Have Skippers Looking for Crew.

It is OK if you are new to sailing. Our skippers are members of LTYC because they love sailing and they want to get others sailing too. They are not looking for experience or skill; rather, they are looking for someone who either loves to sail or wants to learn more about sailing. LTYC is a very friendly club that way.

Our Skippers Are Our Teachers.

Many of our skippers spend a lot of time teaching others to sail. Because of that, they are very familiar with having new sailors on their boats and teaching them the ropes, so to speak. When you first start to crew, you will likely work the jib sheets with ongoing instructions from the skipper. As you get more experience you'll start to do more on your own and you will start to do more sophisticated things, from calling the layline, to trimming the sails, flying a spinnaker, and being at the helm. Unlike other sailing clubs, after just a few days on the water with us, you will be a regular.

How to Get a Crew Spot.

There are several different things you can do to get a crew spot.

- 1) Ask me (Joleen) to add you to the Available to Crew list.
- 2) Sign up on a specific event scratch sheet under “Available to Crew.”
- 3) Show up at an event at least 30 minutes prior to the Participants’ Meeting.
- 4) Arriving late? That too works. Just let me know ahead of time that you plan to be there. I will line something up.

What to Bring and Do.

When you arrive at the lake, you will be noticed and will be asked if you are there to sail. If you don’t own a PFD (lifejacket), you can get one from the marina. Sailing can be wet, so bring a change of clothes. Sometimes we actually sail in the rain (rain is OK, lightning is a no-go). Water repellent pants and a rain jacket are good starters. Plan to leave your keys and electronics on shore, or purchase a waterproof, floating dry box. Bring water, sunscreen, sunglasses and a snack to tide you over until the social gathering after the day’s sailing. As you sail more, plan to pick up a pair of sailing gloves. Learn the basic sailing knots. If you are racing, you might want a watch with a count-down timer, and print out a copy of the signals. It won’t take long before there is something you can do better than your skipper can do, or something you know more about than your skipper does.

Skipper and crew are co-participants at all our events. You get to help rig and launch the boat. After docking, you get to help put the boat away. Sailing on a small sailboat can be an active sport, so expect to get scraped, banged, even a bit bruised. There is a reason the boom is called the boom — be prepared to duck. Don’t rush. Expect things to break. After sailing, there is usually a social gathering at the pavilion at the far end of dry docks, past all the sailboats. If you like, bring a small consumable treat to share.

-Joleen Rasmussen

LTYC Membership Chair Email: membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com



April 21st Work Day

The weather this Spring has not been very cooperative for working on boats, but with time getting short, the faithful crew came out on a Tuesday to get 'er done. Jack Davidson, Scott Bogue, John Carr, Kevin Gheen, and Paul Parker all came out to scrub down the city fleet. Wait 'til you see the boats; they almost look like new!

Jack and Scott have put an enormous amount of time and effort into prepping the boats for the upcoming classes. They even used Jack's work place to bring Tanzers inside during cold weather to make structural repairs and get them ready for adult classes.

To quote Steve Raper, "New members rock." Thanks to everyone for contributing and especially to Jack and Scott for their dedication and stick-to-it-iveness!

(And thanks also to Scott, Ken Butler and Starling Gunn for pressure washing the rental boat dock, to Hudson Barker, John Carr and Scott for scrubbing SCAT 1 and to Ken, Paul Parker and JC Aller for washing down SCAT 2 and the signal boat. It was a big job!)

The Fowl Regatta Turns Foul

By Nancy Collins

The April 25 Nick Huffeldt Send-Off Fowl Regatta should have started off cool and cloudy, but dry, but the rain didn't really cooperate. It wasn't supposed to start until 3:00, plenty of time for a poker run and, for those who wanted to race, an informal Portsmouth race from mark to mark, but it was 10:00 and we were hiding in the edge of the shed watching the resident great blue heron take command of the dock. Because it was scheduled to rain, I had brought every piece of foul weather gear I had in the closet. (Well you just never know what you might need.)

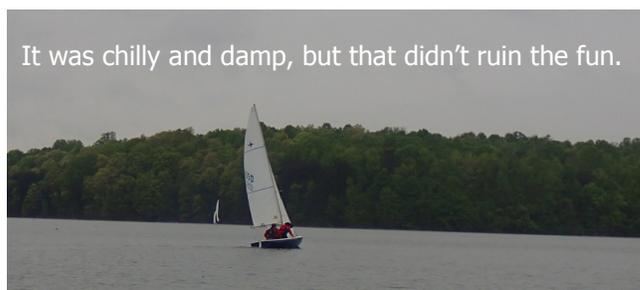
There were 5 boats signed up for the Fowl Regatta. Michael Crouch came out for race committee on the mark boat. The marks looked like soggy Easter eggs in the bottom of the boat. Since I had brought all my extra rain gear, I loaned anyone that needed some the use of what was there. (Aubry Bews is showing off some of it.) Mary Zeng and Evan Trudeau in their Jet 14 wore some as well. It started raining about 10:00 and only lightened up enough to encourage everyone to go out. Michael put out the six marks. We couldn't put the cards on the marks because the marks were wet and the tape wouldn't stick, so we decided to let people draw them later in the order of finish. We all got in the boats at the docks. When everyone was ready I blew a whistle.

We had to hit at least five marks from any direction. The pack split. Uwe and I (Flying Scot) went the same way as Nick and Sara (club Wayfarer), but after the first mark they went across to the other group of boats. There was enough wind to not be so bad in the rain. Finishing was getting back into the marina. Ken Butler, who earlier had just randomly come by the lake, saw that it looked like fun – he went home and got his boat, got crew (Matt Stalaker) and finished first! Uwe and Nancy came in second.

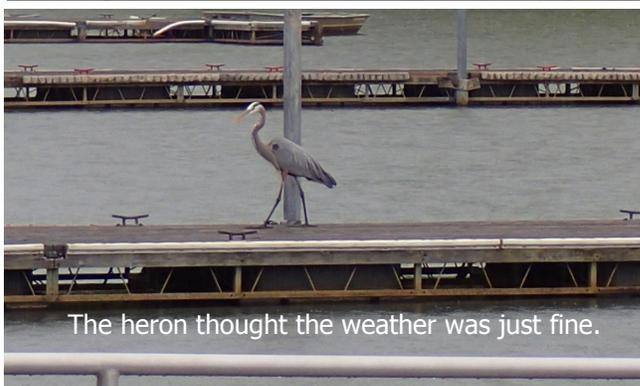
After putting everything away, we had something to eat, then drew envelopes from six bags. The envelopes held cards. Ken got a flush! Since he won both the Portsmouth race and the poker hand, he won the Fowl Regatta perpetual trophy (a paddle) and got his name burned into the blade. It was all a lot of fun. Eric Rasmussen donated the plaque that we put on the perpetual trophy, Tom Bews (and Dalton Cox) donated the paddle, and Uwe did the design for the trophy, two sea birds playing poker. Prizes included Reed's Ginger Brew, Crispin Hard Cider, Mission Pale Ale, and a Vosges Smoke and Stout Caramel Bar.



Aubry Bews and her dad Tom were all dressed up for the occasion.



It was chilly and damp, but that didn't ruin the fun.



The heron thought the weather was just fine.

Photos from the April 25 Nick Huffeldt Fowl Regatta



Rainy day, soggy marks.



Ken and Matt in Ken's newly restored wooden Wayfarer.



The winning team (and hand).



Some fine prizes.



Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Summer Series

Apr 2015 - Oct 2015

04/11/15

Open Monohull

Skipper		Boat	Sail #	Place	1		2		3	
					Code	Place	Code	Place	Code	Place
Hoffman	Bob	HLR20	227	14		7		5	RET	2
<u>Covington</u>	<u>AnnMarie</u>	WF	276	19		8		4		7
<u>Fragakis</u>	John	LASER	166847	25		9		8		8
Warren	Ken	LI	Green	18		6		6		6
Schwartz	Jim	LI	Blue	13		5		3		5
<u>Kishbaugh</u>	Ali	WF	CLUB	13		4		7	DNF	2
<u>Smoot</u>	Keith	SWND	2131	6	DNF	2	DNS	2	DNS	2

Flying Scot

Skipper		Boat	Sail#	Place	1		2		3	
<u>Bews</u>	Tom	FSCT	5295	28		10		10		8
<u>Hemphill</u>	John	FSCT	4043	24		9		6		9
Russell	John	FSCT	2300	21		8		7		6
Morris	Steve	FSCT	3500	22		7		8		7
Wilson	Mark	FSCT	5861	12		6		4	RET	2
Duff	David	FSCT	1939	9		5	RET	2	RET	2
Heine	<u>Uwe</u>	FSCT	3801	23		4		9		10
Byrd	Bill	FSCT	CLUB	10		3		5	RET	2

CSC & LTYC April 12 Interclub Challenge

By Nancy Collins

The Interclub Challenge between LTYC and the Carolina Sailing Club is a long-standing rivalry, with the loser taking home the rubber chicken.

Jim and Linda Heffernan (Wayfarer) came in first in all three races and Chris & Gabriel Herman (Flying Scot) were second overall, but that wasn't enough to win. We had a great showing and did really well (see scores below and on the next page), but not quite well enough to finally get rid of the chicken.

I'm not really sure why there is a rubber chicken, maybe to tease Joleen, but it has become the loser prize.

I really tried to get rid of that chicken. I tried to give it to some little people. I tried to tie it to some rudders. We even tried tossing it into some other boats – but in the end we took it home. Might as well make the best of it. But next year the CSC-LTYC Interclub will be at Lake Townsend. Let's all be there!



The rubber chicken came home to roost. Next year...!

Skipper		Crew		Race 1										
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Class	Sail #	Club	Min	Sec	Port #	Dec Time	Corr Time	Place	CSC	LTYC
Heffernan	Jim	Heffernan	Linda	WF	1066	LTYC	62	59	94.0	62.983	67.003	1		1
Herman	Chris	Herman	Gabriel	FSCT	4088	LTYC	68	49	92.1	68.817	74.72	11		9
Paisner	Sara	Kirchen	Kirk	TH	3985	CSC	58	49	83.0	58.817	70.864	6	6	
Streb	Bart	Snyder	Chris	BCN	5276	CSC	60	37	89.2	60.617	67.956	3	3	
Corkell	Tony			LASE	65	CSC	70	44	93.7	70.733	75.489	13		
Sheehan	Kevin	Nelson	Kirk	TH	3978	CSC	61	29	83.0	61.483	74.076	9		
Munn	Don			LASE	117707	CSC	74	28	93.7	74.467	79.474	16		
Cardoze	Steve	Powell	Tim	TH	3739	CSC	64	50	83.0	64.833	78.112	15		
Flynn	Ray			LASE	180543	CSC	79	53	93.7	79.883	85.254	19		
Buckner	Charlie	Oller	Dale	FSCT	5971	CSC	64	27	92.1	64.45	69.978	4	4	
Heine	Uwe	Collins	Nancy	FSCT	3801	LTYC	81	16	92.1	81.267	88.238	23		
Burchfiel	Dave	Forman	Andy	505	8812	CSC	55	13	82.1	55.217	67.256	2	2	
Auffeld	Nick	Bews	Tom	FSCT	5295	LTYC	65	03	92.1	65.05	70.63	5		5
Covington	AnnMarie	Stalnaker	Matt	WF	276	LTYC	79	29	94.0	79.483	84.556	18		
Thompson	Mark			LASE	181781	CSC	70	08	93.7	70.133	74.848	12		
Merrill	Ray	Ferguson	Gareth	FSCT	4322	CSC	81	36	92.1	81.6	88.599	24		
Jones	Steven	Wilson	Mark	FSCT	2048	LTYC	67	44	92.1	67.733	73.543	8		8
Gaston	Liz	Gaston	Zach	TH	616	CSC	80	54	83.0	80.9	97.47	26		
Leonard	Phil	Leonard	Cathy	WF	8910	LTYC	79	18	94.0	79.3	84.362	17		10
Sigmund	Mike	Kay	Alli	BCN	3687	CSC	80	27	89.2	80.45	90.191	25		
Powell	Bill	Pearce	Cedric	FSCT	3694	CSC	80	27	92.1	80.45	87.351	21		
Hemphill	John	Afanador	Otto	FSCT	4043	LTYC	80	05	92.1	OCS	OCS	32		
Rumsey	Peter	Joslin	Amy	FSCT	4004	CSC	69	47	92.1	69.783	75.769	14		
Griffin	Jack	Tucker	John	FSCT	5818	CSC	66	15	92.1	66.25	71.933	7	7	
Batchelor	Dave	Brake	Joe	FSCT	5164	CSC	68	22	92.1	68.367	74.231	10		
Norton	John			LASE	6	CSC	n/a	n/a	93.7	DNC	DNC	32		
McGregor	Kai			LASE	97685c	CSC	97	55	93.7	97.917	104.501	27		
McGregor	Alastair			LASE	97685w	CSC	100	18	93.7	100.3	107.044	29		
Smoot	Keith			SWND	2131	LTYC	109	04	102.1	109.067	106.824	28		
Backus	Alan & Pat			FSCT	4105	CSC	79	01	92.1	79.017	85.795	20		
Ryan	Tim			LASE	2112	CSC	82	11	93.7	82.183	87.709	22		

Skipper		Crew		Race 2										
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Class	Sail #	Club	Min	Sec	Port #	Dec Time	Corr Time	Place	CSC	LTYC
Heffernan	Jim	Heffernan	Linda	WF	1066	LTYC	46	33	91.7	46.55	50.763	1		1
Herman	Chris	Herman	Gabriel	FSCT	4088	LTYC	47	40	90.4	47.667	52.729	6		6
Paisner	Sara	Kirchen	Kirk	TH	3985	CSC	45	49	83.0	45.817	55.201	15		
Streb	Bart	Snyder	Chris	BCN	5276	CSC	47	35	87.0	47.583	54.693	12		
Corkell	Tony			LASE	65	CSC	48	46	92.3	48.767	52.835	7	7	
Sheehan	Kevin	Nelson	Kirk	TH	3978	CSC	45	54	83.0	45.9	55.301	17		
Munn	Don			LASE	117707	CSC	48	03	92.3	48.05	52.059	2	2	
Cardoze	Steve	Powell	Tim	TH	3739	CSC	45	25	83.0	45.417	54.719	13		
Flynn	Ray			LASE	180543	CSC	49	02	92.3	49.033	53.124	8	8	
Buckner	Charlie	Oller	Dale	FSCT	5971	CSC	47	15	90.4	47.25	52.268	3	3	
Heine	Uwe	Collins	Nancy	FSCT	3801	LTYC	47	36	90.4	47.6	52.655	4		4
Burchfiel	Dave	Forman	Andy	505	8812	CSC	46	37	80.9	46.617	57.623	24		
Auffeld	Nick	Bews	Tom	FSCT	5295	LTYC	48	11	90.4	48.183	53.3	9		9
Covington	AnnMarie	Stalnaker	Matt	WF	276	LTYC	50	11	91.7	50.183	54.725	14		
Thompson	Mark			LASE	181781	CSC	48	40	92.3	48.667	52.727	5	5	
Merrill	Ray	Ferguson	Gareth	FSCT	4322	CSC	49	10	90.4	49.167	54.388	11		
Jones	Steven	Wilson	Mark	FSCT	2048	LTYC	48	12	90.4	48.2	53.319	10		10
Gaston	Liz	Gaston	Zach	TH	616	CSC	46	44	83.0	46.733	56.305	21		
Leonard	Phil	Leonard	Cathy	WF	8910	LTYC	50	42	91.7	50.7	55.289	16		
Sigmund	Mike	Kay	Alli	BCN	3687	CSC	48	57	87.0	48.95	56.264	19		
Powell	Bill	Pearce	Cedric	FSCT	3694	CSC	50	43	90.4	50.717	56.103	18		
Hemphill	John	Afanador	Otto	FSCT	4043	LTYC	51	50	90.4	51.833	57.337	23		
Rumsey	Peter	Joslin	Amy	FSCT	4004	CSC	51	31	90.4	51.517	56.988	22		
Griffin	Jack	Tucker	John	FSCT	5818	CSC			90.4	DNF	DNF	32		
Batchelor	Dave	Brake	Joe	FSCT	5164	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32		
Norton	John			LASE	6	CSC	41		92.3	RET	RET	32		
McGregor	Kai			LASE	97685c	CSC	51	58	92.3	51.967	56.302	20		
McGregor	Alastair			LASE	97685w	CSC			92.3	DNF	DNF	32		
Smoot	Keith			SWND	2131	LTYC			100.6	DNF	DNF	32		
Backus	Alan & Pat			FSCT	4105	CSC			90.4	DNF	DNF	32		
Ryan	Tim			LASE	2112	CSC			92.3	RET	RET	32		

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Skipper		Crew		Race 3										Individual	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Class	Sail #	Club	Min	Sec	Port #	Dec Time	Corr Time	Place	CSC	LTYC	Individual
Heffernan	Jim	Heffernan	Linda	WF	1066	LTYC	39	29	91.7	39.483	43.057	1		1	3
Herman	Chris	Herman	Gabriel	FSCT	4088	LTYC	44	19	90.4	44.317	49.023	7		7	24
Paisner	Sara	Kirchen	Kirk	TH	3985	CSC	38	58	83.0	38.967	46.948	4	4		25
Streb	Bart	Snyder	Chris	BCN	5276	CSC	43	48	87.0	43.8	50.345	10			25
Corkell	Tony			LASE	65	CSC	45	20	92.3	45.333	49.115	8			28
Sheehan	Kevin	Nelson	Kirk	TH	3978	CSC	38	51	83.0	38.85	46.807	3	3		29
Munn	Don			LASE	117707	CSC	47	06	92.3	47.1	51.029	11			29
Cardoze	Steve	Powell	Tim	TH	3739	CSC	37	51	83.0	37.85	45.602	2	2		30
Flynn	Ray			LASE	180543	CSC	44	05	92.3	44.083	47.761	6	6		33
Buckner	Charlie	Oller	Dale	FSCT	5971	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32			39
Heine	Uwe	Collins	Nancy	FSCT	3801	LTYC	46	56	90.4	46.933	51.917	14		9	41
Burchfiel	Dave	Forman	Andy	505	8812	CSC	43	28	80.9	43.467	53.729	18			44
Auffeld	Nick	Bews	Tom	FSCT	5295	LTYC			90.4	RET	RET	32			46
Covington	AnnMarie	Stalnaker	Matt	WF	276	LTYC	48	20	91.7	48.333	52.708	16		10	48
Thompson	Mark			LASE	181781	CSC			92.3	RET	RET	32			49
Merrill	Ray	Ferguson	Gareth	FSCT	4322	CSC	47	00	90.4	47	51.991	15			50
Jones	Steven	Wilson	Mark	FSCT	2048	LTYC			90.4	RET	RET	32			50
Gaston	Liz	Gaston	Zach	TH	616	CSC	39	20	83.0	39.333	47.389	5	5		52
Leonard	Phil	Leonard	Cathy	WF	8910	LTYC	49	50	91.7	49.833	54.344	19			52
Sigmund	Mike	Kay	Alli	BCN	3687	CSC	43	07	87.0	43.117	49.56	9			53
Powell	Bill	Pearce	Cedric	FSCT	3694	CSC	47	52	90.4	47.867	52.95	17			56
Hemphill	John	Afanador	Otto	FSCT	4043	LTYC	46	08	90.4	46.133	51.032	12		8	67
Rumsey	Peter	Joslin	Amy	FSCT	4004	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32			68
Griffin	Jack	Tucker	John	FSCT	5818	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32			71
Batchelor	Dave	Brake	Joe	FSCT	5164	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32			74
Norton	John			LASE	6	CSC	47	20	92.3	47.333	51.282	13			77
McGregor	Kai			LASE	97685c	CSC			92.3	RET	RET	32			79
McGregor	Alastair			LASE	97685w	CSC	51	02	92.3	51.033	55.29	20			81
Smoot	Keith			SWND	2131	LTYC	58	14	100.6	58.233	57.886	21			81
Backus	Alan & Pat			FSCT	4105	CSC			90.4	RET	RET	32			84
Ryan	Tim			LASE	2112	CSC			92.3	RET	RET	32			86

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Get to Know Your Board

Name: Jack Davidson

Board Position: Equipment Committee Chair

I've been an LTYC member for: 9 months

Why I joined LTYC: I love to sail and wanted to get to know the members.

The boat(s) I own are: CL 16, Mistral 16, Windmill, Mobjack 17, Pearson Hawk 16, Ranger 23, US Yachts 23

I've been sailing for: 40 years

I learned to sail: At Kerr Lake, 1971, Sunfish

When I'm not sailing: I'm repairing and modifying motorcycles and cars

For a living I work at: Chief Engineer/Project Manager, Ion Media Networks

Family and if family sails with you: Son; he will come out rarely

What I'd like to accomplish as a board member: Introduce as many people as possible to sailing and to LTYC. Assist when possible in the development of and participate in future activities and events in support of LTYC.

Name: George Bageant

Board Position: Secretary

Why I joined LTYC: After I took the beginning sailing class I needed to further refine my new skills and LTYC just seemed to be the perfect fit. It would be hard to find a friendlier group of people anywhere.

The boats I own (owned): The first boat I bought was a Mirage 5.5 (19 ft). It was a great boat to learn on and had enough room for two adults to comfortably sail. After a while I wanted to go cruising and the Mirage became too small, so I sold it and bought a 23 ft. Paceship. I bought it for \$900 and spent the next two years restoring it and the trailer. During this time I also bought a Tanzer 16 and got into racing. I later sold the Paceship and still have the Tanzer.

I've been sailing for: 15 years and at age 71 it still gives me thrills!

When I'm not sailing: I travel the country on my motorcycle. I have traveled in 49 states including Alaska. Then there are grandkids Emma and Jack (12 and 9) who are beginning sailors.

For a living I work at: Being fully retired! I spent 35 years in the telephone industry.

Family and if family sails with you: My wife Betsy has sailed with me on occasion and my grandkids will go with me on a moment's notice! My daughter Holly and her husband Matt own a Hunter 23.

What I'd like to accomplish as a board member: In my 15 years as a member I have held many positions on the board including being commodore twice. So, as secretary this year, not only do I record the meeting minutes, I get to interact with the other members and maybe pass on a thing or two that I have learned along the way.

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Your LTYC membership comes with many benefits:

Last month we mentioned benefits that include mentoring, one-on-one sailing instruction, continuing education and instructional seminars (at no additional cost), opportunities to crew and learn from experienced sailors, organized cruises, monthly racing, monthly Social Sailing (a non-racing event), and social gatherings after every sailing event with good food, adult beverages and soft drinks (at no additional cost).

Here are some more benefits you receive:

- Yacht club reciprocity
- Free launching during club events
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Sailing Tips, Terms and Phrases

Have a question about a term or phrase? Send it to: newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com.



A Spinnaker Primer **By Capt'n Al**

The spinnaker is the large, colorful sail that is used to help sail faster downwind. LTYC has many boats that fly a spinnaker, including Flying Scot, Wayfarer and Lightning. The Tanzer class also allows a spinnaker, although most of the club boats do not currently have the rigging required.

This is the first of a series of articles intended to give the new sailor an overview of how to fly a spinnaker. New sailors at LTYC often get an opportunity to sail on a boat that is rigged for spinnaker. Hopefully after reading these articles you won't feel completely lost when you are on a boat flying a spinnaker.

Rigging

The first step is to rig the spinnaker before launching the boat. There are two sheets for a spinnaker. They typically are led to the aft corners of the boat, then forward under the deck to blocks amidships. While a spinnaker can be rigged on either side of the boat, I will focus on the most common method, rigging the sail on the port side.

The port sheet will be led from the aft corner of the boat forward to the shrouds. The starboard sheet will be led forward, outside the starboard shroud, around the headstay and back to the port shroud. The spinnaker halyard should be brought to the deck by the port shroud.

Before attaching the sheets, ask your skipper if he likes to set the spinnaker in front of or behind the shrouds. Be careful that both sheets are on the same side of the port shroud. If rigging a Flying Scot, then the port spinnaker sheet will run forward, outside the port shroud, then attach to the sail. If rigging a Lightning, the starboard sheet will continue aft from the bow, outside the port shroud, and then attach to the sail.

Like most sails, the spinnaker has three corners. It differs from a main or a jib in that it is symmetrical in shape. Therefore there is a head and two clews (this can be confusing at first). Attach the halyard to the head of the sail. Choose one side of the sail and trace down the tape (on the edge of the sail) until you reach a clew. Typically the tapes will be green and red, so trace the red tape to the port sheet and the green tape to the starboard sheet. It is important to trace the tapes to reduce the possibility that the sail will be tangled when it is raised. Attach the sheet to the clew, then return to the head of the sail and trace the other side. When you reach the clew, attach the sheet for that side. Stow the sail below the foredeck, or in the location that the skipper instructs.

Next time: Raising the Spinnaker

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Windmills Available

Alan Taylor has a couple of Windmills available, if someone would like to sail them during an upcoming LTYC event. Give Alan a call - with a few days' advance notice 530 263-3009 • alan@lakelevel.com.

Wayfarer For Sale

Wood Wayfarer, number 864, built in 1964 and well maintained is for sale for \$4,500. This boat has been raced with good success for many years. She has an Interlux Barrier Coat bottom and two part enamel paint on sides. Decks and interior are varnished. Well equipped on a new trailer and located in NC. Contact Jim Heffernan at [919- 942-6862](tel:919-942-6862) or email at jheffernan@nc.rr.com.



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Have a sailboat or have access to a sailboat? Our members want to *CREW for* you and *CREW with* you! Whether you are a new or seasoned skipper, our members will add to your sailing experience. You don't have to wait until the Participants' Meeting to line up crew. Sign 'em up ahead of time. That way, your crew can even help rig and launch the boat! Also check the participation scratch sheet on the website; list yourself on the sheet as needing crew or as available to crew.

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