

# TELLTALES

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**LTYC at the Greensboro Boat Show**  
**LTYC Wayfarers at the Lake Eustis Event**  
**Captain John's Sailing Tips**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Racing Series	Winter Series Mar 12	Lake Townsend
If the weather is bad, meet in the marina classroom at the lake for a seminar.		
<b>US Sailing Race Mgmt</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>OHSC</b>
<b>Summer Series Racing</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Piedmont Interclub</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Instructor &amp; Assistant Orientation</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Safety Boat Training</b>	<b>Apr 17 (alt 24)</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Fowl Regatta</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Workday</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>Lake Townsend</b>
<b>Camping on Jordan with OHSC</b>	<b>Apr 30—May 1</b>	<b>Jordan Lake</b>

## 2016 LTYC Calendar

March '16							April '16							May '16						
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
13 Daylight Saving: 19 USSailing RC-OakHollow							10 Piedmont Interclub (LT) 16 Instructor Orientation 17 Powerboat (Alt 24) 30 Workday\RC Equip							30 31 7-Capsize Recovery 28 Lets Go Sailing						

## Skippers Needed on May 28th

Please join us for our annual community outreach event. We need skippers and dock help.

Here's the poster we'll use for advertising:



Sign up on the scratch sheet at  
[www.laketownsendyachtclub.com](http://www.laketownsendyachtclub.com)

## LYYC at the Greensboro Boat Show

Our second appearance at the GSO Boat Show was a huge success. We had the same booth location as last year and had what seemed like the perfect combination of boats on display. Uwe and Nancy Heine brought their beautiful red Wayfarer, and Mark Hayes helped his sons, Luke and Logan, deliver their Laser and Opti. We had small, medium and large (so to speak) boats that seemed to appeal to a large crowd. We also had the Terra-Finn and used it with several small kids. Interestingly enough, there were a couple of people who asked if the woody Wayfarer (Jim and Linda Heffernan's) we had on display last year would be coming back.

Attendance was very good even though there were other events at the Coliseum. Our display attracted many families with small children. We also had a drawing each day of the three-day event for a free sailing course, which garnered lots of eager sign-ups.

Of course, none of the success would've happened without the help of all the dedicated volunteers. Our gratitude goes to the booth staff: Steve Raper, Alan Taylor, John Hemphill, Jack Davidson, Tom and Aubry Bews, Nancy Torkewitz, David Duff, Steve Bernsdorf, Mark, Luke and Logan Hayes, Jim Schwartz and Hudson Barker. We are also grateful to everyone who helped in the setup and take-down including Scott Bogue, Mark, Luke and Logan Hayes, Nancy and Uwe Heine, Alan Taylor and Steve Raper (I hope no one has been left off the lists).

We look forward to continued success at this event next year, but for now the next big event this year is [Let's Go Sailing](#) on May 28th. Please sign up to skipper, or help in many other areas.

Thanks,

Trish McDermott



Photo by Steve Raper

## Wayfarer Sweet Sixteen Sailors in Florida, 2016



by Jim Heffernan

Sixteen Wayfarer sailors from North Carolina joined sailors from Maryland, Ontario, Michigan and Florida for an event that was billed as “A Fortnight in Florida.” Not everyone did the full fortnight of activities as the tug to get back home to snow and ice overcame the lure of more sailing in the sunshine – really?

The main event was the US National Championship, which coincided with the 17th Annual Midwinters held each February at the Lake Eustis Sailing Club. The plan to have practice starts and short round-the-buoys experience before the serious racing began was thwarted by a steady rain, which also made rigging the boats difficult. The rain sent everyone inside for the Annual Meeting of the USWA, which was well attended and was highlighted by a plaque presentation to Dotty Murto in appreciation for her efforts and those of Mike Murto, who crossed over the bar in November. The Murtos were the originators of the Midwinters and were responsible for establishing a Wayfarer fleet at Lake Eustis.

Winds for the Nationals and the 22 competing boats were perfect on the first day so the RC kept us racing around the windward/leeward course five times since they were concerned that the next two days might not have enough wind to compete. They were right; no races on Saturday and only one abandoned race on Sunday. The Catawba Yacht Club, based on Lake Wylie, had two boats in the top five while LTYC placed 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Spinnaker Division. In Non-Spinnaker, long-time Tanzer 16 sailors Peter Thorn and Arch Altman from Blackbeard Sailing Club tied for first in points and placed second

after the tiebreaker was sorted out. They figured out the Wayfarer quickly as they garnered advice from some of the US and Canadian champions in attendance.

Two LTYC members were racing the Wayfarer for the first time in this major USWA event: Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins with their new Mark IV, W10978 and Phil and Cathy Leonard with W864, a battle tested Woodie. Both sailed very well among some top talent and they managed an overall 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively.

On Monday, seven boats with an escort safety boat headed across Lake Eustis to Sinbad's Restaurant for lunch and a pitcher or two. Halfway back the wind died again and tows were accepted by all except AnnMarie Covington, who was determined to make it back under wind power with her crew. She arrived off the LESC docks as the sun set behind her, making a lovely photo-op for those on shore celebrating the end of the day.

The fortnight shifted from racing mode to a cruising event, which required a four hour drive to the Fort Myers area where six Wayfarers were launched from Pine Island for the six mile sail to Cayo Costa State Park. Boats were put on a small beach or tied to the park pier and then a shuttle provided a lift to the primitive cabins. Three nights were planned but the last night was scuttled as the Friday wind forecast for the voyage back to the mainland showed 22 knots gusting to 29, not good for downwind sailing in shallow water with boats carrying camping and cooking gear. As it was, the ride home was a hard beat with reefed main, watching for the marked channels and deeper water. One boat broke its centerboard near the end of the windy and wet sail but managed to limp in unassisted. Ask Ken Butler how he managed such a masterful display of seamanship in such trying conditions.

One of the Michigan sailors has done a fine write-up of the experience. See the [uswayfarer.org](http://uswayfarer.org) website for the next issue of *Skimmer*, 2016-1.

On February 6 and 7, the normal Lake Eustis club races for Wayfarers were run as a single-handed regatta. Only two races were completed in 4-10 mph winds with rain moving in before a third race could begin. Without a crew, putting up the jib stick can be tricky unless a simple local mod is used: a bungee cord is attached to the aft bulkhead, and can be quickly put over the tiller to hold it steady while the skipper goes forward to set up the jib, or for the very brave and daring, to set up the spinnaker.

The final racing event was the George Washington's Birthday regatta. Since this is a major district regatta for the Flying Scots, there were 41 on the starting line. Wayfarers and others, including the much larger San Juan 21, followed the Scots by 5 minutes. Thus, going downwind, dodging the fast moving and bigger Scots was a study in escape and evasion, especially since most of the Wayfarers were sailing one-up.

Again, it was a lovely time in Central Florida, sailing an inland lake lined with cypress trees and Spanish moss along with enjoying blue skies and puffy clouds.



**Calling all Sailors!**



## *Sailing Instructors, Assistants and Safety Boat Drivers Needed*

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with sailing classes. We still need more. Here are the classes which need more volunteers:

May 9-14 Adult—Need **Lead Instructor**

June 20-24 Junior—Need 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

June 25-26 Adult Weekend—Need 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

July 11-15 Junior—Need **Assistant** and 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

July 16-17 Adult Weekend—Need 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

July 18-22 Junior—Need **Assistant** and 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

July 25-29 Junior—Need **Lead Instructor**, **Assistant** and 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

July 25-30 Adult—Need **Lead Instructor** and 2 **Safety Boat Drivers**

Please sign up at [laketownsendyachtclub.com](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com) and click on **Learn to Sail Classes, Instructor Sign up sheet**. You don't have to be an expert, just willing to help where needed. Thanks to all who make sailing education successful for LTYC!



## Race Management Training from US Sailing –

Why take Race Management? Learn that you have the ability to run a fun, exciting and competitive race! Learn new techniques for your racing experiences. Learn the rules so you know what you can do to race better and fairer and to know when you are right.

Expand your knowledge, expand your interests, learn more, and understand why race committee does what they do.

MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hollow Marina. Sponsored by LTYC. The link is right here: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> ( Scroll down to select the correct date.)

See you there!



## Captain John's Sailing Tips

I believe sailors are a curious lot. We never seem to stop learning. It's kind of magical to deal with invisible forces. After all, we cannot see the wind. But we can see the results of the wind. Some folks say I drive them nuts because I preach the importance of balance.

Glad to hear it, and here's why...

I believe balance ranks as just about the most important factor in all of sailing. Without balance, you will never achieve maximum sail power from your boat or any boat. Balance your boat and you'll be rewarded with more speed, power and comfort.

How many times have you seen pictures of boats heeled over, rail meat lining the windward rail and the steerer with white knuckles and a silly grin on his or her face (or maybe that's a grimace)?

Conduct this simple test aboard your sailboat. Next time you are close hauled and have the boat on that fine line between luffing and sailing, lift up your hands off the tiller or wheel for just two to three seconds. Which of these three scenarios occur?

1. Does your boat head upwind like a pirouetting ballet dancer?
2. Does your boat bear away from the wind like she's lost her way?
3. Does your boat make a super slow, graceful turn upwind?

If she performs the first scenario, this indicates a boat out of balance. You'll have to fight the wheel or tiller to keep her on course. This indicates too much mainsail area relative to the headsail area. Reduce mainsail area (reef) or add more headsail. I'm a huge fan of reefing the mainsail as soon as the boat gets out of balance. This seems to cure things most of the time.

If she performs the second scenario and bears away without assistance from tiller or wheel, you have the dreaded "lee helm". Perhaps you have too much headsail relative to mainsail area. Few boats will have a problem with lee helm.

The third scenario represents what you want to shoot for. Your boat should want to almost steer herself in all weathers. You should be able to hold a sailing course with just one or two degrees of tiller or wheel. This applies when sailing in light air, moderate air, or heavy air--flat calm or choppy sea.

Think of your tiller as just an extension of the keel. The straighter you keep that appendage, the faster your boat will sail. Turn the rudder and you start to induce drag. If you need to use lots of rudder to steer a course, you might as well be stomping on a brake. That's what's going on.

Balance the boat's sail plan so the she holds her course with minimum assistance from you. Nine times out of ten, you will be rewarded with more speed and less weather helm. Your boat will sail flatter and faster.

So, next time you hear someone complain that they have a tough time getting the autopilot or

wind vane to behave, now you know why. Sailing starts and ends with balance. Sail safe this season. And sail well.

Visit my site, [www.skippertips.com](http://www.skippertips.com), to learn more about Skippertips Membership!

Best regards,  
Captain John  
[www.skippertips.com](http://www.skippertips.com)

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## We welcome contributions to the Newsletter

- Photos
- Articles
- Technical and how-to's
- Equipment you can't live without
  - Boat maintenance
  - Sailing with your spouse
  - New member bios
- Glossary of terms and definitions

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- Write an endorsement for LTYC
- Like LTYC on the "Like" page
- Post a review of LTYC on FB
- If you need help to post pictures or a video on our page, please contact JC Aller at [aller.jc@gmail.com](mailto:aller.jc@gmail.com)

—————> **Club Boats Are Available for Members' Use**



In accordance with our Club's mission of promoting sailboat racing and cruising activity, LTYC, with club ownership and individual and One Design Dinghy Classes sponsorship, has 9 one design sailboats available for members' use: a Flying Scot, a Lightning, a Wayfarer, and six Tanzer 16s.

Just sign the online [Club Boat Usage Agreement](#) to attest that you have the necessary basic sailing skills and start fine-tuning those sailing skills while trying out different boats. You only need to sign the agreement once. (You may want to reread the agreement again this year if you signed the agreement last year; it has been revised.) Then register to use a particular sailboat on a specific day via the [Club Boat Usage Signup Sheet](#). First Come, First Serve - it's as  as that!

Don't yet have all the basic skills? Buddy-up with a club member who does!

After just one season of having club boats available for members' use during club events, we have expanded the policy to allow a member to also use the boats outside of club events! Use a club boat just 3 times during club events, and you can then use the boats outside of club events. See the Usage Agreement for details or chat with Joleen Rasmussen next time you see her.

Remember to check in at the Marina Office when launching outside of club events. Launch fees apply outside of club events unless you've purchased either an LTYC Members Annual Permit (\$125-for city sailboat rental and launch) or an Annual One Lake Permit (\$50-launch only; \$40 for seniors and veterans).

Just one more way we show how much we appreciate our members! *Joleen*



**Don't forget to renew your membership!**

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**Note: Board meetings are open to all members. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:45. Greensboro Christian Church, 3232 Yanceyville St., Greensboro, NC. Share your thoughts and ideas!**

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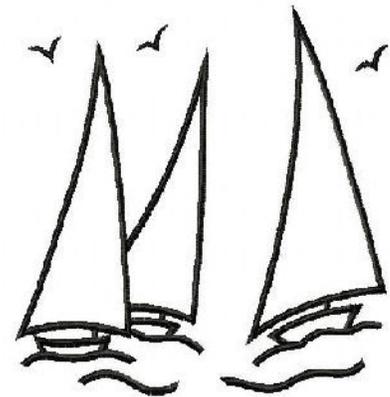
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newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com

### Wayfarer for Sale

#### 1961 Mark I Wooden Wayfarer, #276 *Epiphany*

A stable yet responsive 16' boat. Comfortable for cruising a lake or the Chesapeake, as well as great for racing. Made from a kit to class specifications by Wally Cavill in 1961. Both he and Mike Schonborn, the second owner, won many races with *Epiphany*. I am currently racing *Epiphany* at Lake Townsend and Jordan Lake.

Hunter green with double pinstripe. Hull and deck are in good shape, having been restored in 2012 and consistently maintained since then. Floor is flat and keeps feet dry. Even has water bottle holders. Rigged for spinnaker. Sails are made by McNamara. Main, jib and spinnaker sails are 3 years old, and in good shape. Centerboard, rudder, tiller, tiller extension, spinnaker pole, all hardware, and sheets and halyards are in excellent condition. Compass mounted behind thwart.

Trailer with 12 inch wheels is included. Has new wheel bearings, seals and bearing buddies. Boat cover is 3 years old, in excellent shape for mast up or down storage. *Epiphany* is ready to race or cruise!

\$5500. Contact AnnMarie Covington at 336-266-5919 or hobieone57 at yahoo.com.

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### Tanzer for Sale

For sale: Tanzer 16. This is a good boat with a good racing record. Sails are in decent shape. Two spinakers. New Sailor's Tailor cover. Solid trailer. Selling because I need more room for family and guests to cruise the lake. A good buy at \$2,000. Call JC at [\(336\)580-0528](tel:3365800528) or email at [aller.jc@gmail.com](mailto:aller.jc@gmail.com).

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### Flying Scot for Sale

For sale. Flying Scot built 1983 # 3915. Tee Nee trailer in nice condition. Recently upfitted, race ready boat. Remarkable condition for boat of this vintage. Offered to club members first. Call Wendell. [336 209 2736](tel:3362092736). \$6500

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