

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Tell Tales

SEPTEMBER 2019



The above photo shows only one reason that the Learn To Sail volunteers listed below have invested their time and talents in sharing the joy of sailing with others. Hats off to Learn To 2019 Sail Volunteers:

Otto Afanador, J.C. Aller, Hayward Andres, George Bageant, Hudson Barker, Tom Bodo, William Byrd, Jack Clodfelter Jr., AnnMarie Covington, Nino Criscuolo, David Duff, Brad Earle, George Enell, Richard Fadle, Julie Feldkamp, Annette Grefe, Uwe Heine, John Hemphill, Leslie Lyon, Cathy Leonard, Brian Mathews, Angela Mattern, Emma McArthur, Jack McArthur, Trish McDermott, Dawn-Michelle Oliver, Steve Raper, Joleen Rasmussen, Eric Rasmussen, Jason Reiner, Jim Schwartz, Caroline, Sherman, Keith Smoot, Alan Taylor, Ivan Tyre, Robert Uzzle, Kim Wise, and William Young.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 28	Social Sail	Lake Townsend
Oct. 3	LYYC Open Board Meeting	Commodore@ltyc for info
Oct. 4,5,6	John Bernard Annual Invitational Centerboard Regatta	Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia
Oct. 12	LYYC Race Day	Lake Townsend
Oct. 13	Sailing Savvy Sunday	Lake Townsend
Oct. 20 (6-9 pm)	LYYC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	2604 Liberty Rd, G'boro
Oct. 25 (4 pm)	Uncle Al Schonborn Seminar	Shelter 10, Lake Townsend
Oct. 25,26,27	Hot VIII Charity Regatta	Lake Townsend

In the October and ensuing 2019 issues of the LTYC Newsletter there will be featured photos of all those who have graciously volunteered their time in our club as well as their talents introducing sailing to others. The monetary pay grade hasn't changed (0 dollars), but oh how the experience and joy of sharing sailing with others has been magical. It has its tremendous perks not measured in dollars. There's something different about volunteering with this Sailing Club.

It is truly amazing to experience the abounding rewards of volunteering with Lake Townsend Yacht club. THIS IS FAMILY ! I'm so grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with our club and have to say I feel younger than the 63-year-old man that I am. Volunteering in Learn to sail Classes has left a smile on my face, joy in my heart and pep in my step! If you haven't already, I suggest volunteering with LTYC. You may increase your life expectancy!

Robert Uzzle



A Note from the Commodore

In order to be fair to everyone who uses the ramps and docks at Lake Townsend, we're implementing a couple of changes. Starting in October we will hold the skippers' meeting at 10:30 instead of 11:00. There will also be a dock master directing sailboat traffic at the launch ramp and docks to ease congestion. We're asking everyone to have your boat rigged and ready to go *before* the skippers' meeting. Once the meeting is over, please launch your boat and go.

We also want to leave space at the docks for any other boat that wants to launch and you may be asked to wait to launch your boat until another is launched.

Let's use the docks efficiently by moving our boats down when anyone launches. If you're not around, the dock master will move your boat for you. If you are having any problem rigging or getting your boat underway, please use the left dock.

On another note: signing up for Race Committee is *very* important. All races depend on RC and without it, we can't race. As you know, every member is required to serve at least twice a year on RC to be eligible for trophy points. For new sailors, it's a great way to learn more about racing and see if you'd like to try your hand at it. Please sign up for RC at least the day before the race, and even sooner is better.

Please support the HOT VIII Charity Regatta October 25 - 27. We're *this close* to reaching our goal of funding a \$40,000 grant with Lake Townsend Yacht Club's name on it for Earlier.org. This is a very fun regatta with lots of great food, adult beverages and a seminar on Friday evening by "Uncle Al" Schonborn at shelter 10. We'll have pizza and beer after the seminar for everyone! We also have awesome HOT VIII t-shirts designed by Nancy Collins and Uwe Heine, who designed the artwork for many of our events including the Mayor's Cup and the Fowl Regatta.

Your generosity is so appreciated, but this year, I'm asking you to dig a little deeper so we can reach our goal. If you have a creative idea of how to raise money for our event, please let me know. Let's hit the big 4-0!

We have three people rotating off the board and we appreciate their dedication and hard work so much! If you're interested in serving, please let Robert Bouknight or Joleen Rasmussen know. It's not a huge commitment, and it's very rewarding as well as fun! Board meetings are always open to members and that's a good way to see what we do.

This Spring we formed a Capital Asset Replacement (CAR) Committee to determine our funding needs down the road (er, I mean down the lake!) The Scat boats and the pontoon are all 20+ years old. It was a real eye-opener when the committee submitted its report. Currently we have to replace Scat 1 as it is taking on water in its inner hull (a common problem with older Carolina Skiffs). We are looking into getting that fixed, but the fix may take more time and money than it's worth. We need it monthly for our events, so it can't be out of service for long.

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Scott Bogue has done a lot of research on the boat's replacement and has found that a new Carolina Skiff without a motor is \$11,000. A good used one may cost around \$10,000.

The board has always been good stewards of the money in our treasury and the CAR fund is essential to the long term success of our club.

In closing, as stated, the board meetings are open to all members. We encourage you to join us and chime in. The board is diligent about our responsibilities to the club and we have nothing to hide from anyone. If you have any questions about anything that is going on in the club, please ask any board member, we're happy to answer. Better yet, come to the meetings to see what's going on.

Thank you for being a member of LTYC and for your interest and active participation!

Trish



We have three board members who are leaving our LTYC board but not at all leaving the club. I will be highlighting one each month for the next three months. This month Scott Bogue is highlighted. We all owe him our gratitude for maintaining our club and city sailboats. Scott is a rare jewel and will be a hard act to follow! Robert U.

Trish and I joined LTYC in the fall of 2013 and joined the board a few months later after sitting in on a few meetings. At the time I had a heavy work schedule, but what struck me from the first was that here was a group of people who loved sailing and who wanted to help other people enjoy sailing.

While board members have come and gone, there has always been a common thread: dedication to LTYC. Although not everyone has agreed on everything, which is healthy, the board has always operated in an atmosphere of cooperation and shared values. Guess I don't have to tell you that few organizations can claim the same!

I am one of the members rotating off the board in 2020. It has been a good and positive experience, but don't take my word for it: attend a meeting or two, or just jump in with both feet!

Notice of Race
HOT VIII Charity Regatta
October 25, 26 & 27 2019

The organizing authority is the Lake Townsend Yacht Club in association with the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

This is a charity regatta. Registration and all donations should be made payable to Earlier.org, which is a non-profit, 501-C3 organization. Their mission is to fund research whose goal is to find an earlier detection for breast cancer, thereby avoiding invasive surgery and saving lives. All proceeds go to Earlier.org after expenses.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 All classes of sailboats with active US Sailing Portsmouth numbers are invited to compete.

2.2 Registration may be completed online at <http://www.earlier.org/>

3. FEES

Registration: \$60. Race Committee and Junior Skippers (18 and under) FREE.

Registration includes two Saturday dinners and the Sunday Social after racing.

Additional Saturday dinners \$15. Children under 12 FREE.

Continental breakfast included on Saturday and Sunday.

Lunch is provided for all Race Committee on both days.

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4. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 25

5:00 – 7:00 PM Register and set up boats at Lake Townsend.

Boats may be rigged and left overnight.

4:00 PM - Seminar by Uncle Al Schonborn. Shelter 10. On water practice.

Pizza and drinks will be available afterwards. Please sign up on the seminar scratch sheet so we know how much pizza & beer to get.

Saturday, October 26

8:30 – 10:00 AM Check-in and registration, Shelter #10.

8:30 – 10:00 AM Continental breakfast.

10:30 AM Competitors' meeting, Shelter #10.

12:00 Noon Warning signal first race – Additional races to follow.

Raffle, social and dinner after racing.

Sunday, October 27

8:30 – 9:30 AM Continental breakfast, Shelter #10.

10:30 AM Warning signal first race – Additional races to follow.

Social and awards after racing.

Five races are scheduled. One race completed constitutes a regatta.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board on the equipment shed near the launch ramps. Copies will be available at registration.

6. VENUE

Races will be on Lake Townsend northwest of the marina.

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7. THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. This changes Rule 44.2.

9. SCORING

9.1 Four or more registered and paid boats of the same one-design will constitute a class and be scored boat on boat.

9.2 Boats not making a class will compete in the Open Monohull or Open Multihull classes and will use the wind-adjusted Portsmouth Yardstick.

9.3 One race is to be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.4 No scores will be excluded.

10. PRIZES

The number of prizes awarded to a class will be based on the number of boats registered in that class.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND PHOTO PERMISSION

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11.2 By participating in this event, you give Lake Townsend Yacht Club (LTYC) permission to use photos of you or your crew in any promotional materials. LTYC may use these photos to advertise future events or recruit membership. (No personal identification of you or your crew will be included in the photos used.)

12. FURTHER INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Contact Trish McDermott, Regatta Chair – 88hawkg650@gmail.com, (336)-707-2846.

13. CLEAN REGATTA

We have joined the efforts to restore ocean health with Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regatta Program. Protecting our local waters is important to this regatta and we ask for your help this effort.

13.1 On shore, separate your trash and place recyclables in the appropriate, marked containers which will be available both at the dock and at the shelter.

13.2 On the water, trash may be given to any Race Committee boat. RC will separate and recycle collected trash.

13.3 We are working to eliminate single use plastics. Please use reusable water bottles and coffee cups by bringing your own to the regatta. We will provide water filling stations on shore and on the Race Committee boats.

13.4 Please help leave Lake Townsend Park in better shape than when we arrive by picking up any and all trash you find. This includes on shore as well as on the water.

A Message from Earlier.org

Thank you for seven amazing years of tremendous support of Earlier.org. We are the only-profit exclusively funding research seeking an earlier biological detection test for breast cancer. Over the course of the past seven years, this Regatta has raised over \$35,000 this critical research.

When our founder, Martha Kaley, started this organization nearly 25 years ago, she learned that the most difficult funding for researchers is to obtain seed grants. This is still true today. As such, we fund \$40,000 seed grants to innovative, promising research across the country and around the globe. Each and every grant proposal we receive is carefully reviewed and selected by our Medical Advisory Board, comprised of some of the very best oncologists and surgeons right here in Carolina. you!

Kara McBurney

Racing Tactics & Strategy with Uncle Al Schonborn

**4:00 Friday evening, Oct. 25,
at Shelter 10
Lake Townsend Marina
Pizza and drinks will be provided!**

Uncle Al says: For some reason, the title of a 1960s Tom Lehrer album springs to mind—*An Evening Waster with Tom Lehrer*

Seminar Preparation Instructions:

Be prepared (as Tom Lehrer and the Scouts say it so well) so that you can arrive primed with any sailing-related questions, and we'll deal with those first, after which we can proceed to my slides-assisted programme.

HOT VIII Charity Regatta Seminar Stuff:

[Racing Strategy, KISS pp. 83-92](#)

[RRS in one page p. 93](#)

[RRS definitions pp. 93-103](#)

Just click above on the topic of your interest to bring it up on line - the same way it appears in *KISS Your Dinghy* except that the RRS on one page is updated for 2017-2020. Moreover, I will be bringing updated copies of *KISS Your Dinghy* to sell @ \$30, if you want to follow the proceedings in the book.

LYYC CONDUCT POLICY

The Lake Townsend Yacht Club (in accordance with US SAILING SafeSport policies) is committed to fostering a safe, fun environment for recreational sailing. Members and guests are expected to treat each other with courtesy and respect. LTYC does not tolerate misconduct (including unsafe, unsportsmanlike, offensive, abusive, or harassing behavior) from members or guests, either at club events, or when representing LTYC. Lake Townsend Yacht Club takes all reports of misconduct seriously (contact a board member to report an incident). Persons violating this policy may be told to leave a club event or disciplined in accordance with the LTYC Bylaws.

CHANGE OF RACE DAY PROCEDURE

As Trish alluded to on page 3 of this Newsletter Issue in the Commodore's message, we sailors will need to develop a new routine for our pre-race meeting and subsequent boat launch.

The Parks and Recreation Department will no longer allow us to dock our boats in the water on either side of the ramps during the competitors' meeting. (Boats can be docked on the left side of the left dock, so as not to interfere with the ramps.) So starting in October, we will need to launch our boats after the competitors' meeting. , the competitors' new meeting time will be 10:30. Come to the meeting at 10:30, then finish rigging, launch and go.

Also, a dock master may interrupt your launch to allow a fisherman to launch his boat.

A reminder of Lake Policies:

Whenever a club boat is used, whether a club event or on your own, the scratch sheet must be filled out to reserve the boat. If you are a first time user, the usage policy agreement form must be filled out. The link to this form is at the top of the club boat usage sign up sheet.

Also, VERY important: Every time a boat is launched, (except during a **sanctioned** club event) the sailor must check in at the office. This includes boats that are stored mast up at the lake, even though paid storage boats do not pay a fee. Everyone sailing on their own, even if many LTYC sailors are sailing the same day, must check in at the office and pay the launch fee. In order to maintain the great relationship between the P&R Department and LTYC, we must follow their rules.

CITY INSIGHTS

The city is interested in:

non-poisonous snakes around the docks and shores. It is in the process of identifying them.

Hosting a critter presentation.

Installing a 5 year area plant study. Goal is to study which plants are weather tolerant and generate habitat activity. There is water primrose which is invasive and displaces water. There is also Hydrilla in Lake Higgins merging into Lake Brandt.

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

The fall season began September 5 with our first practice. We are beginning the season with 10 active sailors, ages 14-17. Myself and George Bageant are coaching. Joleen and Eric have created a sign-up sheet on the club website for assistance when needed. We especially need help launching and driving the Scat Boat when only one coach is available, but we welcome any club member who wishes to assist at any practice. At most practices we utilize only one coach boat. We will practice two days per week: Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 during Daylight Saving, and Saturdays from 9-12:30. See our schedule for planned events. Team families have ordered two dollies, and we continue to utilize the club's light trailer and a trailer loaned by Nancy Collins and Uwe Heine, as well as two team members' trailers. Our first event was the club's September monthly regatta, racing all 4 of our C420s in the Open Monohull Class.

An interesting point: one of our new sailors is a female exchange student from Spain who is attending Greensboro Day School. She has extensive racing experience in Europe and qualified for and raced in the Europe Dinghy World Championships. (The Europe Dinghy is a one-design that grew out of the Moth Dinghy, and is very popular throughout Europe.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the LTYC Board for its continued support, including the updated website and marketing of the team.

Mark Hayes



Nino, Will, Monica, Coach George Bagent, and Emma McArthur prepare good ole #'s 5 & 7 for High School practice at Lake Townsend.



Emma and Monica SAIL ON !!!!!!!



Logan gets the feel of light wind racing!

2019 Learn to Sail
Volunteer Appreciation

*Potluck
Dinner
Party*

October 20th, 2019
Sunday, 6-9 PM

LTYC provides the entrée & beverages

Bring a dish to share

The White House
2604 Liberty Road, Greensboro

RVSP by 10/17 www.laketownsendyachtclub.com
Signup—Class Volunteer—LTS Volunteer's Dinner



The Commodore and the Board of Governors of Virginia Inland Sailing Association cordially extends this
NOTICE OF RACE
and invites you to **CELEBRATE OUR FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR** and **OUR FIFTY-THIRD YEAR AT
SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE**
and participate in the:

**2019 JOHN B. BERNARD ANNUAL INVITATIONAL CENTERBOARD RE-
GATTA**

A FIVE RACE SERIES GOVERNED BY THE RACING RULES OF SAILING, CURRENT
EDITION

Organizing Authority: VIRGINIA INLAND SAILING ASSOCIATION

DATES: October 5 and 6, 2019

PLACE VIRGINIA INLAND SAILING ASSOCIATION YACHT CLUB on Smith
Mountain Lake, Franklin Co. Virginia

CLASSES Flying Scot, Laser, Thistle, Lightning, Mobjack, Rebel, Sunfish, Wayfarer, or
any other class that registers three (3) or more boats.

Less than three boats of any class will race in a Universal Class using U.S.
Sailing Association Portsmouth Handicaps.

JUNIORS: We will also have Laser races for Juniors less than 16 years old.

VISAYC is an informal family sailing club. Camping sites and showers are available.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SEPTEMBER 14 RACING – LAKE TOWNSEND

Tom Bews, our PRO for this race asked for an abundance of racers to show up. Maybe the request was for enough boats to make this a nightmare for him to score. 23 racers showed up. Tom's request was answered on a light wind but otherwise perfect day for racing.

SO, YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO RACE!

During a gathering on the morning of Sept 14, at the picnic table where weighty discussions occur and even a few decisions come forth, club members led by Commodore Trish McDermott and Wayfarer Fleet 15 Captain Phil Leonard discussed the possibility of scheduling sailing lessons for intermediate sailors who are hoping to race in the near future at Lake Townsend. With input from some of the new sailors who have completed beginning and/or intermediate lessons recently and ideas from the old racing salts putting in some good advice, it is felt that lessons could start sometime in the spring of 2020 after a curriculum is established.

In the meantime a suggestion was made as to where there might be a treasure trove of racing info for those that want to get more info sooner than later. On the right side of the LTYC Home Port there is a grouping called Fleets. Click on Wayfarer (Intl) which will lead you to the Wayfarer Institute of Technology where the treasures await. You should first read the preamble by Uncle Al and then look below for the section entitled "Racing-related Skills" , Lots of good stuff for those of us that like to keep it simple and understandable as we sail into the wonderful fulfilling world of racing dinghies. I particularly like the "Ten Racing Commandments for Beginners" and the articles by Sail maker and World Champion Sailor Michael McNamara found under the heading of "Boat Handling and Performance"

"Uncle" Al Schonborn, winner of last year's Mayor's Cup Regatta will be giving a seminar on racing rules and strategy on Friday October 25 at 4PM at Shelter 10 by the Lake Townsend Marina.

Pizza and drinks will be available afterwards. Please sign up so we know how much pizza & beer to get.

Al will bring copies of his book "*Kiss Your Dinghy*" to purchase for \$30.00.

Jim Hefferman

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OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST

Remember that qualified members may use Club boats at no charge. Here's what to do:

- Go to LTYC home page, laketown-sendyachtclub.com
- Scroll down to Scratch Sheet: Participation Signup. Click.
- Go to the headings at the bottom of the page.
- Scroll right or left to "2016-19 Club Boat Usage."
- First time? Check Usage Policy and follow instructions.
- Scroll down to 2019 and fill in the blanks.
- Club event? There's no launch fee!
- Not a club event? Pay lake launch fee or check in if you have a season pass.
- Go sailing!



**LTYC members launch free
on Club event days!**

All other times:

- Pay the regular lake launch fee.
- If you have a season pass, just check in.

Bring Your PFD



This year you will **NOT** be able to borrow a PFD from the Marina office (policy change!)

Be sure to bring one for yourself and one for your crew or guest(s).

Want to learn more about sailing? Here's how to get a crew spot.

Crewing for an experienced sailor is the best way to learn. You can crew during races held on the second (full weekend) Saturday of the month, on Sailing Savvy Sundays, or during our Social Sails, held on the fourth Saturday of each month April through September.

Here's how you do it: go to www.laketownsendyachtclub.com and click on Scratch Sheet: Participation Signup. Find the race date at the bottom and click on it. Scroll down to the green section titled "Available to Crew" and put your name and phone number and/or email in there.

Another way to get a crew spot is to show up on a race day, Sailing Savvy Sunday, or Social Sailing day. Come to the skippers' meeting, usually held at 11 a.m. and tell the group that you'd like to crew.

Name: Available to Crew	Contact Info	Come out early for an 11:00 participants meeting. Boat rigging tends to start around 9:30.	

A Quick Look at Some of the Benefits of Your Membership:

- * **Monthly newsletter**
- * **Make new friends**
- * **Great food and adult beverages after sailing**
 - * **Mentors available to help you**
- * **Free use of city sailboats during LTYC events**
 - * **Free use of club sailboats**
- * **Free boat launching during club events**
 - * **Continuing education programs**
 - * **Yacht club reciprocity**

♦ Lake Townsend Yacht Club Board

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You don't have to be a board member to help out. Everything this club does is done by volunteers. Please contact the individual board members to see how you can contribute.

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00. Watch for location!

For specific meeting place for each month, please contact Trish McDermott at commodore@laketownsendyachtclub.com



Please Like LTYC on facebook

- Check in at LTYC on facebook
 - Tag us
 - 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

Please follow our High School Racing Team on Instagram at [ltycsailingteam](https://www.instagram.com/ltycsailingteam), and of course, on facebook at www.facebook.com/laketownendyachtclub/

Next newsletter deadline: October 10, 2019

Buy Sell - Want to Buy

Boats-Equipment-Accessories – Ads run for 3 months. If not renewed by the seller, they are deleted.

newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com

For sale: Boat slip in Oriental.

- Slip W-5 at Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbour. 50' x 18' x 6 ft depth.
- City water, shore power, dock box.
- Air conditioned clubhouse with pool, laundry, WiFi.
- Two full service boatyards on same creek within 200 yards.
- Sail to Ocracoke in a day, or to Beaufort or New Bern in a half day.
- Sold the boat—now the slip must go! \$31,000.
- Call or text Bill Young, Greensboro, at 336-707-0295.

7/16/19

FREE Two Bike Rack For Your Sail Boat Trailer

Custom made bike rack designed for a Flying Scott Tee Nee trailer.

Bolts on with U bolts

Free bike rack needs a good home

Contact Mark Payne by e-mail – xp7aynem9@gmail.com : by phone 336-972-3045



9/24/19