

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Tell Tales



DECEMBER, 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Upcoming Events

JANUARY 9	JANUARY BOARD MEETING	GREENSBORO SPORTSPLEX (2400 16TH ST. GREENSBORO)
JANUARY 11	FROSTBITE RACE	LAKE TOWNSEND
JANUARY 19	CHANGE OF WATCH	BRYAN PARK



A Note from the Commodore

Hopefully by early January the much anticipated agreement between LTYC and the City will be available to everyone. The guessing game will be over and everyone will know the terms of the agreement.

This agreement is definitely not something to be feared. Our subcommittee is working hard on negotiating the best terms for our club and our club needs to be aware of the needs of the City. The purpose is to form an understanding of what they will do for us and what we will do for the City.

Many thanks to the Agreement subcommittee, led by Joleen Rasmussen, who worked tirelessly on this and accepted the challenge despite a short deadline. It was a big job, and an important one!

The **2020 Change of Watch** is coming up on **January 19** at the Bryan Park Enrichment Center. I hope that you and your family can join us. Please help us with planning by signing up on the scratch sheet *now* instead of waiting until the last minute. Gail Walters is handling this event and I know it's going to be a great party!

The next Frostbite Race is January 11. Our December 14 Frostbite race was cancelled due to a lack of participants and uncertainty about the weather. After January we should know if the classroom is available when the weather might be iffy for sailing.

Many thanks to our outgoing board members: Scott Bogue - Equipment, Nancy Torkewitz - Secretary, and Mark Wise - Treasurer. Their tireless efforts and great ideas are much appreciated.

Welcome new board members: Ken Butler - Equipment, Dawn-Michelle Oliver - Secretary, and Bill Young - Treasurer. Thank you all for stepping up and already contributing to the board!

Board meetings are always open to everyone and they are now being held at the Greensboro Sportsplex, 2400 16th St., Greensboro. The meeting room is on the second floor. The meeting is always on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted on our calendar, and it starts promptly at 6:00. We'd love to have your input, so please join us!

Change of Watch

JANUARY 19, 2020

BRYAN PARK ENRICHMENT CENTER

6275 BRYAN PARK RD.

Browns Summit, N.C. 27214

CASH BAR OPENS AT 5, DINNER AT 6 FOLLOWED BY
CLUB PROGRAM / AWARDS

\$25.00 ADULTS \$10.00 JUNIORS

SIMPLICITY AFLOAT IS THE SUREST GUARANTEE OF HAPPINESS.

L. FRANCIS HERRESHOFF

LAKE TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FINISHES STRONG!

I knew you guys would want to see these photos—we had 8 High School sailors from LTYC at our Interclub 12/8 at Lake Jordan, and finished 1st (Logan Hayes and Emma McArthur) and 3rd (Monica Pla and Stratton Carr). It was fleet style scoring. First place got Krispy Kream donuts, second and third got KitKats and candy!

Mark Hayes

COACH
MARK HAYES



ASST. COACH
GEORGE BAGEANT



STRATTON CARR
and MONICA PLA

EMMA McARTHUR
and LOGAN HAYES
with ALAN BACKUS



Left to right: JACK McARTHUR, MONIC PIA, JACKIE DENENNY, LOGAN HAYES, NINO CRISCUOLO, WILL NIVEN, EMMA McARTHUR and STRATTON CARR.

Give a gift that lasts a lifetime, give the gift of sailing. This is an incredible present. Gift Certificates are available for our Learn to Sail classes or Racing class, as well as annual membership. Certificates can be purchased on our web-site, www.laketownsendyachtclub.com. We customize the certificate for your occasion and email you a PDF that you can print and put in a card.



CAPTAIN JOHN'S SKIPPER TIPS

WWW.SKIPPERTIPS.COM

Few sailing innovations have the benefits of fast, easy and super low maintenance all rolled into one package. Here's one of the simplest, most ingenious sailing devices ever created to help you trim your mainsail without having to go forward to the halyard...the Cunningham.

Imagine the breeze has picked up and mainsail draft has crept aft. Weather helm has increased and your boat heels like a drunken sailor. It's past time to balance your boat. First step will be to check the draft and move it forward to the 45% to 50% position.

You can do this with a halyard, and things will work just fine. You cast off the halyard, wrap three turns around the halyard winch, grind on the winch. Watch the draft as you grind. Then belay the halyard to the cleat, coil the tail, remove and stow the winch handle. Lots of steps!

Want to save tons of time? You can make the same exact adjustments in a fraction of the time with a Cunningham. The Cunningham comes from the racing world and I know of no other innovation as simple as this one. Not a lot to go wrong when a sailing device requires just a few simple parts to work.

The Cunningham consists of a sewn or pressed ring (large grommet about 1" or so in diameter) installed a few inches above the mainsail tack. Thread a light line from a fixed point on the base of the mast (i.e. pad eye or strong eye strap) around to a cleat near the mast base on the opposite side of the mast.

Now let's see what it takes to move that draft forward as described earlier. Cast off the Cunningham line from the cleat and haul down. When the draft looks right, cleat off the Cunningham line. How many steps did that take? Sweet indeed.

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 or a rented slip.
- 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 or a rented slip, 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**

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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.

Thanks for making LTYC the best!

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



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 - 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: January 10, 2020