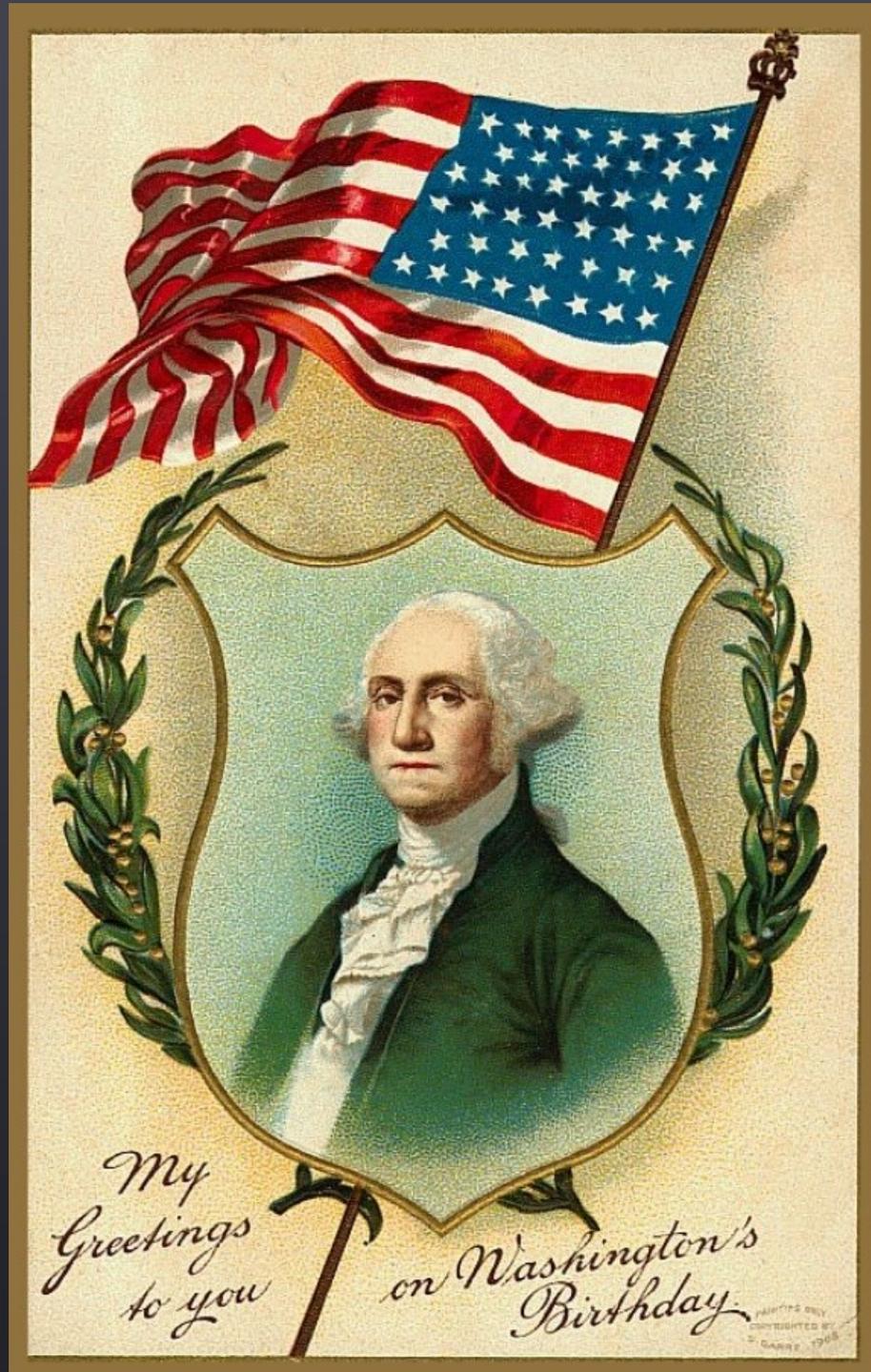


Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Tell Tales

FEBRUARY, 2022



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

2022 Memberships Renewals Are Due

The Benefits of Membership

Competitive Fun Sailing

On the second Saturday of each month (March-October) we hold our regular LTYC race series. This is 'around the buoys' racing where courses are laid out and there is a Signal Boat (pontoon boat) which carries the Race Committee who administer the race. There are specific times set to attend an online competitors meeting prior to the race day and to have your boat at the starting area to race. Typically, there are three races run.

Social Fun Sailing

On the fourth weekend of each month (March-October) we have a Sail-abration! There is no set time or agenda. This weekend is for daysailing and cruising just for fun. Club members are there who may either invite you to go sailing on their boat or give you advice about sailing your boat or a rental. It's a good time to practice and improve your sailing or racing skills. Best way to learn is to be onboard with one of our experienced skippers.

Other Benefits

Seminars and training for beginning and intermediate sailors

Availability of club boats including one Lightning, two Flying Scots, two Wayfarers, and four Tanager 16s. All are ready for use, mast-up and on trailers. For more information, see the [club sail-boat usage policy, agreement, and reservations](#) in the Members' Cove.

You can join the Lake Townsend Yacht Club or [renew your existing membership](#) by clicking the button below.



New Membership

Membership Renewal

February “Snow Flake” Race

By Jim Heffernan, PRO

With January frozen out, sailors were ready for the February 12 winter racing day that promised 60 degrees, moderate winds and sunshine. Five Wayfarers and one FS got what they wanted except some gustiness showed up at start time, catching a Wayfarer with chute a flying as an 18 mph gust snuck up on them causing a lively capsized and turtling.

Signal boat delayed the noon start and buoyed their anchor to assist the mark boat in the rescue. Fine boat handling by David Duff with crew Annette Grefe and Keith Smoots as they assisted in the operation. Keith was the go to guy as he managed to use his agility to transfer to the overturned vessel and then assist skipper Peter Thorn in righting the boat. Nicely done Keith.

While Peter and crew Sid Hale returned to shore the fleet made a clean start in 12 mph winds with the occasional sneaky gust to 18. AnnMarie Covington using new North sails seemed to be out pointing everyone. On the first downwind, everyone was cautious as the wind veered northerly turning the run into a quick reach providing planing opportunities and fine viewing for the RC members. As the second run got underway, spinnakers blossomed and the race to the finish looked to be tight. AnnMarie had the initial lead with Uwe and Nancy close behind fighting to gain the windward advantage. As they bore away to the finish line still bow to bow, Evan Trudeau got within two boat lengths by taking the shorter rhumb line and nearly won. Uwe and Nancy had a photo finish at the signal boat with AnnMarie inches behind. Twas very exciting racing and good training a few weeks before they compete in the Wayfarer World Championship Regatta in Florida.

Four boats stayed out for the second race which was won nicely by the dynamic duo of Nancy and Uwe. The sneaky gusts showed again at the finish line taking Marie Lynn Lavois and David DeMiranda by surprise and dumping Marie Lynn into the chilly water. David was quick in climbing over the side onto the centerboard and righted the boat quickly without getting wet. Wow!

With the wind kicking up more and more, the racing ended and Scott Bogue wined and dined us at the shelter. Thanks to Linda Heffernan and Conal Deedy for their work on the signal boat (AKA Scat 1), operating in less than ideal conditions.

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Volunteers Needed

Don't all jump at once... but don't be bashful either.

Last year, LTYC taught 13 teenagers and 53 adults to sail, improved the racing skills of 16 sailors, and gave 6 people their very first sailing experience.

We put on 19 different events and positively impacted 88 different people, but to make all this happen, **volunteers are critical**. Both instructors and safety boat support staff are needed.

Besides the revenue this generates for Lake Townsend Yacht Club, these efforts go a long way toward promoting sailing and boating safety in our community.

This year the club has planned:

4 Private Sailing Classes

2 Junior Sailing Classes

6 Adult Beginner Sailing Classes

1 - Intermediate Adult Class

1 - Learn to Race Class

Sign up HERE or...

Contact Ron Washburn via email to see how you can help.

Student registrations have started and there is a high level of interest. Let's all get behind this effort to make sure all these classes are a success!

High School Sailing Report

The High School Sailing Team presented its annual report and recognized three sailors at the Change of Watch in January:

2021 HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM REPORT

During the Spring Season we had 16 members, four of whom graduated from high school at the end of the season. During the Fall Season we expanded to 19 members, and ended the year with three high school students on our waitlist. We had 23 different juniors sail on our team in 2021, 21 of whom raced in at least one of our regattas.

In 2021 we raced as a team in six regattas and hosted a girl's clinic with Virginia Inland Sailing Association at Lake Townsend. We also raced in four travel regattas, including two interclub regattas with Research Triangle Park High School Sailing Team at Jordan Lake (one of which was cancelled at the lake due to high winds), one interclub with Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern, and one South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association High School Points Regatta, North Points #2.

LTYC 2021 JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR

The recipient of the 2021 LTYC Junior Sailor of the Year is Jack McArthur.

The club annually awards the Junior Sailor of the Year Award to an outstanding junior sailor who has not only excelled at sailing, but has also made exceptional contributions to the club. This description fits Jack perfectly.

Jack has been a part of LTYC nearly all of his life. He first sailed at Lake Townsend with his grandfather when he was five years old; and he first crewed in a regatta at Lake Townsend when he was seven. After taking and graduating from the Junior Learn to Sail class, Jack has given back to the Club by serving as an assistant instructor for the class through the years, including this past summer.

He joined the High School Sailing Team in the fall of 2018, when he was still 12 years old. He began contributing immediately, first as crew and later as skipper. Jack leads by example, working hard to maintain our equipment and always helping his teammates. Since joining the team he has sailed in all but one of our travel regattas.



LTYC Junior Sailor of the Year Jack McArthur at the 2021 Mayor's Cup.

Jack has been an extremely successful racer. In 2021 he was the second place C420 skipper at the Mayor's Cup and was both part of the winning team for the C420 Saturday Series and skippered the 3rd place finisher. He has also been a successful skipper in our travel regattas, including this fall as part of the four person team that finished 9th out of 25 at the SAISA North Points #2 High School Regatta. Jack and his teammates beat every North Carolina high school team with the exception of a team from Wilmington, and was the top composite team.

SOUTH ATLANTIC YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION JUNIOR ALL STARS

The SAYRA Junior All Star Award is presented by the SAYRA Junior Committee to the top female and male junior in each of the SAYRA member clubs.

LTYC Female: Elizabeth Davis

In 2021 Elizabeth was part of our top C420 crew, winning the Mayor's Cup in the C420 class and the C420 Saturday Series; and she crewed aboard the 3rd place Overall Boat in the Saturday Club Series for all classes.

Elizabeth raced in all of our travel regattas in 2021 and was on the team that finished 9th out of 25 teams at the North Points #2 High School Regatta; and she crewed on the boat that won the Blackbeard Interclub in November. Elizabeth also began skippering in Lake Townsend regattas this year and skippered at the Fall Research Triangle Park High School Sailing Team Interclub at Jordan Lake. She also somehow found time to start a sailing club at her high school!



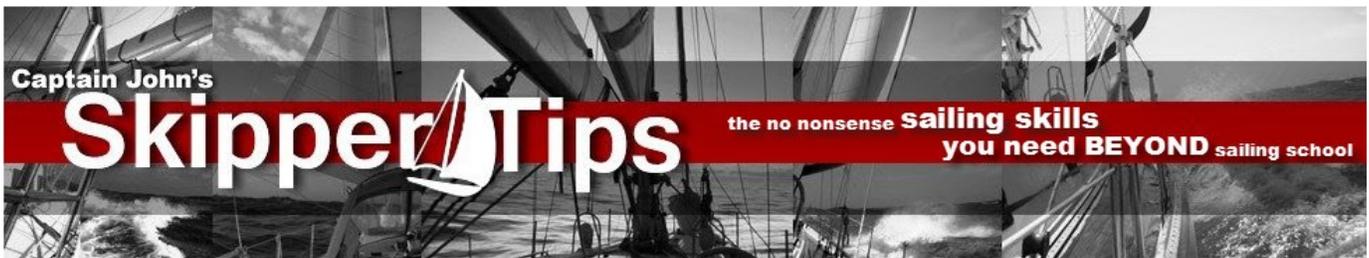
2021 SAYRA All Stars Elizabeth Davis and Logan Hayes racing on the Neuse River.

LTYC Male: Logan Hayes

Logan was one of our founding members, and has long served as a team captain and junior coach for our high school team. He helps coach his teammates on the water and oversees the weekly launching and retrieval of our fleet. He was the lead instructor at the Girl's C420 Clinic in the spring.

This year Logan sailed in all of our regattas at Lake Townsend, where he skippered our top C420, winning the C420 Class in the Mayor's Cup and the C420 Saturday Series, and finished 3rd overall in the Saturday Club Series among all classes.

Logan also skippered in all four of our travel regattas in 2021. He was the A Boat skipper at the High School North Points #2 Regatta, finishing 9th out of 25 teams; he was first place skipper at the Blackbeard Interclub in November, and he was the top LTYC skipper at the Fall RTP Interclub at Jordan Lake.



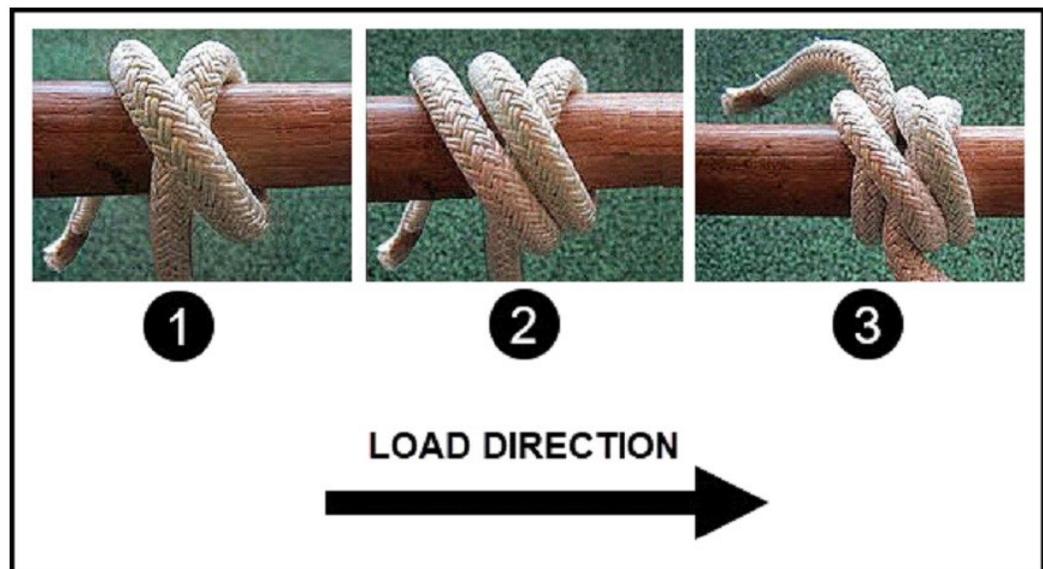
Rigger's Hitch

Captain John,

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Use this tough-as-nails super sailing knot to lash a piece of gear to a rail or remove a jammed sheet from a winch. It grips a wet rail or line like a stubborn barnacle on a boat bottom. Best of all, it's easy to tie and untie...



Now, some sailors call it a rolling hitch, but there's more than one version of that hearty knot. This is one version. Rigging expert Brion Toss calls it the "Rigger's Hitch". I believe it definitely deserves a unique name. Grab some line now and follow the steps below:

1. Note how the hitch starts similar to the Clove Hitch (far left illustration). Pass the end of the line over the standing part in a direction AWAY FROM the intended load. Here, the load lies to the right. Hitch to the left. Go to the next step.
2. Grasp the standing part of the line with your non-dominant hand. Hold it in place. Make a second hitch adjacent to the first hitch (middle illustration). Tuck the end of the line beneath the second hitch (far right illustration).
3. Remove all slack to make the knot tight and compact. Place a load onto the knot slow and easy. That's a key factor! If you've done things right, your Rigger's Hitch will hold tight, without slipping or sliding.

Wake Forest University / LTYC High School Sailing Team Partnership

Wake Forest University Sailing Team is partnering with the LTYC High School Sailing Team!

The Wake Forest University Sailing Team is an established race team, competing in the South Eastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association, a division of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association for colleges and universities. (Our high school team races in the South Atlantic *Interscholastic* Sailing Association, a division of the Interscholastic Sailing Association for high schools.) The team has long sought a good practice facility, with collegiate boats, at a reasonable distance from their campus. We will provide a practice home and logistical support. In addition to helping their team succeed, we are excited to have joint practices and scrimmages against accomplished college sailors! We expect there will be many benefits from associating with such a prestigious organization.

The sailing team is an officially supported club sport at the university. All of their sailors will join LTYC as student members, and provide financial support to both our team and club. They are anticipating approximately 16 members this spring season. Our plan is for them to practice on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons; and we will coordinate around our practices and club events. We hope to also get their members active in our club's teaching programs!

Please make them welcome when you see them around the club!



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The seminar will be presented by Jerry Thompson via Zoom in a four hour session on 26 February.

Jerry is a US Sailing certified Regional Race Officer on the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA) Race Management Committee.

The 2021 changes to the racing rules will be covered. In addition, all of the rules of Part 2, WHEN BOATS MEET, will be covered in detail.

This seminar will be offered online via Zoom. To ensure that you receive a link to give you access, be sure to [sign up for the seminar](#), leaving your email address so that we can notify you.



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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: March 20, 2022

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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!

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Board meetings are open to all members. They are held virtually, via, Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.