

Lake Townsend Yacht Club *Tell Tales*

APRIL, 2021



Welcome Spring!



“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast rose from the dreams of its wintry rest..”

— Percy Bysshe Shelley

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

2022 Wayfarer International Championships

The 2022 Wayfarer International Championship was held in early March, but we didn't get the reporting in time for last month's issue.

Lake Townsend Yacht Club was well represented, and we've got more [details in this issue](#) of Tell Tales.

Opening Day Festivities to Kick Off This Year's Sailing Season

Because Change of Watch had to be conducted virtually this year (due to COVID), the board decided to combine the normal Awards Ceremony with some fun racing and make a day of it to kick off this year's sailing season. Everyone had so much fun on 2 April that this may become an annual event.

We got lots of photos, which you can see [HERE](#)

[Opening Day \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com)

Final race scores for the 2021-2022 Frostbite Series

The 2021-2022 Frostbite series was completed on Saturday, 2/12. It was a rough day with heavy wind. The final scores are now posted on the website.

Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins earned first place, with AnnMarie Covington and Danny Burns in second. Evan Trudeau with Sun Kang took third.

For the details of the scores, check out the website:

[February 12, 2022.xlsm \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com)

First Day's Racing in the 2022 Summer Series

The scores from the 4/9/22 races have been posted on the website. Logan Hayes won the day Overall. Richard Johnson won first place among the Wayfarers and David de Miranda earned first for the Flying Scots. See the full results by following this link:

[Race Series Scores \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

2022 Memberships Renewals Are Due

The Benefits of Membership

Competitive Fun Sailing

On the second Saturday of each month 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 Saturday of each month 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 Tanzer 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

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New Benefit for Members

The Lake Townsend Yacht Club Board has approved the purchase of Annual Passes for the launch of up to two club boats on any given day,

This will help promote more sailing participation by new and current club members.

Usage of Club Sailboats **requires** that the member has:

Signed the [online agreement](#) that they have small sailboat seamanship skills as a skipper and can

- Maneuver a small sailboat with accuracy and precision in close proximity to other sailboats.
- Leave and return to the dock under sail.
- Launch and retrieve the sailboat.
- Rig, derig, and store the sailboat.
- Have participated in or reviewed capsized/overboard activities.

Note: Failure to follow the below requirements and restrictions may result in temporary disqualification.

- Unless being used during a club event, sailors need to register with the Park Office
- Usage [reservations](#) are required, and are made by filling out the [usage scratch sheet](#) beforehand.
- Damage or equipment failure will be reported on the specific boat's online maintenance sheet or emailed to ltycboard@laketownsendyachtclub.com
- Unless being used during a sailing class or club event, LTYC Wind limits are: <10 knots steady, gusts <12knots.
- Boats are expected to be returned in as good as, if not better condition than when removed from dry dock storage.
- Members are encouraged to claim a work activity from the maintenance log as their time/skills permit in exchange for the use of the boat



Lake Townsend based Wayfarer Fleet 15 put on a good show at The International Championships held in Florida in early March.

With perfect weather and manageable wind conditions for the eleven races, three Fleet 15 teams sailed into the Sweet Fifteen capturing 4th , 11th and 12th . This put them amongst some of the better Canadian and European sailors in competition.

Lake Eustis can be challenging to find the best wind especially when some light areas often gravitate to the center of the course sending the racing plan into a spin. Go right? Left? Stay close to rhumb line. Or should one monitor local expert Dave Moring as he also sailed into bad shifts yet still managed to be 2nd overall while challenging current and now World Champion Michael McNamara.

While the “which way to go” questions filled the skippers head, a sharp watch was needed with 42 boats on the start line and all of them seemingly joining together at each mark rounding. There were some classic messes as spinnakers were entangled at the gibe mark of the triangular course along with polite verbal encounters. More than one boat needed duct tape to keep the lake water out of the boat after being too chummy with another boat.

The last Worlds in the USA was run in 1980. Since then the Championship rotated among Wayfarer associations in The UK, Canada, Netherlands and Scandinavia. When the USWA stepped forward for 2022, it was critical that a joint effort from many sailors supported by volunteers was needed for success.

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Carolina sailors at the 2022 Wayfarer International Championships

While the host club had a fine turnout of members to work the week long event, a huge assist was given by members and friends of LTYC who had to travel ten hours to FL with some even towing boats that were needed by European participants. A bellowing shout out to Scott Bogue, Trish McDermott, Anette Greffe, Linda Heffernan, Stefanie and Alan Taylor and Jerry Thompson. They all pitched in to crew on support vessels, score the races, act as judges for any protests, check in participants, and-most importantly assist with food service since the club members prepared and provided three meals and after race snacks all five days. Unbelievable and delicious!

Here are the place finishes for the teams from the Carolinas:

- 4 th . Jim Cook and Mike Taylor
- 11th. AnnMarie Covington and Garett Ferguson
- 12th. Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins
- 21st. Jim Heffernan and Mark and Mike Heffernan
- 24th. Neil Smith and Craig Ambler
- 25th. Peter Thorn and Chris Peterson
- 26th. Ali Kisbaugh and Mike Sigmund
- 29th . Richard Johnson and Michelle Parish
- 30th. Marie Lyne Lavois and David DeMiranda
- 31st. Andrew Foreman and John MacAdam

[More Photos Here](#) thanks to Annette Greff

High School Sailing Report

Sailing Fast and Winning Regattas!

It has been a cold and windy spring. All of the high school team's March practices were either cancelled or held on shore due to the combination of cold water and high winds. But with April the winds improved and we were finally able to get on the water, even if it was sometimes lumpy. And our kids sailed fast!

Opening Day and Fowl Regatta

On April 2 the club held the Opening Day and Fowl Regatta. The Fowl Regatta was a fun race with an interesting format the teens loved. Instead of a regular course, the boats raced to randomly placed markers and grabbed a poker card clipped on each buoy. After two races the cards were opened on shore and each boat received additional points based on their hand!

Eight of our sailors raced in four boats. All of the classes, including the C420s, sailed together with staggered starts based on their handicap. Elizabeth Davis, with crew James Lewis, the newest member of our team, found the groove on the water and loved the light conditions. They beat all 22 club boats on corrected time on the water. Back on shore Elizabeth and James even had the winning hand—three Queens. They were simply unstoppable! They won the Regatta and had their names engraved on the perpetual trophy. It was a fun introduction for James to our team and club. James learned to sail at camps on the Chesapeake Bay and has raced Optis in the past.

At the social after the racing the club took the opportunity to recognize many of the sailors who had won trophies during 2021, including Molly Lovvorn and Elizabeth for their outstanding performances on the team.

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James Lewis and Elizabeth Davis receiving the perpetual trophy for the Fowl Regatta from the Commodore.



Elizabeth and James at the Fowl Regatta.

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Molly Lovvorn, Elizabeth Davis and Lilly Coplestone.

Molly Lovvorn and Elizabeth Davis receiving their 2021 crew awards.



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April Saturday Club Series

The very next Saturday after the Fowl Regatta, April 9, was opening day for the 2022 Saturday Club Series. Conditions were brutal on the water! Winds varied between 10 and 22 mph, the air temperature never climbed above 53 degrees, and the lake water was below 60 degrees! We had five boats on the water, and we had only one capsized early in the day. Since wetsuits were mandatory for the team members, capsizing was not too terrible.

The Race Committee started and ran all of the boats together with a variety of courses. For the second weekend in a row one of our boats won the regatta! Logan Hayes, sailing with James, finished 1-3-1 on corrected time against all boats on the water. They have taken the early lead in the Saturday Club Series. All of our boats stuck it out in the grueling conditions, and we are proud of them!



The High School Sailing Team at the April Saturday Series.

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Logan Hayes and James Lewis at the April Saturday Series

Will Brady and David Reiner at the April Saturday Series



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Molly Lovvorn and Lilly Coplestone at the April Saturday Series.

David Reiner and Will Brady at the April Saturday Series.



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Maxym Taras and Elizabeth Davis at the April Saturday Series.

Coming Up

Our team will take Easter off to spend with their families, and will resume practice on April 23. Our next scheduled regatta is the May Saturday Club Series on the 14th.



In Case You Missed It

Dear members and supporters (Constituents / concerned users of Lake Townsend),

You are constituents, concerned users, of Lake Townsend. And you have a voice.

The **Save The Docks Lake Townsend** initiative will succeed based on three criteria, **total funds** and, just as importantly, **total pledges / names**.

Your name will not be revealed to anyone.

Your pledge amount will not be revealed to anyone.

If we as constituents of the lake don't express our opinion, city and park management can not know that we care and can not know that we exist.

So, PLEASE, even if you can only pledge a small amount, it is really really important that you put your name in and pledge at <http://www.savethedocks1t.org/>.

Adults should pledge, even if you are only an occasional user of the lake.

Kids should pledge, even if they have only taken the intro class or participated in the HSST.

Parents should pledge, your kids enjoy the lake only because the docks are usable.

Supporters should pledge, even if you only visit the lake.

Friends should pledge, to ensure this wonderful public resource is there in the future.

Aunts/ Uncles/ Relatives ... you get the idea.

Plans are to present the total pledge amount only and then the counts of constituents (that's you) to the Parks Dept, Mayor, City Counsel and City Planner.

<http://www.savethedocks1t.org/>

Save The Docks!

Thanks,

Andy Forman

Let's Learn to Sail!

Of the 17 separate classes we have scheduled for this year, 4 of them have already been filled!

Don't miss out. Register early to make sure you one of the rapidly disappearing slots. Early registration will give you the widest range of choices and if you want this training wouldn't it make sense to get it as early as possible rather than at the end of the sailing season?

There are Beginner courses, Intermediate courses, Individual lessons, Sail Camps for Juniors, and even a Learn to Race course.

You can still choose between the 13 classes that still have room (assuming you act now), so check out [this year's schedule](#) and then click on the link to the Online Registration Form.

Visit the LTYC Site to sign up for one of the classes listed.

Learn to Sail:

[Learn-to-Sail \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com)

Volunteers Needed!

All classes are in need of volunteers. Visit <https://laketownsendyachtclub.com/activities/InstructorSignUp.asp> to sign up as an Instructor, Assistant, or Scat Boat Driver.



Five Tacking Secrets to Sail Faster

Captain John,

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Gusty weather sailing offers lots of challenge to small sailboats with short-handed sailing crews. After all, more and more folks are sailing and cruising with just their sailing partner aboard. How can you make tacking a sailboat smoother and easier in choppy seas and high winds? Follow these five tacking tips for more control and performance in heavy sailing weather.

1. Study the Sea Pattern to Windward.

Note that on one tack the boat will be headed more into the waves than on the other tack. Indeed it will be the 'drier' tack too, with less spray over the bow. Keep your eye to windward as the day progresses. Reef or reduce sail to keep the boat sailing flatter.

Those sailing rags (magazines) with photos of boats heeled over with rails in the water might look cool, but it's not efficient sailing.

Sail flatter to sail faster. Less wetted surface and drag (i.e. rails in the water) helps your boat cut through the water smooth and easy like a hot-knife through sailcloth. Sail flatter for more power and speed to windward.



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2. Use Over-the-Shoulder Tacking-Points.

Avoid loss of orientation. Over the shoulder points have been emphasized before, but it's worth a bit of repetition. Do not tack until you acquire a windward 'tacking-point'. When you tack the boat, you will experience a brief period of disorientation. A tacking-point can be any prominent object or structure in the distance.

Indeed, you will be tacking through 90° or more. Know your boat's tacking angle. If it's ninety degrees, face the bow and look over your shoulder to windward for a tacking-point. If it's more, look farther behind your shoulder for a more realistic tacking-point.

3. Tack in the Smooth Sector Behind a Big Wave.

You may have heard that waves run in patterns of a series of smaller waves followed by a larger sea. Sight to windward and wait for a bigger sea to pass beneath the boat. Tack right after it passes in the smaller waves behind the big one. This will help your boat get her bow through the wind and settled onto the opposite tack before the next big wave arrives.

4. Make Aggressive Tacks.

Breezy conditions and choppy seas are not the time to dawdle on tacks. Perform bold tacks with wheel or tiller. Make sure your sailing crew or partner are ready at the sheets. Next, push the tiller hard to leeward or turn the wheel hard to windward. You want to get the bow through the wind fast and steady onto your tacking-point without delay. Gentle tacks could put you into irons. Use faster tacks in breezy conditions for more control and better performance.

5. Do This if You Get Caught 'in Irons'.

All sailors get stuck 'in irons' now and then, where the boat stops bow-to-wind with the sails fluttering and flogging. Act fast to get the bow through the wind. Grab the windward sheet and backwind the jib. Pull hard to flatten the jib and force the bow through the wind onto the desired side. Realize that this tactic must be done moments after you go into irons. Practice this simple but vital sailing technique often to be prepared in an instant when you need it!

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Use these sailing tips to make tacking your small sailboat more controlled in all conditions of wind and waves. Sail safe on the waters of the world, wherever you choose to sail or cruise!



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Next newsletter deadline: May 22, 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!

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