

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Tell Tales

JANUARY, 2025



Happy New Year!





This year's Change of Watch and Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Bryan Park Pavilion on the 26th of January.

We will be

1. Recognizing individual member accomplishments from 2024,
2. Installing the slate of officers for 2025 and
3. Partying!!!

LAST CHANCE!

Do it NOW !

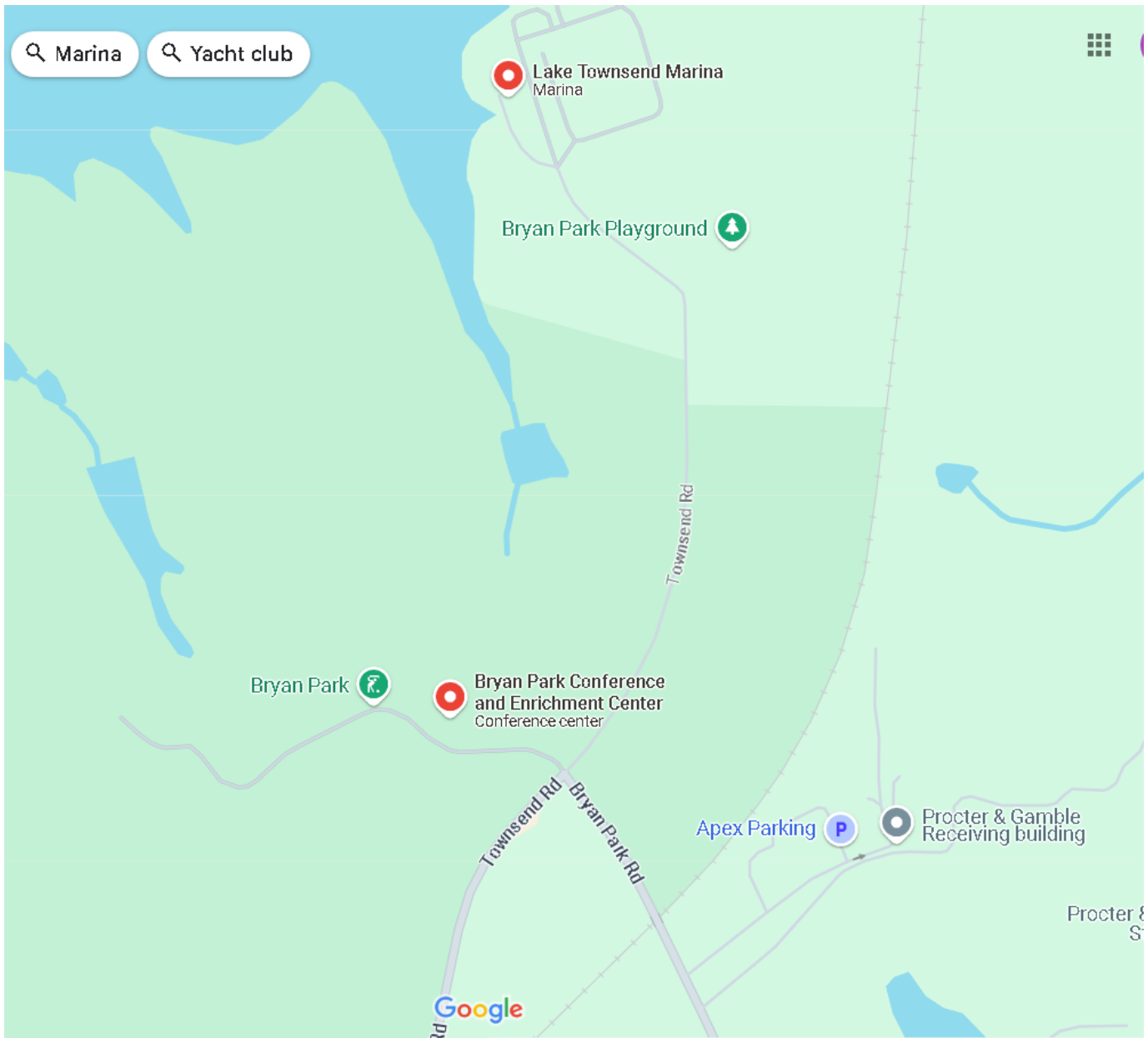
REGISTER HERE and mark your calendar to be sure you don't miss out.

Registration Deadline: Midnight Sunday, 19 January 2024

Happy Hour with cash bar at 5 pm Dinner at 6 p.m.

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You registered above, right? If not...

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

and don't forget to mark your calendar, set an alarm in your phone! You don't want to miss out on this.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

2025 Memberships Renewals Are Open

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 Sailibration! 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. Great opportunity to sail on different types of boats to see what suits you best. 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 one Tanzer 16. All are ready for use, mast-up and on trailers. For more information, see the [club sailboat usage policy, agreement, and reservations](#) in the Members' Cove.



New Membership

Membership Renewal



Start the New Year with This #1 Boating-Safety Rule

Captain John,

[Www.skippertips.com](http://www.skippertips.com)

Captainjohnskippertips.com

You might have read the argument that states that AIS or radar serves as the primary (emphasis 'primary') tools for safe navigation. I say nonsense! AIS cannot see containers, drums, deadheads or other 'hull crackers' awash or low to the water surface...



It's curious that we automobile drivers almost never consider that most of the time, we are only a fraction of a second from a collision. Look to the right or left on a highway, and you'll often see three to five feet of separation between vehicles.

So, what factors create this invisible but powerful 'cone of protection' around millions of folks driving to and from their destinations day in and day out? I'd bet that almost all collisions on the road occur when either driver fails to use the most basic 'collision avoidance' equipment.

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You have it in your car, SUV, van, or truck. Manufacturers realize that this safety equipment--if used together--will provide you with full visibility: windshield, driver, and passenger side windows, side-view mirrors, and rear-view mirror.

If you see another driver/vehicle doing something dopey or dangerous, these tools will help you take evasive action to avoid a collision!

But, if either driver forgets to look left or right and uses the side-view mirrors or rear-view mirrors, the risk of collision ramps up big time. It can be tough to remember to make a 360° scan as you drive, but it's pretty vital. So, how does this simple technique relate to boating safety afloat?

A good way to introduce new sailors to navigation safety starts with Navigation Rule 5. One single paragraph is less than fifty words long. Follow it, and you will stay 'collision-free' aboard any boat or ship sailing anywhere on the planet:

'Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.'

Let's break this down...

Every...

means sailboat, rowboat, dinghy, powerboat, commercial fishing boat, freighter, or any other contraption that fits the definition of a vessel. No vessel gets an exclusion, no matter whether its crew consists of one person, a couple, or a full complement of sailors.

shall...

means you have no choice. I've taken the comprehensive Navigation Rules test time and again for my licenses and license renewals. The CG always throws Rules with hidden 'shalls' or 'mays' in the answer choices.

'Shall' type rules are mandatory because non-compliance would increase the likelihood of a collision. 'May' type rules are optional and would never lead to a situation that could result in a collision at sea.

at all times...

means every moment you are underway. Fair weather or foul. Daylight or nighttime. If you are not moored, anchored, or aground, then you are considered to be underway. Underway includes vessels adrift or hove-to.

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sight and hearing...

means both factors are required to fulfill a proper lookout. Again, the emphasis will be on those tricky words 'and' or 'or'. Some Rules give you a choice of one or the other. Not this one. The use of the word 'and' eliminates the confusion.

all means available...

means visual (eyes), audible (ears), and electronics (if installed and operable). You are not required to carry electronics, but you do, they are part of the collision avoidance toolkit.

As I've stated time and again in past articles, many sailors have become over-reliant on the Automatic Identification System (AIS) or radar to warn them of danger. Electronics alone are never enough to avoid a collision on sea or land.

So, what can you do if you crew aboard a vessel where visual scans are lax or even non-existent? Set an example through your actions. I've done this before on a few boats I've crewed offshore, where watchstanding was 'loose as a goose'.

Dozing on the watch or reading a paperback while on the watch does not constitute watchstanding by any stretch of the imagination. No need to go overboard, but those are off-watch activities in my book. Cut and dried.

Lives are at stake, no matter the size of the vessel. I've always believed that you should be close to exhaustion after a watch--even in the calmest weather when you are powering on a flat, calm sea. This job requires more brainpower and evaluation skills than most any other task.

...Give the gift of



- Give someone the gift of youth or adult sailing lessons on beautiful Lake Townsend, in Greensboro's Bryan Park complex - or
- Give someone the gift of membership in the Lake Townsend Yacht Club

For information on gifting lessons,
email education@laketownsendyachtclub.com

For information on gifting a membership,
email membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com

The World Sailing Show (video)



from: World Sailing TV

[The World Sailing Show](#) delivers 30-minute episodes which feature news, profiles, and racing highlights from across the world of sailing.

December 2024 Show features:

- Marit Bouwmeester shares her journey to becoming the most successful female Olympic sailor in history
- The new look SailGP season lifts off in Dubai with familiar faces taking the honours
- Sailing meets to shape its future at the Yacht Racing Forum in Amsterdam
- A recap of all the action from an exciting season in Olympic class and offshore sailing
- The latest news from across the world of sailing



Racing Tactics (video)



from: **SailZing Online Sailing Education**
Courtesy **YouTube**

Sailboat Racing Tips: [Winning Upwind Tactics with Roble / Shea Sailing](#) (CTRL-Click to play in new window)

Upwind Tactics: How good are your upwind tactics? Do you have a thought process to help make the right decisions? How well do you deal with trouble spots, such as approaching a pack of boats, or setting up for the windward mark? Have you tried tactical moding? In ILYA Fast Forward Seminar #4, here's a chance to peek into the minds of Olympic qualifiers Stephanie Roble and Maggie Shea. As part of the Fast Forward series, Steph and Maggie share many tactical insights that go beyond the advice most of us have learned. .

Tactical Intelligence - John Bertrand

Ongoing narrative with yourself or your crew to identify your predictions and then continue observing what/if that happened. Learn as the day goes on; test your theories.



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- What place are we in?
- Are we lifted? Do we have clear air? What is the pressure?
- What is the most important variable? Is it the current course, wind or the position of the fleet?
- Maintain dialogue of compass info, speed feedback and discussing next steps.
- Ask prompting questions, direct the skipper's focus to what matters!



SailZing
Stimulating Learning for Sailors

February 2025						
MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1	SUN 2
3	4	5	6 ● 7pm Board Meeting	7	8 Snowflake Races	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Social Sail	23
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2

March 2025						
MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT Mar 1	SUN 2
3	4	5	6 ● 7pm Board Meeting	7	8 HSST - No Practice March Madness Races	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 HSST - 1st Practice	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22 HSST - Practice Social Sail	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Opening Day/Fowle Regat	30
31	Apr 1	2	3 ● 7pm Board Meeting	4	5 HSST - Azalea Bowl / CYC	6

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For Sale:

With a heavy heart...

I've decided to put Epiphany up for sale. She is a beautiful Mark I woody Wayfarer, built, we think, in 1962 from a kit, owned for some time by Al Schoenborn's brother, Mike, and refurbished by AnneMarie Covington and Jim Heffernan in 2017. She is rigged for racing, with a solid main, jib and spinnaker, and a new centerboard (built by Richard Johnson). She also comes with:

New Load Rite trailer with guide posts (2021, \$2,000 value)

Beautiful wooden benches

Reefing sail

Storm jib

Gottschling cover

Boom crutch

Optional mast flotation and motor mount

I LOVE this boat – very comfortable, handles very well. Have put lots of TLC into her upkeep – sanding and varnishing yearly. However, she has a slow leak from the center trunk area, and I do not have the skill, tools or space to be able to fix that. I would really like for her to stay at LYTC or at least within the Fleet 16 community.

Asking \$3500 or best offer

Annette Grefe 336-207-1401 (text) or agrefemt@icloud.com

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 - 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: Feb 18, 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 7:00 p.m.