



SouthWindsSailingClub

- We Love To Sail -

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Commodore's Corner

Brrrr. This January has produced the most snow I have seen in Georgia in 16 years. I finally got to ride that sled I bought back in 1996. Some how I had the feeling playing in the snow would be more fun then it really turned out to be. I hope everyone survived the blizzard of '11 no worse off then the blizzard of '93.

We had our January meeting a week late this month, rescheduled because of the snow. The meeting was held at at Nik's Place, in Marietta. It was agreed by all attending members to continue meeting at Nik's Place for 2011. The food is great at Nik's. Thanks to Nik, Wanda, and Betty (our waitress) for providing a tasty menu and great service.

I know you have all been waiting for this announcement: The 2011 activities have been entered on the web site. I encourage all members to visit www.sailswsc.org and view the new listings on the Events, Racing Schedule, and Newsletters tabs to see all the activities planned (so far) for 2011. Mark your calendars so you don't miss anything. Or you could print out the Calendar page enclosed in the newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing everyone come out and support the club. We cannot promise wind all the time, but we can promise fun. Oh yes, we can promise the best eats in Georgia at our Raft-Ups. You gotta come and see it to believe it. Come meet the gang and catch up on the latest lake news from sailors.

Our new Fleet Captain has submitted changes to how the sailing races will be conducted this year. You can find the information at www.sailswsc.org/racing.

Soon it will be February. Love is in the air. Love for your sailboats. Love for the outdoors. Oh yeah, Love for your spouse who understands you. Remember to Love your heart too. Come out to the lake and sail for exercise. Your Love for sailing can help keep your heart healthy too. Anyone who sails knows the workout experienced while at the sailboat helm in a brisk wind.

Be happy, Be healthy, Be a sailor.

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- Ruth Leber
Commodore

February 2011

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The problem with sailing (if you can call it that) is that every time I go sailing I come off the water feeling satisfied with my day ... and yet... and yet I still want more.

But then again, I guess it's not really a problem. It's a feature of sailboats.

-Anonymous

GENERAL NEWS



From the Vice Commodore

The racing has begun. Actually it began at my house with a sailboat racing board game. It was a good time as we watched and discussed a video on the racing rules. It gave us time to pause and discuss our individual interpretation of the rules and gain a better understanding. After the rules discussion we played a game where we could put those rules into play.

The game gives you a chance to look at the situation and make a calmer more rational decision rather than trying to make a split second decision in the heat of the moment when some yells "Starboard". There is also no worry of doing any damage to yours or someone elses boat either. We had a good group with about a dozen or so eating and having fun with 7 boats racing. Myself and a few others helped in conducting the game.

Jordan was first to cross the start line in excellent position and immediately started talking smack. This continued as he was first to reach the windward mark as the wind shifted in everyone's face. No one could catch him from there though Andy and Sam made a good effort. Jordan held on to his lead and finished first and immediately started talking SOTY points. None were awarded.

Here is Your chance. Whether your a pro or new to sailing this is a good way to have fun and get some basic knowledge of the right of way rules. No need to feel intimidated and it's lots of fun. There will be two days of "Land Based Racing" in February. Both will be at my house on Saturday afternoons starting at 1:00pm. Feb 5 and 19.

Steve Gully
VC

Raft Up Schedule

Vist www.sailswsc.org to view the scheldule for club raft ups. Volunteer Hosts should contact Joe Carter (JolucarterATaolDOTcom) to get the date entered into the calendar.

Raft ups are relaxing, fun, and a good excuse to hang out at the lake. The Host selects a base theme for the event and usually provides an entree. All participants bring a side dish or dessert to go with the theme. The Host will also select the location and time for the raft up. Everyone shows up to share good eats and to spend leisurely, quality time with friends and sailboats.



Renew SWSC Membership

Time to renew your membership. Joe only calls those who are on his list and he checks it twice before calling you about club weekly activities.

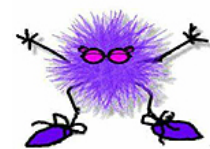
Go to the [swsc website](http://www.sailswsc.org) at <http://www.sailswsc.org/php/joinus.php> and update your information. Boat names/types have changed, and contact phone numbers and emails have changed. Please help us update our records so we can keep you informed.

Sign up for Newsletter

If you are not receiving a monthly email stating the SWSC Newsletter is available for viewing, then please go to the [swscwebsite](http://www.sailswsc.org) at <http://www.sailswsc.org/php/newsletter.php> and subscribe to the Newsletter. If you have any questions please send an email to

swsc.newsletter.editor@sailswsc.org for assistance.

As a courtesy we will email all members as a reminder for a limited time.



* WANTED * Social Activities Focal

SWSC is looking for a volunteer to be our Social Focal to coordinate the themes, main entrées, and the necessary items for club picnics. If you plan to attend the picnics anyway, consider volunteering. You will be the most welcome person at the picnics. If you have done this before, please consider being a repeat volunteer. Contact [Ruth Leber](#) for details.



Announcement

Sean Atchison, son of John, will be entering into the Navy on February 23. He will do basic training in Chicago. After completing that, he will go to school to become a Submarine Machinist Mate in Groton, CT. He will have the opportunity to travel the world. We wish him the best.

Frostbite? We doan need no stinkin' Frostbite!

Subtitled: We got PLENTY O' COLD, already!

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by Fleet Captain Sam Hunter

The SWSC's annual "Icebreaker" didn't quite live up to its name this year. Not quite, anyway.

The only actual ICE was a thin layer in the smallest of "coves". That thin layer covered over thirty feet out from the launch ramp, but most of the lake water was a balmy 38-39 degrees!

That was actually slightly warmer than the air temps of mid-30's (at best) at the Pre-Race Skipper's Meeting.

How in the world did we develop cold-weather racing as a tradition at SWSC?

As planned, we set up for a 4-race series that day. Winds were forecast as light (5-7) with a possible increase somewhere near 2 digits later in the afternoon. The temp did come up a bit, possibly reaching 40 for a brief period. Since most of us were in our "Nanook of the North" outfits, it wasn't really all that bad, just, shall we say, "A bit brisk!"

Due to the light winds, the first race was set for two laps, with the hope that later races would go to three laps.

Five boats signed up, intrepid sailors all, including our own world traveling sailor, Andy K, who chose this balmy day to launch his Apollo (16' open boat), through the ice, to enter the races. (No doubt he was doing not only his best, but EVERYTHING possible, to avoid a capsized!)

The first race went as planned and forecast, with winds slightly better than forecast. The second race was clearly a 3-lap opportunity, with winds continuing to build to that "perfect" 12-14 knots. The competition was unusually intense, with three and even four boats rounding the marks together! By the third race, winds were solidly in the teens, with nice long puffs into the high teens generating occasional spreads of whitecaps and making things interesting! By the fourth race, winds were even slightly higher, with long-lasting "puffs" of winds that gave us whitecaps for several-minute periods that totaled about half the time of the race.


Some of the boats were considerably overpowered, and as a result, slowed down dramatically in that last race.

I won't name any names, but our Vice Commodore demonstrated very handily that old adage that, "Time spent heeled over on our sides is time our opponents were catching up (or worse)!" One of those lessons that racing teaches so well, is that when you are heeled over to the point you are washing your sails, it does FEEL faster, but it is actually dramatically sssllllloooooowwwweeeerrrr.

The actual results will be on the race results of the web site. (As soon as our new Fleet Captain, yours truly, finishes figuring out how to get them there.)

Great fun, just a bit chilly this time, great companions, great learning opportunities, and most important of all, one more good excuse to be out on the water!

Come join us for the next race. BTW: Our illustrious Vice Commodore is sponsoring more of those Racing Rules and Game days(yup, a board game of sailboat racing, and it is actually FUN!). It is a great chance to learn the rules, and some tactics, and get a better feel for sailboat racing, without even getting wet. Come join us!



WELCOME TODAY
IT'S A GOOD DAY TO
GO SAILING



Don't Miss This Month's Events

February 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Land Based Sailing
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- **February 5, Saturday** - Come see it to believe it!
Land Based Sailing/Racing Rules Game 1:00 PM at Steve & Vicki Gully's house..
eMail earlfixit@AolDOTcom to RSVP and confirm directions. Bring Your Own Drinks and Snacks.
- **February 10, Thursday**
Monthly Dinner/Meeting, 7:00 PM, at Nik's Place, 645 Whitlock Ave., Marietta (www.niksplace.com)
- **February 19, Saturday** - Come see it to believe it!
Land Based Sailing/Racing Rules Game 1:00 PM at Steve & Vicki Gully's house..
eMail earlfixit@AolDOTcom to RSVP and confirm directions. Bring Your Own Drinks and Snacks.

SOUTH WINDS SAILING CLUB
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2011
Nik's Restaurant
645 Whitlock Ave., Marietta

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Meeting was called to order by Commodore Ruth Leber at 8:00 p.m. Reading of the December minutes was waived. Commodore welcomed all and thanked us for attending after having to reschedule last week's meeting due to the snow, and if we didn't get a chance to see it she brought a snow sample in a jar.

REPORTS

Vice Commodore: Steve Gully reported on the sailing board game event he hosted at his home on Sat. Jan. 8. It was an opportunity to review some sailing rules and he may host it again next month.

Fleet Captain: Sam Hunter advised the racing schedule was on the website for the entire year. There will be four races on Sat. Jan 22, skipper's meeting at 11:00 a.m., and he will be there early should anyone have questions.

This year the rule requiring you to serve on a Committee Boat to qualify for SOTY awards will not be applied. We will recruit others for the Committee, with rewards to encourage participation.

There will be a minimum of 12 races. The Long Distance Races will count toward SOTY awards except the Turtle Rock Race, because it is late in the season and there may not be enough time to complete the trophies.

If you can't make the skipper's meeting on race day, come on out and check in with the Committee Boat.

Social: Commodore advised us this position is still open; it's an easy position, please volunteer. Our first event will be the St. Patrick's Day picnic.

Membership: Joe Carter has picked 10 dates for raft ups after checking with Fleet Captain Hunter's race schedule; seven are free standing and don't coincide with any races. Please welcome our new member: Kim Seang.

Newsletter: Don't forget to sign up for the newsletter—see the website.

Purser: Donna Holcombe advises we're in the "black." Members are re-upping.

Sea Scouts: Donna Holcombe, reporting for SS Commodore Gary Holcombe, advised they are meeting at the Holcombe's home now due to winter conditions. They will not be racing this Saturday. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron will be conducting a boating safety course Sat. Jan. 29.

Other Business:

- Alice Nix advised us that Mike Hansell turned 50 on Jan. 19th
- Larry Nix "modeled" the jacket left at the Commodore's Ball, the owner hasn't turned up.

New Business:

- Commodore asked membership if the meeting place should continue at Nik's; a large majority, if not all, agreed to meet at Nik's Restaurant.
- Membership voted to include on our website roster our Names, Name of Boat and Type of Boat. Motion was passed. Please email any suggestions you may have to Commodore Leber.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Ardythe Ball, Yeoman

PURSOR'S REPORT

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From Our Friends

From: Skip and Sue Preece (email: skippreceATaolDOTcom or sueprece44ATaolDOTcom)

Just an update from the Preece Family

We want to say “thank you” to all our friends at SWSC. Your willingness to share your knowledge with two novices helped more than you know. We not only learned to enjoy sailing but also made many friends. We do miss the social events - picnics, raft ups, Club meetings, etc.

It appears that Mother Nature didn't want us to be homesick for Atlanta so she kept the weather on the chilly side this winter but we still manage to sail whenever we can. We were definitely spoiled by the convenience of keeping the boat in a slip with no tides to consider.

Sue has reactivated her real estate career and is partnering with a long-time friend who has successfully been working in the Sarasota real estate market for the past 30+ years. They have their own website, www.GulfToGolfRESarasota.com. Feel free to spread the word to anyone who is interested in property in the Sarasota area.

Again, thank you for making SWSC such a great club.

A RESPONSIBLE SAILOR KNOWS...

Georgia Boat Safety Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 52-7-1 to 77

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/Default.asp>

TITLE 52.
WATERS OF THE STATE, PORTS,
AND WATERCRAFT
CHAPTER 7.
REGISTRATION, OPERATION, AND
SALE OF WATERCRAFT

The best thing you can do for your safety and the safety of your passengers and other boaters is simple—

Drink Responsibly
Don't drink and boat!

Summary of the Act

The Georgia Boat Safety Act provides enforceable rules and regulations for safe boating practices on Georgia's lakes, rivers, and coastal waters.

General Description

This Act governs use of motor boats, yachts, jetskis, and other boats. It is illegal operate a boat or supervise a minor while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Boat regulations

Boats are divided into four classes: Class A is less than 16 feet in length; Class 1 between 16 and 26 feet; Class 2 is between 26 and 40 feet; and Class 3 is 40 feet or more. All motorized boats must have a registration number, which should be displayed on the front half of the boat (52-7-6). Every boat must contain the following: at least one personal floatation device for every person on board, lights from sunset to sunrise, a whistle or horn, and a fire extinguisher (52-7-8). A life preserver must be worn while riding a jetski. The jetski must have an working lanyard-type engine cutoff switch or a self-circling device (52-7-8.2).

Sewage and Toilets

It is illegal to discharge waste from a boat toilet into fresh water. Any marine toilet must have a holding tank that can only be emptied by pumping out. A holding tank may only be pumped out at an approved facility.

State Of Georgia -

State-Specific Boating Safety Requirements

<http://www.boater101.com/Course/documents/GA/GAstatelaws.pdf>

Courtesy Boat Inspection

http://www.boat-ed.com/ga/ga_dnr.htm

The Georgia DNR Rangers offer a boat inspection service to all Georgia boaters free of charge!

Call your regional Georgia DNR office to find out where and when the next courtesy boat inspection will be held in your area. Don't miss this opportunity to have a Georgia DNR Ranger examine your boat to:

- * Check that you have all of the safety equipment required by Georgia law on board and...
- * Recommend optional equipment that will make your boating experience safer and more comfortable and...
- * Check that you have the proper registration for your boat.

Having this inspection done before you launch your boat will help ensure your family's safety and boating enjoyment. This service is offered as a courtesy—you will not be penalized for any violations that may be found at the time of the free inspection.



Happy Sails To You

Until We Meet Again

May your troubles be few,
Your blessings be more,
May you have fair winds, following seas,
And the Beaufort you are hoping for.

