

APRIL 2008

SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – April 2008

Ahoy SWSC sailors.

March has come and is gone and so are the residuals of Winter. The weather has cooperated with us and provided an unusual early full pool at the lake. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the lake stays that way. It sure is a pleasure to see all the banks covered again and the lake appear in its majestic state.

Our St Patrick's Day picnic was a crap shoot call between the weather fronts and tornados that blew through Georgia that day. (I was in Steve Gully's basement watching on the tube how the hail front swept over our house and did considerable damage). While the ladies races for this day was cancelled for obvious reasons, we hang in there and threw us into the arms of the weather gods for the picnic – we just could not call it off in the last minute with the food already prepared and not sure how to get word out to everybody in the last moment. We lucked out: There was indeed 2 hours worth of calm, sunny weather right at 5 pm. Wind squalls were still blowing across the lake hard and we had the table clothes clamped down to keep them from blowing off, but the food was great, the atmosphere was great and a good time was had by all dare-devils who made it out to the lake. Sue Baxter was the gracious host for the event and Donna Holcombe won the most precious door price.

Hope to see you there.

Fair Winds to all

Andy Kohler
Commodore

Our next event, the first long distance race of the season also became a victim of the weather. With thunderstorms on the horizon, it was just not prudent to go through with a sanctioned event. Individual boats may take the dare, but lightning is to much of an opponent to mess with. See more details in Robert's write up.

For the next scheduled events, please see the calendar for details. In April we hold the St. Thomas Cruise, (4-18) and we will participate in the Dauphin Island Race out of Fairhope Yacht Club. If you would like to join in on this trip let me know.

The sign project is progressing nicely: the shapes (outline of boat and sails) have been cut out, look great and will be ready for painting; more on that during the next meetings.

The next meeting will be held again at Barnacle's, with our esteemed rear commodore Steve Gully at the helm (as I will undergo a high altitude oxygen treatment...).

On another note: anybody who needs to get in touch with me is welcome to call me on my cell phone at 770 842 8669 or at home at 770 479 7336.

March 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Barnacle's Bar and Grill

Kennesaw GA

The March meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Commodore Kohler. There were 28 people present.

The reading of the February minutes was waived after motion was made and seconded.

Vice Commodore: (G. Holcolmb)

1. Sea scouts are up and running. We need your help getting Sea scouts organized this spring. If you can help contact Gary Holcolmb.

Fleet Captain: (S. Widmeir) not present

1. Bitter End Race March 29th.

Purser:(Candice Ahrens)

1. We have approx. 28 paid memberships. If you haven't paid please send your \$45.00 in.

Membership/ Raft ups: (Joe Carter)

1. There is 1 raft up slot open, May 17th. Contact Joe to sign up.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

1. South Winds Sail Club sign is in the plans. 2'x 2'. Sign to be place by Jacks on the corner.
2. Steve Sowder: Suggested to have a nautical flee market. Steve to pursue and talk to. Lara.
3. Boat slips are now yearly only.
4. Alice: Bobbie needs to find a home for there pet basset hound. (Molly) If you can help them out contact Alice.
5. The girl scouts needs a volunteer to help with their sailing seminar for girl scout camp. Girl scout camp is the 2nd week in June. Sailing seminar is approx. 1hour during the day. Contact Steve Gully

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alice P. Nix

Substitute YeoPerson

From our Purser, Candice Ahrens

As of April 9, 2008 we have \$2,057.33 in the bank with 95% paid members.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Monthly meeting	04/10/08 Thursday 8:00 PM	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
ST. THOMAS ALLATOONA CRUISE	04/18/08 Fri 2:00pm	SWSC	Start at Sweetwater Creek, Cherokee county See the February 2008 SWSC newsletter for complete details http://www.sailswsc.org/php/newsletters/February2008.pdf
Dauphin Island Race, Alabama	04/25/08 Fri 12:00am	Fairhope Yacht Club, Alabama	Dauphin Island, Alabama April 25-27, 2008 http://www.dirace.com/
Monthly meeting	05/08/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Raft Up or Beach Party	05/17/08 Sat 7:00pm	Volunteer Needed	
Memorial Day Picnic	05/25/08 Sun 5:00pm	SWSC	At the "Point" above "C" and "D" docks. Memorial Day Picnic 5:00 PM at the Point. The club will provide Fried Chicken. Please bring your beverage and a side dish or dessert.
Monthly meeting	06/12/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Beach Party	06/14/08 Sat 12:00pm	Beach near Etowah Yacht Club	Sponsors: Beach near Etowah Yacht Club
17th Annual Jimmy Buffett Raft Up	06/28/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Bring Parrothead food to share with other members, and your own beverages. Contact Joe for more info. Sponsors: Joe and Louise Carter

Upcoming Races

Race Name	Race Date	Committee	Description
SOTY Race	04/12/08 Sat 11am	Steven Gully	
St. Thomas Cruise	04/19/08 Sat 12pm		
Dauphin Island Race	04/25/08 Fri 11am		Dauphin Island Race, Alabama. April 25-27, 2008. Sponsored by Fairhope Yacht Club. http://www.dirace.com
SOTY Race	05/03/08 Sat 11am	George Manners - Jane Randall	
SOTY Race	05/17/08 Sat 11am		
Ladies Race	05/24/08 Sat 11am		
Memorial Day Race	05/25/08 Sun 11am	George Manners	
Small Boat Race	05/31/08 Sat 11am	Gary L. Holcombe	
BEER Cruise	06/07/08 Sat 12am	Florida Race	Official BEER website located at: http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs_allen/
Halfyard Race	06/21/08 Sat 10am	Gary L. Holcombe	

BEER Cruise 2008

We have several member from the club that are planning on attending the Florida BEER Cruise this year. Below are details of the cruise (details are located here: http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs_allen/)

Friday, June 6

Arrive at Pensacola Shipyard Marina to rig and launch. Assistance will be around should anyone need help. Once in the water, you will be directed to the best place available to tie up for the evening. PSMC has been great in working with us in the past, for a fee of around \$55, you get to rig and launch at a first class ramp, park your tow vehicle and trailer for the duration of the cruise, and have use of the grounds and bath house. For those wanting to come in early or stay a few days after the cruise, the Shipyard will offer the continued use of their facility for \$10 a day.

Cajun is putting the menu together, something he is still working on, and the cost of the meal should be around \$5.00 per person, and you will be completely stuffed when it's all over and done with. If anyone would like to bring a musical instrument, there will be ample time for some pickin' and grinnin, socializing, lying about how fast your boat will go, and so forth.

Saturday, June 7

Today, we will be heading out of PSMC sometime around mid-morning, remember we will be working on "Island Time" this weekend. Head out into Pensacola Bay and down toward Navy Point, and turn West when you reach the ICW. Once you past Sand Island, instead of turning into the anchorage behind the island, keep sailing about 1/2 mile past the island and pull up on the south side of the ICW, this is known as Sailboat Cove. There is a little over a hundred yards of white sand separating the Gulf of Mexico and the ICW, all for your playing pleasure.

Since this is such a short sail, there is even talk of maybe a few races in the Big Lagoon area, more on this later.

* Distance Sailed - 12.2 Miles

Sunday, June 8

Today, we will be departing Sailboat Cove around Island Time:30 and head East in the ICW for about 30 miles. When we reach the Navarre Bridge, turn right and stay between the PVC poles. We will be staying in the anchorage at Juanas Pagada's, with a social gathering at Juana's. There are several restaurants in the area for folks wanting to get off their boats and dine out.

Pay a visit to Juana's web site, the link is below, and take a look at the photographs of their roof rebuild. It was an incredible amount of work to get this great place back in operation, and built much better than before.

<http://www.juanaspagodas.com/index.htm>

* Distance Sailed - 30 Miles

Monday, June 9

Today, we rise and shine from the previous night's festive activities. We will be heading back West along the ICW and stop at the ever popular Quietwater Beach Anchorage. This stop has always be a favorite for the crowd. A few more restaurants to chose from, along with some additional souvenir shops. If the weather starts to turn bad, there is a secluded anchorage just west of the Bob Sykes Bridge, Little Sabine.

* Distance Sailed - 18 Miles

Tuesday, June 10

Well, it's time for this years B.E.E.R. to come to a close. We will be pulling up anchor and heading back to P.S.M.C. to haul out, un-rig, and head home, hopefully with good memories of another B.E.E.R. Cruise. With a little luck, and good health, hope to many of you back for B.E.E.R. Cruise 2009.

March Race Results

Ladies Race - The March Ladies race was cancelled due to poor weather. This was the day of the tornados and hail. The afternoon picnic was held following the storms and had about 10 people attend.

The Bitter End – This race was also called off due to poor weather. We had 4 skippers and all decided with the approaching weather it would be a good idea to call cancel the race. We all decided to get out and just sail for a while - so we had the four boats out and headed towards Victoria. I noticed that we were all sailing towards very dark clouds, I felt some rain sprinkles and decided to head back to the marina ... Jordan followed me and Zack, but the 28 and 31 footers decided to stay out and sail longer. I was packing up the boat and heard a real close by crack of lightening. Eric stopped by later and said he and the 31 footer were still out on the lake and were close enough to be carrying on a conversation.... when the crack of lightening was very close to them, they both agreed to head back - quickly.



Race Standings for 2008

Skipper of the Year points – A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Steven Gully	10.178
Andy Kohler	7.702
Robert Forrester	7.256
Scott Widmier	5.068
George Manners	3.000
Jon Clausen	1.459
Gary L. Holcombe	1.000
Garrett and Shannon Holcombe	1.000

Skipper of the Year points – B Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Jordan Ball	8.325
Taylor Kidd	7.885
Bob Ross	2.700
Ruth Leber	1.000
Collin Mcintosh	0.909

Catalina points for the year

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	23
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	17
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	12
Bob Ross	Catalina 28	B	3
Jon Clausen	Catalina 22	A	2

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The Spinnaker Bag

Look online for the latest – Andy and Matthew Kohler build a boat.



South Winds Sailing Club Membership Application Form

Complete this application and mail it along with your \$45.00 Annual fee (new members joining after July 1st, \$25.00) to:

South Winds Sailing Club

104 Springwater Trace
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

Member(s) Name: _____

Member(s) Address: _____

Contact Information: _____
Home phone: _____
Office: _____
Other: _____
Email: _____

Current Boat: _____
Length: _____
BoatName: _____
Current Marina: _____

Boating Interests: Social events Racing
 Crewing Raft Up Events
 Cruising

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsors

<p>Boat/US Marine Center http://www.boatus.com/ 770-936-8611 contact Steve Westmoreland for a 50% membership renewal discount !</p>	<p>East Cobb Physical Therapy http://www.eastcobbphysicaltherapy/ 770-971-5244 contact Alice Nix</p>
<p>Great Oak Mortgage Corp 3235 Peachtree Road NE Suite 400 404-237-7600 contact The Richard Deason</p>	<p>Harbor Town Marina http://www.harbortownmarina.net/ 770-974-6422 contact Lara Voyles</p>
<p>Sailing is Life http://www.sailingislife.com/ contact Sam Hunter</p>	<p>POPE Machinery Erectors Inc. 2070 Attic Pkwy NW Kennesaw 770-426-4311 contact Fred Pope</p>
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