

# DECEMBER 2008

## SWSC NEWSLETTER

### From the Commodore – December 2008

Ahoy to all SWSC Sailors

While the calendar year comes to a close with freezing temperatures one week, record highs the next, and finally with some rain in the mix, we also begin a new chapter of the SWSC.

The past month saw a yet another successful implementation of the Commodore's Ball, held at the esteemed Navy Lodge located on the western end of our lake. Planning and preparation from many sides and many members under the guidance of Larry and Alice Nix, combined with the arts and crafts of Sue Baxter made it a special and memorable event – the pictures on our website illustrate the wonderful decorations, the pleasant atmosphere and the good times that were had all around. Notable awardees of the last sailing season were: Skipper of the Year (and this in a Catalina 22 for the most part) as well as recipient of the Catalina Cup and of the Macy's Cup: Robert Forrester. Skipper of the Year B-fleet and winner of the Piddle Paddle award (for numerous 'infractions'): Jordan Ball.

At the end of the official meeting, the club officers were seated as follows:

Commodore: yours truly  
Vice-Commodore: Scott Widmier  
Fleet Captain: Ruth Leber  
Purser: Candice Ahrens  
Yeo-Person: Ardythe Ball  
Social Chair: Sue Preece  
Membership Committee: Joe Carter  
Cruising Captain: Steve Gully  
Skipper of the Sea Scout Ship: Gary Holcombe

Naturally, we hope to enlist the help of many other club members throughout the year as the needs arise; I am thankful for the great cooperation we had within the club among the officers and members to get things done last year and I am certain that we will continue in this way for the next year with the new team members in place. Thanks again to everybody who participated last year in the club's affairs and to those who agreed to tackle these tasks in the upcoming season.

The regatta committee has met and set the parameters for the next sailing season. The fleet captain will give more details later on, but one notable change from the past years is the attempt to separate racing days from raft-ups and other social events as it has shown to be too much for the skippers to manage both events in one day. The list of race days is already up on the webpage for

inspection, but again, more about it from Ruth Leber later on.

Items and issues that we want to address in the next couple of months during our club meetings include some minor adjustments / alignments of the Constitution / Bylaws, notably the renaming of the 'Rear Vice Commodore' to 'Fleet Captain'; this was done actually several years ago but has not been recorded in any minutes or other official way that we could find ...

If there are other concerns or items that you may want the club or the officers to tackle or bring up, please know that everybody's input is always appreciated even necessary for our small club to function; Please feel free to contact any of us through e-mail or phone (my home # 770-479-7336).

BTW, there is one curious side-note this year as we have 2 commodores in our club: Yours truly and also our friend Mark Press who just became the commodore of his 'other' club up in Tennessee on Watts Bar Lake (Horizon Yacht Club). Congrats and best wishes to him.

From the water front: the lake seems low and the walk down to the slips is steep, but in reality the lake is not nearly as low as it has been in the last couple of years. This is supported by the fact that the boat ramp is still open (and will remain open) and that the 'island' between the reef markers in the middle of the bay across from AYC is still under water. Nevertheless, it is a good idea – especially if you are new to the lake- to take the boat out or hitch a ride on a balmy winter day and just motor along to see the many islands and shallows that form around – and in many cases – away from the official reef markers. It is also a good time to investigate the shore line for possible anchorages later in the year: Steep drop-offs let you 'walk off' the boat, you can investigate deep cuts where creeks run into the lake and in general learn a lot about the contours of under the watery surface – could even keep some people from running aground...

Hope that you all follow Joe's fog horn calls and come on over to Nancy Johns house Thursday night for our December meeting and Christmas party. On the business end, among other items, we will discuss the club fees for next year (the original proposal is to leave them at the level that they are right now) and a meeting place for the January; on the social side, Eric will be at home and can

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tell you first-hand about his experience travelling down the coast.

To all members who will miss the meeting this Thursday, I wish from here: Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a great start into 2009.

Andy Kohler  
Commodore SWSC



## Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
December Club Meeting	12/18/08 Thursday 7:00pm	Nancy Johns House	December Club Meeting
Frostbite Regatta	01/24/09 Saturday 11am	On the Lake	First sailboat race of the year.

## Race Standings for 2008

### Skipper of the Year points – A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Robert Forrester	15.450
Scott Widmier	15.114
Andy Kohler	13.474
Steven Gully	12.798
George Manners	9.500
Steve Adams	9.121
Ruth Leber	2.000
Jon Clausen	1.346
Gary L. Holcombe	1.000
Garrett and Shannon Holcombe	1.000

### Skipper of the Year points – B Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Jordan Ball	13.983
Taylor Kidd	11.500
Bob Ross	6.095
Alice Nix	2.500
Andy Mills	2.031
Sea Scouts	1.483
Don Ahrens	0.806
Colin McIntosh	0.500

### Catalina points for the year

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	47
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	28
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	19
Bob Ross	Catalina 25	B	7
Alice Nix	Catalina 28	B	7
Jon Clausen	Catalina 22	A	2

## The Spinnaker Bag

**Provided by Robert Forrester:**

**Sailing Podcast** – Scott Widmier recommended a sailing podcast “Furled Sails” – I have listened to about 10 of the archived podcasts so far and have enjoyed them all. It is a husband and wife team that conducts interviews, discusses sailing and cruise tips, and many other sailing topics.

<http://furledsails.com/>

**Build your own Sextant** – Build your own sextant out of a CdRom, Legos, and a small mirror. Then you will need to learn how to use it.

<http://www.tecepe.com.br/nav/CDSextantProject.htm>

**Erik Johns Sailing Trip** – If you haven't already seen the latest pictures have a look in our Photo Gallery. There are two sets of pictures from Erik's trip down the coast.

<http://sailswsc.org/php/gallery.php>

**Volvo Ocean Race Game** – You can race along, virtually, against more than 100,000 racers. Design your own sailboat, set your course, and see how you fair against the others.

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



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Member(s) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Boat: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
BoatName: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Marina: \_\_\_\_\_

What knowledge or skills can you share or teach other club members:  
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- Boating Interests:  Social events  Racing  
 Crewing  Raft Up Events  
 Cruising

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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