

JULY 2008

SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – July 2008

Ahoy to all SWSC Sailors;

The first half of the year has passed, and we are in luck with the weather lately to have the storms refill our slightly dropping lake and missing the raft-ups and picnics for the most part. There were many club activities over the last month and many other sailing related stories left their mark. Here are some of the highlights:

The BEER cruise participants barely returned from Pensacola before the last meeting in June; as mentioned in the last newsletter, 5 club sailors participated: Jordan Ball and Robert Forrester on their first cruise, Scott Widmier and family, Gary and Donna Holcombe with Fred Lloyd as crew and myself. I added an extra 3 days to the experience to explore the west side of the sailing area towards Mobile Bay. It was another wonderful sailing trip starting and ending at a very accommodating Pensacola Ship and Marine Complex (PSMC for short). It had many side stories in form of thrills, trials and tribulations imbedded (talk to Jordan and Robert...), but good sailing weather presented itself on all days, no big storm had to be dodged this year and the paths of many friends and friendly sailors were crossed. After just one day, Jordan Ball was overheard saying that this trip is ruining his 'lake sailing' – we'll see. Here is a link to pictures from during and after this years BEER cruise from my camera.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/AKohler14788>.

The weekend after the BEER cruise saw the first 'beach-party' of the year, sponsored by Donna and Gary Holcombe. Our usual spot across the lake from the marina had been occupied by other boaters and we moved to the small beach / cove right next to Galt's Ferry beach – a very wise and convenient choice: the food was setup on the sturdy picnic tables, covered up with plastic sheets just in time before the sky opened up and most everybody sought refuge under the sturdy and dry shelters in the park. Thereafter the sun came out and the party continued under blue sky. When the water is near the summer pool level, this seems to be an ideal spot as it can be reached by boat and by car and has facilities... We will keep it in mind for future outings.

In the middle of June the ever popular Jimmy Buffet raft-up swung into action, sponsored again by Joe and Louise Carter. While I could not be in attendance myself, I have been assured that a good time was had

by all, less some poor sailor who's engine would not start for the return trip and who had to be towed in to start the laborious task of re-working his engine; talk to Brian McBrayer how he finally made out on fixing his engine. Again the weather gods held off with the storms until about 9 pm.

The 'Half-Yard' race was held twice this year – almost. On the scheduled Saturday weather was moving in shortly after the start. Gary Holcombe in his position as race committee for the event had to call the race when lightning was seen near the shore line. Several boats had made it as far as Victoria Harbor at this time and we all docked and went to lunch while others simply turned around and headed back to Harbor Town. Implementing for the first time our new race make-up idea, the race was immediately rescheduled for Sunday at 1 pm when all skippers returned to good weather and fair winds. Although it was a 'long distance' race, the winner Steve Gully beat out George Manners only by fractions of a second. Congratulations to both;

The 4th of July race required less juggling as the weather was excellent on the scheduled day with sloppy winds at the beginning but they improved for once, shortly after the start. The race committee (Ruth Leber) rested comfortably on her new pontoon boat and kept track of 9 boats over the triangular course. This time George Manners had the upper hand as he and the much faster J24 of Steve Adams lapped boats (arrgh, I was one of them) after the 2nd round. The detailed race results for both races can be seen on the webpage.

Thanks to Joe and Louise Carter who graciously filled in for Beth Brattebo who was out of town. Both organized a very well attended Independence Day picnic at the point. No weather problems at all, plenty of great food, camaraderie and free entertainment on the lake was provided when at least three boats churned up mud and sand as they tried to plow over and through the sandbar. Gary Holcombe has been working diligently with the Boy Scouts and he inducted the latest members into our Sea-Scout Ship. Mrs. Sharon Gavala will serve as the XO of the ship and she is also the BSA trained safety officer; daughter Raquel, our first female member, will also take on the role of the ship's purser. Congratulations to both for

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joining our Ship and many thanks to Gary for laying all the ground work in this new chapter of the club.

It had been the goal all along to have the sign-project completed by this half-way point of the season. Thankfully with the help of Steve Gully, we were able to set-up the completed signs on Thursday and from now on you will be guided towards SWSC by the full sails of two metal ships with our logo prominently displayed. Thanks again to Jordan and Ardythe Ball whose gracious donation covered the powder coating of the signs so they can shine for quite some time.

Looking ahead into the months to come, we will consider (again...) alternate meeting locations (there are 2 firm offerings for the near future), getting started on the preparations for the Commodore Ball and discussing possible cruising trips in the Fall on our lake and to Watts Bar Lake in September (18 – 21).

If there are other items or concerns that need our attention as a club, I hope you feel free to let me/us know what we can do to help. It has been a great pleasure to serve the club during the first half of this year and I look forward to work with all members and officers during the second part as well.

Let's be sailors

Andy Kohler
Commodore SWSC



June 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

June Monthly Minutes

June 12, 2008

Hops and Props Bar and Grill

Woodstock, Georgia

20 sailors present

The June meeting was called to order at 8:02 by Vice Commodore Holcombe who is filling in for Commodore Kohler.

Motion made and seconded to waive reading of the May Minutes

V. Commodore Holcombe:

Sea scouts is operable we have our 1st. crewship.

Fleet Captain Widmier:

Ladies race results are in check newsletter.

Memorial Day Race was cancelled and needs to be rescheduled.

Everyone consider racing, come on out!!!

We had 5 boats go down for the B.E.E.R. Cruise. Look for pictures on the web site.

Social Beth:

We had a good turn out for the Memorial Day picnic 38 people!

Next picnic is July 5th. 5:00 at the point. BBQ

Purser

Not Present

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Nancy No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Johns

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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Luau Raft Up	07/12/08 Sat 7pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Don & Candice Aherns Please bring a tropical dish to share. Dress for the occasion if you would like.
Red Neck Raft Up	07/26/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Beth Brattebo & Nancy Johns
Adirondack Raft Up	08/02/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Larry and Alice Nix
Mexican Raft Up	08/09/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Jordan and Ardythe Ball
Monthly meeting	08/14/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Black Tie Raft Up	08/23/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Laura & Richard
Italian Raft Up	09/06/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Skip and Sue Preece

Upcoming Races

Race Name	Race Date	Committee	Description
SOTY Race	07/26/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	
SOTY Race	08/16/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	
Small Boat Race	08/23/08 Sat 11am	George Manners	
Labor Day Race	08/31/08 Sun 12pm	Scott Widmier	

Race Standings for 2008

Skipper of the Year points – A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Robert Forrester	12.532
Steven Gully	12.178
Scott Widmier	11.644
Andy Kohler	11.247
George Manners	5.000
Steve Adams	2.818
Ruth Leber	2.000
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	13.905
Taylor Kidd	10.885
Bob Ross	5.427
Andy Mills	2.544
Collin Mcintosh	0.909

Catalina points for the year

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	35
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	23
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	17
Bob Ross	Catalina 28	B	5
Jon Clausen	Catalina 22	A	2

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The Spinnaker Bag

Look online for the latest BEER Cruise pictures

Andy put a bunch of photos online for viewing here:

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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

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Edited by: Robert Forrester