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SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – MARCH 2008

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We all will have done the annual 'spring forward' routine and lost some sleep when you read this newsletter – just another sign that Spring is just around the corner and the best sailing days are coming soon. We are experiencing the traditional temperature rollercoaster ride from short sleeve and shorts to mittens and ear muffs in just 2 days. The lake is continuing to fill up very nicely (it is 1 ft above the expected level for this time) and more and more coves and bays can be navigated safely. So come on out and join the activities on the water.

We had 2 races since our last edition came out; the specific results are posted on the webpage. The last race day provided for the first time constant wind in the 8 to 12 mph range; the race committee consistent of Ruth Leber and Nancy Johns set up a nice triangular course and we were able to finish 3 races (2,3,3 laps) each in about 1 hour – a very nice day on the water indeed. Coming back to the roller coaster temps: during the upwind legs, the wind dropped the temperature below comfort level and sweaters/ hoods were worn and on the downwind leg one got hot and dumped half the clothes. Click on the picture link in the website to get all the visual effects of that day. The short version: Steve Gully cannot be touched in A-fleet especially when his starts hit the mark within seconds of the horn (3 times in a row) and George Manners grandson Taylor continues to learn fast and sails furious in B-fleet (they put the rail in the water during this race and George had to hike out to get her back on level keel) – however Jordan Ball holds the lead in B-fleet (way to go Catalina 22) by showing up for every single race so far. Congrats to both leaders and pursuers.

Upcoming sailing events include the Ladies Day race on March 15, followed on the same day by the St. Fair Winds as always,

Andy Kohler

Commodore

Patrick's day picnic at the point and 2 weeks later by the first long distance race 'The Bitter-End' will commence on the 29th of March.

On other activities around the club: Gary Holcomb is diligently working on the Sea Scout issue and he may have more definite information during the next month.

An idea has surfaced to create a SWSC-sign and post it at either Kellogs Creek Rd / Galts Ferry Rd and / or near the last stop-sign (Jack Obratil's boat yard). You may have noticed that Etowah Yacht Club and AYC both have a 'presence' near their respective turn offs from Kellogs Creek Rd.. If you have any thoughts or ideas concerning this issue please comment during the next meetings or via e-mail to us.

I am eager to learn, how well the new restaurant at Victoria Harbor (former Roberts) is being received. Who has tried it, what was the experience – it sure is a nice convenient sail up river from Harbor Town.

Impromptu raft-ups are occurring on a regular basis: last weekend was the unofficial Catalina 22 gathering when Jordan Ball, Brian McBrayer and myself dropped anchor in Illinois creek; 2 weeks before, Steve Gully tried to avoid the Flu in his house and we camped out in the small cove across from the bay. Lots activities small and large, organized and on the spot are happening; Come join the fun when you can.

Friends, let me encourage you to contribute to the newsletter by providing us with articles or references to activities from club members and events around the lake and around the club.

ON THE WIND

Submitted by Richard Deason

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On the Wind

by Chris Caswell

The gift of sailing is better than any techno gismo

This past Christmas, I opened a gift from a magazine publishing company and discovered that they had chosen to send stylish iPod docks to their hundreds of employees and regular contributors. My wife and I found this vastly amusing because we don't own an iPod, so the dock was as useful to us as a 78 rpm record (yes, we've made the transition to CDs) or a Betamax movie tape. Their assumption that everyone owns an iPod struck us as both a sad and a hilarious commentary on today's world.

Not having an iPod seems to be almost un-American, but my wife and I belong to a mysterious and apparently quite small sect that doesn't require constant noise piped to our ears. Who, in fact, actually relish quiet time either together or apart. We gave each other books for Christmas. We're clearly throwbacks. Not too long ago, during our house rebuild, my wife found a strange aluminum-colored box in the parking lot on one of our daily (sometimes hourly) trips to Home Depot. She brought it home, wondering if it was one of those things, they call "Blueberries". I, being far more worldly, recognized it as someone's Blackberry but, like the iPod, I don't have one so didn't know exactly what to do with it. We were going to return to lost-and-found, but that evening it rang. I figured out which button to push and the owner on the other end was ecstatic when I said we could make the hand-off at Dunkin' Donuts the next morning. When he arrived he was so grateful I thought he was going to burst into tears. People who have just found a kidney donor are less effusive. "My entire life is on this Blackberry," he said. No question: we're out of sync with the new electronic world and I was beginning to think I was obsolete.

Which brings me to our neighbors. They're pleasant enough people, and have a couple of kids that I've become quite attached to because they are computer wizards. I feel a bit like the neighborhood child molester when I rap on their door. "Pardon me, Cliff, but would one of your kids like to play with my computer? It seems to have crashed again." I may not have an iPod but I couldn't exist without a computer, although I don't profess to be particularly savvy about it. The kids next door, on the other hand, are as comfortable with a computer as I am with a hammer. "Oh, Mr. Caswell," they'll say with an exaggerated and

precocious sighs, "We told you last time to just hit Escape-Tab-Control-F6-Option to fix it." Oh yeah I forgot.

So when Cliff and the kids appeared at my door a day or so after Christmas to ask for my help, I was a little surprised. "Hey, you do something with sailing magazines, don't you? We need some advice." It seems a relative had given them a fiberglass sailboat, one of the many nameless types that are found on lakes like ours. It was far better than one of the Styrofoam Kool boats, smaller than a Laser, and dryer than a Sunfish. The reason for arriving at my door was that Cliff, though an airline pilot and quite savvy about aerodynamic things, didn't have clue when to the boat. Besides, he didn't really want to go sailing. The kids on the other hand were ecstatic about the gift and couldn't wait to hit the water, but Dad wouldn't let them out without some tutoring. Ask Caswell, the sailboat guy next door. I'll give away the message of this column at this point, partly because I've bored you stupid with my stories and partly because I want you to see through my eyes what I discovered.

I'd run the junior program at my yacht club one summer while I was in college and that was, um, five-goes-into, um, a lot of decades ago. But as I stood on the lakeshore looking at two eager kids and a freshly minted sailboat, I realized that I hadn't actually taught someone to sail in a long time. Oh, sure, I've been sailing and racing every year since that junior program, but all the people I've sailed with have known how to sail. Some of the time it was racing on beer can races with friends, where I'd suggest we bring in the genny a couple of clicks and someone would say "Hey, that made a difference." I've showed friends sharing a charter how to steer in seas so that the wake looks reasonably straight. But starting from absolute zero was a new challenge.

I had to gather my entire knowledge of winds and sails and rudders and how they all work together. It was a fascinating exercise that started with, "OK, see this piece of rope? It's not called a rope, it's called a sheet. I know, I know, it doesn't go on a bed. Bear with me, here." Some of my summer as a junior instructor came back, with things I hadn't thought about in decades, popping to mind: "Remember, when in doubt, let it out." The kids were little sponges, absorbing every word and grasping the sailing concepts a lot faster than I had with the function-6-Option-Escape keys. The first few sails were in the morning, when the wind was light and they could master the skills of reaching and running and beating, and the coordination of tacks and jibes. It wasn't long before they were comfortable sailing up and down the lake, and I could hear the kids discussing their newfound knowledge like siblings. "Don't let it luff so

much, dummy!” “Hey, you’re going to capsize us!”
“Watch out for a jibe!”

It was an enlightening experience for me as well as for them. It made me re-examine the very roots of my knowledge of sailing, and I had to shuck off more than a few bad habits that I’ve acquired over the years because, after all, you don’t want to start someone off on the wrong foot. It also made me realize the pleasure to be found in the sharing of something wonderful like

sailing, especially when you’re introducing it to a first-timer. Sailing is a wonderful antidote for a world that seems to be too full of iPods and Blackberrys.

Just remember that every sailor, from Christopher Columbus to Lord Nelson to Dennis Conner, had someone say to them at some point: “OK, see this rope? It’s called a sheet.”

Now it’s your turn.



February 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Barnacle's Bar and Grill

Kennesaw GA

The February meeting of the SWSC was called to order at 8:05 pm by Commodore Kohler. There were 22 members and guests present.

Reading of the January meeting minutes was waived after motion made and seconded.

Vice-Commodore: (G. Holcomb)

1. Sea Scouts update – The SWSC ship is being put together. The organizational meeting will be the first weekend in March.

Purser: (C. Ahrens) – not present

1. There is ~\$1300 in the account. We are in good shape.
2. 23 members have renewed.

Fleet Captain: (S. Widmeir)

1. There have been 2 SOY races so far. See the newsletter for results.
2. U need to join us! the next race is scheduled for Feb 16.

Membership/Raft Ups/Calls: (J. Carter)

1. Please welcome returning members Steve Sowder and the Borowskis.
2. There are 4 raft up sponsorship slots left for 2008.
3. If you have not renewed your membership by March 1st, Joe will stop calling you.

Social:

1. March 15, 5pm St. Patty's Day Picnic. Bring beverages and side to go with corned beef and cabbage (provided by club). Wear something green!
2. The Memmorial Day picnic will be May 25.

Web:

Has been updated – Check it out.

Old Business:

The St. Thomas Cruise is scheduled for April 18-20. It is not yet on the web, but current plans are to reverse the usual course and begin at Sweetwater Creek.

New Business:

1. The Lake level is up!
2. Because we have water and Lake Lanier does not, we may schedule some activities to include the Barefoot Sailing Club.

The meeting adjourned by motion made and seconded at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alice P. Nix

Substitute YeoPerson

From our Purser, Candice Ahrens

As of March 6, 2008 we have \$1,854.33 in the bank with 24 paid members.

The number of paid member should increase in the following month.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Monthly meeting	03/13/08 Thursday 8:00 PM	Barnacles Restaurant	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM. 2475 Chastain Meadows Pkwy. next to the new Super WalMart. Restaurant ph #770-424-1622
St. Patricks Day Picnic	03/15/08 Sat 5:00pm	SWSC	At the "Point" above "C" and "D" docks. St Patty's Day Picnic after the Ladies Race. The club will provide corned beef & cabbage. Please bring your beverage and something green or in the "spirit" of the day.
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.



Upcoming Races

Race Name	Race Date	Committee	Description
Ladies Race	03/15/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	
Bitter End Race	03/29/08 Sat 10am	Sam Hunter	
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	



February 16 Race Results

Fleet A Results

Heat	Skipper	Boat	Position
	Andy Kohler		(Committee)
1	George Manners	Pearson Ensign	1
1	Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	2
1	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	3
1	Scott Widmier	MacGregor 26D	4
2	George Manners	Pearson Ensign	1
2	Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	2
2	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	3
2	Scott Widmier	MacGregor 26D	4
3	George Manners	Pearson Ensign	1
3	Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	2
3	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	3
3	Scott Widmier	MacGregor 26D	4

Fleet B Results

Heat	Skipper	Boat	Position
1	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	1
1	Bob Ross	Catalina 28	2
2	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	1
2	Bob Ross	Catalina 28	2
3	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	1
3	Bob Ross	Catalina 28	2



March 1 Race Results

Fleet A Results

Heat	Skipper	Boat	Position
1	Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	1
1	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	2
1	Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	3
2	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	1
2	Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	2
3	Steven Gully	Hunter 22	1
3	Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	2

Fleet B Results

Heat	Skipper	Boat	Position
	Ruth Leber		(Committee)
1	Taylor Kidd	Pearson Ensign	1
1	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	2
2	Taylor Kidd	Pearson Ensign	1
2	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	2
3	Taylor Kidd	Pearson Ensign	1
3	Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	2



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

Need a new place to mount electronics, without having to cut fiberglass?

Robert Forrester - 01.15.2008

I needed a place to mount my depth gauge and my GPS, but I didn't want to drill and cut holes into the fiberglass. I cut the new crewboard and mounted the depth gauge and GPS on the board. The nice feature is that it doesn't get sun damage, because it is put away when not in use.

The only problems I have encountered, is that I have had my crew through the jib sheet across my GPS or step on top of the board. I have a new GPS receiver and a new mount I am going to attach to the crew board.



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: _____

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