



From the Commodore – March 2009

Finally, Spring has sprung – at least temporarily with temperatures well into the 70's and low humidity; like weather that occurs in San Diego for 365 days of the year. It has been a great time to be out on the water and the many boats on the lake during the last weekend testify that many sailors are ready to shake the winter blues out of their sails. There was a buzz in the marina all weekend long with people coming to take the boats out for a spin, just checking on them, or sitting in the cockpit for a relaxed afternoon chat. With daylight saving time already here, the afternoons are long and inviting...

We saw 9 boats participating in the SOTY race in A and B fleet last weekend, among them 2 boats that saw water again for the first time in a long while: Nik and Wanda had splashed their newly repaired boat back into the lake on Tuesday and got it ready to race on Saturday and Steve Adams managed to put the 47 ft mast into his J29 just a couple of days ago to show off his new boat as well – albeit as committee boat it did not race this time but was still a beauty to look at. Wind was spotty and fluky – but there was wind for all 4 races. Steve kept it interesting as we had 3 different race courses for the 4 races; Robert Forrester in his small Catalina 14 came away (again) with 2 victories, Scott Widmier (Mac Gregor 26) snatched one victory and yours truly also got a 1st place (in the Apollo). Jordan Ball and Bob Ross traded 1st place in B-fleet.

While no Sea Scouts were racing with us this weekend, just look on line at the pictures of the Sweetheart Regatta to see for yourself how much enthusiasm and fun these 'youngens' have on our boats.

Sunday was actually the better sailing day with winds piping out of the SouthWest around 10-15 constantly – sometimes more. I had left the Apollo at the lake from Saturday's races and took it out for a 'spin' on Sunday: from Harbortown Marina all the way up to Fields Landing on the northern part of the lake (= 9.3 miles one way) and back (with the wind on the nose mostly) in just about 6 hours; it was great but exhaustive sailing in these conditions – but well worth it.

Since the sailing / cruising and party activities are revving up in the coming weeks and months, please be sure to check the calendar for upcoming activities – so you don't miss out.

Many of you know Larry Davis, former member of SWSC and skipper of 'Summer Obsession' – the large Ranger sailboat on dock 10. Larry has decided to spend his retirement days in the Dominican Republic – living on his boat as he has done for many years in our marina. As soon as the water level rises another 3 feet he will have a crane pull his boat and transport it to Pensacola for a short 2-3 week refit. Using the next available weather window he will shoot across the Gulf to the West Coast of FL and around Key West to the Caribbean. We wish him well on his endeavor and if you want to wish him Good Luck in person, sprint on over to dock 10 while he is still in town.

Another retiree and former SWSC member has arisen from the boat-less existence: Fred Pope informed us that he had purchased a Catalina 27 in St. Pete and that he with the help of a top notch crew (Richard Deason and Chris Hall) will sail her back along the ICW to his home in Pensacola in the near future. Congrats to his new boat; Fred without a boat – this could not last for long... He may even join us for the BEER cruise in his backyard...

During our meeting this month we will vote - as outlined in previous editions - on the name change from Rear Vice Commodore to Fleet Captain – otherwise there is no new club business on the agenda that I am aware of at this point – but there is always the chance to bring ideas and or questions up during the meeting itself. On a different note, with the generous donation of a 'dock-box' from Steve Adams and the equally generous permission from the marina manager Paul Steele to put it up where we suggested it, we will have the storage problem for our racing equipment resolved in the next month.

At last, a polite but urgent reminder to all who have not yet managed to pay the SWSC dues for the year yet: it's time to write the check and send it to our purser,

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Candice Ahrens, 104 Springwater Trace, Woodstock,
GA 30188

– or you may very well be missing Joe's voice, when he
summons us to the club's activities from here on out – so
please...

Fair Winds to all
Andy Kohler
Commodore SWSC

Have fun on your boats!



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February Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2009 Minutes of Monthly Meeting Held at Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant in Kennesaw

Commodore Andy Kohler called the meeting to order at 8:18 p.m. He introduced two new members: Randy & Barbara Tahsler.

Motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the January minutes.

REPORTS

- Vice Commodore: Scott Widmier said weather looked good for Saturday's race and hoped to see everyone.
- Fleet Captain: Ruth Leber said Jan. 24 race was good and announced Scott Widmier took first place. There will be a Sweetheart Race on Sat. 2/14, Scott W. will be the race committee. Ruth has a list to sign up for the committee boat.
- Purser: Candace Ahrens was unable to attend. Andy advised that the SWSC balance was \$2197.00., and remember to renew your membership.
- Membership: Joe Carter announced that one third of the members have paid; Ed and Dawn Humphries have rejoined the club; still need members to sign up for raft-ups (check website); Louise Carter is now an ex-nurse as of today; and former member, Jan Williams, a retired teacher, fell and broke her arm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The change of officer's names from Rear Vice Commodore to Fleet Captain is being read the mandatory second time tonight for the eventual vote to change the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cruise schedules:
 - St Thomas – 4/18 weekend
 - Florida 120-small boat – 5/14-17
 - B.E.E.R. Cruise—6/5 weekend
 - Fall Cruise – September/October TBA
- Sea Scouts – Gary Holcombe was unable to attend meeting, Scott Widmier advised that Sea Scouts was doing well; it's a good chapter and that not many scout troops know about Sea Scouts.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ardythe Ball, Yeoman



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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Club Meeting	03/12/09 Thu 7pm	Niks Place At Whitlock Ave	7pm for dinner, 8pm for the club meeting
St Patricks Day Picnic	03/14/09 Sat 5pm	At the point by D dock at the Marina	St Patricks Day Picnic
SOTY Race 4	04/04/09 Sat 11am	On the Lake	Skipper of the Year Race #4
Club Meeting	04/09/09 Thu 7pm	TBA	7pm for dinner, 8pm for the club meeting
St Thomas Allatoona Cruise	04/18-19/09	On the Lake	St Thomas Allatoona weekend cruise on the lake
SOTY 5	05/02/09 Sat 11am	On the Lake	Skipper of the Year Race #5
Small Boat Race 1	05/09/09 Sat 11am	On the Lake	Small Boat Race #1
Florida 120	05/14-17/09	Pensacola, Florida	Florida 120 -- May 14 thru May 17
Club Meeting	05/14/09 Thu 7:00pm	TBA	
Raft Up 1	05/16/09 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	
Catalina Nationals - Ft Walton Bch, Florida	05/23-28/09	Fort Walton Beach, Florida	The Ft Walton Beach Yacht Club is sponsoring the Catalina 2009 Nationals http://www.catalina22.org/PDFfiles/2009-National-NOR.pdf
Ladies Regatta 1	05/30/09 Sat 11am		
Memorial Day Regatta	05/31/09 Sun 1pm		
Beer Cruise	06/06-10/09	Pensacola, Florida	

Race Results

A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Scott Widmier	9.301
Robert Forrester	8.214
Andy Kohler	7.933
Steve Adams	6.885
Steve Gully	5.931

B Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Jordan Ball	7.617
Sea Scouts	5.000
Bob Ross	4.660
Nils Thompson	1.612
Andy Mils	1.354

Catalina points

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	9.627
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	6.980
Bob Ross	Catalina 28	B	4.275
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	2.860
Nils Thompson	Catalina 22	B	1.483



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St Thomas – Allatoona Cruise 2009

The objective this year will be to start at the west end of the lake on Friday night and sail to the east end of the lake on Saturday. We will spend Friday and Saturday evenings on the boats and sail back to the marina Sunday. This will be a great time of sailing, rafting up, swimming?, and general fun. Bring food, drinks, and snacks. You are in charge of your boat and crew so plan accordingly. You have the option of eating on your boat or going ashore to get something. Please join in the fellowship even if you do not plan to eat ashore.

April 17 Friday: We will start off by heading west toward the Red Top at the ‘three sisters’, that’s the cove half way down the long stretch on your right where the 3 markers are. If you do not have a boat and would like to join us for the evening for supper, or just to visit, we could meet at the lodge just across from the cove where we plan on spending the night. Just let us know so we can plan accordingly.

April 18 Saturday: Coffee or what ever form you take your caffeine in and something to eat. We will then sail to Turtle Rock for a break and lunch. Here we can go ashore at the small dock.



Then the plan is to sail from Turtle Rock to Little River for Supper. Here again, if you do not have a boat, or just can't make it for the cruise, you could join us for supper and fellowship. Our plan is to be there around 5:30 so we can be ahead of some of the crowd. We will then sail across to the north side of the lake over to Sweet Water for the evening.

April 19 Sunday: Sleep and more Coffee. There is no rush so spend the day and time together as you wish.

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: _____

What knowledge or skills can you share or teach other club members:

Boating Interests: Social events Racing
 Crewing Raft Up Events
 Cruising

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Edited by: Robert Forrester