

NOVEMBER 2008

SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – November 2008

Ahoy to all SWSC Sailors

It is time to say 'good bye' to the 2008 sailing season and for the club to get ready to usher in another exiting year. Having been blessed with gorgeous fall weather for the last 2 months, it is difficult to let go of balmy days on the water and adjust to the heaters in the cabins, long sleeve jackets gloves and caps. But the good news for our lake at least, is the fact that there is still plenty of water to enjoy what our club does best; having fun boating and sailing on Lake Allatoona. There were many highlights on and off the water for our club during the 2008 season, some I like to mention in random order, to show my appreciation for the work done by so many throughout the year and to pay tribute to those who keep our club busy and active:

- ◆ We had an attractive racing schedule organized and executed by the fleet captain Scott Widmier who had to juggle with make-up races due to foul weather or no winds at all throughout the year. At the end, all races were held and covered by a race committee. Thanks to Scott and to all racers and members who stepped up and volunteered their time or their boat to run the races or even better, who participated in them.

- ◆ We had a full set of 'themed' raft-ups in our beloved AYC cove, sometimes dodging inclement weather right before or during the event; we all owe thanks to Joe Carter for his successful role in coordinating these raft-ups and finding / delegating sponsors to the various events. Thanks and gratitude has to go towards all the raft-up sponsors – some of which were new club members just getting their feet wet. As I stated in an earlier newsletter, SWSC is a party-hardy kind of bunch – we don't back out of an event just because there are tornadoes and storms sweeping through the area an hour before; we got pummeled by the weather on occasion but we always had a core gathering of people crazy enough to face the elements, who just cleaned up, got dry and had a party. Remember, if in doubt....

- ◆ There were the additional beach-parties organized by the Holcombes and by the Widmiers and with thundershowers poring down on some and others going off without a hitch throughout the year.

- ◆ Steve Gully did a wonderful job planning and organizing our own lake cruises: the St. Thomas Cruise in the Spring and the Fall Color Cruise not too long ago in the Fall; we had plenty of wind during both events, great anchorages scenery and camaraderie; What makes

these events so attractive is the fact that one can join for just one night or both nights and that Steve has figured out ways for everybody to go to shore at each anchorage; if you have not walked his plank, you missed something special.

- ◆ The social events at the point were well organized by our party-pro and social chair Beth Bratebo. We owe her many thanks for her efforts to schedule the events, to keep the meals coming and the door prizes famously interesting.

- ◆ Candice Ahrens deserves thanks for diligently keeping up with the various trickles of money towards the club from membership dues, racing fees and donations and for keeping the our money safe – (she id not invest it in Lehman's Brothers)

- ◆ The club was again active in the trailer sailor arena by pulling boats to the Dauphin Island Race (the 50th anniversary) by yours truly and Mark Press, we also had 5 boats at the BEER cruise in Pensacola (Gary H, Robert F, Jordan B, Scott W, and myself) and we launched 4 boats (Mark P, Scott W, Sam H, and myself) into Watts Bar Lake in September for a fall color cruise.

- ◆ The greatest cruise of all is happening as we celebrate the end of the season here: Eric Johns is trekking on down south, solo, from Newport, Rhode Island in his Cal 30; His journey is logged on our website; it is a fantastic read and portrays a real sense of adventure that many of us wish we could share. God's speed to Eric as he comes down the ICW and to Nancy who keeps us posted and who is with him every mile every day.

- ◆ If you receive this newsletter automatically because you subscribed to it on our website, then you know how well this site is organized, structured, how fun and informative it has become. Robert Forrester has done truly marvelous work with our site and he continuous to tinker with improvements and add-ons as the need arises; i.e. Eric's blog of his current trip down the coast. We owe Robert much gratitude for his excellent work on the site which often is the first contact new members had with the club.

- ◆ Speaking of new members: The club was joined by several families, individuals and new boats throughout

the year; Joe Carter has done wonderful work in this regard, from getting the SWSC business cards printed and distributed, to getting in touch with people who inquired about the club one way or the other, to helping newbies getting their feet wet and their sails up for the first time; In addition we all know how important Joe's voice has become to us as he announces the upcoming events of the week and extends the club's invitation to the individual members; Joe is truly the voice of the club.

◆ Our vice commodore, Gary Holcombe initiated and organized the club's sponsorship of our own sea-scout ship. Not only did he deal with all the paper work and training requirements for such a start-up, he managed to get the adult leaders and officers in place as well as the ships crew of young sailors on the water, in the water, in the bilge, under the v-berth etc and in general, interested in sailing and in our club. With the scout's aquatic center right around the corner from Victoria Harbor, where there are many sailboats stored waiting to be used or fixed, it is a great opportunity for them to learn and enjoy the sailing activities on the water and it is an equally great opportunity for our club to pass on some of the passion that we share for our hobby to a younger generation. Thanks to Gary Holcombe (and his silent partner Donna), the SWSC Sea Scout Ship 100 is afloat and in a great position for growth in years to come.

◆ Speaking of silent partners, there are many club members who simply took on a task because it needed to be done and they just happen to be close by; I am aware and will mention many, but I will certainly forget some and I apologize:

Vice Commodore	Scott Widmier
Fleet Captain:	Ruth Leber
Yeo Person	Ardythe Ball
Purser	Candice Ahrens

The following members have graciously agreed to take on important responsibilities as well for next year:	
Social Chair	Sue and Skip Preece
Member Ship	Joe Carter
Website	Robert Forrester
Newsletter	Robert Forrester
Cruising	Steve Gully

It is with great pleasure and no small amount of anticipation that I look forward to work with my fellow officers and chair persons and with all the member of our club to steer SWSC throughout the 2009 season.

Let there be Fair Winds to all

Andy Kohler
Commodore SWSC

Alice and Ardythe helping out with the minutes of the club meetings when our regular trusted yeo person Nancy could not attend; The same can be said for the Carters and the Baxters who stepped in to host a party at the point when Beth was out of town. Club meetings took place and went off without a hitch when I was out of town, thanks to Scott and Gary; Richard Deason, Ruth Leber and the Baxters providing the stable food platforms in form of their respective pontoon boats for all the raft-ups; Larry and Alice Nix stepped forward again to organize the many tasks surrounding the commodore's ball – and again Sue Baxter was busy all year working on the themes and creating the decorations for the event. Various people helping each other on Saturday or Sundays on the docks; changing oil in the engine, raising a mast, lowering a mast, fixing an outboard, pulling or launching the boat, creating impromptu raft-ups etc; Several club members stepped forward this year and graciously hosted a club meeting at their home: Nancy Johns in December, Gil and Terry in August and Clemens and Shirley at their gallery in September (did you all read the article in the 'Lakesider' about our club??); all where truly memorable and much appreciated events.

It is this flurry of activities – and there were certainly many more – that gives me confidence that our club remains a vibrant and close knit community of people who share their passion of sailing. It was by a large part the willingness of so many individuals to step up and step in when needed during the last year to get things done and accomplished that made it an easy decision on my part to serve as your commodore for another year. I will be joint by and working together with the following board of officers which was elected during the October meeting:

October 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

Members Meeting
Thursday October 9, 2008
Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant
Kennesaw, Georgia

The October 9, 2008, meeting of the South Winds Sailing Club was called to order by Commodore Andy Kohler at 8:00 p.m. at the Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant.

REPORTS:

- Sea Scouts - Gary Holcombe
 - . Accomplished goals for the year
 - . Added new members
 - . New events coming for next year
- Racing

Scott reported race results and upcoming race events
- Membership

Joe Carter reported two new member families including a Sea Scout family
- Newsletter

Robert talked about the SWSC Newsletter email subscription

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gary Holcombe requested that the SWSC special trophies be returned to him ASAP
- Scott discussed possibility of a Florida 120 Cruise, May 14-17, 2009
- Joe Carter announced Chili Cook Off after rescheduled Memorial Day Race on Oct 18, 4:00 p.m.
- Gary advised us of a Sea Scout Raft Up on Nov. 1
- Andy announced the new slate of officers for 2008-09. Larry Nix made a motion to accept the slate; motion seconded and all voted in favor.
- Larry reported Commodore's Ball would be Nov 15 and all committees were in place.
- Steve Gulley discussed the Fall Cruise on Lake Allatoona Oct 10-11
- Ruth Lieber asked for our prayers for Eric Johns, sailing solo from RI to Savannah

Meeting was adjourned 8:38 p.m..
Respectfully submitted, Ardythe Ball for Nancy Johns

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Commodores Ball	11/15/08 Sat 7:00pm	Navy Recreation Center at Lake Allatoona	Commodores Ball

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:

Navigation sites and information:

Marine navigation is the process of planning, recording, and controlling the movement of a sailboat, power boat, yacht, or ship from one place to another. The word *navigate* is derived from the Latin roots *navis* meaning "ship" and *agere* meaning "to move" or "to direct." Different navigational techniques have evolved over the ages in different cultures, but all involve locating one's position compared to known locations or patterns.

<http://www.yachtpals.com/how-to/marine-navigation>

Celestial Navigation:

<http://www.yachtpals.com/how-to/celestial-navigation>

MIT online course "Modern Navigation" – contains downloadable course material:

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Earth--Atmospheric--and-Planetary-Sciences/12-215Fall-2006/CourseHome>

Online boating tests, including navigation, lights, rules of the road, etc:

<http://www.usboating.com/>

Online boating tests, videos, and tutorials:

<http://boatsafe.com/>

Online videos of sailing and racing rules:

<http://www.racing.sailingcourse.com/>

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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<p>Great Oak Mortgage Corp 3235 Peachtree Road NE Suite 400 404-237-7600 contact The Richard Deason</p>	<p>POPE Machinery Erectors Inc. 2070 Attic Pkwy NW Kennesaw 770-426-4311 contact Fred Pope</p>
<p>Sailing is Life http://www.sailingislife.com/ contact Sam Hunter</p>	<p>Southern Crown Boatworks http://www.southerncrownboatworks.com/ 1-800-746-3857 contact William J. Fennesy-Bill ...wooden boat fasteners, supplies</p>
<p>Shoreline Marine Repair Inside Harbor Town Marina 770-966-1017 Boat restoration, mech.service, hull repairs</p>	<p>Unique Caterers, Inc. Cartersville, Georgia 770-386-5227 contact Charlotte Monroe Our Speciality is Food for You</p>
<p>Sunshine Designs Interior Plants Sales and Rentals 770-429-9956 contact Nancy Johns</p>	<p>West Marine http://www.westmarine.com/ 770-612-9944 marine supplies and gifts</p>
<p>Visual Marketing Group http://www.visualmark.com/ 770-517-8780 contact Jim Schuster</p>	

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