

# OCTOBER 2008

## SWSC NEWSLETTER

### From the Commodore – October 2008

Ahoy to all SWSC Sailors

Its amazing how fast time seems to be 'flying' : September is long gone and so are the days of sweltering heat of summer, sailing in a lake at full pool level; the Lake Allatoona cleanup is past and we just had our last raft-up for the year.

But from the beginning: If you missed the last monthly meeting at the Gallery 4463 in Acworth, you truly missed a great one!

The atmosphere was elegant, almost plush, artsy ambiance all around us, comfortable surroundings to walk, talk and to listen; incredible good quality foods from the Old Mills restaurant and in quantities that let everybody take home more than what we ate before the meeting. Acworth's mayor (and part owner of the Old Mills restaurant) and his wife (an accomplished artist with exhibits at the Gallery) were both present and gave us a warm welcome. It was a very nice and glamorous atmosphere for our monthly meeting. Many thanks again to Clemens Bak for inviting us to his gallery, which btw just celebrated its one year anniversary; many cheers to that and may it exist many more...

The nomination process for the next slate of club officers is outlined in the minutes, a short summery of the prospective candidates for next year:  
Andy Kohler – commodore, Scott Widmier - vice commodore, Ruth Leber - fleet captain, Ardythe Ball – yoe-person, Candice Ahrens – treasurer ;

\*In the absence of an alternate nomination for treasurer, and the willingness of Candice to take on the job for one more (and final) year, the members agreed to waive the 2 year term limit and nominated Candice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. I support this step, as Candice has done an outstanding job as treasurer in keeping the finances of the club organized. I will point out however, that anybody who is not comfortable with this arrangement, can still volunteer his or her services to the club and be nominated for the treasurer position during the October meeting.

Did I say September was busy?? We had at least 3 raft ups in this month, all were well attended and all went off without a hitch or bad influences from the weather – a positive side effect of the low rainfall this month. While I was not present during the Pirates of the Lake Allatoona raft up, I could still see the remnants of the pirate fleet decked out on dock 3; must have been quite a show that I missed, aargh to that.

I also discovered during the 2 raft ups I attended that it helps the crowd control during the party (usually right at the food tables) if we have 2 of the 'many' pontoon boats (alas party barges) from the club members present. It looks like a comic strip when 16 people hang on to one side of the pontoon boat, trying to keep the foods and drinks on the table every time somebody moves – we'll learn...

Last weekend we had the last SOTY race of the year and Robert Forrester put on a show with his small (14 ft) Catalina Capri; in very light air, he kicked our collective butts and even stayed very close to the much faster rated J 24. On corrected time Robert won both races in A fleet. Bob Ross in his Catalina 28 labored in much to light air for his boat to first place in B-fleet; Thanks to George Manners for setting the course and staying patiently with us.

Another highlight of this month was the trip to Watts Bar Lake to visit Mark Press' home turf. Sam Hunter, Steve Gully, Scott Widmier, myself and a trailer sailor friend from Kingston (uncle Jerry) started the 3 day trip from Blue Springs Marina. The wind was very light or not present at all on Friday and Saturday, so we motored quite a distance, sailing intermittently. It was still a great and relaxing trip that I can recommend for anybody who wants to chill in the fall next year in surroundings like this:



Yes, that's the Tennessee River:



A short write up with lots more pictures can be seen at <http://bbs.trailersailor.com/forums/trailersailor/index.cgi?read=656733,andy,kohler> and more on <http://bbs.trailersailor.com/forums/trailersailor/index.cgi/read/656989>

Speaking of cruises: the Fall cruise on our lake is coming up this weekend; for details see our website at [http://www.sailswsc.org/php/inc/SWSC\\_2008\\_Allatoona\\_Fall\\_Cruise.pdf](http://www.sailswsc.org/php/inc/SWSC_2008_Allatoona_Fall_Cruise.pdf) or contact Steve Gully. The weather is looking promising –so come and join us for Friday, Saturday and Sunday or any part of it....

Other upcoming events before the next meeting will be the make up race that was cancelled on Memorial Day and the scheduled Turtle Rock race with following chili

cook-off at the point. Also be so kind, and RSVP promptly to the soon to arrive invitations to the commodore's ball on Nov 15.

Just for kicks, we have a new segment, called the rules of the road; how do you interpret the infraction in this picture:

- a) Rule of superior tonnage
- b) Starboard tack right away
- c) You have to call 'Starboard' to claim your right away
- d) You have to call Starboard and be heard to claim your right of way
- e) Limit sight: my 170 Genoa covered up my view
- f) "your own interpretation"

More details at: [http://www.sailinganarchy.com/index\\_page1.php](http://www.sailinganarchy.com/index_page1.php)



Don't think it could not happen to you....

Until then, Fair Winds as always

Andy Kohler  
Commodore SWSC

## SWSC 2008 Allatoona Fall Cruise

**Oct. 10-12 Friday evening - Sunday**

This years' cruise should be a great time for sailing and spending a few days out on the lake. The evenings should be cool enough to be comfortable and not roast as we do some summer nights. The winds have also been known to shift out of the east and the leaves should be turning. If you've never been let me encourage you to make plans now even if it's only for part of the time. If you have been I know you are already planning on returning for another great weekend.

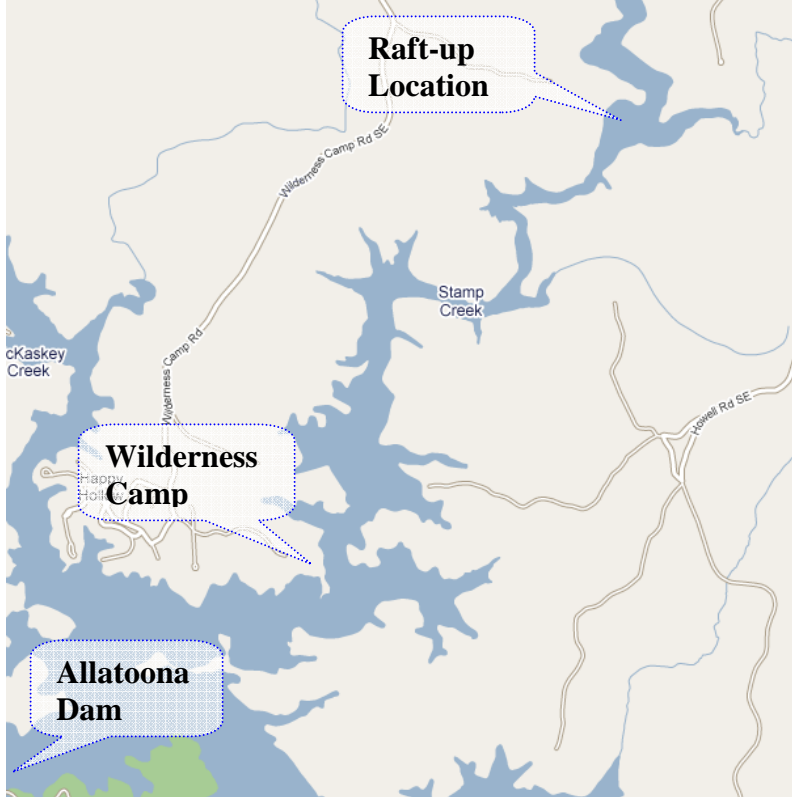
The objective is always to sail and explore as much of the area as possible. So much of our time is spent just around the familiar Harbor Town area. This is your chance to explore unfamiliar areas and have some good times and food with your fellow sailors. You should bring food for yourself but sharing is welcomed.

See you on the Lake,  
Steve

**Friday:** We'll gather for the evening about a half mile east of Victoria Landing. After passing Victoria Landing, follow the river and turn left, the cove will be the first cove on your left as you start to enter a curve to your right.



**Saturday:** We will sail to Wilderness once everyone wakes, eats, freshens up, you get the picture. Once at Wilderness we will motor-up to our destination for the evening. Bring your cameras. This is a great place to motor and enjoy the view. We will go as far as the depth allows with desired destination of Chitwood Cemetery Rd.



**Sunday:** Same as Saturday but in the opposite direction. Before heading home you might want to checkout Turtle Rock to get ready for the Nov. 1st race and some of the other coves in the area.



## September 2008 Meeting Minutes

### South Winds Sailing Club

Members Meeting  
Thursday September 11, 2008  
Gallery 4463  
Acworth, Georgia  
30102

The South Winds Sail Club was warmly welcomed by the Mayor of Acworth. The Mayor shared his sailing experiences to the BVI with the club. He also had gift bags made up for us. It was an honor to have the Mayor join us and share his sailing with us!

The September SWSC meeting was called to order at 8:00 by commodore Kohler. There were 26 members present.

Reading of last month's minutes was waived after motion was made and seconded.

Commodore: Andy Kohler

- Thank you, Clemmons and Shirley for offering the Gallery for the September meeting. (Applause)
- We are very impressed with the food from the Old Mill Restruant. ( Applause)
- Thanks to Larry and Alice for hosting the Commodores Ball meeting.
- We need your sailing stories for the newsletter, share your adventures.

Vice Commodore: Gary Holcombe

- Sea Scout report –We are having fun.
- If you would like the sea scouts to crew with you let Gary know.

Fleet Captain: Scott Widmier

- Great Labor Day Race. Wonderful wind.
- Ladies race is September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Small boat race is September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Social: Beth

- Not present.

Purser: Candace

- We are still collecting membership fees.

Joe Carter

- We have 2 new couples join the club. Nick and Wanda, and Tom and Lucy
- 2 Raft ups left this year

Robert

- I've been having a blast sailing with the Sea Scouts.
- I have a new idea for the newsletter.

Steve Gully

- Fall color cruise and camp out October 10, 11,12th.

Clemmons

- The Gallery 4463 will be having a Black Tie benefit October25th. Contact Clemmons for details.

Old Business:

Larry Nix      Commodore's ball is well under way.  
Please RSVP soon after you receive the invite.  
Cabins are still available contact Larry.

Andy: Storage box under way.

New Business:

The Nomination of new officers is  
Commodore Andy Kohl or  
Vice Commodore Scott Widmier  
Fleet Captain Ruth Leber  
Purser Candace Ahrens  
Yeoman Ardith Ball

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nancy Johns  
Yoeperson



## Upcoming Events

| Event           | Date                   | Location | Description   |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------|---|
| Monthly meeting | 10/09/08<br>Thu 8:00pm | TBD      | <b>Club Meeting:</b> Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM. |
| Commodores Ball | 11/15/08<br>Sat 7:00pm | TBD      | Commodores Ball                                       |

## Upcoming Races

| Race Name         | Race Date            | Committee        | Description   |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| KL 200            | 10/11/08<br>Sat 12am |                  |   |
| Memorial Day Race | 10/18/08<br>Sat 11am | George Manners   | <b>This race was rescheduled due to not enough participants. Hopefully, second time is the charm!</b> |
| Ladies Race       | 10/25/08<br>Sat 11am |                  |   |
| Turtle Rock Race  | 11/01/08<br>Sat 10am | Robert Forrester |   |

## Race Standings for 2008

### Skipper of the Year points – A Fleet

| Skipper                      | Total Points |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Scott Widmier                | 14.928       |
| Robert Forrester             | 14.450       |
| Steven Gully                 | 12.798       |
| Andy Kohler                  | 11.847       |
| George Manners               | 8.500        |
| Steve Adams                  | 7.680        |
| 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       | 5.095        |
| 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     | 43           |
| Jordan Ball      | Catalina 22 | B     | 28           |
| Andy Kohler      | Catalina 22 | A     | 17           |
| Alice Nix        | Catalina 25 | B     | 6            |
| Bob Ross         | Catalina 28 | B     | 6            |
| Jon Clausen      | Catalina 22 | A     | 2            |

## The Spinnaker Bag

### Provided by Larry Nix:

Affirmation of the knowledge of our past Commodore Richard Deason

At a recent raftup as some of the departing boats were making way out of the cove, one of the boats had sidelights and was showing the anchor light plus a stern light. I made the comment that the proper lighting was to show a masthead light forward but not the all around anchor light. Richard indicated that the boat was correct with an all around light. This got me to come home and review the rules. Richard was correct in that a motor driven boat under 12 meters may proceed with sidelights and an all around masthead light. It was also a reminder that from time to time all boat operators should review the rules of the road to be current and knowledgeable to insure safe boating practices. I have included an extract from the Coast Guard as to these related rules.

Well done Richard. Larry Nix --- found here: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/mwv/navrules/rules/Rule23.htm>

### RULE 23: POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS UNDERWAY

(a) A power-driven vessel underway shall exhibit (picture):

- i. a masthead light forward;
- ii. a second masthead light abaft of and higher than the forward one; except that a vessel of less than 50 meters in length shall not be obliged to exhibit such a light but may do so;
- iii. sidelights; and
- iv. a sternlight.

(b) An air-cushion vessel when operating in nondisplacement mode shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit an all-round flashing yellow light, where it can best be seen. [Inld]

(c) A WIG craft only when taking off, landing and in flight near the surface shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit a high intensity all-round flashing red light. [Intl]

(c/d)

- i. A power-driven vessel of less than 12 meters in length may in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule exhibit an all-round white light and sidelights.
- ii. a power-driven vessel of less than 7 meters in length whose maximum speed does not exceed 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule exhibit an all-round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights. [Intl]

### RULE 25: SAILING VESSELS UNDERWAY AND VESSELS UNDER OARS

(a) A sailing vessel underway shall exhibit:

- i. sidelights;
- ii. a sternlight.

(b) In a sailing vessel of less than 20 meters in length the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule may be combined in one lantern carried at or near the top of the mast where it can best be seen.

(c) A sailing vessel underway may, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit at or near the top of the mast, where they can best be seen, two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower Green, but these lights shall not be exhibited in conjunction with the combined lantern permitted by paragraph (b) of this Rule.

(d) A sailing vessel of less than 7 meters in length shall, if practicable, exhibit the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Rule, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

## 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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