

SEPTEMBER 2008

SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – September 2008

Ahoy to all SWSC Sailors;

August is long gone and for the first time last weekend there was a hint of fall noticeable at the lake. The water actually felt cool and a slight breeze of fresh air was swirling through the anchored fleet at the last raft up: The occasion was the "Italian" themed gathering of SWSC boats and friends in the AYC cove. Sue and Skip Preece hosted the event on a lovely evening with great foods and spirits contributed by many. Richard Deason had launched and anchored the pontoon boat earlier and provided the obligatory party platform in AYC. It was cloudy enough, thanks to 'Hanna' that we had to cover the food for a couple of minutes to protect it from a very light rain. The most heroic action of the night came from host Sue: when a set of treacherous rogue waves started to shake up the boats badly, she fell on her knees to embrace all the open and closed wine bottles and glasses on the table to provide a saving cover for the hard and software on the table – not a drop was spilled and everybody appreciated it very much. Not to mention is the fact that all the red wine would have spilled onto Sue's boat and if you ever want to see a 'spotless' specimen if a C250, just drop by their slip and take a visual inspection...

The day started with the make up of the Bitter End race – a long distance event that looked very promising in the morning (again, thanks to Hanna) with winds 5-10. The course was set from our marina to Allatoona Yacht Club and back. Those who know our lake will immediately picture the S-curves at the mouth of Illinois creek as the biggest obstacle. Our lake was true to its nature and the winds started to go light to very, very light just about an hour after the start, when most boats approached the S-turns. George Manners in 'Gershwin' was tossed by power boat wakes so close to the rocks, he made several 360's in one spot and was 30 seconds from cranking his engine - but no harm was done, he pulled out of the doldrums under sail alone and finished 3rd. Steve Gully had an awesome comeback through the S-turns and sailed 'Mystery' through that stretch without even tacking – and it earned him a well deserved 2nd place overall. The winning boat and skipper however was our friend Steve Adams on his J24 – these boats point unbelievably high and skim through the water in a mere cough of her crew... - although they pay for it with an unbelievable low handicap as well. But Steve (as well as his AYC friend Richie on another J24) had their boats trimmed just right and finished the race in

under 3 hours actual time while the rest of us crept toward the finish an hour later.

Congrats to Steve Adams for sailing his fast boat to its actual low numbers and winning the race. Speaking of Steve Adam's accomplishment, he also won the Labor Day regatta, consisting of 2 races. Even though Robert Forrester won the first race with 2 young and excited Sea Scouts as crew, Steve won the second race and the overall regatta. In no small part, thanks to his crew, because Steve is also sporting an arm in a sling due to a shoulder injury – but that did not keep him from sailing and winning. The Labor Day regatta sported a fair number of Sea Scouts as crew on our boats where they got a good dose of racing tactics and boat handling skills; Aaron Mills is to be congratulated as for the first time in a while I did not see him flip a boat that he was sailing on – albeit it was his dad's 31 ft Hunter, a boat you can hardly lay on its side. Just for the curious, I have room to talk as I flipped my entire family into St. Simons sound years ago off the Apollo and we had to right the boat bail water etc to make it back – there are fond memories of this trip.

Labor Day weekend also saw the traditional picnic at the point with good foods and camaraderie; following an invitation from the Skipper of their Ship and our vice commodore Gary Holcomb, the usual SWS family was enhanced this year by the presence of several of the Sea Scouts and their parents. The atmosphere was great, many people had gathered, and for a change there was only a slight weather scare right at the beginning. After we 'willed' away the clouds a good time was had by all; several of the Sea Scout parents expressed an open interest in joining the club during this picnic and that's an outcome well worth the extra effort that was required to accommodate the larger than usual participation.

Our party president and social chair Beth did an excellent job, as always, to provide the nourishment and door price entertainment; she did take a stance though when giving away the bottle of wine: you had to be 21 or over - years that is, not months...

Overall a well orchestrated event and we owe thanks to all who put it together.

Looking further back into August, we must congratulate Gil and Terry for hosting the monthly meeting at their

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home, providing grilled goodies and spirits galore. The meeting was well attended and we discovered the details of the north shore of Lake Allatoona; Thanks again for a wonderful event.

Looking ahead, we have the Allatoona Lake clean-up coming up this weekend; details of the clubs participation will be worked out during the meeting on Thursday; Saturday afternoon / evening Scott Widmier will host the Caribbean themed beach party starting at 5 pm. For details please see the webpage;

Next week, a small trek of SWSC members will travel to Watts Bar on the Tennessee River for a long weekend cruise. Scott Widmier, Steve Gully, Sam Hunter and myself will meet with Mark Press and other Tennessee lake sailors at Blue Springs Marina, TN.

Until then, Fair Winds as always

Andy Kohler
Commodore SWSC

Our own fall cruise on Lake Allatoona is being worked on and date /times and destinations will be published on the website and the next newsletter.

All members should be aware, that it is during the October meeting when the new officers and crew will be elected for the club and your attendance would be appreciated.

Also beginning October, you will receive the notification with all the details for the upcoming Commodore's Ball in November. Please r.s.v.p to this notification so that planning the event can be continued.

Naturally, I hope to see many of you at our September meeting at the Gallery 4463 in Acworth (at 4463 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101)



June 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

August Monthly Minutes
Thursday, August 14, 2008
Gill and Terri's House

26 members present

The August 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, Gill and Terri for your hospitality, and hosting the August Meeting. (APPLAUSE)
- The food is delicious
- Good job on the newsletter Robert Forester. (Applause)

Vice Commodore: Gary Holcombe

- Sea Scouts – We are up to 8 Sea Scouts
- Sea Scout needs help from skippers 23rd at 9:00am.
- The main thing is to get the scouts experienced on the lake.
- They are a great bunch of people.

Fleet Captain: Scott Widmier

- Check newsletter for race results.
- Ladies race is September 20th.
- Small boat race is August 23rd.

Social: Beth

- Labor Day picnic Sunday August 31st. 5:00 at the point.

Purser: Candace

- Not present.

Joe Carter

- Thanks for spreading the SWSC word! New members welcome!!!
- Raft ups- August 23rd. Black Tie. Bring finger food
- September 6th is The Italian raft-up. Bring Italian food

Larry Nix

- Commodore's ball meeting is September 7th at 5:00 at Alice and Larry's house bring a side dish or desert.
- 8 Lake Cabins are available. Contact Larry ASAP if you are interested.

Old Business

- Motion made to spend \$150.-\$200.00 on storage shed. Motion seconded and passed.

New Business:

- Our September meeting will be at Clemmons and Shirley's Gallery 4463. We will be nominating new officials for next year. Everyone show up!
- Rsvp. Donna Holcombe
- The Great Allatoona Lake clean up is September 20th at 9:00am.
- We will not be participating in the Eastside Parade this year.
- Ruth will pursue Paulding County Parade

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Johns
Yoeperson

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Monthly meeting	09/11/08 Thu 6:30pm	Gallery 4463	Club Meeting: The meeting will be held in downtown Acworth at the Gallery 4463 4463 Cherokee Street Acworth, GA 30101 http://www.gallery4463.com
Beach Lime (Caribbean Beach Party)	09/13/08 Sat 5:00pm	Beach near Etowah Yacht Club	To Lime means to party on the Carribean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Liming is a laid-back party style with family and friends, good food, and lots of drinks. Please make yourself some dreadlocks out of rope ends, bring your best floppy hat, and haul out tie-die or other loud beach-type shirts. For dinner I plan on cooking curry chicken in a kettle over the fire (anyone have a heavy kettle?) which you can put over rice or roti (flatbread look-alike). Please bring some sort of Carribean side dish to share. See you at the Beach Lime!!
Pirates of the Caribbean Raft Up	09/27/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Please bring Pirate food.
Octoberfest Raft Up	10/04/08 Sat 6:00pm	AYC Cove	Please bring German food.
Monthly meeting	10/09/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Metting at 8 PM.
Commodores Ball	11/15/08 Sat 7:00pm	TBD	Commodores Ball



Upcoming Races

Race Name	Race Date	Committee	Description
SOTY Race	09/13/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	
Ladies Race	09/20/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	This is a rescheduled race.
Small Boat Race	09/27/08 Sat 11am	George Manners	
SOTY Race	10/04/08 Sat 11am	Scott Widmier	
KL 200	10/11/08 Sat 12am		
Memorial Day Race	10/18/08 Sat 11am	George Manners	This race was rescheduled due to not enough participants. Hopefully, second time is the charm!
Ladies Race	10/25/08 Sat 11am		
Turtle Rock Race	11/01/08 Sat 10am		



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

The Spinnaker Bag

Sea Scouts and a New Boat – by Robert Forrester

August 23th, I went out for the Scout Mania Day at the Aquatics base on Lake Allatoona. There were several local Boy Scout Troups spending the day trying out different activities on the water. They had 2 or 3 ski boats in one cove, canoes and kayaks in another cove, volley ball someplace else, and small boat sailing. Gary Holcombe is the Skipper for the Sea Scouts and was organizing the small boat sailing sessions. We had several skippers from our sailing club helping in the sailing lessons: Scott, Andy, Steve, and myself. There were 6 or 7 sunfish sailboats that all the boys were sailing. Plus, we had a handful of slightly larger boats that the club skippers were sailing, including myself.

I sailed Eric Johns Catalina Capri 14.2, this was the first time since Memorial day I had been on a sailboat for fun(except for my short attempt at the BEER Cruise)... I did race all summer on my Catalina 22. I sailed with scouts for 3 sessions of nearly an hour each session. I had 2, 3, then a father/son team on the boat. The winds were still a bit gusty from hurricane Fay, so there were plenty of small boats that were up-ended.

Sailing the small boat reminded me why I bought my big boat, which was for the purpose of having fun on the water with family and friends. I had a great time teaching the young scouts how to sail. My second session out, I had centerboard problems when my centerboard strap broke and the winds were especially gusty. After I got everything sorted out, we had drifted pretty far out into the lake. One of the boys got real nervous and asked me about the “sharks out in the deep water.” He also got a little nervous when we encountered some heavy gusts. We never turned over, but we did have a close call with water coming over the side once. Later, I was very happy to see him and one of the other boys out sailing a sunfish and doing quite well, especially when several other boats had to be towed back in.

I sailed the Labor Day Race with two of the Sea Scouts. They seemed pretty eager to get out and race. It was the typical day on the lake with occasional strong gusts. One strong gust, I scared them when I put the rail of my Catalina 22 in the water. I even sailed with my bimini top raised, so I could stay comfortable in the shade.

I had such a great time sailing the Capri 14, I bought one from Ruth Leber on September 1st. Zack(my 8yr old son) and I went out that Friday night and practiced turning the boat over and climbing back in. The next morning we met up with the Sea Scouts at the Aquatics base for a day of boat repairs and sailing. I missed some of the repair work(my alarm clock doesn't work well on Saturday mornings). I learned a bit from Gary on fiberglass repair, then we launched two of their boats plus my new Capri. Gary did more repair work while I sailed around coaching the Scouts on their boats. They collided once, so I got the idea of giving them a friendly bump and push a few times.

I took Zack out for a while and he had a great time. He didn't want to hurt my feelings about our big boat, but he said he really had a great time on the new small boat. That really put a smile on my face, I think I might have him hooked now. A friend even recommended I get Zack a wetsuit when the water cools off a little... Zack really likes that idea.

Now that I've sailed the new boat as-is, I came up with a big list of mods and tweaks. I started my mods this week, with lighter jib/main sheets, and hammered out the bump-stop on my mainsheet block so it will turn 360 degrees.

Now that the weather is cooling off a little, get back to the lake and go out for a fun day of sailing with family or friends... that's why we started sailing, isn't it? Plus, talk to Gary about the Sea Scouts, these young people are eager to learn and spend time on the water.

Listen to an interview with sailor Marlin Bree when he “encountered a deadly derecho event on Lake Superior and lived to tell about it” while sailing in his homemade boat --- Check out “Jet Streaming” podcast. The interview is in the second half of the podcast – you can ignore the “global warming” discussion in the first half. Plug this address into iTunes and listen to the podcast from Wednesday, August 13.

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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: _____

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