

The Lifted Tack

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Message from the Commodore

Spring has sprung and we all need to be out on the water. The last two times I have been to the sail club the sailing has been glorious, even though the weather forecasts were less than glorious. My dream is to come over to the sail club and find no place to park and no boats in the harbor because everybody is out on the water sailing.

Our mantra should be the same as the Water Rat in The Wind in the Willows, "*Believe me...there is **nothing** -- absolutely nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.*" So I encourage you all to come over and mess about in your boats.

Every few years we have initiated a long-range plan and accomplished it. Our long-range plans included such things as finishing the inside of the clubhouse (there was a time when there was no paneling on the walls and no tile on the floor,) providing a suitable kitchen area (the kitchen area once had a single stove and no cabinets,) and creating an expanded shower area for the rest rooms (the shower was included in the restroom area and there was no separate shower room.)

Other visions of previous long range planning committees included dredging the harbor and expanding the dock space. All of these things have been achieved so it is time to start a new long range planning committee. Joel VerPlank has agreed to chair that committee and we are looking for volunteers with ideas to provide a new long-range vision of the sail club. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Joel or me. Our goal is for the planning committee to have a preliminary report by the end of the sailing season so put on your thinking caps and let the ideas flow.

As always my wishes are for fair winds. See you on the water!

Bob

Upcoming Events

May 3 - Horace Bramm One-Day Regatta, see inside

May 17 - Club Race

May 24-25 - Confederate Admirals' Regatta

Sail Camp Reminder

Do you have an annoying little neighbor kid or someone you would like to send away so you can have some peace and quiet? Send him to Sail Camp!

Tom Brown reminds everyone that Sail Camp is on June 21-22 and June 28-29 this year. Please promote it to your friends, family, and neighbors, and plan to help or attend.

Work Day Report

Thanks to all those who came out for the second work day on March 15th. We got a lot accomplished on the docks, picked up lots of trash around the slough, and no one got hurt. The only downside was that Todd Moulton failed as our designated pyromaniac - he could not get the brush piles to burn. He'll do better next time, 'cause he plans to steal gas from everyone's boats.

Thanks go to Bob Parrish, Bob Stagg, Dave Seborg, Todd Moulton, Frank McCollum, Richard Gillingham, Rick McAdams, Don Von Tress, Gar Bouse, and Russ Kerl. Special thanks to Barbara McCollum who provided a great lunch on both of our work days. Extra special thanks to Gar Bouse who fished my valuable socket drive out of the slough after Todd threw it in while in a fit of rage. More thanks go to Bob Parrish who had the powerful magnet. He intended to use it to do an MRI on Richard Gillingham's head, but the metal plate ruined his plans. For those of you who couldn't make a work day this spring we may schedule one this fall just for you!

Tommy Glenn

Web Stuff

We will eventually send out some future issues of *The Lifted Tack* via the miracle of the world wide web. This will happen later this year after the typewriter ribbon runs out. Visit the MSSC website at <http://home.hiwaay.net/~mssc/> and practice your point and click skills on something other than Pamela Anderson's pictures. You non-computerized folks can count on still getting paper issues, but you'll miss out on all the cool pop-up ads for home equity loans, finding high school classmates, and Russian girlfriend catalogs.

Charlie Anding is our web master at S2Serenity@aol.com.

**Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
HORACE BRAMM MEMORIAL CUP
A ONE DAY REGATTA — MAY 3**

Date: MAY 3 2003

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Handicapping: US Sailing Portsmouth.

Rules: Governed by US Sailing, class rules for one design boats, MSSC sailing instructions and this notice.

Racing: Will consist of (wind permitting) three TO four races on Saturday.

SINCE THIS IS A ONE DAY REGATTA, NO RACES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SUNDAY.

First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded based on the following class stipulations.

Cruising Spinnaker class minimum of four entries.

Cruising Non-Spinnaker class minimum of four entries.

Dinghy class minimum of four entries.

Classes not meeting this criteria will be reconfigured by the R.C.

Schedule May 3, 0800 - 1000 Registration

NOTE CHANGE TO FIRST RACE SEQUENCE START TIME

FOR THIS ONE DAY REGATTA

1100 Skippers Meeting

1200 NOON First Race Sequence Start

Social Hour prior to Dinner at 1830.

1900 (approximately) Trophy Presentation

Saturday Lunch On the water, bring your own

Dinner reservations requested, please, call the Gillinghams @ 757-9982 or email at sharich.1@netzero.net

Dinner: Cost \$8.00.

BYOB!

Questions concerning this Regatta may be addressed to Richard Gillingham at 256-757-9982

Location:

By water:

MSSC is located on the North side of Wilson Lake at Old Lock #4, Mile 271.5 on the Tennessee River.

By land:

Take Highway 72 to Center Star, turn south at the North Alabama Flea Market onto County Road 33 also known as Houston Town Road. Continuing past the sharp elbow curve to the first road on your right, this is County Road 411. County Road 411 changes to a gravel road ending at MSSC.

Hope to see you there!

Racing News

Club Race, March 29

Nolan Richards 1st	Byron Jamerson 4th
Joel VerPlank 2nd	Tommy Glenn 5th
Willson Jenkins 3rd	Bob Stagg 6th

These scores are the results of two races in brisk, gusty and shifting winds. The weather was cool, overcast, Wind 4 to 10. There was about a minute between the 1st boat crossing the starting line, and the last. The club needs lots of work on starts.

Nolan gave us another lesson in sailing. His boat was well prepared, his crew well instructed, his starts were good, and it all is reflected in the scoring. Joel always sails well and he did again, For a second place finish. Willson is really improving, with better starts he will be hard to beat.

Byron sailed with his daughter & her feller (that's the way it's pronounced,) and they did a good job. Tommy sailed well and had lots of fun and that's what it's all about. Bob was just tuning his sailing skills & trying out his new sail. Don't let him fool you, next week he will clean the bottom of his boat, and be hard to beat.

Thanks to Ron Brown & Bob Bucher for a job well done as race committee.

Horace Holland

The results for the Saturday, April 19, Club Races were as follows:

Race 1

First	Bob Stagg	Ericson 25	69.49
Second	Nolan Richardson	Daysailor (Yellow)	71.44
Third	Tommy Glenn	SanJuan 24	72.51
Fourth	Byron Jamerson	C&C 25	72.63

Race 2

First	Bob Stagg	22.16
Second	Nolan Richardson	22.98
Third	Tommy Glenn	23.92

Start making your plans now for the Horace Bramm Cup which will be held on Saturday, May 3. A social will follow the races which is being planned by the Gillinghams. See you there.

Joel VerPlank, Fleet Captain

Commodore's Regatta Results

Ten boats in three classes raced in the Commodore's Regatta on April 4 and 5. Beautiful weather and good wind enabled the Race Committee to conduct five races averaging about 45 to 60 minutes each. Courses were mixed between Olympic and Windward-Leeward with common starts for all three fleets, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Dinghy.

Karen McCullough and Barbara McCollum and their crew prepared a great dinner on Saturday evening and a breakfast on Sunday morning. Jane Glenn got everyone registered and sugared up with some fudge brownies. Horace Holland fabricated a new starting mark which was used for the first time in this regatta.

The wind was blowing about 13-17 out of the west at noon, prompting much rearrangement of crew plans and spinnaker designations before the skippers' meeting. The Race Committee had a perfect course set prior to the skippers' meeting, but the wind shifted and diminished before the first start. The course was reset and the first race was sailed in light breeze with Willson Jenkins skippering his Flying Scot well ahead of all fleets.

The second and third races were sailed with more breeze in the Beaufort 2-3 range under abundant sunshine. Paul Wunsch and his Capri 30 crew sped around the course first in Race Two followed closely by Yves Morrisette single-handing his J-80. Paul was speedy again in the third race, but corrected to second after Tommy and Hayden Glenn dialed in their SJ-24. The Gillingham's were first to finish in the non-spinnaker fleet in Race 3 followed only seconds behind by Joel VerPlank. Joel had the last laugh when the handicaps were factored. He won all three races in his fleet on Saturday.

Nolan and Willson were tied in the Dinghy fleet after two races with each winning one race. Nolan had a great third race, winning it while Dave Seborg took second. Nolan was heard on Sunday after the fourth race imploring the Race Committee to go easier on a skipper of "such advanced age" as he. No dice. The RC ran a fifth race.

Sunday's races were even better than Saturday with steady breezes and fair skies. The Commodore won his fleet in Race 5 and justified the expense of his new headsail.

Tom Cromer somehow managed to sail while wearing a cowboy hat with no visible means of anchoring it to his head. This was closely observed while Tom aced a start next to the committee boat.

Gar Bouse

Results follow...

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