

The Lifted Tack

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Message from the Commodore

Congratulations to Tom Brown on a great sail camp!!

Summer is half over and we are growing by leaps and bounds. I lost count after 8 new members this year. With so many new members we really need to have a get together where everyone can meet and greet old and new. I also received a report that on a recent Thursday afternoon there were at least 20 people at the club. What a fantastic way to spend a Thursday afternoon. Frank McCollum will be planning something for the Vice Commodore's Regatta at the end of August so everybody plan to come out and have fun sailing and meet all the new and old salts.

On an administrative note, Todd Molten has been promoted and moved to Memphis. Joel VerPlank has agreed to take over as 2nd Vice Commodore and Don McCollough has agreed to take over Joel's position as Fleet Captain. Congratulations to Todd on his promotion. Let's give Joel and Don our support in their new positions.

While we are considering the land maintenance duties of 2nd Vice Commodore I have observed that a lot of members have been parking their boats near the clubhouse. I understand this is because of the sap coming off the trees. Our goal for this Fall will be remove those trees so that we can all park our boats on the north side of the parking lot.

Upcoming Events

August 30-31 - Vice-Commodore's Regatta and Dinner

September 13 - Fall race #1

September 27-28 - TVCC Regatta at Chattanooga...Defend the Cup!

October 4 - Fall race #2

With more club members, it is time to remind everyone that we are an all- volunteer club and therefore we need to treat our club house like our home, realizing that there isn't anybody to clean up after us. We should leave the club at least as clean as we found it. I would also like to remind you all that there's a set of rules governing conduct in the Marina including who to contact if you wish to put your boat in a slip either temporarily or permanently, as well as some clubhouse rules. If you don't have a copy of by-laws and rules please contact one of the board and we will be happy to give you one.

On a final note – with reference to the Lifted Tack editor's comment about providing me with a velvet Elvis, let me assure him that I have a closet full of Elvis memorabilia.

See you on the water!

Bob Stagg, Commodore

2003 Sailing Camp

By all measures, the 2003 MSSC Sailing camp was a great success. We eventually got everyone out on boats without instructors, and many of the students took turns sailing alone on Lasers and the club Sunfish demonstrating their newly acquired skills.

The camp took place over two consecutive June weekends at the club and on beautiful, yet not always breezy, Wilson Lake. We ended up with 18 students (10 kids and 8 fully seasoned kids) all of which took their new task with great enthusiasm.

The first Saturday (6/21) included an extended classroom and ground demo session in the morning. We got out on the lake in the afternoon. Unfortunately, the wind was on a different schedule, blowing a bit early, and all but dying in the afternoon. Being superb instructors, we took advantage of the very light easterly breeze and a lot of water running through the dams to demonstrate the effects of current on VMG. A few boats even got hung up on the windward mark of our "FUN RACE". Sunday (6/22) brought light but steady winds that made the visualization of points of sail much easier for the students (and instructors). With a bit less classroom time, we were able to head to the water twice, and everyone was ready for a nap by the time to de-rig the boats.

Steve Blazier took over the classroom instruction on the second Saturday (6/28.) The wind was a bit challenging. Sunday's wind was better and many students (ranging in age from 10 years to several times 10 years) took turns sailing alone around some buoys. Eight of the students that chose to take Steve's test qualified for a Red Cross Certification. The rest missed by one or two questions, and plan to take the test again at a later date.

Finally, I want to congratulate all the 2003 sailing students,

Anna Marie Keidel, Jackson Keidel, Ryan Burley, Connor Burley, Omar Ahmed, Ben Morris, Lindsey McGee, Lacey Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Marty Walker, Kim Hodges, Cathy Bucher, Robert Bucher, Tony Keane, Andy Keenum, Judy Layton, Gary Bugbee, and William Walker.

and, acknowledge the volunteers who took time to feel the rewarding satisfaction of teaching people to sail:

Steve Blazier, Gar Bouse, Tom Cromer, Horace Holland, John Keidel, Byron Jamerson, David May, Yves Morissette, Dave Seborg, Sally Seborg, and Bob Stagg.

Ben Morris and his family have since purchased Ron Brown's SJ21, and have applied for membership. In addition, three others who took part in camp have talked to me about membership, and are SERIOUSLY in search of the right boat.

Tom Brown, Sail Master



Here we see Tom Brown using Yves Morissette's boat to demonstrate pitch poling to Sail Campers.

NOTICE OF RACE

The Vice Commodore's Regatta

**Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
August 30th and 31st 2003
Wilson Lake, Alabama**

1. RULES- The regatta will be governed by the 2001-2004 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the appropriate class rules (except as they are modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The regatta is classified as a Category "A" event in accordance with Rule 18, Advertising and Event Categories, and Appendix A3.

1.3 Rule 64.3, Use of Outriggers, shall not apply to the permanently installed bowsprit in the "sports boats" competing, so long as only the spinnaker and no other sail is tacked to the pole.

2. ELIGIBILITY - The regatta is open to all dinghies, multi-hulls, keelboats and offshore sailboats. Racing Rules 21 & 22 are waived for this regatta. Boat owners and/or helmsmen do not have to be a member of a yacht or sailing club to be eligible, however an entry fee discount is available for members of yacht or sailing clubs that are recognized US Sailing member clubs.

3. FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

3.1 Four Handicap Fleets: Cruiser Spinnaker, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker, Dinghy, Multi-hull may be rated as "Fleets". There must be at least three boats of the specified group registered to constitute a "fleet". Otherwise, fleets and boats may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee. US Sailing Portsmouth Numbers with Wind Dependent Handicap factors will be used for scoring.

3.2 One-design Classes: Five or more boats of the same one-design class ranking as starters constitute a one-design class and will be scored separately.

4. ENTRIES AND FEES - Entries may be submitted on the official Registration Form. Completed and signed Registration Forms, with the registration fee, shall be mailed to: Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, c/o Dave Seborg, 609 Bain Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803, e-mail; "dave.seborg@msfc.nasa.gov".

Early pre-registration by mail, telephone or e-mail before August 15th would be very much appreciated. Registration fee: \$15.00. Indicate the number of meals required but do not pay for them.

Entrants with US Sailing Membership or making advance registration are entitled to a \$2 discount. Make checks payable to: Muscle Shoals Sailing Club

5. REGISTRATION - Each skipper or his representative, not pre-registered by phone, mail or e-mail, must report to Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, between 1000 and 1130 Saturday, August 30, to complete registration details.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be available during Registration on August 30th. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at MSSC. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board (to the right of the entrance to the Men's Room) for any amendments or other notices.

7. RACING -The regatta will consist of as many as five races. One race may constitute the series.

8. COURSES - Courses will be sailed on Wilson Lake in the vicinity of MSSC. Courses will be Olympic or windward-leeward or variations thereof and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 30th 2003

1000- 1130 Final Registration

1130-1200 Lunch (BYO)

1200 Skipper's Meeting

1255 Preparatory Signal for first race; others to follow.

1800 Hors d'ouvers and dinner in clubhouse

Sunday, August 31st

0800 Complimentary coffee and pastry

0925 Preparatory Signal for next race; subsequent race(s) to

follow if necessary. No race will be started after 1200 on Sunday.

Awards presentation as soon as possible after last race.

10. SCORING -- The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A.2.2 will apply. Each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, and there will be no throw outs. Unresolved ties will be determined in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

11. PRIZES -- Trophies will be awarded in each fleet or class as follows (based upon pre-registration): 2-3 boats, 1 trophy; 4-5 boats, 2 trophies; 6-10 boats, 3 trophies; 11+ boats, at least 4 trophies

12. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES - The 720 Degree Turns penalty, RRS, 44.2 will apply for all fleets.

13. LAUNCHING, HAULING, AND BERTHING

13.1 Launching and hauling may be done on the club ramp. No hoist is available. Deep draft boats (over 5 feet) should consider launching at the state ramp near Killen, AL (about 5 miles west of MSSC) or Joe Wheeler State Park launch area near the park entrance off of Highway 72, Rogersville (about 7 miles by water east of MSSC on Lake Wheeler).. Allow time to transit the lock.

13.2 Cruisers may be berthed alongside the MSSC docks on a space available basis (but not blocking the launching and dinghy dock) or may be moored to the MSSC mooring buoys in front of the club.

14. LODGING - Camping area and showers available at the club.

Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville: Lodge, 800-544JOEW

Tourway Inn, Florence, AL

Holiday Inn, Sheffield, AL 256-381-4710

Economy Inn, Hwy. 72, Rogersville

Lakeside Motel, Killen, AL256-247-5416

15. MEALS - Lauderdale County is dry; BYOB. Saturday dinner (no more than \$8), and Sunday continental breakfast will be available at modest cost from MSSC. No lunches will be provided.

16. DIRECTIONS -- By car, take Hwy. 72 to Center Star, AL. Near mile marker 48 at Center Star, turn south on to County 33 (a pale green metal building and flea market is on the southwest corner of the intersection). Follow 33 as it makes a sharp left curve. Turn right on the first paved road after the curve. Follow county road 33 and 411 to its end to at MSSC. By water, the club is located on the north shore of Wilson Lake near mile 271.4. It is known on the TVA chart as "Old Lock Four".

17. CONTACT AND INFORMATION

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Note about the Saturday Dinner at the Vice Commodore's Regatta, August 30..

Frank McCollum, our Chief Party Officer, offers a warm welcome to this year's new members and invites everyone to the dinner on August 30. Frank promises there will be no illegal initiation ceremonies this year since he expects his parole officer may be present this time.

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