



The Lifted Tack

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Annual General Meeting

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Had the Commodore not gone on vacation, he would be writing this announcement for the Annual General Meeting. In his absence, yours truly will try to write for him. Our club's Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for November 13th since early in the year. Five of the ten members of the Board of Governors have completed their two-year terms of office and will need to be replaced. A Nominating Committee has been at work, and they will present nominees for each of the five vacancies. There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Our Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting frequently throughout the year, and they will present several concepts or scenarios for upgrading our physical plant. We will not be calling for a vote for approval of any one of these approaches, but will be bringing them up for discussion in order that all those attending can ask questions and make comments or suggestions (informally, before the meeting; and "for-the-record" during the meeting itself).

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Lifted Tack*, you will find a presentation of a proposed amendment to the by-laws dealing with rules and fees for land storage of boats and trailers.

The schedule for Saturday, November 13th is:

Noon – Club Races.

5:00 – Happy Hour and informal viewing of various ideas for upgrading.

6:00 – Pot Luck Dinner followed by AGM.

Bob Parrish, 10/29/04

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**Unsolicited Comments on the 2004 Vice Commodore's Regatta
from the Committee Boat.**

The connections between the “weather gods” and MSSC were reasonable; the rain stopped just in time for the skippers’ meeting, there was a gentle NE to set the course, the wind on Sunday, 90° shifting to 120° was great at 6-9 mph. However, perhaps in anticipation of heavy rains in North Carolina, TVA must have had all the generators going so that we encountered possibly the strongest current ever. This led to great frustration on the windward- and up-current – legs. Everyone is to be complimented on his or her patience and tenacity.

The participation was not as good as it could have been, 11 cruisers and 3 dinghies. A bit better than last year but one would think this series would be a golden opportunity for our sailors to hone up on their skills in preparation for the upcoming TVCC regatta at Brown’s Creek Sailing Club. It was pleasing to see two new members, Ottis Airhart and Andy Keenum out gaining experience in starting and completing a course. It was also gratifying to note that Bill Parkhurst has retained the good helmsmanship he developed on a Snipe over to his co-owned S2 6.9, “Chaos”. We had two visiting boats, Jan Bijvoet and Mitch Delk.

It was understood that many of the trophies arranged by the Vice Commodores were hand made. They were very classy and distinctive. Thanks a bunch to the artist.

The results are posted elsewhere in the communication system of MSSC, like the website and The Lifted Tack.

Some comments from the over-critical eye of the PRO;

- Is it possible that too few of our skippers are soliciting either new members or graduates of the Sailing Camp to get crew? Two person boats are being single-handed and under those circumstances, can never sail to their ratings.
- On the whole, discounting the enormous effect of current for the two races on Saturday, many of our skippers are not close enough to the start when the sequence begins and end up being late. I know it seems scary, but a sailboat **does not** go sideways very easily so proximity laterally to another boat is not a problem.
- MSSC conducts effective classes in basic sailing and the management of races. I think we should offer clinics on sail shape adjustment and position of clews in accordance with changing wind conditions. Sail shape, leech tension and draft were not at their optimums on many of the boats on both days.
- Could many of our helmspersons please consider getting theirs, and the crew’s

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Schedule

*October 30th
Club Races*

*November 6-7
Horace Bramm
Memorial Cup
Wheeler YC*

*November 13
Club Races
MSSC Annual
General Meeting*

weight as far forward as possible because too many of our boats are “dragging tail” which increases friction/drag considerably?

- Congratulations to Gar Bouse and Wilson Jenkins in racking up so many bullets.
- When the current is so strong on our lake, the crews are encouraged to recall their high school trigonometry; one has to vector in a 1.4 knot current and a 2 knot forward motion so almost 40° correction is required for a leg that goes essentially cross current.
- We apologize for not shortening the finish line in every race. We too, had to consider the extra work dictated by the current!

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TENNESSEE VALLEY CHALLENGE CUP

TVCC 2004 – Report

Well, another Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup has come and gone. This year the event was put on by the Brown’s Creek Sailing Association, in Guntersville. BCSA did a great job of hosting the regatta through somewhat challenging weather. Both days were beautiful, warm and sunny. However, as we all know, nice sunny weather isn’t always the greatest for inland lake sailing. The weekend brought light and variable winds (I recall every race having at least one 180 degree wind shift). MSSC was well represented with six boats competing in the three classes. Horace Holland (Ultimate 20) and Russ Kerl/Joel Verplank (Ensign) sailed Spinnaker. Tom Brown (Morgan 22) sailed non-spinnaker. Tommy Glenn (Thistle), Willson Jenkins (Flying Scot) and Gar Bouse (Laser) represented MSSC in the Dingy Class.

At the end of the weekend, MSSC took home hardware in both the spinnaker class (Horace Holland 3rd Place), and the Dingy Class (Tommy Glenn, 3rd Place). The weekend races resulted in a three-way tie for 2nd place in the non-spinnaker class. However, after two tie breakers, MSSC ended up out of the top three. In the overall club standings, Privateer Yacht Club dominated the competition and came out in first place. Brown’s Creek edged out MSSC, placing second, and MSSC ended up third.

Next year Wheeler Yacht Club will host the TVCC. The event will likely take place in late September, or early October. So please mark your calendars. With the event being held so close we should try to have at least 8-10 boats from MSSC. Joe Wheeler state park is a great venue and should be a super location for the TVCC. So let’s look forward to next year, hope for lots of wind, and try to pry the cup away from the PYC trophy case (*I think they are starting to get too fond of it*).

Tom Brown
MSSC Sailmaster
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Little Americas Cup 2004

The 42nd annual Little America's Cup was held at MSSC on October 16th and 17th. 11 boats competed for the historic cup that was first awarded in 1962. The trophy bears the name of every winner since 1962, and not surprisingly the founder of the regatta, Nolan Richards, has his name on the trophy the most times - at least 12, maybe 13. We counted twice and got two different numbers!

Cool temperatures in the low 60s and a fairly steady 10 -12 mph breeze out of the west greeted the sailors on Saturday. The PRO (yours truly) set a fairly long windward-leeward course for the three races. The plan was to sail a triangle windward-leeward but the PRO didn't realize that the water near the channel is 45 feet deep, so the anchor line on the third mark had to be sacrificed to keep the windward mark from floating away. Hopefully he won't make that mistake again! Fortunately good wind covers a multitude of sins. Willson Jenkins in a Flying Scot and Doug Fox from Wheeler Yacht Club in a Capri 22 were tied for the lead after the first day, with a little help from Nolan Richards in a Day Sailor who decided to go for an untimely swim prior to the first race. Nolan and crew Mark Shulman had to make an unscheduled pit stop after the first race for dry clothes, and the subsequent DNF in the second race proved to be too much to overcome.

Sunday morning it was still cool with a 5 mph breeze from the northeast. Armed with plenty of anchor line, the PRO set a triangular course and sent the sailors on their way. A 45 degree wind shift mid-race forced a course change between races, and the fifth race was another windward-leeward. Nolan's bullet in the third race Saturday and two bullets on Sunday made him wish he had kept the boat upright on Saturday. Doug Fox sailed very consistently and had two seconds to pull out the victory and win the Little America's Cup, with Willson Jenkins a very close second. The corrected times for the races on Sunday were very close, with often less than a minute separating two or three boats. Trophies were also awarded for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and dinghy classes.

As usual one of the highlights of the regatta was the great meal Saturday night, huge breakfast on Sunday morning, and munchies in between. Many thanks go to Jane Glenn, Barbara Glenn, Helen Richards, Betty Holland, Peggy Stout, and Sharman Gillingham who worked very hard to make sure the sailors didn't go hungry. They did a great job!

Here's a reminder about club races on October 30th and November 13th (in conjunction with the annual meeting) and the Horace Bramm Memorial Cup on November 6-7 at Wheeler Yacht Club. Hope to see you soon!

Tommy Glenn
PRO

Little America's Cup
Results
Class Results

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
Spinnaker						
Olson 25 - Bouse	1	1	1	2	2	7
Capri 30 - Wunsch	3	3	2	3	1	12
Ultimate 20 - Holland	2	2	DNS	1	3	13
X 99 - Bijvoet	4	4	3	4	4	19

Non-Spinnaker

Capri 22 - Fox	1	1	1	1	1	5
S2 27 - Gillingham	2	2	2	2	2	10
SJ 24 - Glenn	DNS	3	3	DNS	DNS	17

Dinghy

Flying Scot - Jenkins	1	1	2	2	2	8
Day Sailor - Richards	2	DNF	1	1	1	9
Day Sailor - Seborg	3	2	3	3	3	14
Day Sailor - Bucher	DNS	3	4	4	4	20

Overall Results

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
Capri 22 - Fox	2	1	3	2	2	10
Flying Scot - Jenkins	1	3	2	3	3	12
Day Sailor - Richards	4	DNF	1	1	1	18
Olson 25 - Bouse	3	2	4	5	6	20
Day Sailor - Seborg	8	4	5	7	4	28
Capri 30 - Wunsch	7	6	6	6	5	30
Ultimate 20 - Holland	5	5	DNS	4	7	33
S2 27 - Gillingham	6	8	8	8	9	39
X 99 - Bijvoet	9	7	7	9	8	40
Day Sailor - Bucher	DNS	9	9	10	10	50
SJ 24 - Glenn	DNS	10	10	DNS	DNS	56

Our Clubhouse

Steve Blazier put a little note in the kitchen reminding us that our mothers are not here to clean up the kitchen. Well, we have been doing fairly well in that department, but not so good in others.

When we came to the club on a recent Monday we found:

1. Two windows open.
2. The flag still flying on the flagpole.
3. Ceiling fans on in the clubhouse and one on "fast" on the porch.
4. One garbage can overflowing and one half-full.
5. Leftover food in the refrigerator. If it is not used, take food home with you. Do not leave it "for someone else" to use. It will just get thrown out later. Pickles, salad dressing, margarine, etc, might be used later, but please get a label out of the cabinet and date it. None of us want to eat old food.

LET'S REMEMBER to CHECK EVERYTHING before we leave the Clubhouse - lights, fans, hot water heater, windows, lock doors, put away clean dishes, - and for the rest of the story, EMPTY THE GARBAGE. On Thursday before the Little America's Cup, we came in the clubhouse and almost had to leave because of the awful odor - I was afraid we had a dead mouse. No, just the garbage can. We are our own Merry Maids, our own cleaning service and we pay the utility bills when we leave lights, fans, etc. on. It is better to turn things off if we are not sure than to leave it for some one else to do. We have a great place to come and enjoy fun and fellowship. We must take care of it.

Jane Glenn

MSSC Website

Activity on our website has picked up just a little this year. We are getting about 330 hits per month. I hope this means the site is meeting our needs and expectations. However, suggestions, improvements, complaints, etc. are always welcome so send them on.

I have added a folder, accessible through the "Club Forms and Documents" link on the navigation bar, which is a repository for club related files. Some of the files available there include the club by-laws, marina rules, sample regatta notices and sailing instructions. If you have newer versions or files that you would like to share with the club, please, forward them to me.

Also, I urge everyone to go to the Members Only area and check your email address. If you don't have the password, email me (S2Serenity@aol.com) and I will send it to you. I try to keep the email address book up to date but it is a constant challenge as members switch internet service providers. Only you can tell me whether or not your address is correct, so, please take a moment and verify that your information is correct.

Charlie Anding
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Proposed Amendments to the By Laws:

To amend Section B (3) regarding certain usage and storage fees and to allow the board to adopt certain rules and regulations regarding the identity of boat trailers and the removal of boat trailers:

The board of governors recommends that the fees should be charged on annual basis for storage:

Laser Rack: \$100.

Trailer with boat in the harbor and paying slip rental: \$50 This is in addition to the slip rental fee of \$24 per foot.

Boat stored on land with trailer: \$125.

Also to add a new section as B(4):

All trailers stored on land without a boat must belong to a member and the boat must be in the water and paying a slip rental fee to the club in order for the members to store a trailer on land. All trailers stored on land with or without a boat attached must have proper identification information attached to the trailer and easily visible. Trailers without proper identification or that do not belong to a member or that do not have a boat paying slip rental will be removed and disposed of after reasonable notice. The Board of Governors is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to enforce these provisions.

Moved by Willson Jenkins on behalf of the Board.

Reason for the proposed changes. Take a quick look at our storage area and you can see we are running out of space to store dinghys or a place to dry sail your boat. We have far too many ugly trailers that do not belong with a boat in the water. Some of the trailers appear abandoned. Mowing is difficult since the trailers never move. We do not know to whom many of these trailers belong. The board believes that we need to adopt reasonable rules regarding the storage of trailers. This includes the fact that we don't believe the membership wants their property to become a used or abandoned trailer yard. A trailer stored on land needs to belong to member and the trailer needs to be "attached" to a boat paying slip rental. We need a way to get rid of or dispose of offending trailers after reasonable notice.

New Members

We have added three new member families to our rolls this year. The club would like to extend a warm welcome to each of them.

Larry and Nancy Gautney of Florence. They co-own a boat, an S-2, with Bill Parkhurst.

Randy and Nancy Stout of Florence. Randy is a former member of Privateer in Chattanooga. Randy and Peggy moved here this summer when Randy took a job as an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration. Peggy is also a legal assistant. Finally, some more people who think like I do and will defend the profession.

Jamie Lynch of Florence. Jamie is a school teacher at Rogers High School in Greenhill, Al. She teaches art. She has two young children.

Willson Jenkins
10/28/04

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Notes and Asides from the Editor/Publisher:

First, I would like to echo and reemphasize Charlie Anding's plea for help from each member in keeping our records of addresses up-to-date. The Secretary is the primary custodian of this information, but lists must be maintained and used by the Treasurer, Webmaster, and Lifted Tack Publisher.

Second, an update on the Honor Roll of members who have volunteered to receive The Lifted Tack electronically thus saving trees, storage space, postage cost, and labor:

Gar Bouse Charlie Anding Horace Holland Tom Brown
Bob Parrish

Any member who would like to join this group can email: rmparrish3@yahoo.com

Remember, we are not talking about sending the newsletter directly to you by email, but sending you an email notice that the latest issue has been posted on the club's website where you can view it immediately and always know exactly where to find it throughout the year.

Third, an apology for the choppy appearance and any undetected errors in this issue It is being rushed to make a post of-fice deadline.

Last but not Least, attention is directed to two reminders of the Horace Bramm Memorial Regatta at Wheeler (pages 2 &4) on November 6th and 7th. It is important that as many of our members as possible support this and other events put on by our neighboring club.