# Lake Townsend Yacht Club TEIL TEALES

April 2017



Interclub Regatta! CSC Commodore Ray Merrill gives LTYC Commodore Nancy Collins the Dreaded Rubber Chicken

Photo by Scott Bogue

\* Get Your Sailing Hat On! Lotsa Fun Events Coming Up! \* Fowl Regatta this weekend!





Fowl Regatta	April 22nd	LTYC	
Fleet Prep Day	April 23rd	LTYC	
Instructor Orientation	May 6th	LTYC	
Capsize Recovery	May 7th	LTYC	
•   Let's Go Sailing	May 20th	LTYC	
40th Mayor's Cup	June 2nd, 3rd, 4th	LTYC	
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## 2017 LTYC Calendar



## Anniversary

Blue=Racing Peach=Social Sailing Classes: Green=Adult; Pink=Junior

May						
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6-Instructor Orientation 7-Capsize/Recovery Drill 20-Let's Go Sailing 21-Community Fun Day (OHSC) Gray=Meeting/Seminar/Other Board Meeting 1st Thurs each month Yellow=Holiday

June						
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2-4 Mayor's Cup						
16-18 Governor's Cup (Kerr)						
24-WOW						

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15-Blue Chips (OHSC)

#### Piedmont Interclub at Lake Jordan, April 1, 2017



If you didn't have the chance to come out, the weather was gorgeous. It is always incredible to be out under the blue sky with white puffy clouds and a great breeze.

Many friends came out. We had 13 LTYC boats out and 17 CSC boats. Jim Heffernan was the best overall finisher for LTYC and second overall.

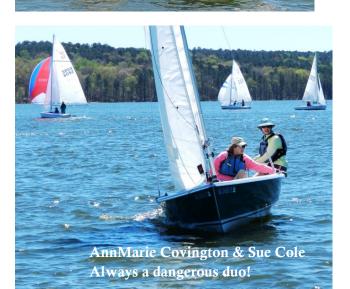
We made a valiant effort, we even brought along fluky small lake air. But we brought home the second place finishing trophy, the rubber chicken.

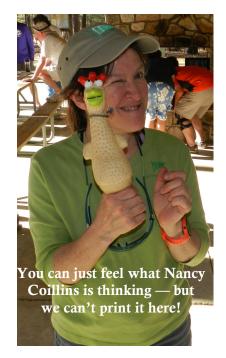
~ there is always next year at Lake Townsend.



#### Nancy Collins—Commodore

(Who is not happy to have the chicken back at LTYC!)





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## **Third Annual Fowl Regatta 2017**

You'll have multiple ways to win! Win the race, bring along new crew, get the winning poker hand. You too can stack the deck and win!

### **APRIL 22, 2017 LAKE TOWNSEND MARINA**

the Blue Footed Booby-Bird. Order shirts here: https://www.customink.com/g/vzw0-00az-fsba

\$10 to enter includes a Crawfish Boil.

**Register** by going to www.laketownsendyachtclub.com, then click on Scratch Sheet: Participation Signup, then click on the April 22 tab at the bottom of the page.



## Volunteers are needed for Let's Go Sailing on May 20th. Here's where you can help:

<u>Sailboats and skippers</u>—Take people on boat rides. (Please wear your nametag that Eric Rasmussen made.)

<u>Setup help</u>—Set up booths for demonstrations on STEM. Help with canopies, tables & chairs.

<u>Info booth and waiver</u>—Have everyone sign a waiver, give them a sticker showing the skippers that they've signed it and direct people where to go. Give out Learn to Sail brochures.

<u>Shore support</u>—Help direct people to boats for rides. Briefly describe boats and how they feel (tippy sometimes).

<u>Scat boat driver</u>—Safety boat must be out on the water with the sailboats. Two people are needed.

**STEM Demos**—Need volunteers to demonstrate how STEM relates to sailing.

Contact Trish McDermott, 88hawkgt650@gmail.com



**Friday, June 2nd** 19:00-22:00 Registration & Social Tune-up sailing, evening sailing. Boats may be rigged and left overnight.

Saturday, June 3rd	09:00—10:15	Check-in and Registration
		Continental Breakfast
	10:30	Competitors Meeting
	11:30	1st Warning signal—Additional
		Races to Follow

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Saturday (continued)	16:00	Social; Dinner to Follow
Sunday, June 4th	08:30—9:30 10:30	Continental Breakfast 1st Warning Signal—Additional Races to Follow Social and Awards after Racing

## Opening the Spring/Summer Series, April 8 and April 9

What an interesting and really fun weekend it was! Racing on Saturday with Tom Bews in his Flying Scot was a totally different experience from racing the Wayfarer. It's always a learning experience, which I love, but sailing in Tom's boat was a real eye-opener for me.

When I joined the club I never thought racing would be in my scope. Fortunately, having mentors who have lots of racing experience to crew for has been a great learning experience. There are still times at the start that I get very nervous and worry about crashing, but experience is a great teacher. As Nike says, "Just do it!" Learning how to be good crew is pivotal to learning race management and strategy. It's taking the leap and having a skipper you have total faith in that makes a difference. Thanks to mentors Ali Kishbaugh, Eric Rasmussen, Jim Heffernan, Phil Andrews, Uwe Heine, and Tom Bews for their patience and help.

Tom and I raced on Saturday and I learned so much. Sunday the wind was almost nonexistent at race time, but three boats went out: Uwe Heine and Mark Wise in Uwe's Wayfarer, Otto Afanador in his Buccaneer, and Robert Bouknight and Nancy Torkewitz in a Highlander. They helped each other with racing strategy and later in the day caught some great wind (wish I was there). Race committee was present, thanks to Phil Leonard on Signal and Kim Wise and JC Aller on the mark boat. Mark Wilson brought out his older Flying Scot that's for sale and I wanted my husband Scott to get some time in a Scot, but early in the day we didn't have enough wind to make it worth putting the boat in the water. Sorry, Mark!

After all the boats were put away, JC Aller treated us all to pizzas in the shelter and, of course, Uwe and Nancy provided the adult beverages. It was lotsa fun with great and funny stories. At about 4:30, Robert Bouknight looked out at the lake and there was good wind so he offered Scott and me a ride in his Highlander. It's like a Flying Scot on steroids. It was a wonderful ride, with enough wind to power us through a few tacks and get us up on the rail a time or two. Heading back, Robert had me fly the spinnaker, something I am just learning how to do.

The more boats we try and enjoy with experienced skippers, the more I want to sail. I am so grateful to this club for giving me/us these opportunities.

LTYC is indeed a great club! Come out and get out of your comfort zone. It's not that hard.

Trish McDermott

#### Powerboat Day 2017 By Scott Bogue

Saturday, April 15, was a perfect sailing day. So what were these sailors doing in a powerboat?

Kim and Mark Wise, Donn Linton, Luke Bolger, and Otto Afanador put aside the sheets and tiller for a day to get a bit of experience on the SCAT boats. These essential workhorses need a crew of two to set marks, ferry personnel, and provide support in the event of an emergency, a capsize, or a total loss of wind. No LTYC event can do without them (and, truth be told, it's kind of fun to learn to drive a powerboat with the same grace and finesse that sailors demonstrate out on the water).

After the class was over, a bystander on the fishing dock shouted to Donn Linton and Scott Bogue that a sailboat had capsized. It was a rented Capri 14.2, upside-down, with the sailor clinging to the centerboard. Donn and Scott had the opportunity to put their powerboat skills to use to right the Capri and get the sailor on his way. (Photos by Otto Afanador & KimWise)



Scott starts by asking, "How is driving a powerboat different from driving a car?"



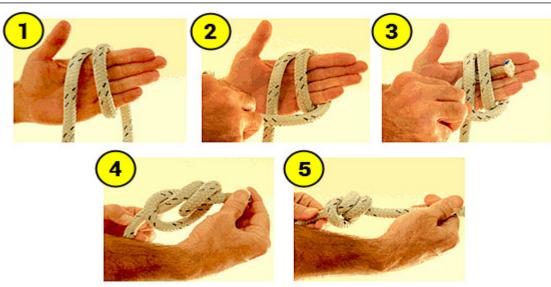
Otto Afanador (L) and Mark Wise relax on the foredeck before their turn at the helm.



Mark Wise practices approaching the dock.



Luke Bolger practices backing while Kim Wise snaps a photo.



#### How to Tie a Sailing Stopper Knot in Five Seconds!

If you are anything like me, you want a solid, secure sailing knot in the end of your headsail sheets to keep them from running back through your sailboat blocks.

The figure eight has been used as an end stopper on a headsail sheet for many years. Stoppers are used on the bitter end to prevent the headsail sheet from running back out through the sheet lead blocks. But there's just one problem...

It has a nasty reputation of spilling--or untying--just when you need it to stay secure. As an alternative, tie the overhand stopper knot into the end of your sheets. It's fast, more secure, and won't spill as easy.

Follow the illustrations and text below.

#### 1. Make a Round Turn

Hold your non-dominant hand with the palm vertical and thumb up (illustration 1). Make a round turn with the bitter end on the side closest to your fingertips.

#### 2. Pass the End Over the Turns

Grab the bitter end and pass it over the turns (illustration 2). Make sure you have at least 6" of bitter end for this second step.

#### 3. Tuck the End Beneath the Turns

Push the bitter end under the turns in your palm (illustration 3).

#### 4. Grab the Bitter End and Pull

Grasp the bitter end with your dominant hand (illustration 4). Pull outward on each end of the line to cinch it down.

#### 5. Compact the Stopper Knot

Tighten the stopper so that it compacts into a tight ball (illustration 5). This makes it safe and secure and keeps it from spilling (untying itself).

Replace the weak figure eight on your small cruising boat with this powerhouse sailing knot. It will give you more security and peace-of-mind, no matter how hard the sailing wind blows!

Warm Regards,

#### Captain John, www.skippertips.com



## Congratulations to Stephanie and Alan! Monday, April 10, 2017

Stephanie emailed:

Sailors always have a back-up to their back-up to their back-up. That's what this was! Clint said, "In my 18 years as Lake Townsend Marina Manager, I thought I'd seen it all. Not until today...a pop-up wedding."





#### **LTYC Is Going Green!**

Our goal is no more plastic water bottles or Styrofoam cups in the landfill.

We encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle and coffee cup to events at the lake.



Next Newsletter deadline: May 12th

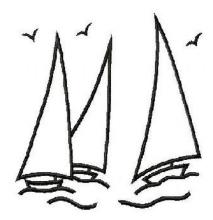


## **Please Like LTYC on facebook**

- Check in at LTYC on facebook
  - Tag us
- Write an endorsement for LTYC
- Like LTYC on the "Like" page
  - Post a review of LTYC on FB
- If you need help to post pictures or a video on our page, please contact JC Aller at aller.jc@gmail.com

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The best way to get a crew spot is to sign up on the racing scratch sheet under "Available to Crew." Go to www.laketownsendyachtclub.com, click on Scratch Sheet: Participation Signup. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the tab for your chosen race day (you may have to use the left and right arrows). You can also come out to the lake on race day; many times skippers will be looking for crew.

Want to be added to this list? Email membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com

#### Lake Townsend Yacht Club Board

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\* You don't have to be a board member to help out. Everything this club does is done by volunteers. Please contact the individual board member to see how you can contribute. Thanks for making LTYC the best!

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:45. Greensboro Christian Church, 3232 Yanceyville St., Greensboro, NC. Share your thoughts and ideas! Then join us for dinner at a restaurant after the meeting.



## **Classified Ads**

#### **Buy – Sell – Want to Buy**

Boats-Equipment-Accessories — Ads run for 3 months if not renewed. newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com

#### **Tanzer for Sale**

For sale: Tanzer 16. This is a good boat with a good racing record. Sails are in decent shape. Two spinnakers. New Sailor's Tailor cover. Solid trailer. Selling because I need more room for family and guests to cruise the lake. A good buy at \$2,000. Call JC Aller at (336)580-0528 or email at aller.jc@gmail.com.

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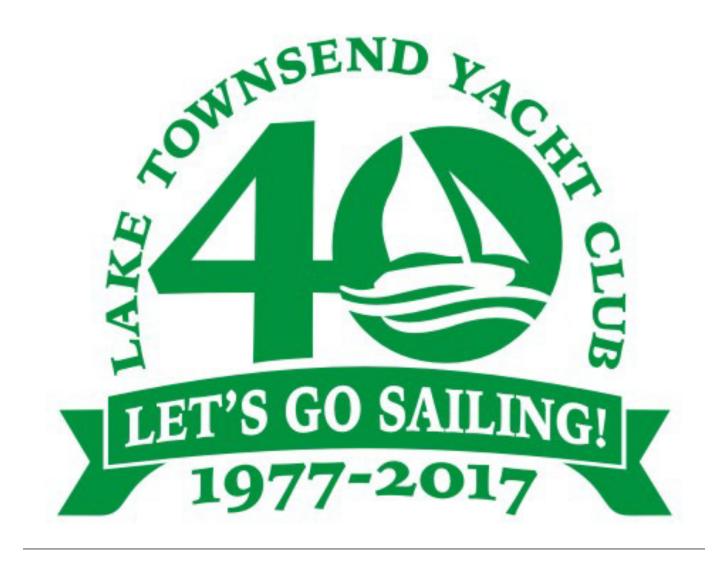
#### **Rear Commodore / Education**

Your skills are needed to lead our club efforts in Education. Most of the planning and supplies needed for this job have been done. We just need a leader to make it all work! Please help your club continue to be one of the very few clubs offering sailing classes in the area.



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#### These 40th anniversary stickers are available to put on your car, boat or anywhere! (Actual size 4" x 4")



#### **Help Your Club With Our 40th Anniversary Party Plans!**

Right now plans are underway to have a big celebration included in our Annual Meeting on Nov. 9th. It's not too soon to pencil this event into your busy schedule and come to any board meeting to see where you can help. Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. We look forward to seeing you! Thanks!