

# Lake Townsend Yacht Club *Tell Tales*

DECEMBER 2023



## LTYC Wishes You



A VERY MERRY  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!

# A Note from the Commodore

Dear LTYC Members, Friends and Supporters,

As I see the many months of Covid finally recede into the past, I can feel the growing enjoyment of sailors and sailing supporters at LTYC events and activities both on and off the water. It's a good feeling.

As you know, it's been a very busy and productive year at LTYC. We can all be proud of the many individual volunteer contributions made by members and soon-to-be members that make our club successful.

And we can be proud of the accomplishments of the 2023 board members as they navigate a new relationship with the City Of Greensboro Parks and Recreation as well as the 66% increase in annual membership dues to appease the same.

Our relationship with the Parks & Recreation is getting better, albeit we continue to be frustrated with the glacial progress on getting the docks improved.

Dinghy racing has been great with good participation numbers, albeit we did have a few drifters. Our policy of sailing the weather rather than the forecast has been a success this year with a number of races proceeding in reasonable racing weather despite the dire weather forecast.

Many of you volunteered for race committee duty and we thank you for that since RC is essential to successful and safe racing.

Use of the club fleet of boats has increased tremendously with members and new members frequently taking boats out for a sail during the week as well during race days. And, along with use comes repair of the boats using club volunteer expertise.

Sailing education has been very successful under the watchful guidance of Ron Washburn, although we are straining the capacity of those who volunteer to take the lead in sailing lessons and we are straining the sustainability of the city's aging fleet of rental boats as illustrated by the many repairs needed to maintain a working fleet. If you can, please volunteer to lead a class or at least support a class. This is beginner sailing so you need not be an expert.

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The High School Sailing Team and the Wake Forest University members and practice sessions have been a success. These are dependent upon a few key individuals to maintain these efforts. As such, there is a need for more volunteers to help ensure continued success of these programs.

Our web services have grown to include new wufoo payment processing to support our special events and special programs including Sailing Education, HSST and WFU. We even have LTYC Merchandise that you can purchase through the website.

And, of course, the quality of the monthly Tell-Tale newsletter has been excellent. The Tell-Tale is another area where we need new volunteers to help out.

This fall, LTYC held the 10th HOT (Halloween on the Townsend) Regatta, achieving a milestone of over \$40,000 in donations to Earlier.Org, the breast cancer awareness non-profit, over the past 10 years.

**LTYC's mission is to provide access to and to promote the sport of dinghy sailing at reasonable cost and open to all and I think we are being successful in that mission this year.**

In 2024, we will need your help and contributions of time to support all of the club's programs and grow membership using our newly appointed Director of Marketing.

This year's Change of Watch dinner will be held at the Bryan Park Pavilion on the 21st of January. We'll be awarding trophies for the 2023 racing series, installing new slate of officers, and enjoying each other's company. Mark your calendar now.

And, if you can, please volunteer to take responsibility for organizing an after race social or two as we search for a 2024 Social Event Director.

*Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!*

*Let's Go Sailing!*

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# Change of Watch Banquet

Another year has passed and it's time to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and announce preliminary plans for the coming year.

Or...  
just get together for a good meal and a little fun.

This year's Change of Watch Banquet will be held at the Bryan Park Pavilion on the 21st of January.

We' will be

1. Welcoming new members,
2. Recognizing individual accomplishments from both the Frsotbite Series and the Summer Series of racing,
3. Installing the slate of officers for 2024, and
4. Partying!!!

[REGISTER HERE](#) and mark your calendar to be sure you don't miss out.

# It's That Time of Year

## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!**

### 2024 Memberships Renewals Are Open

#### The Benefits of Membership

##### Competitive Fun Sailing

On the second Saturday of each month we hold our regular LTYC race series. This is 'around the buoys' racing where courses are laid out and there is a Signal Boat (pontoon boat) which carries the Race Committee who administer the race. There are specific times set to attend an online competitors meeting prior to the race day and to have your boat at the starting area to race. Typically, there are three races run.

##### Social Fun Sailing

On the fourth Saturday of each month we have a Sail-abration! There is no set time or agenda. This weekend is for daysailing and cruising just for fun. Club members are there who may either invite you to go sailing on their boat or give you advice about sailing your boat or a rental. It's a good time to practice and improve your sailing or racing skills. Best way to learn is to be onboard with one of our experienced skippers.

##### Other Benefits

Seminars and training for beginning and intermediate sailors

Availability of club boats including one Lightning, two Flying Scots, two Wayfarers, and two Tanzer 16s. All are ready for use, mast-up and on trailers. For more information, see the [club sailboat usage policy, agreement, and reservations](#) in the Members' Cove.



New Membership

Membership Renewal

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# High School Sailing Report

As the wind whispers it's farewell, we reach the final tack of our 2023 Fall sailing season. It's a moment of reflection, a time to acknowledge the triumphs and stumbles, and lessons learned.

The team accomplished a lot this season with three North Point regattas and improvements to our boats. This will set us up for more racing and help us be more competitive. And remember the races, the way we worked together, and were a well-oiled machine of precision and trust.

We tasted both victory and defeat and learned from both.



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We look forward to the 2024 Spring season with more opportunities for races, new team members, and more fun to be had. We have a tentative schedule we are working on now, which is:

- Spring Season (5 practices / 6 regattas)
- Sat & Sun, Feb 24-25: North Points #6 (JIYC)
- Sat & Sun, March 16-17: North Points #7 (CYC-Wrightsville Beach)
- Saturday, March 16: First Practice (For all not attending NP#7)
- Saturday, March 23: No Practice [Beginning of Spring Break - GCS]
- Saturday, March 30: No Practice [Easter]
- Saturday, April 6: Practice
- Saturday, April 13: LTYC Regatta Series (Miss Piggy Regatta)
- Saturday, April 20: Azalea Bowl - CYC TBD
- Saturday, April 27: LTYC Regatta (Opening Day Regatta)
- Saturday, May 4: Practice [SAT]
- Saturday, May 11: LTYC Regatta Series (May Day Regatta)
- Saturday, May 18: Practice
- Saturday, May 25: No Practice [Memorial Day]
- Sat & Sun, June 1-2: LTYC Regatta (Mayor's Cup) [SAT]

So, as we roll the sails and secure the lines, let us raise our hot chocolate to another sailing season gone by. To the memories etched in water and to the lessons learned. And as we stay ashore, let the wind be a reminder that even when it dies down, the journey continues, and the next season awaits just around the corner.

# Richard Storer Trophy

Three LTYC sailors, led by AnnMarie Covington, finish in the top five while competing for the prestigious Richard Storer Trophy.

This is the first time a USA sailor has won this trophy which was inaugurated in 1978 to honor the top overall Wayfarer Class sailor in North America. AnnMarie was consistent by placing well in regattas with a high turnout of Wayfarers such as the Midwinters, Mayor's Cup, HOT and the Jim Cook Memorial Regatta at Catawba Yacht Club.

Second place was captured by Canadian David Pugh, a four time winner of this trophy. He was followed by Jim Heffernan who placed third in the standings and then one point behind was Uwe Heine in fourth.

For 2023, the results of twenty four regattas on both sides of the border were used to determine the best six events to be scored for each North American sailor.

Other LTYC Wayfarer skippers that cracked the top ten were, Richard Johnson sixth, Ali Kisbaugh seventh, and Andy Forman tenth.

Well done to all of these fine helms and the many crew members who made it all possible by traveling to distant venues while supporting our local events.



# 2022-2023 Winter Series

Saturday the 9th of December marked the second day of this year's Winter Series.

We got in 2 windward/leeward races in light winds of 4-5 knots, with 7 boats competing. Winds got much lighter by midafternoon so the last race was shortened to a single lap race and the day was cut short by the threat of thunderstorms.

As normal for this series, we sailed as a single handicapped fleet using the Portsmouth Handicap System.

First place for the day was taken in a Wayfarer by AnnMarie Covington with her crew Eric Hakala.

After the racing, we feasted on subs, tostitos with corn salsa, and cookies covered with marshmallow and chocolate.



Commodore Andy Foreman and PRO Phil Andrews conducted the skippers meeting before the day's racing.



## 9 December Race Scores

Skipper/crew	Race 1	Race 2
AnnMarie Covington	1	1
Eric Hakala		
Andy Forman	4	5
Laura Killian		
Grefe, Annette	3	3
Phil Andrews		
Lavoie, Marie-Lyne	4	2
Lynn Abram		
Rankin-Byrne, Shauna	6	6
Otto Afanador		
Russell, John	2	4
Tom Bews		
Sikorski, Ted	7	7
Sid Hale		

A full set of scores for the Winter Series (to date) can be found [HERE](#) on the LTYC web site.



A few of the skippers and crew that attended the skippers meeting.



Otto Afanador crewed for Shauna Rankin-Byrne aboard his Buccaneer.



The leaders of the day on a downwind leg of race 1.

Marie-Lyne Lavoie with crew Lynn Abrams sailing into port at the end of the day.







## Boat Skippers and the Burden of Responsibility

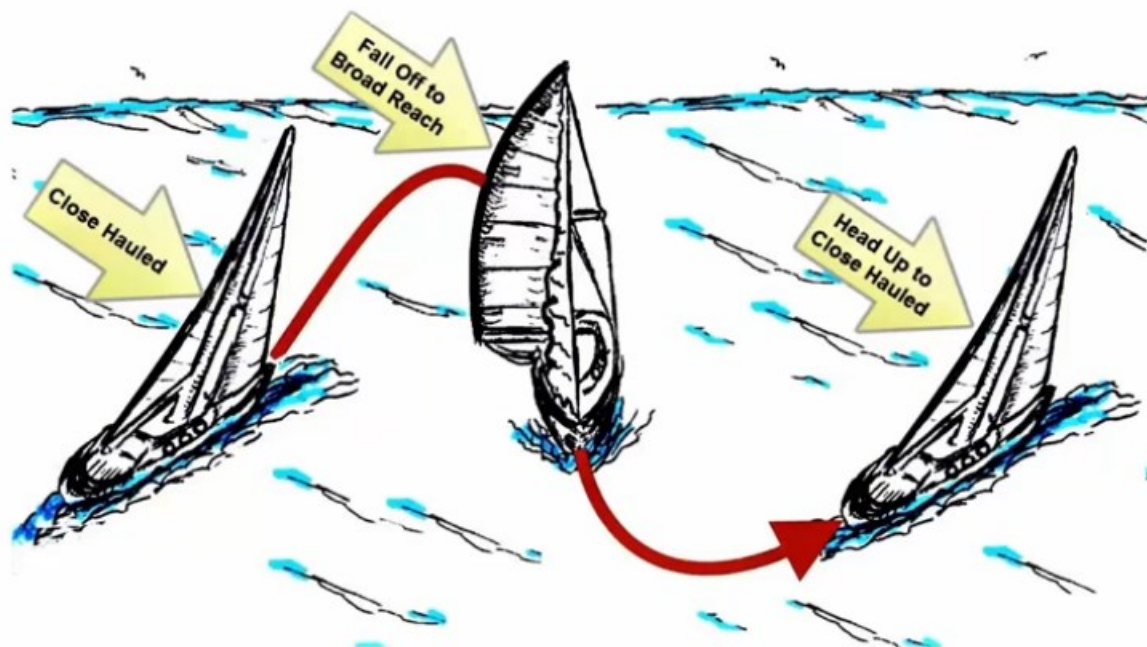
Captain John,

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Every time I read about another person lost over the side I have to think of the why. That's the major point. The "why" of it all. And then, of course, you might read that the harness failed, or the harness clip deformed, or the manufacturer blew it, or the boat was deficient, or a boat part came loose under load.

Now, I have a hard time imagining the blame game being aimed at objects or folks not even aboard. Seems to me that misses the "why" altogether. It's always our move, our blunder, our misstep, or our inattention to detail which leads to accidents. And here's why ds to accidents. And here's why...



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Maybe we tried to be a hero, or impress someone aboard, or impress ourselves with our salty prowess, or cut a corner, or do something we know was too high a risk, or not insist that the skipper slow the boat, change course. On and on.

You can lash yourself to a boat with a harness and string a spiderweb of netting around to make you feel more secure. But in the end, those are secondary products. What will you do first, before you or another member of your crew go forward to fix a fouled furling gear or change out the headsail?

Keep going fast through the water because you are involved in a race?

Let me get this straight...

This is not a life or death beach landing during wartime...

Nor is it a search and rescue mission to save people in peril...

It's a recreational race for a hunk of metal (trophy) and bragging rights.

If you, the skipper, are about to send the crew forward to the narrowest segment of the boat (the bow), and you are already carrying too much sail (often done when racing), what point of sail will better protect your crew on the foredeck?

Set the boom vang, ease the mainsheet, and fall off to a deep broad reach. This places the foredeck in a [mainsail wind shadow](#). It flattens the deck, reduces heeling, and keeps the deck dryer. The headsail will be easy to lower and swap out because of the lighter apparent wind coming across the deck.

Note in the illustration, the boat falls off from a close hauled course to a deep broad reach. Once the crew has returned to the cockpit, the skipper sails back onto the close hauled course. Simple and effective. And, a heck of a lot easier on the sailing crew, don't you think?

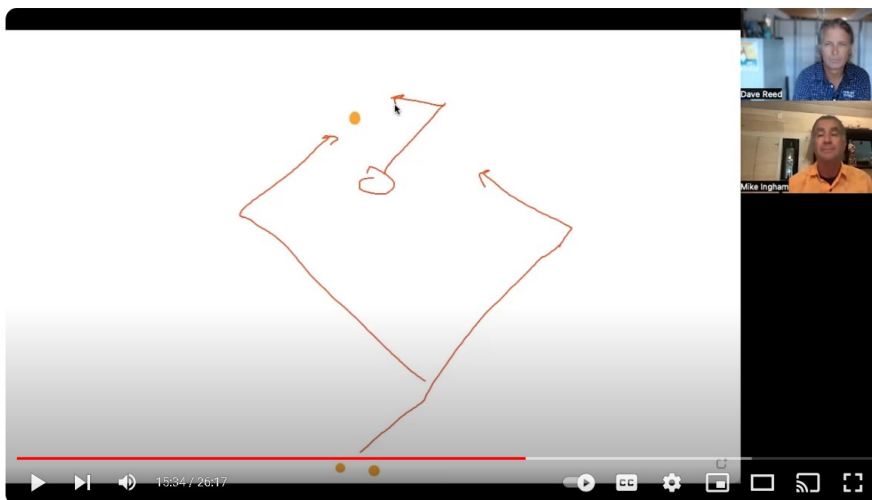
So, you lose a few minutes of racing time (if you're on a race). Big deal. Would you rather lose minutes or lives? It ain't wartime and it ain't a rescue mission. Keep this in mind each time you push your personal envelope when sailing or cruising with one other person or an entire complement of crew. Skippers take responsibility for the outcome; always.

# Racing Tactics (videos)

from: **Sailing World**  
Courtesy **YouTube**

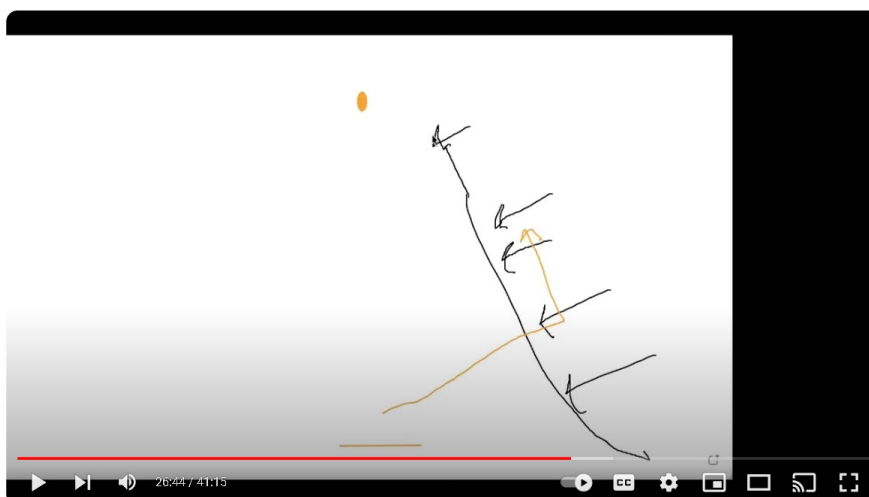
## Sailboat Racing Tips: [Light Wind Lake Sailing](#) (CTRL-Click to play in new window)

Sailing World Racing Editor Mike Ingham explores tips, strategies and techniques for racing in light winds on inland waters, with lessons that apply for ocean sailors as well.



## Sailboat Racing Tips: [Lake Sailing in Big Breeze](#) (CTRL-Click to play in new window)

Sailboat racing on inland waters can be tricky, especially when winds are strong, but champion sailor and coach Mike Ingham has some easy rules of thumb to be fast when the puffs hit.





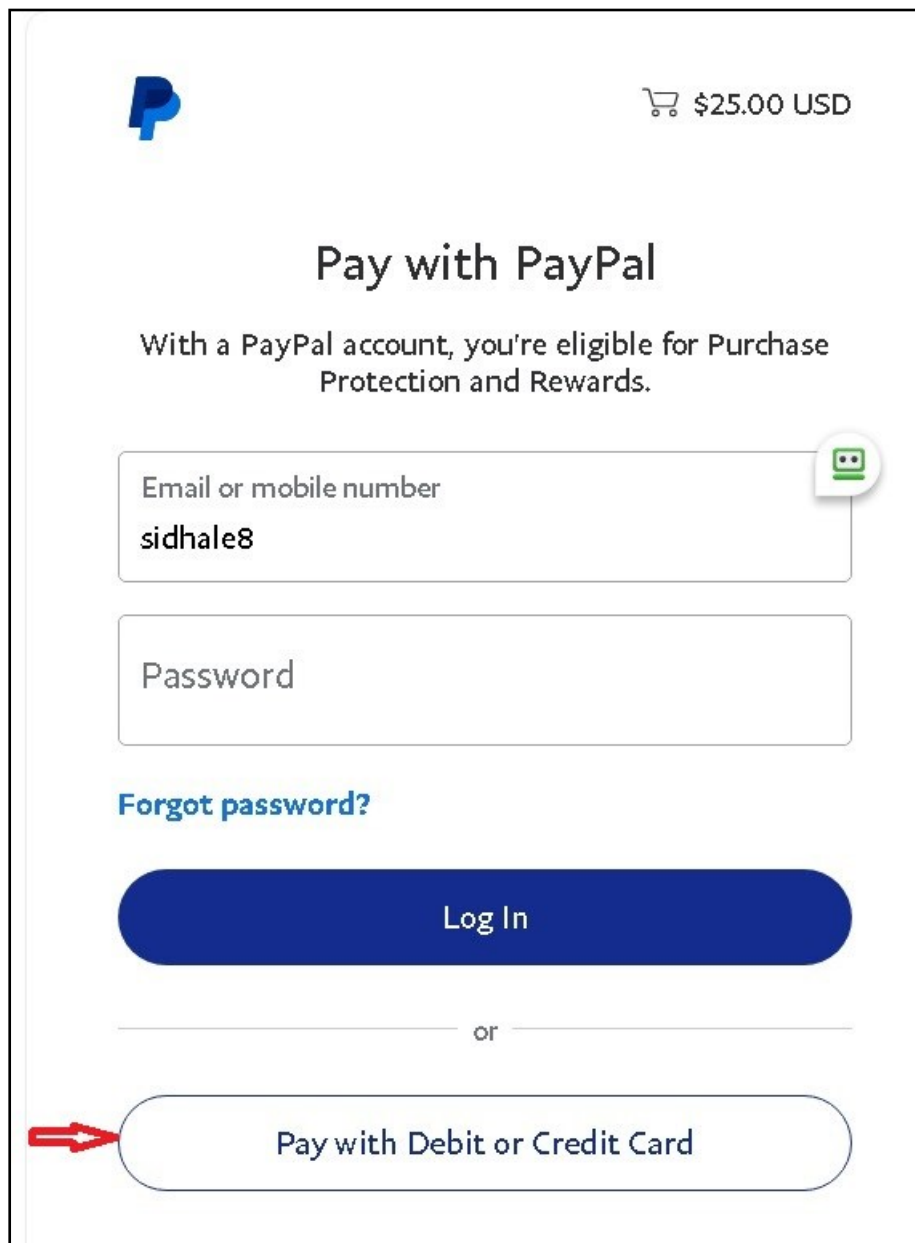
# LTYC Payments

A few members have indicated that they have had problems with using Paypal Payments on the LTYC website. Let's try to demystify the process a little.

First page you see at Paypal is simply to allow you to select either to pay from your Paypal account (assuming that you have one) or to **"Pay with Debit or Credit Card"**. I expect that most will select that option .

To do so...

Simply click on the button I have designated with the red arrow.



The screenshot shows the PayPal payment interface. At the top left is the PayPal logo, and at the top right is a shopping cart icon with the text "\$25.00 USD". The main heading is "Pay with PayPal". Below this, it says "With a PayPal account, you're eligible for Purchase Protection and Rewards." There are two input fields: "Email or mobile number" with the value "sidhale8" and "Password". A "Forgot password?" link is below the password field. A blue "Log In" button is below the "Forgot password?" link. Below the "Log In" button is a horizontal line with the word "or" in the center. At the bottom, there is a button labeled "Pay with Debit or Credit Card", which is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it from the left.

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### For Sale:

With a heavy heart...

I've decided to put Epiphany up for sale. She is a beautiful Mark I woody Wayfarer, built, we think, in 1962 from a kit, owned for some time by Al Schoenborn's brother, Mike, and refurbished by AnneMarie Covington and Jim Heffernan in 2017. She is rigged for racing, with a solid main, jib and spinnaker, and a new centerboard (built by Richard Johnson). She also comes with:

New Load Rite trailer with guide posts (2021, \$2,000 value)

Beautiful wooden benches

Reefing sail

Storm jib

Gottschling cover

Boom crutch

Optional mast flotation and motor mount

I LOVE this boat – very comfortable, handles very well. Have put lots of TLC into her upkeep – sanding and varnishing yearly. However, she has a slow leak from the center trunk area, and I do not have the skill, tools or space to be able to fix that. I would really like for her to stay at LYTC or at least within the Fleet 16 community. Asking \$3500 – negotiable.

Annette Grefe 336-207-1401 (text) or [agrefemt@icloud.com](mailto:agrefemt@icloud.com)

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Next newsletter deadline: Jan 14, 2024

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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 members to see how you can contribute.

Thanks for making LTYC the best!

**Board meetings are open to all members. They are held virtually, via, Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**