



Lake Townsend

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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Power Boat Classes (Choose one date to attend)	March 29, 30	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Lake Townsend Marina Registration required. Some spaces are available.
B.O.D. Meeting	April 3	1745 hrs	Benjamin Parkway Library
Summer Regatta Open - Summer Races begin	April 5 & 6	11:00 a.m.	Lake Townsend Marina Social follows the Sat. race at Shelter #10
Homeport Day Sail	April 19		Lake Townsend Marina
Sailing Instructors Orientation	April 26	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Lake Townsend Marina
Cruise	April 26		Jordan Lake Cruise Director: Hugh McLawhorn
Racing Fundamentals Class (Learn to Race)	April 28 - May 4	M & W, 6:30-8:45p.m. T, Th, & F, 5:30 p.m.-closing Sat & Sun, 9a.m.-12noon 2 nd M & T, 5:30p.m.- closing	M & W - Smith Senior Center T, Th, & F - Lake Townsend Marina Sat & Sun - Lake Townsend Marina 2 nd M & T - Lake Townsend Marina

MEET 2003 LTYC OFFICERS

Membership Director

By John Hemphill

What can be better than sunlight, wind, water, a boat with sails, and friends for cruising, racing, strategizing, plotting, philosophizing, and drinking? I was hooked into sailing via the LYTC sailing class and within a year had my own Flying Scot, along with a personal gang of instructors, task-masters, captains, crew mates, drinking buddies, and competitors. It was like Br'er Rabbit in a briar patch.

Ever since a boyhood that included fishing, hunting, and Boy Scouts, I have sought the out-of-doors. I have backpacked hundreds of miles of trails in the Great Smokies and along the AT and canoed streams and rivers from the Shenandoah to the Everglades. Though sailing has cut into other out-door activities, I fish wild trout streams wherever I can get a chance. Trout fishing and sailing would seem to be two different activities, but they appeal for similar reasons: sun, water, movement, art, science, and nature.

The Lake Townsend Yacht Club has been a blessing to my life. Having turned the corner around mid-life, I can still fish and carry a backpack, but sailing brings the out-door experience closer to home, in a physically less demanding manner, that I can hope to share with my wife and children for the foreseeable future. See ya on the lake, John H.

Dr. John Hemphill, Professor of Education

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THE MASTER SAID, A GOOD PERSON CAN SEE A QUESTION FROM ALL SIDES WITHOUT BIAS. A SMALL PERSON SEES A QUESTION FROM ONLY ONE SIDE. - CONFUCIUS

New Flying Scot Sailors

By Cary and Ella Wren

Ella is Committee Chair for the Mayor's Cup

As a new sailor last year I think everyone will enjoy reading about the adventures of Ella and Cary. The episode below is one of many: More to come.....

We purchased our beloved Scot (Sail # 2262) in the summer of 2001. My wife had crewed on a sailboat several years ago but I had really never done any "real" sailing. After a crash course on the basics of sailing at "J" world in Annapolis, I was hooked. After 3 days of sailing with an instructor I thought to myself that there is nothing to this sailing. We really wrestled with what type of sailboat to purchase. After a lot of deliberations we decided on the Flying Scot. The words "unsinkable", very stable" and "fun to sail" convinced us.

Now for the adventure:

1) After we bought the boat which was in extremely good shape. We really had no clue how to rig this boat. The previous owner gave us the "short course" on rigging. I remembered nothing after we left his driveway with the boat. I thought no problem I can figure this out. NOT!!!!!! We drove to Kerr Lake near Hendersonville NC for our 1st sail. Luckily the "Governor's Cup Regatta" was the same weekend at the same place. We drove up in the parking lot hoping someone would offer assistance. Starling Gunn a long time Flying Scot sailor introduced himself. He graciously and patiently showed us how to rig the boat and gave us a lot of tips. So we were ready to sail. We launched the boat and kept the boat moving around on the lake, but when it was time to come in, a squall came roaring across the lake. Welcome to sailing we thought. All the other boats in the regatta were starting to come in and we were struggling for all we were worth to get the boat to the dock. We really didn't do too badly. It only took us about an hour to go 100 yds. Oh well, we learned a little. The following day we sailed somewhat better. We made those last hundred yards in about 45 minutes. We got the boat out of the water and loaded it on the trailer. We were spending the night at the campground and thought we would drive the boat over to the campground with the mast still up. Neither of us could remember any power lines. About the time we were driving all the other sailors were starting to leave to go home. As we left the lot we came upon some power lines (whoops!!). We pulled over to drop the mast. By this time we had several cars blocked behind us. As I was stepping the mast I really did not consider the trailer was not level, and I lost control of the mast and it got hung up in the trees. Again another Scot Sailor came to rescue (Dave Bachelor).

After a year and half of sailing we've accomplished a lot. We've been in about 15 regattas, met a lot of great people, and slowly but surely we are learning to sail. I could go on and on of the trials and trauma of the past year and half. We love it and cannot wait for the Helmo series to start in early Spring. We hope to even finish the races a little more competitively next year. But the main ingredient of sailing is the people.

Without all the support from so many Scot sailors we probably would not be so excited about sailing and racing. When you see a Carolina Blue Hull with sail # 2262, give us some encouragement we really appreciate it. Thanks, Cary & Ella Wren

A TEARFUL FAREWELL

By Dave Thierer

I regret to inform those of you that are unaware, but I'm moving out of the area, and will no longer be able to sail the great waters of Lake Townsend. That's right; I'm loading up the sailboat, and moving to Beverly . . . well not Beverly Hills, but actually Orlando, Florida! Due to my job situation, I have to relocate, but I wanted to take this time to make a public farewell to my fellow sailors, club members and good friends.

Being a member of the Lake Townsend Yacht Club has taught me a lot, and has helped me grow as a sailor. I now know the difference between a "bowline" and a "bowtie!" I have come a long way from an eager student in a LTYC class desperate to get a boat, to the accomplished sailor that I have become. This has all come about from the kindness, knowledge, and generosity of the club members. I have enjoyed crewing for fellow members, serving on the board of directors, and participating in all of the LTYC activities. It was a real blast!

I have come to know many of you personally, and I'm glad to consider you my friends. Many of you (I will not name names as to not offend anyone I may forget to name!) have been real friends, and have really come through for me in many ways - be it in teaching me new sailing skills, in helping me acquire a boat (or two!), or in helping win a race! Some LTYC members have even helped me get ready for my move. I cannot thank you all enough.

I told my wife recently that after living in Greensboro for six years, having a business in town, and all the people I have met here, the hardest part for me is leaving the LTYC and all of the good folks I have met. I want to stay in touch with the club, and I hope those of you who need a contact for Florida sailing will keep in touch with me too. You can e-mail me at d_thierer@hotmail.com - I would love to hear what's happening at the lake, or if you want to check on the Florida sailing scene, just drop me a line!

I look forward to getting back to Greensboro, and sailing at the club sometime in the future! I will always have fond memories of my first yacht club. I bid you all fair winds and following seas! Thanks again for everything!

LTYC LIFEGUARD CALL

Contributed by Alison Childress

Do you know a Guilford County certified lifeguard? Lake Townsend Yacht Club has an opening for a volunteer to serve as a lifeguard during the first Monday session of each Learn to Sail class in 2003. That first day of each sailing class is held at the Smith Center on Yanceyville Street in Greensboro. The dates of the first day of each sailing class appear below as well as on the LTYC Bulletin Board at the Lake Townsend Marina.

Learn To Sail Classes - 2003

May 5	May 19	June 9
June 23	July 7	July 21
August 4	August 18	September 8

Please contact Alison Childress at 336-540-0885 (H) or via email at childress@ctwo.net

RACING NEWS

By Bill Grossie, Commodore

I like to think of the April regatta which begins the summer racing series as the gathering of the local sailing clan. Friends and competitors emerge from the winter hibernation in search of warm summer winds and some cold beer. More than other years this is one spring we are ready for. Looking forward to seeing you out at the lake!

ANNUAL SAYRA MEETING

Report by Bill Grossie

The annual meeting of the South Annual Yacht Racing Association was held in Columbia, SC this year. John Goodman and I represented LTYC. Eric and Joleen Rasmussen attended representing the Carolina Sailing

Club. SAYRA is composed of forty-one sailing and yacht clubs and over one hundred individuals. Its mission is the promotion of sailboat racing through sponsoring races, championships and training related to the conduct of races. The meeting started with training on safe race management that emphasized the need for three boats to manage a regatta. The third boat would focus exclusively on the safety of competitors.

Next the "Barstool Regatta" challenged everyone's knowledge of the Racing Rules. Teams of five to six participants were "boats" which advanced based on correctly answering questions on the racing rules. There I learned that Eric Rasmussen really knows the rules, and he was moved from boat to boat to make it fair for all participants.

Saturday began with a *General Meeting* and an award ceremony for Junior Sailors. Later committee meetings covering Junior Sailing, Judges, Race Management and scheduling allowed participants to voice their opinions on issues facing the sail racing community. An Awards Banquet concluded the day.

On Sunday, the member clubs met to hear and to accept the reports of the committees.

DEDICATED GIRL SCOUTS

Contributed by Pamela Reynolds

A boat repair and clean up day for LTYC was held at Lake Townsend Marina on Saturday, March 15. Girl Scout Troop 81 lead by Liz Kelleher scrubbed the city owned sailboats with biodegradable cleaner and rinsed them using supplies provided the marina. These Senior Girl Scouts are completing their Smooth Sailing Interest Patch, which they started last summer in Annapolis, Maryland where they took a sailing class on the Chesapeake Bay. They had a wonderful time as they developed sailing skills on Rainbow boats for a weekend. Hats off to this group of dedicated sailors who came out on a cold and damp Saturday morning to scrub-a-dub:

Laura, Stephanie, Sara, Allie, Caroline, Allison, Melissa, Emily, Elizabeth Lane, Sarah, Alexa, and yes, another Sara! Thank you! Perhaps these ladies would like to come sailing with LTYC sometime at our invitation - when the weather warms up, of course!

POWERBOAT SYSTEM CLASS

Coming Soon!

By Jere Woltz

Lake Townsend Yacht Club will conduct three Powerboat System classes at Lake Townsend Marina. The dates for the classes are Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30. Each one-day, hands-on training class begins at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm each day. The class is designed for club members in their duties as Instructors and Race Support Boat Operators to exercise precision powerboat maneuvering techniques and have a thorough knowledge of how to use a powerboat to assist sailors in rescue procedures. The class will also cover basic understanding and maintenance of outboard motors and boats, VHF radio protocol, and launching, retrieving and storage of the club's equipment. Each participant will be given a basic boating booklet several days prior to the class and asked to complete the study questions before arriving for class. This will let us review information rather than learn it, which leaves more time for boat operation and drills on the water. Registration is required, since only eight (8) students per class can be accommodated. There is no fee for members of the club. Each student is to bring a PFD, lunch and the basic boating booklet. Joleen and Eric Rasmussen, Tom Clark and Jere Woltz are scheduled to be the instructors. Enroll now by contacting Jere Woltz at jereholtz@worldnet.att.net.

Some spaces are available.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Contributed by Eric Rasmussen

Carolina Sailing Club invites LTYC members to join them on Saturday, March 29 for a Racing Management

Seminar lead by Burt and Judy Howell followed by a Rules Seminar lead by Bob Bowden. The Howells have experience in training sailors in race management. Burt is a U.S. Sailing Race Officer and a U.S. Sailing Judge. According to the Carolina Sailing Club Web site, which can be reached at http://www.carolinasailingclub.org/events/race_mgmt_rules_seminar_2003.htm, topics for the Racing Management Seminar will include: RC jobs; RC equipment; choosing, setting and managing race courses; starting systems; things to do before and during the race; finishing, and scoring. The Rules Seminar is important because the rules are pertinent to tactics used in racing. The instructor of the Rules Seminar, Bob Bowden, is a past Commodore and SAYRA and U.S. Sailing Judge. He will assist in the interpretation of the rule book and will provide opportunities for plenty of questions. The seminars will be followed by a barstool regatta to give participants a chance to practice and discuss what they've learned. There is no charge for the seminars which will be held at Meredith College in Raleigh.

Here is the day's schedule:

Check-in	8:30a.m. - 9:30a.m.
Race Mgmt Seminar	9:30a.m. - 12noon
Lunch	12:00noon - 1:00p.m.
	(brown bag or order from local sandwich spot)
Rules Seminar	1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Barstool Regatta	4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Seating is limited, so contact Eric Rasmussen now via email at ejrasmussen@mindspring.com or by phone at (H) 919-732-5410 (Hillsborough, NC). The Web site informs us that the first 50 pre-registered participants will receive a rules in brief card and a Signal Flag Sticker free (an \$11 value)!

Directions and Location

Meredith College

Event is in Harris Building Room 214

(2nd floor of building 13 on campus map):

<http://www.meredith.edu/visitors/campus-map.htm>

Directions to campus: <http://www.meredith.edu/visitors/directions.htm>

Once you arrive on campus, you will want to go past the gatehouse and around the traffic circle to an exit at 9 o'clock on the circle (if you assume you enter the circle at 6 o'clock). Follow the road around to the third driveway on the left (commuter parking). You can park there and then walk across the road following the path to Harris (bldg. 13 on campus map...see link above).

WANNA NAME SECTION

The February issue of the Lake Townsend Yacht Club invited members to contribute comments about and citations for books, articles, videos, web sites, audiocassettes, movies, and other sources of inspiration or the raising of nagging questions in the mind. You were encouraged to help name the section of the newsletter that will feature these jewels. The search for a section header is on! Here are some suggestions that are on the table:

Treasures and Talk

Sailors Hodgepodge

Nautical Tidbits

Potpourri From Port

Members Corner

We would like more suggestions and votes from YOU! Please contact Pamela Reynolds via email at pfcr4201@aol.com or by phone at (H) 336-856-2908 (Greensboro). You can also begin discussions on the LTYC Web Site in the Message Board.

Here We Go-o-o:

Featured Web Site:

The Lake Townsend Yacht Club Web site has a Message Board. This feature is like an email chat room. Users of the message board can register easily with MSN, the sponsor host. Then, we can chat away about various topics, including what to call our *Wanna Name Section*. When you post an email message on the "board," all other visitors registered with the board can see your posting. Visitors to the message board do not have to be a LTYC member. Reach the Message

Board by going to the LTYC Web site at <http://www.greensboro.com/ltyc> . Then, click on "Message Board" which is located in the menu strip on the left side of the LTYC Homeport page (home page). Cheers to LTYC Web site for this nice feature!

- Pam Reynolds

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Retrieved March 11, 2003 from
<http://www.greensboro.com/ltyc>

A Good Read:

I am reading (very gradually I may add) the series of historical novels referred to as "The Aubrey/Maturin Novels" written by Patrick O'Brian. These fictional novels are centered on historical facts about the Royal Navy in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries during the Napoleonic wars. Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, his ship's surgeon, are two of the primary characters. Their escapades at sea in large, beautiful, and deadly sailing ships are accompanied by an intriguing and devoted friendship. I am enjoying these novels and find it comforting and exciting to have a stack of them waiting for me at the end of a day.

-Pam Reynolds

Reference for the first book in the series:

O'Brian, Patrick. (1970). *Master and Commander*.
William Collins Sons & Co., Ltd. (First published
as a Norton paperback in 1990. New York: W.W.
Norton & Company.)

Potpourri from Port:

You will be happy to know that some of the suggestions for the title of this section (listed above) were born during the enlightening March LTYC Board of Directors meeting. One of your astute officers suggested that *potpourri* could prove to be an interesting word for us to consider. Another officer chimed in that *Potpourri from Port* had an appropriate ring to it. Lest you think that your representatives to the LTYC Board of Directors spent their meeting time obsessing about flowers and grapes, there is proof that we're on to something!

According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, a *potpourri* can be an anthology or a collection of literature, such as stories and poems. I suppose it could be a collection of writings by one author, such as observations and reflections on one's travels, as mentioned in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged, or a collection of writings by different authors. The literary pieces do not have to be closely related to each other, for example an anthology of autobiographies written by women from different places and times or a mixture of records of adventures.

A wonderful trip to take through the history of the development of words and their meanings is a visit to The Oxford English Dictionary. I have used the 20-volume 1989 print edition that you can view in the Reference section of the UNC-G Jackson Library. UNC-G also has access to an online version. This amazing dictionary traces the use of the word *potpourri* from 1611, when it referred to a stew of meats or hotch-potch, to 1749 when it began being recognized as a mixture of dried petals of different flowers mixed with spices kept in a jar for its perfume, to 1864 when it was a piece of music made up of different airs strung together or a literary production made up of parts brought together using some bond of connection. I remember reading a few pages worth about the word, *rose* and the many symbolic meanings this word has held throughout the centuries. The word, *port* began being used to refer to the left-hand side of a ship looking forward or larboard, as opposed to starboard as early as 1543-44. By 1844, Admiralty Order 22 November declared that the word *port* should be used instead of larboard due to a more marked distinction between the words port and starboard. In 1846, the U.S. Navy Department Notice 18 February declared that the word *port* would thereafter be substituted for larboard due to the confusion arising from the similar sounds of larboard and starboard.

So, the question posed is this. Are any of you aware of or have you read an anthology of sailing literature? We would like to feature some potpourri (anthologies) in the next newsletter with your help. - Pam Reynolds

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The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (3rd ed.). (1996). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged (1993).
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Simpson, J.A. & Weiner, E.S.C. (Eds.). (1989). *The Oxford English Dictionary* (2nd ed., Vols. 1-20). Oxford: Clarendon Press, Oxford University Press.

For Sale

American 14.6 Sailboat Fiberglass construction with anodized spars, Harkin blocks, fiberglass-weighted centerboard, kick up rudder, and Dacron sails, and galvanized trailer with mast stanchion can seat four adults. See the boat at: sailingsource.com/americansail/default.htm or call Randee Drake at 336 586-0181 or email kb4qqj@mindspring.com \$1000.00

For Sale

1984 Merit 22' Sloop rigged cruiser/racer. Double reefed main, jib, Genoa (150?), Marine VHF with masthead antenna, depth meter, knot log, & compass, Bow Pulpit, Stern Rails & lifelines, Boarding ladder. Camper pop-top hatch with canvas, Vee-berth, settee, dinette, porta-pottie, Custom cockpit cover, trailer, 6 HP outboard. Placed First in LTYC 2000 & 2001 Saturday & Sunday Summer Race Series. Good condition can be viewed on lot at Lake Townsend. Tom Clark (336) 584-5767.

For Sale

MIRAGE 5.5.....

Good to excellent condition.....everything works....no surprises!!! 2 main sails, 1 working jib, 1 storm jib, all in good shape new halyards led back to the cockpit, set up for single handing. 2 new batteries....all electricals work. 3hp Johnson outboard.....has never let me down! Trailer in good condition with good tires and a spare set of tires and wheels. Many more options included.....\$3,750
Contact.... George Bageant...(h) 336-629-2750, (b) 336-626-1966 or gbageant@hotmail.com

For Sale

16' Mistral & Trailer
North Sails, Swing keel & rudder, Compass
Easy to Sail \$1,500.00
Call Dave Varsik
336 712-9668

For Sale

Hobie 16, Light Blue with Tequila main sail and white Jib. Black mesh Trampoline, Ariba hiking stick, dual trapeze, telecat wind indicator, carpeted side rails, galvanized trailer with boom box, many misc repair parts, and extras. \$900.00.
Phil Leonard H 336 643-0913, W 800 948-0827
Email pleonard@emorywilson.com, or cpleonard@msn.com

Looking to Buy!

Looking to buy a Flying Scot, in good to very good condition. Call Phil Leonard:
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SAYRA Website:	www.sayra-sailing.org (South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association)
U.S. Sailing Association Website:	www.ussailing.org

Call People. Go Sailing

In an effort to involve more sailors in the Club's Racing Program, we're going to start publishing this "Available to Crew" list in each newsletter. The people listed have taken our Learn to Sail class or have other previous sailing experience and are all looking to get more time on the water. So, if you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer Race Series (starting this month) why don't you call one of these folks for your crew? If you'd like to add your name to the list, contact David Young at 545-1655 or sandyleo@aol.com.

Available to Crew

Name	Home Phone	Work Phone
Bill Byrd	336-635-1926	
Chip Cromartie	336-601-0464	336-274-3559
Randy Crum	336-375-6465	336-335-6724
Geoffrey Gregg	336-643-8258	336-253-7071
Lewis Johnson	336-656-4971	336-334-3448
Ches Kennedy	336-545-9697	336-272-9388
Joan Kramer	336-272-6183	
Paul/Jean Leslie	336-668-2874	336-272-7102 x276
Christopher Marriott	336-540-9055	336-323-0092
Jeff McClintock	336-323-0714	336-375-0234
Lawrence Miller	919-460-4683	919-606-0857
Ralph Nuckols	336-282-3269	434-797-6354
Pamela Reynolds	336-856-2908	336-832-7484
Derek Robinson	336-584-7281	336-227-6211
Jeff Taylor	336-674-3887	336-9544364
Bob Wagner & Marie Hopper	336-375-3861	

Additional Local, State, National & International Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
ce Management Seminar Rules Seminar <i>sored by Carolina Sailing Club</i> (see article in this newsletter.)	March 29 8:30am-9:30am is Check-in.	Meredith College, Raleigh	Race seminar: Lead by Burt and Judy Howell Rules seminar: Lead by Bob Bowden www.carolinasailingclub.org/events/race_mgmt_rules_seminar_2003.htm (Limited seating. Pre-registration is advised.)
. Sailing Training gram Small Boat , Level 1 Instructor Course /www.ussailing.org k on "Education")	May 30 - June 2 May 15 - May 18	Duck, NC Norfolk, VA	Course approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Learn on-the-water group management and instruction techniques. There are required prerequisites.

*Contact Pamela Reynolds, LTYC Newsletter Editor, if you know of additional future events to post in the above table.