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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday Frostbite Series	1 Jan 2005	Skippers Meeting 11:00 a.m.	Lake Townsend Marina
B.O.D. Meeting	6 Jan 2005	1745 hrs	Benjamin Pkwy Public Library Branch
Change of Watch (C.O.W.) Banquet	15 Jan 2005	Cocktails 6 - 7 p.m. Dinner / Program 7 p.m.	Mahi's Seafood Restaurant Lawndale Dr., Greensboro

CHANGE OF WATCH BANQUET 15 January 2005

The Change Of Watch Banquet will be held at Mahi's Restaurant located at 4721 Lawndale Drive in Greensboro on January 15th. Cocktail hour is 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The dinner and program begins at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$27.00 per person. There will be children's menu available (e.g. chicken fingers for approximately \$4.00). The buffet will include Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon, Salad, Vegetables De Jour, desserts, and drink. Tax, gratuity, and the use of the room are included in the price. Final head count for adults and children is needed by January 8th.

A Reservation Form will be sent to all LTYC members by postal mail. You should receive it shortly after Christmas. Return the completed form with payment to the LTYC mailbox. (See the address at the top of this newsletter.) Please mail your form so that the LTYC mailbox receives it by January 7 at the latest. We will be contacting the restaurant on January 8 with a head count!

2005 SAILING AHEAD - YIPPEE!

New Member Registration Forms will be mailed to all present LTYC members very soon! You should receive the New Member Registration Form by postal mail shortly after Christmas along with the Change Of Watch Banquet Reservation Form mentioned in the previous article. Please return the Registration Form immediately with payment for membership in LTYC. Individuals, couples, and families can join. More details will be on the Form. Be thinking about your sailing needs and interests, and prepare to voice them!

WINTERSAILING

As you may or may not know, for the past year, I have been traveling nearly every week. From Monday to Friday, Maine to Florida, Michigan to 'Fornia, between my cell phone and the airlines, I am all over the map. Wherever my travels take me, I'm well known for having a cup of coffee in one hand, and the cell phone to the ear in the other, (though I may not always be talking -really!) walking from one place to another, constantly talking with people. I'm also well known for "Sailing" every weekend.

You would be amazed at how many people have asked me since mid November across the nation, so Sailing is over for the year. (?) They ask it like a statement. I am very quick to set them straight. I'm sailing Sat/Sun of this week and again in two weeks. They are silent for a moment. But isn't it too cold? First, I say "I wear layers, and wool socks. (I get cranky when my feet get cold.) I then remind them that I live in the "South", and the temperature is usually in the 50/60s.

This coming season is my fourth season of "winter" sailing. The first year, I made it out maybe half the time, I tended to be on Race Committee, and Eric crewed or borrowed a boat for the season. I seem to remember our being cold a few times that first year, entirely due, in hindsight, to lack of proper clothing gear. Also, going to the lake and finding it frozen one morning such that we couldn't break the ice to launch the boats had, I think, a long range mental impact on me. My second year, I stayed in the warm bed catching some Z's and getting up late (9:00am vs. 7:00am), and Eric headed to the lake without me. I felt just a twinge of guilt, but not enough guilt to have it motivate me to do differently.

The third year, I decided that we needed our own monohull boat for winter sailing. As much as I love my Isotope, I did not think I would be able to get me on my 'tope every sailing weekend during the winter, as alas Eric and I were the only Isotopers getting out there, and the competitive edge does make a slight difference to sailing. After several months of saying I want our "my" own boat for winter sailing, just before winter season started, Eric agreed to buy our ("my") Tanzer, Mary Ann.

We made it to the lake every possible time, though we still did not always sail. Last January, the winds were high, and though it was a sunny, "warm" day, the water was not warm. It was our second time on Mary Ann. As soon as we cleared the protected cover, we took on water and our feet got wet. (Gusty Wind Shifts, see wool socks above.)

We dropped our sails and had RC tow us back in. We were not familiar enough with the boat to handle it in those conditions, and we were not interested in being cold and wet for the next three hours, let alone going into the drink. It turns out that of the four boats that went out that day, three went over. And you know what, they had fun, and laugh about it still. Going over wasn't so bad. RC didn't quite laugh so much; they had a more difficult time righting the boats. The sailors had a hoot.

What 'ever this winter season brings, I plan to be at the water each day and make the decision with Eric, do we go out or not. Our first winter event, Oak Hallow Interclub Regatta, High Point, Nov 6 was a wonderful day. Our second winter event, JETS 14 Chapel Thrill, Nov 13, 14 we were on the water as RC for an hour before the first boat mustered the confidence to trust and join us. We had two different anemometers (different manufacturers even) reading within a knot of each other. One doubting crew member want to borrow the anemometer, and drive 25 MPH, holding it out the window to calibrate the reading. He later, in talking with another sailor, realized that most of their heavy air sailing was done in salt water, where it takes more wind to cause whitecaps. We all had a wonderful day, including those two skippers who capsized at the Dock, one of which didn't make it out 'til race #5 on Sunday. Our fourth winter event was two days of gorgeous, sunny, 65+ degree weather with very little wind. Saturday was a great day for relearning how to raise and lower the spinnaker. Sunday was a good day to realize not to try to raise the spinnaker as there are times wing on wing is where it is at.

If you are new to sailing/winter sailing - there may be days you wonder, is this fun? I travel with about 8 sets of clothing gear so that I can always provide a fellow sailor who may not have quite anticipated the layering requirement. Other Skippers also travel with additional gear. The club

members will take care of you. Join us, and experience winter lake sailing in North Carolina!

Joleen
Tanzer 232 by Winter,
Isotope 1027 the rest of the year.

LETTER FROM BRAZIL

While living in Reidsville I contacted Bill Snider, took the course (9/03) and joined the club. Cold weather got there before I got in much time, but I got the basics. I took the course because I knew I'd be running a camp in northeast Brazil on a large lake (much bigger than Norman) and hoped to use sailing. It took almost a year, but I bought the remains of a Mistral (don't know if it's the same as the one sold there with the same name - it's like a Laser with more room) and repaired, bought or fabricated damaged and missing parts. Still don't have the rudder quite right, but she's in the water. Winds are very strong here so I have to pick the hour I go out, but I've taken the family, a friend, and some campers out for a ride.

I'm still learning the winds here. The lake and the town are named Sobradinho and are on the Sao Francisco River in the state of Bahia. It's the same state as Salvador, but a long way away. The lake is relatively shallow and usually has strong winds and high waves. I've clocked 40 kph (25 mph) and frequent 30's on sunny days. There are times of the day and year when it is less. Needless to say I'm learning the art of reefing. I'm also learning the names of parts in Portuguese. For example the boom vang is called the *burro* or donkey and "hunt the donkey" means tighten the boom vang. Most local fishermen stick flower sacks in a board canoe to row less and are impressed with the ability to go "up wind".

But enough rambling. Though I don't know many of you, I thought you might be interested in hearing where a former member / student ended up and what he was doing nautically. I have pictures (of

course) and would be glad to answer any questions, give GPS coordinates, or correspond. And the "port" is always open if anyone wants to come put some cloth into wind. I'd be interested in receiving e-mail copies of the news letter and events.

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BOAT REPAIR SPACE AVAILABLE

Once again this winter Lake Townsend Yacht Club members have the opportunity to do winter boat repairs in the warmth and comfort of affordable accommodations in Kernersville. This warehouse space was wired for electricity by LTYC members last winter, and is available to us once again. The rent is \$50/month for a 10x22ft space. If we can get two boats in one space, the rent is half. Contact Commodore George or myself for more information or reservations. You may rent for one month or long term storage, as needed. Need a place to store your boat out of the weather? This may be the place.

Keith Smoot 996-6734

CRUISING NEWS - KEY WEST Part II: Fantasy Fest

Key West has been known to put on the best citywide Halloween party anywhere. This is a celebration of fun for fun's sake. The vendors and street partying go on for the week before or of Halloween, with a grand street parade on Saturday night. Being a Halloween party everyone wears costumes. Since Key West is so far removed from the rest of the US, both physically and socially, fantasies are lived to the fullest. The costumes range from the simple Roman toga bed sheets to stilted, feathered, be-jeweled costumes rivaling Mardi Gras. No costume is too extreme or too tame. Show as little or as much as your fantasy and daring allow, or require. We saw some girls wearing

mostly body paint, while some men were in fantastic drag outfits. State laws being more reasonable in Florida, the costumes were more exotic. One must attend this festival once to get the feel of it, then return the next year ready to blend in. Take a camera with a lot of film or memory, and night capable. We made that mistake and have the blank frames to prove it.

Wanda and I attended Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The street vendors were hawking things not found at any North Carolina street fair, not because these things are illegal here, but because no one here has such an open mind or imagination. The street food was great, with any type of food and drink available, some very cheap. We made a point to eat a little at as many booths and restaurants as possible, and we were never sorry. Clothing and jewelry for every part of your body was available on the streets and in the shops lining the streets. The prices were reasonable, even more so after the Saturday night parade signaled the official end of the festival. Not being totally prepared for the spectacles unfolding before us, we did not have properly exotic costumes onboard *Gwaihir*. We bought matching feathered masks (so no one would recognize us), then made do with what we had on the boat for our Saturday night costumes. Judging by the crowd's reactions, we blended in very well. Sunday we planned to sleep in. The sun, however, had other ideas so we awoke shortly after sunrise. We listened to the VHF weather to hear higher winds, up to 30mph, were coming in the next 3 days, shifting from north to east. We had planned to sail to some snorkeling reefs and moor to the buoys during the next few days, but that didn't sound like a good idea now. Friday evening we had taken a 30ft powercat ride to a snorkeling reef, only to see how that boat bounced on the mooring pendant. I did not want *Gwaihir* bouncing like that, only in 30mph winds. Wanda had bought a seven day fishing/shellfish license and was already tasting the spiny lobsters she would soon have. Next month.... Fishing from our dinghy in 20plus mph winds. Keith and Wanda, S/V *Gwaihir*

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Contributed by Keith Smoot

Twas the night before Christmas, I swung on the hook
With snowflakes a'landing, asleep with my book
When up on the deck I heard footsteps and stuff
"I've been boarded!" I thought, and I tried to be tough
Then down the companionway hatch came a dude
He was dressed like a nut and I thought, "I'm so
screwed"

But he laughed and he turned as he surveyed my junk
So I figured he must be the resident drunk
His eyes were lit up like a junkie on speed
But he gave me a whole bunch of stuff that I need
Like rum and cigars and new charts and a dinghy
And some kind of fancy electrical thingy
I knew it was stolen but I wasn't telling
I just hoped he was giving and wasn't just selling
And I poured him a grog which he downed with a wink
Then I poured one for me (Lord I needed a drink!)
Then he staggered above to the dark snowy night
As I peeked I beheld an incredible sight
Eight tiny dolphins and a beautiful sleigh
And the dude hopped aboard and prepared to make way
The dolphins were ready to power the sled
But the guy raised a genny and mains'l instead
With a burp and a chuckle he gathered the breeze
And called to the dolphins, now swimming with ease
"Hey Stalker and FEMA and Cancer and Nixon!
Or Stinky and Pepper Spray, Mason, and Dixon!
Or whatever your names are, you cute little fishes,
Here's to every last sailor, my best Christmas wishes!"
As he sailed away leaving a wobbly wake
I hoped he had not many stops left to make
He got close to shore and he soon was aground
But the dolphins proceeded to pull him around
And I heard him exclaim as he sailed out of sight
"Killer whales!! ...I'm just kidding, don't be so uptight!"

(Courtesy of William Cormack, Savin Hill Yacht Club,
<http://www.members.tripod.com/~SHYC>.)

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

By David P. Layton

It was a beautiful day for a parade. I had to park three blocks from my chosen viewing area, but with such a gorgeous day, I didn't mind the walk. I took my folding chair so I could sit and rest after joining the crowds that lined the parade route. Knowing that the parade was scheduled to last two hours, I put a Dr. Pepper and a pack of cheese crackers in my jacket pocket. Upon completion of my journey, I chose a spot beside a city trash can. The flat top on the trash can provided a table for setting my bottle of Dr. Pepper. The crowd was already five rows deep between my sidewalk table and the street, so the view from my chair was obstructed at best. A friendly couple was standing behind my lunch table joining me in my efforts to see through the crowd. We discussed the likelihood of the use of a nearby Bradford Pear tree as an improved viewpoint. Not for us, the grey hair we had in common dictated we best stay on the ground, but we were confident that younger viewers would soon be up the tree and seated on its branches. We were joined in our conversation by another grey haired gentleman. As so often happens with the more mature generation, the conversation soon turned to his triple by-pass heart surgery and my cerebral hemorrhage (stroke). We both agreed how fortunate we were to be here enjoying the beautiful day and another Christmas parade.

This part of the conversation caused me to stand and take a small brass cross from my pocket. The message engraved on the cross is "God Loves You." Knowing that God loves all of His children, I am confident that this message applies to everyone who receives it. With this confidence, I have given hundreds of these little crosses to other stroke survivors and their family members. After giving these two, I felt a gentle tug on my jacket's sleeve. I looked down to my right and my eyes met those of a small young boy. "Mister, can I have one of those?" He said as he looked up in all sincerity. "You sure can," I replied as I reached into my pocket one more time. But this time my hand came back empty. I had already given out all the crosses that I had with me that morning. My face showed the rush of panic that went through my mind as I looked to my new friends for help. Mr. Triple By-Pass responded by giving his cross to the youngster and immediately, the male half of the couple gave his cross to Triple By-Pass saying that "we can share my wife's cross." The young boy held his cross dearly to his chest as he said "thank you" and disappeared back into the crowd.

In that brief exchange, God's love touched the hearts of four of His children as we shared the message of His Love. Christmas is the season of giving and there is no better gift than the message of God's Love. Thank You, God. John 3:16.

SAILBOAT FOR CHARITY (POSSIBLY FOR SALE?)

*Contributed by Keith Smoot, who
received word of this through a kayaking friend.*

Hey there Tarheel paddlers (Tarheel Paddlers Association),

I am Tom in Burlington... I have a Sail boat to donate to any charity group that wants it. All I need in trade is a trailer of any sort, any length, anything with wheels and a ball hitch.

This is a 17 foot American model with a small cabin, 3 sails and needs some TLC. The hull is in good shape, the wood trim on the deck needs replacing. Trailer is serviceable but also needs attention.

I have contacted the Boy Scout Office in Greensboro to offer it to them and had no response in a month, so it's up for grabs. (Photo available.)

Contact me here on line for an address and phone number if you are interested. - Tom
Email: tommac207@bellsouth.net

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FOR SALE ADS

1987 Oday 272

Inboard Diesel. Two batteries (one replaced last year). Tiller w/ autopilot. New Compass. New Depthfinder. VHF. Stove. Icebox. Marine Head with holding tank and discharge. Roller reefed headsail. Main w/reefing points. Bimini. Shaft recently repacked & bottom cleaned. Overall in very good condition. Located in Washington, NC. For more information: email tomclark@netpath.net / phone 336.584.5767

Mirage 5.5

1984 Cabin Cruiser \$2,900. (Lots of Extras).
Mirage 5.5 on Magictilt Trailer, (new wheels, hubs & bearings, w/ bearing buddies).
4.5 HP 2stroke Mercury Motor, with new spring assist Popup motor mount.
Call Bill Snider at 336/349-6755.

Hunter 25.5' Sloop

1984 Hunter 25.5'Sloop
1994 Evinrude 8 HP outboard (refurbished this year)
New sail and tiller covers, bottom repainted in 2003.
Sails are in good condition. Hull is in excellent condition; no blisters. In good shape and priced to sell @ \$4500, OBO
Lies in Oriental at Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor
Contact: Jeff Edwards (h)272-8657, (w) 274-1507,
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Compass

Brand: Danforth Color: white and light blue
Model: High Speed Constellation C401WB
Color: white and light blue Condition: new, no use
Price: \$ 200 Contact fonovichp@yahoo.com
for pictures/product features. Posted by
Patricia & Nicolas Grannucci.

Foul Weather Gear

Brand: Douglas Hill Size: Medium
Condition: used, all seams with original seal
Color: green and white Price: \$ 90
Contact fonovichp@yahoo.com for pictures and product features. - Patricia & Nicolas Granucci.

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. \$1000.00
View it: sailingsource.com/americansail/default.htm
Call Randee Drake, 336 586-0181 or
e-mail him at kb4qqj@mindspring.com

Neoprene Knee Pads for sailing

Brand: Musto Model: 187 Color: black
Condition: new Price: \$ 40
Contact fonovichp@yahoo.com for pictures and product features. - Patricia & Nicolas Granucci.

16' Mistral & Trailer

North Sails, Swing keel & rudder, Compass.
Easy to Sail \$1,500.00
Call: Dave Varsik 336-712-9668

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Call People. Go Sailing.

In an effort to involve more sailors in the Club's Sailing Events and Racing Programs, this "Available to Crew" list is published in each newsletter. The people listed have taken our Learn to Sail class or have other previous sailing experience and are looking to get more time on the water. So, if you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer or Frostbite Race Series, why don't you call one of these folks for your crew? Or, if you need a cruising partner on your boat or would like to team with someone on one of the city sailboats for a daysail or a race, contact someone on this list. If you'd like to add your name to the list, contact Esther Khoury, Treasurer or Pamela Reynolds, Newsletter Committee (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

Available To Crew

Name	Home Phone	Work Phone	E-mail
Bill Byrd	336-635-1926	N/A	
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Bob Wagner & Marie Hopper	336-375-3861	N/A	hopperme@earthlink.net
Lewis Johnson	336-656-4971	336-334-3448	ljohnson12@triad.rr.com
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Make a note of the above names as potential partners for your sailing, cruising, and racing adventures!

New Members, call each other!

Longtime members, call new members!!

Do YOU want to be on this list?

FROSTBITE RACE SERIES

Saturday Dec 4 th 2004

Boat	Race	Race	Total	Division	Service	Comulative
	I	II			Committee	
FS 2300				Green	na	No LTYC Member
FS 1104				Green	na	No LTYC Member
TNZ 232	4	4	8	Green	na	8
"O" Day 19	3	3	6	Green	na	8
Ligtning 14641	na	na	na	Green	6	6
T1427	na	na	na	Green	6	6
Force5 2947	na	na	na	Green	6	6
FS 2237	na	na	na	Green	6	6
Capri	na	na	na	White	6	6

RACING RULES OF SAILING 2005 - 2008

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JANUARY 1, 2005

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ANNUAL MEETING: First Weekend in February 2005

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