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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Frost Bite - March Madness	14, March '09	11:30 Skippers Meeting	Lake Townsend
Board of Directors Meeting	5, March 2009	17:45 hours	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Summer Series - Miss Piggy	11, April '09 12, April '09	10:30 Skippers Meeting 10:00 Skippers Meeting	Lake Townsend

Speaking of the Mayors cup - rumor has it that there will be a tune-up for the Scots on that Friday.

Attention Members: This paper is for the members of LTYC, if you would like to send in an article, or have an article that you would like to see, send it in.

Valentines Day Frostbite Series "SnowFlake"

What a wonderful day this turned out to be. All week the forecast had been rain and cold and very little wind. And indeed as we woke on the morning of the 14th it was raining. But the phrase worth repeating is "you don't know what the weather on the lake will be until you are standing at the end of the pier". Indeed the weather was wonderful for a February day. High 50's and the wind 3-10. There were 6 Scots, a lightning and a Y-flyer. David Duff was PRO, Wendall Gunlach, Adam Zehand, Keith Smoot And Hudson's son Joe were Race Committee. David set up a WD course in the shifty Lake Townsend winds. There wasn't enough wind on some of the runs to run the spinnaker but the wind picked up in the second race, and the beautiful

colors came out. During the second leg I could see on the shore a boat setting up. It was a sunfish. Since the water was really cold, I wasn't sure what the lake warden was thinking letting someone out on the lake. And as the Sunfish grew closer the sailor appeared to be very confident and was "sunfish surfing" _ standing up and sailing out to the race boat. Uwe had asked the race committee if they shouldn't invite the sunfish sailor to join in the race. Well, they didn't have to ask. It was Phil. I am not sure why he was sailing the Sunfish rather than the Laser, But he looked like he was having fun, and joined in the second and fun races.



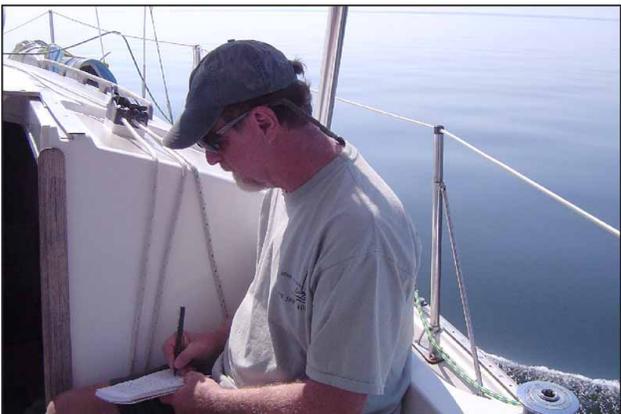
Uwe celebrated Valentine's day by wearing his "I heart my geek" shirt. There isn't anything prettier than the crisp white sails against the blue sky. Sailing is wonderful exercise, both physical and mental. Even if your goal is to sail casually racing is such a good place to learn and improve. There are many experienced people available to help you improve and it is a disciplined approach to being out in varied conditions. So that when you do take those casual sails that you can all handle the varied of conditions that come in. I personally recommend sailing with your spouse or significant other.



Don't forget to thank the race committee! And don't forget to thank those that work on the boats to keep them running. There are many Saturday's that you can find Bill Byrd working on the boats, accompanied by Keith Smoot, or David Young.

CHANGE OF WATCH

From the change of watch John Hemphill read a poem that he authored:



Sailing the starboard tack,
fresh breeze on our faces –

“Prepare to tack.”

“Ready.”

“Helm's a lee.
Tighten that sheet.
It's close haul on a port tack.”

The bow lifts over the wave
and ploughs into the trough.
Water sprays across the deck.
We cross his bow and the race is on

at Townsend, Kerr, Norman, Smith or Jordan,
at Beaufort, Oriental, Edenton, or New Bern,
the Hoop Pole, the Great 48 or Old Frosty,
two boats or 42 boats
round the marks, jibe the booms and fly the
spinnakers.

A near gale of strange words and phrases,
older than memory,
inherited from generations of wind chasers,
dreamers and drunkards, pirates and craftsmen.

Seasons of the moon fly on the wind:
full, half, quarter, new,
waning and waxing,
carrying the tides across the sounds and up the
rivers,
flood tide, slack water and race,
set a double anchor and beware the full moon.

Water is three quarters of the earth's surface,
yielding the ghost of old salts
to be chased down the creeks and rivers, across
the bays and sounds,
skirting the rocks, spits, bars and reefs,
seeking the shifting inlets and hidden channels
to harbors big and small, famous and infamous:
Silver Lake, Wicomico – Greater or Lesser,

Slaughter Creek or Mobjack Bay,
south of the Patuxent and west of the Choptank
- Little or Big,
sailing my phantom skipjack and
grateful for my lazy jack.



Lazy: the genoa hangs limp.
The boom drifts to port, then back to starboard.
Sheets dangle limp – no force, no tension, no
go.

Crack the beer, lay back and dream
of ten thousand diamonds scattered
across the water by the afternoon sun.

A light breeze brushes the skin of my
imagination:
Pop the spinnaker out of the forward hatch of
the dream
and feel the bow lift through the colors, the
water and the wind -
a sailing dream with motion and sound,
rhythmical, varying in pitch and hue.

Or is it a dream?
Steered by sensations to Hurricane Marina
or a hurricane hole, but hopefully, not a
hurricane?

No, it is not a dream.
The flag has dropped and the horn sounded.

“Head up! Head up!

Watch the telltales.
Tighten the sheet and hike out.
We’re going close haul.”



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Cruising Season is coming up ~

**Don't forget the first cruise is going to be at Belwe's
lake. March 20-21-22. Starling Gunn is looking for a
head count by the first of March.
(justbegunn@bellsouth.net)**

**Contact George Bageant (gbageant@hotmail.com) if
you are interested in getting together and to possibly
rent a cabin.**

**Also on the bare-boat cruising news front, Starling
has sent out notice for an introduction to cruising -
Possibly in May. Let Starling know if you are
interested so that he can make more solid
arrangements. Last year's introduction to bareboat
cruising was enjoyed by all.**

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Saleboats for Sail -

**1981 Isotope - \$2500 with sails and a
galvanized trailer. Crossbar, dolphin
striker, and trampoline have been**

replaced and an extension added to the righting bar. Good boat for a beginning racer or someone looking to get back into racing. She won the 2005 Governor's Cup and continues to give challenge to the fleet leaders. Eric and I have owned this boat since 1998. She's gotten us hooked on Isotopes, so much so that we are upgrading to a 2006 model.

Boat specifications at <http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/isotope.html>.

Fleet Activities -

<http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/Isotope%20Nationals%202006.html>

Call or email if interested: 919-732-5410;
joleen.rasmussen@bowebellhowell.com

12'2 ft. Howmar daysailer/racer for sale in Greensboro. (don't know year) Designed by Sparkman and Stephens. A great boat for kids, very fast and tippy. 90 sq. ft. of sail with jib. Beam 4'10". 86 long trailer. \$1500 for both, includes both sails, etc. Appraisal done in 2004. Call Carole Drexel - (336) 274-4789 or cdrexel@triad.rr.com

14 Force 5 sailboat with trailer - \$550. Ready to sail. Excellent boat for single-handed daysailing and racing. Contact

David Layton at 336-643-0282.

16-foot Isotope- \$3000 These boats are built for speed and race regularly on Jordan Lake as well as other local regattas. They have been built locally in Durham and New Bern, NC for over 30 years:

<http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/boats.html>

This particular boat is vintage 1981 (see pictures below). It is in very good condition, with trampoline replaced a few years ago. Includes:

- Furling jib
- Righting bar (just in case)
- Trailer
- Catamaran sailing book

The boat is very light and can be pulled by any vehicle (including a car). It can be rigged by one person in about 30 minutes and sailed by one or two.

Contact - Phil Herold [pherold@nc.rr.com]
<http://raleigh.craigslist.org/boa/584349841.html>

Esther Khoury has contacted us saying she might be interested in selling her 16' Tanzer. You can contact her at estherkhoury@hotmail.com to get more details.

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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? Alternatively, if you need a cruising partner on your boat or would like to team with someone on one of the city sailboats for a day sail or a race, contact someone on this list. If you would like to add your name to the list, contact Nancy Heine, Newsletter Editor (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

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