



# TELL TALES

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*February 2013*

**CHANGE OF WATCH**  
**The Bill Young Sailing Simulator**

# The Feather

Our Change of Watch was a huge success. We celebrated the success of the past year. Many awards were given to the racing champions as well as recognitions of appreciation to members who have volunteered their energy and time to the club. We recognized the new board members, officially beginning a new year for LTYC. For me personally, I enjoyed most the socializing with my fellow sailors, the members of this community we create.

The weather for the January Frostbite regatta was like the late Autumn. Temperatures were in the 60's, the trees leafless, and the wind non-existent. Even so we had 44 participants sailing 19 boats (including the first ever Isotope participation in a Townsend winter race). See the race report (page 7) for more details.

Jan 26 we awoke to icy streets after a winter storm passed through. Nonetheless, 13 brave souls made their way to the lake to learn about the changes to the RRS for 2013-2016. Thanks to Eric Rasmussen for making the drive and sharing his expertise. If you weren't there, watch out! Those that were now have secret knowledge!

In February we have the Frostbite Regatta on the 9th and a work day on the 23rd we will be holding a Race Management Seminar. This is a great opportunity to learn about helping out on the Race Committee. Whether you are thinking about being a PRO for a weekend or just helping out, join us at the classroom at the lake.

I look forward to seeing y'all On The Townsend,  
*Alan Taylor, LTYC Commodore*

## Instructors Needed This Summer

Junior sailing classes - contact David Craft  
Adult classes - contact Susan Cole  
or sign up online

**Your support makes our sailing education  
program successful**

## Lake Townsend Conditions (2/7/12)

Water Temperature - 51 degrees fahrenheit

Lake Level - Down 9 inches

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1319>

## Lake Townsend's Schedule\*

November to February: 8 am to 5 pm (closed Thursdays)

March and October: 7 am to 7 pm

April and August: 7 am to 8 pm

May to July: 7 am to 8:30 pm

September: 7 am to 7:30 pm

\*Lake Townsend is always closed on Wednesdays and is open at 8 am on Sundays year round. All city lakes will maintain normal operating hours during all holidays with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day; the lakes will be closed on those days.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|   |                     |                  |                                    |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Board Meeting   | February 7          | 5:45 p.m.        | Greensboro Christian Church        |
| Frostbite Race Series   | February 9          | 11 a.m.          | Lake Townsend                      |
| • Social menu includes chicken vegetable soup, desserts, and brownies - sign up at the scratch sheet online • |                     |                  |                                    |
| Race Management Seminar   | February 23         | 11 a.m.          | Lake Townsend                      |
| Board Meeting   | March 7             | 5:45 p.m.        | Greensboro Christian Church        |
| Frostbite Race Series   | March 9             | 11 a.m.          | Lake Townsend                      |
| Cruise  | March 15-17         | Details TBA      | Belews Lake                        |
| Workday/Instructor Training   | March 23            | Details TBA      | Lake Townsend                      |
| CPR Course  | March 30            | Details TBA      | \$55, sign up on the scratch sheet |
| Workday/Powerboat Training  | April 27            | Details TBA      | Lake Townsend                      |
| Mayor's Cup   | June 2 & 3          | Details TBA      | Lake Townsend                      |
| Let's Go Sailing  | June 22             | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Lake Townsend                      |
| Halloween on the Townsend 2   | October 25, 26 & 27 | Details TBA      | Lake Townsend                      |

**Full Calendar is posted on the website, both a one page version and a month by month.**

Board meetings: first Thursday each month, 5:30 pm at Greensboro Christian Church, 3232 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, NC 27405

*ON THE COVER: Change of Watch 2013 (see page 5). Photos by Tony Collins • sn1lloc@gmail.com • 336-512-4346*

# ON THE LINE

By Chris Maginnis, LTYC CRO

As a California teenager, I had many opportunities to sail on my friends' Hobies when I wasn't chasing waves on a surfboard. Later in life, Centavo, a 32' Islander built in 1963, became my project in 1985. After rebuilding the boat from stem to stern, my family sailed her for six years and over 5,000 NM along the beautiful Southern California coast line. The experience of rebuilding a boat, and that type of cruising, along with classes from the Coast Guard and US Power Squadron, taught my family a lot about boating, piloting. As time passed, we took for granted there would always be a steady wind from a constant heading.

In 1991, life changed. I moved to Mt. Airy, NC. No more sailboat; no more coastal sailing. Years passed; the kids grew up and left home; career changes happened. In 2009, it was my time to return to sailing. Looking for any outlet, I stumbled on the Lake Townsend

Yacht Club (LTYC). At first, I took the club's June sailing courses. My course was taught by George Bageant and Steve Raper. I inhaled the course material and convinced myself that my sailing knowledge was not totally lost. But, it was the first race on the lake crewing with Fred and Barbara Lupton, that I realized my sailing skill was minimal. (When I put my arm through Fred's main sail at the dock, I am sure Barb and Fred were similarly convinced.)

Sailing on a lake, with often light and variable winds, is

a whole different game than coastal cruising. And racing, well that is a game indeed. I decided it was going to be necessary to learn the rules of the game.

Sailing on a number of boats as crew really is a superb benefit of LTYC membership. (Thanks to all of you for the opportunity.) But to learn the rules of racing, and some of the strategies, I put in a lot of hours on race committee. Adam Zahand, Joleen and Eric Rasmussen, Uwe Heine, Alan Taylor, and many others patiently tutored me and

other race committee members. In March 2010, I also attended the US Sailing Race Management Seminar, after a solid month of pouring over the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, and passed the exam. Over the next couple of years, I served the club on Race Committee, six times as Race Officer in training. The club submitted my application to be a certified Club Race Officer (CRO), and this month, US Sailing's Area

Race Officer approved the application.

I look forward to serving as one of the club's CRO. It is nerve wracking, challenging, and a lot of work. And it is worth every minute of it. We have superb volunteers, and the racing is usually exciting and picturesque. You just have to love your time on the water. Stand by for more of my articles in the newsletters which will cover my experiences when we meet again "On the Line."



## RACING EVEN ... JUST NOT FINISHING.

By Joleen Rasmussen

18 boats, 44 participants showed up this morning in great anticipation, with a wonderful breakfast spread awaiting them. Lots of rigging and launching activity. Upcoming events were touted at the competitors meeting. RC started right on time with a W1. A bit of door closing took place at the committee boat. Boats headed to the right side for the course to where there was more wind ... Alas - we later learned that was the remnants of the wind for the day. The second half of the weather leg was very quiet as everyone focused on getting to the mark without being passed. Fortunately, RC set short legs. 20 minutes had the lead boats heading back down to the leeward mark. By the time the lead boats got to the leeward marks, the

sailors were starting to get a bit slap happy. 2/3rds up the the final leg to finish, our 60 minute rule kicked in, and up went AP-H. Everyone was pleased. Tows were offered and mostly accepted.

The shore side Chicken Pasta meal (garlic toast/salad/brownies/lemon squares/cupcakes) was wonderful, with plenty for seconds for everyone who wanted seconds.

2013 Race Committee sign-up was posted next to the beverage chest. I learned I got better results if I sat next to the chest and asked as they got a beverage "When do you want to do RC?"

Personally, I very much enjoyed being out on the water on such a beautiful day with my sailing buddies.

# How To Use Portsmouth Numbers

## Prior To Leaving Shore:

- Decide which handicapping method to use:
  - Wind Handicap Numbers (HC) – recommended
  - Basic Portsmouth Number (D-PN), or
  - D-PN or HC modified for allowances

For HC, you must have available a reliable method of determining the wind strength according to the Beaufort Scale (Table I). The table gives visual clues that do not require a wind meter; however, one is recommended.

## Decide if you need the optional Modification Factors

Table VI allows adjustments to an individual boat's handicap number for non-standard sails, non-standard configurations, etc.

Decide and post each boat's handicap rating before racing begins.

## For Best Results and Fair Handicapping:

Group boats into fleets by handicaps, if desired. Look for clusters of boats with similar D-PNs.

Consider imposing time limits. Rapidly changing weather conditions during a race can upset the handicapping system.

Courses for handicap races should include fairly equal amounts of beating, reaching and running. Courses can be combinations of triangular, modified Gold Cup, Olympic, and windward-leeward. RCs should take advantage of water available and set appropriate windward legs to get a course reasonable in length.

## Equipment Needed

- Device to measure wind, either a hand held wind indicator or one mounted on RC boat
- Recording forms, pencils, ratings, computer or hand calculator
- At least one stop watch

## On The Water

- 1) Record starting and finishing times for each boat in handicap and level rating fleets; plus the first boat to finish in one-design fleets, and for each windsurfer.
- 2) Record wind velocities at the start, during and finish of each race. Some RCs may record more frequently in fluctuating winds. RC determines average wind velocity.

## Calculation

Determine elapsed times for each boat in the handicap fleets and for first boat to finish in one-design or level racing fleets.

If wind handicaps are being used, select column of handicaps.

Calculate corrected times (CT) from elapsed times (ET) and handicaps (HC) using the formula:

$$CT = (ET \times 100) / HC$$

Where CT = corrected time

ET = elapsed time

HC = D-PN or wind handicap number

MF = modification factor

Score race based on shortest corrected time = 1st, etc.

Source: [http://offshore.ussailing.org/Portsmouth\\_Yardstick/How\\_To\\_Use\\_Portsmouth\\_Numbers.htm](http://offshore.ussailing.org/Portsmouth_Yardstick/How_To_Use_Portsmouth_Numbers.htm)

Thanks to Joleen Rasmussen for sharing the article!

# Change of Watch Banquet Notes

Change of Watch banquet started at 7:00.

Alan Taylor spoke about our growing membership and how we had 35 new members in 2012, and the sailing classes have become so popular that we have waiting lists, especially for junior lessons

**Member Recognition** – Joleen Rasmussen took time to recognize key groups of our membership including:  
Past Commodores  
Past Board Member Recognition  
2013 Board Member Introduction  
Sailing Instructors Recognition – Presented bottle openers  
Sailing Class Support - Presented hats  
Junior Sailors Recognition – Presented USB drives  
Race Committee Recognition – Joleen Rasmussen

**2012 Club Racing Awards** – Alan Taylor, Uwe Heine

**Frostbite Series - Open Monohull**  
5th Place - Starling Gunn (FS 1104)  
4th Place - Uwe Heine (FS 3801)  
3rd Place - Bob Hoffman (FS 2680)  
2nd Place - John Hemphill (FS 4043)  
1st Place - Wendell Gundlach (FS 4416)

**Summer Series  
Open Multihull**

2nd Place - Stephen Bass (Isotope 002) note: Stephen was also second place Junior skipper  
1st Place - Phil Leonard (Hobie 1687457)

**Open Monohull**

5th Place - Luke Hayes (Laser Radial 200622) note: Luke was also first place junior skipper  
4th Place - Ann Marie Harris (Wayfarer 276) note: Ann Marie was also first place female skipper



3rd Place - Ken Warren (Lightning 10386)  
2nd Place - Phil Andrews (Laser 185542)  
1st Place - Jim Heffernan (Wayfarer 2458)

## Flying Scot Fleet

Kristie Stanton (4310) - first place female skipper  
5th Place - David Duff (1939)  
4th Place - Steve Morris (3500)  
3rd Place - John Hemphill (4043)  
2nd Place - Uwe Heine (3801)  
1st Place - Tom Bews (2680)

## Commodore Service Awards

Hudson Barker - Sailing Class Support  
Bob Bass - Race Committee Support  
Sharon Bass - Social Support  
Bill Byrd - Equipment Support  
David Craft - Sailing Class Support  
Michael Crouch - Let's Go Sailing Organization  
Starling Gunn - Equipment Support  
Mark Hayes - Race Committee Support  
Steve Raper - Sailing Class Support  
Jim Schwartz - HOT Regatta Chair  
David Young - Overall Support  
Tom Bews - Crewmaniac  
Bill Young - Junior Sailing Class Support

In closing remarks Alan talked about the growing Isotope fleet, and the introduction of the Lightning fleet to Lake Townsend Yacht Club. He also challenged the club to surpass 100 members for the year, and that the success of the club is dependent on all members volunteering for what interests them, especially instruction and race committee.

The Change of Watch banquet was adjourned at 8:30 on Sat., 19 January.

Photos by Tony Collins • sn1lloc@gmail.com • 336-512-4346

# NOTICES

## Lasers available for racing

Uwe Heine has a couple of Lasers available, if someone would like to race them during an upcoming LTYC event. Give Uwe a call - with a few days' advance notice - 336 585-0951  
heineu@bellsouth.net

## Windmills available for racing

Alan Taylor has a couple of Windmills available, if someone would like to race them during an upcoming LTYC event. Give Alan a call - with a few days' advance notice - 530 263-3009  
alan@lakelevel.com

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Four volunteers are requested to serve on the "3410 Committee" (the committee responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the club Flying Scot #3410 (see page 7). Tom Bews is now the committee chair for FS-3410

There will be 4 members, one for each of the following responsibilities: (A) Standing rigging and deck hardware; (B) Running rigging; (C) Deck, hull, rudder and centerboard; (D) trailer.

Rick Connelly will be available for training and or advice as needed. Please email Rick (crickconnelly@embarqmail.com) if you will serve on the committee and copy to Uwe (heineu@bellsouth.net).

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## Lake Townsend Yacht Club Help Lines

**Commodore: Alan Taylor • (Vice Commodore) 530 263-3009 C • alan@lakelevel.com**

**Races: Steve Morris • (Secretary) 336 601-1428 C • samorris@triad.rr.com**

**Education: Susan Cole • (Rear Commodore) • 336 668-0527 • sscole@triad.rr.com**

**Finance: Hudson Barker • (Treasurer) 336 644-1060 R • hudsonbarker@att.net**

**Publicity/History: Jon Mitchell • 336 554-6044 • jonm5214@hotmail.com**

**Equipment: Amanda Reppel • 315 558-3974 • areppel81@yahoo.com**

**Cruising: Nancy Collins-Heine • 336 585-0951 R • heineu@bellsouth.net**

**Membership: Joleen Rasmussen • 919 440-2802 • joleenrasmussen@embarqmail.com**

**Social: Wanda Williams • wkawilliams@juno.com**

**Webmaster: Steve Raper • Steve.raper@greensboro-nc.gov**

**Junior Sailing: David Craft • chsyhkr@gmail.com**

**Mayor's Cup Regatta: Uwe Heine • 336 585-0951 R • heineu@bellsouth.net**

**Fleet Captain: Bob Hoffman • 336 831-6271 C • bobh9447@aol.com**

**Newsletter/Directory: Michael V. Crouch • 336 275-3475 R • mcrouch@guilford.edu**

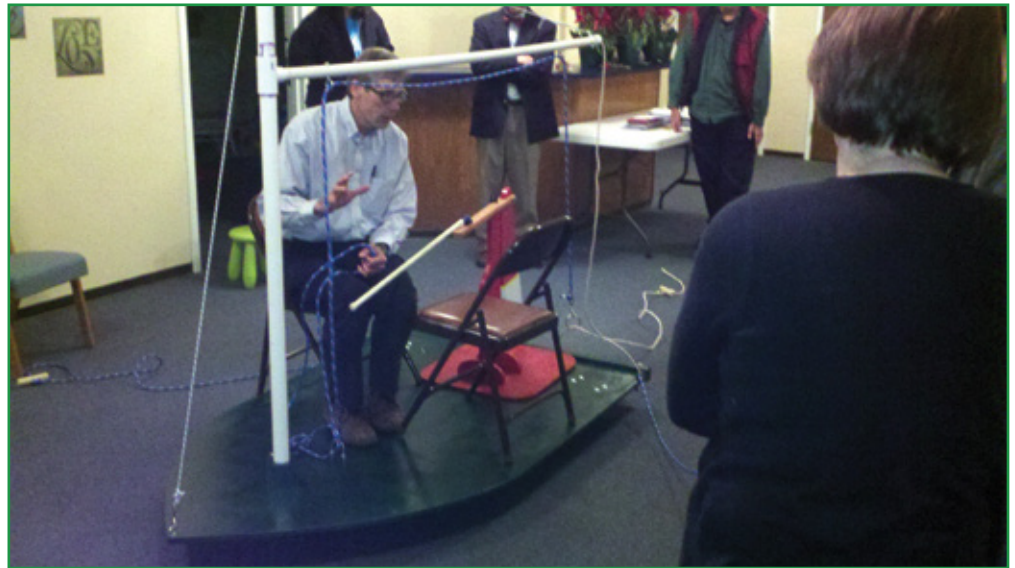
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## What's a Scratch Sheet?

A few years back, big regattas started posting scratch sheets on the internet to drum up interest and promote participation. As there is typically no cost to signing up, Scratch Sheets give a good indication of who is thinking about going to an event. It helps the organizers plan and prepare for the event. Last year, LTYC set up a Scratch Sheet in Google documents for its events. It was a good move. If you expect to be at some of our upcoming events, take a few moments to step through the different Scratch Sheets and let us know to expect you. Don' worry about last minute change of plans, Scratch Sheets are only an indication of your intentions. If you need crew, want to crew, would like to help with the social, or have some other creative idea, just list it in the Scratch Sheet. The Scratch Sheet is available from the home page or the LTYC Website.

# Bill Young Unveils a New Sailing Simulator

As seen in this grainy spy footage, secretly procured from the January LTYC Board meeting, Bill Young demonstrated a new sailing simulator he created (with a little help from a 'friend with tools'). The simulator was designed to help sailing students think about what to do when the wind is approaching from different angles. The 'deck' swivels around a pivot point on casters, allowing the boom and rudder to be adjusted as the sailor moves from side to side. Nice work, Bill!



# H.O.T. 2

## HALLOWEEN ON THE TOWNSEND 2

*For Earlier.org*

### OCTOBER 25, 26 & 27, 2013

## Race Committee Report

January 12 promised to be a perfect day for winter sailing. Temperatures were in the low 60's and the forecast was for 5-8 mph winds from the west. Nineteen boats launched and sailed out to the starting line, smiles on faces all around.

Thirty seconds before the start the wind veered hard right, causing a crowd around the Signal boat. The wind also started going light. The fleet was still closely bunched

and positions changing frequently as they rounded the weather mark. Halfway downwind a light rain shower moved in, bringing the promise of wind. Alas, it was not to be. What little wind came left just a quickly. The Race Committed abandoned the racing at the One Hour time limit and proceeded to tow everyone in.

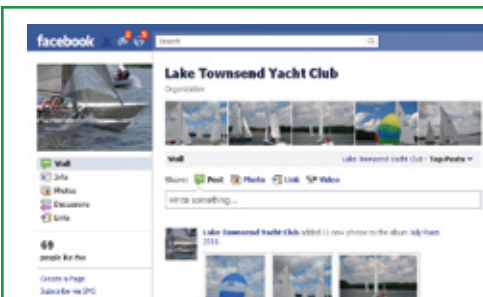
The day ended with good food and sailing stories at the pavilion.

## Be a Fan on Facebook

LTYC has a Facebook page.

If you want to keep up with what is happening at LTYC, what other club members think or LTYC Trivia, become a Fan.

Help promote our club in the region.



# Call People. Go Sailing

\*\*\*\* REACH OUT AND CALL SOMEONE \*\*\*\*

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. If you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer or Frostbite Race Series, 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 are interested in crewing and would like to add your name to the list, please let Joleen know. Joleen has the best intentions of calling each new member if she doesn't hear from them to encourage them to sign up on the Crew or Race Committee List. (See the Help Lines located in this newsletter).

## Available To Crew

| Name                 | Phone                     | E-mail                            |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jeanne Allamby       |                           | jallamby@yahoo.com                |
| Bill Byrd            | 336-635-1926              |                                   |
| Lacy Joyce           | 336-413-7929              | <i>lacyjoyce@gmail.com</i>        |
| Jonathan Kreider     | 336-829-6196              | <i>jon@robbskreider.com</i>       |
| Chris Maginnis       | 336-793-5313              | <i>cmaginnis@triad.rr.com</i>     |
| Dawn-Michelle Oliver |                           | <i>oliverd@rockinghamcc.edu</i>   |
| Jon Mitchell         |                           | <i>jonm5214@hotmail.com</i>       |
| George Shen          | 336-451-2646              | <i>stock_78750@yahoo.com</i>      |
| Martin Sinozich      | 336-455-9445              | <i>msinozich@vennpartners.com</i> |
| Keith Smoot          | 336 996-6734              | <i>Gwaih23@Embarqmail.com</i>     |
| Robert Riley         |                           | <i>rriley@wakehealth.edu</i>      |
| Bill Young           | 336-292-3102/336-707-0295 | <i>woyoung@triad.rr.com</i>       |

**Also, check the participation scratch sheet on the web**



**All members are encouraged to update their CPR and First Aid training. We have a CPR session scheduled for March 30. Cost is \$55 per person. Time and location TBA - Space is limited, sign up on the scratch sheet NOW!**

Have ideas, articles, photos or contributions for inclusion in the newsletter?  
Send them to [newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com](mailto:newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com).

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
***Sailing the Great Lakes & Canada***  
***February Racing***  
***CPR Class Details***



# SAILBOATS FOR SAIL

**Buccaneer 18'** for sale due to relocation. Craig Huey 303-884-4682 chueygman@yahoo.com Asking price is \$1325 with trailer, paddle, 2 hp Johnson outboard, and manuals, rigging guides.

**Great Scot for Sale.** Fleet 27's Joe Price has moved to Southport and with a marina less than a quarter of a mile from his new home he has decided a keel boat is the way to go. As you know Joe has sailed this boat very competitively and winning a few trophies along the way without benefit of a regular crew. The boat is near minimum weight and has a new mast and centerboard that have been sailed only a few times. There is a 2011 suite of MAD main and jib that have been sailed sparingly plus a suite of North's good for club racing. There are 3 spinnakers and a tapered spinnaker pole. Low style aluminum trailer and the North trailering/mooring cover that comes down to the waterline has been used only when traveling. He has used an older cover for storage. This is an excellent opportunity at a truly race ready Scot at the club and district level at \$10,500 which is an excellent price with all the upgrades and extras. Call me directly as I am brokering the boat for Joe. Dave "Sailordave" Batchelor, 919-467-3512 Home • 919-414-6809 cell



**1969 Douglas and McCloud** - Hull number 509. This original Highlander classic has just undergone a complete restoration and is in mint condition. Trailer has been completely sanded and painted white with red fenders; new tires and wheels. Aluminum mast with mahogany boom and rudder. Ship set includes 3 main sails, 2 jibs, 1 spinnaker, plus all rigging set up for racing. Boat hull and deck have 2 coats of marine primer and 3 coats of marine paint. The hull is the original color black with red water stripe. The deck is semi-gloss white. All deck rails and rub rails have been sanded and varnished. The teak seats and interior running teak have been sanded and teak oiled. The inside is the original gray and white splatter paint. Also has sailors tailor-skirted mooring cover. *The Black Pearl* is in a Greensboro garage on trailer ready to go to her new owner for \$4,500. David J. Schlosser, Sr., djschlosser@aol.com or (336) 316-0804.



**Buccaneer 18'** - I am selling my 1980 Chrysler BumbleBee model. It has new North Sails worth \$1700, and Schaefer and Harken fittings. The galvanized Cox trailer is in very good condition. There are also a good set of working sails; the original Bumble black and yellow sails, and a new 60% size main, which is outstanding for single-hand sailing. There is no spinnaker. I am selling for \$3000 OBO. Chris Munson, 703-895-8006 or kayschrism2008@verizon.net.

Back issues: *Cruising World*, *Good Old Boat*, & *Practical Sailor* magazines, free! Contact Bill Young - woyoung@triad.rr.com.

## FS3410 Usage Policy

Flying Scot 3410 is owned and maintained by the Lake Townsend Yacht Club. It is intended to be used for Sailing Instruction, Training and Mentoring.

- FS-3410 is to be used by LTYC Lead Instructors while giving lessons
- Assistant Instructors may use the boat for lessons with approval from the board or a Lead Instructor
- Qualifying lessons include:

Private lessons as prescribed by the LTYC Learn To Sail program.

Follow-up lessons for students of previous LTS classes that have joined LTYC as members

Mentoring for all LTYC Members

On course racing coaching for all LTYC Members polices are also in effect

Additionally, any LTYC Club member who is on the FS-3410 Maintenance Team has Right of Use.

Unless being used during a club event, the sailors need to register with the Office.

*Launching fee policies are also in effect.*

Please direct any questions or feedback to ltycboard@laketownsendyachtclub.com