

# Lake Townsend Yacht Club

# *Tell Tales*



November 2018



# HOT 7



**HOT 7 Recap**

**Is It Time to Hibernate Yet?**

**What Sailing Owes Jimmy Buffett**

**Annual Meeting**

**OHSC Interclub**

# Let's Go Sailing!

**December 8: Winter Series**

**Lake Townsend**

**January 12: Winter Series**

**Lake Townsend**

Scots and Wayfarers: Plan to attend winter regattas in **FLORIDA!**

**2019 Change of Watch—Details to Come!**

Remember that the lake is now CLOSED on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Gates close at 5:00 SHARP Friday through Tuesday.

## 2018 LTYC Calendar

Blue=Racing

Peach=Social Sailing

Classes: Green=Adult; Pink=Junior

Gray=Meeting/Seminar/Other

Board Meeting 1st Thurs each month

Yellow=Holiday

### November

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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8 Annual Meeting  
10 Interclub (OHSC)

### December

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Park closed Wed all year long  
Nov-Feb 8am-5pm & closed Thurs

# Is it Time to Hibernate Yet?



You go ahead! To me,  
winter's a great time to...

- \* Stay sharp by racing in the Winter Series
- \* Practice my knots
- \* Do the boat maintenance I've been putting off
- \* Read books and watch videos about sailing, sailors, and sailboats
- \* Brush up on the Racing Rules
- \* Learn how to back a trailer!



**Results****HOT 7****Pictures**

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Halloween on the Townsend Regatta for Earlier.org! The sailing weather was great, the competition was keen, the food and drink were tasty, and we raised **\$2052** for Earlier.org. PRO Chip Till ran a smooth race, ably supported by Jerry Thompson and an efficient team aboard the Signal boat and the Mark and Pin boats. The winners are:

- 1st: Wayfarer 10873 Richard Johnson & Michelle Parish**
- 2nd Wayfarer 10978 Uwe Heine & Nancy Collins**
- 3rd Wayfarer 7372 Jim Cook & Cathy Leonard**
- 4th Wayfarer 1066 Jim Heffernan & Linda Heffernan**
- 5th Tanzer 16 232 Eric Rasmussen & Joleen Rasmussen**
- 6th Wayfarer 3854 Al Schonborn & David Stifler (Sat) Ali Kishbaugh (Sun)**
- 7th Flying Scot 6101 Steve Jones & Elizabeth Bonnell**
- 8th Flying Scot 775 Robert Bouknight & Nancy Torkewitz**
- 9th Wayfarer 11134 AnnMarie Covington & Jason Reiner**
- 10th Buccaneer 3687 Mike Sigmund & Logan Williams**
- 11th Wayfarer 10945 Evan Trudeau & Yukako Kayashima**
- 12th Wayfarer 861 Iain Tulloch & Lesley Tulloch**
- 13th Flying Scot 5295 Tom Bews, Nino Criscuolo, & Aubrey Bews**
- 14th Flying Scot 1939 David Duff & Linda Ford**
- 15th Flying Scot 5980 Wendell Gundlach & Leigh Wulforst**
- 16th Laser Vago 000 Gareth Ferguson & Kaitlyn Pedde**
- 17th Flying Scot 2595 Hudson Barker & JC Aller**
- 18th Isotope 2450 John Kuzmier**
- 19th Wayfarer 449 Ken Butler & Jeannie Allamby**
- 20th Buccaneer 1842 Otto Afanador & DeDe Richardson**
- 21st Wayfarer 1392 Trish McDemott & Ali Kishbaugh (sailed Saturday only)**

# THANK YOU to these HOT 7 donors:



Bow to Stern Sailing Center,  
Oriental, NC (a one day Cal  
24 rental)



Greystone Inn,  
Seneca, SC (one  
night's stay in a  
luxury room)



Cathy & Phil Leonard (pumpkin centerpiece for  
raffle and lunches for RC on both Sat. & Sun.)



Little River Crafts (trophies) (Eric  
Rasmussen, owner)



Uwe Heine (original hand  
painted HOT mugs)



Robert Bouknight (“Halloween” spinnaker)

Chick-fil-A (Saturday breakfast)

Panera (Sunday breakfast)

Texas Roadhouse (peanuts, plus salad and rolls for Sunday dinner)

APS (gift certificates)

R. H. Barringer Distributors (beer)

Eric Rasmussen (Sunday dinner main dish)

And everyone who quietly added something to their registration fee.

# Scenes from HOT 7:



**PRO Chip Till shows the regatta's Class Flag.**



**Robert Bouknight and the "Halloween spinnakers."**



**Heading for the lake after the competitors' meeting.**



**Jack Clodfelter heads out.**

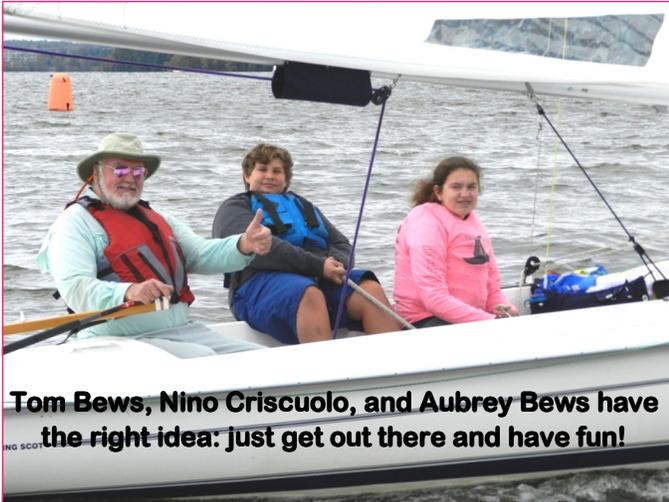


**Phil Leonard (L) and Benjamin Wansley get a wind reading at the windward mark.**



**Driving downwind under lowering skies.**

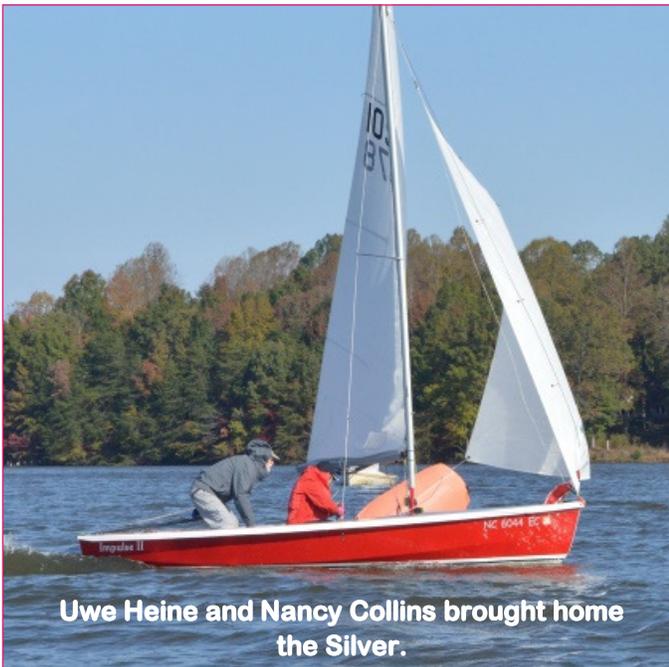
# Scenes from HOT 7:



**Tom Bews, Nino Criscuolo, and Aubrey Bews have the right idea: just get out there and have fun!**



**Michele Parrish and Richard Johnson drive toward an eventual first place finish.**



**Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins brought home the Silver.**



**DeDe Richardson and Otto Afanador look relaxed before the race.**



**Third place winners Jim Cook and Cathy Leonard were smooth and determined.**



**Iain and Lesley Tulloch hold off Ken Butler and Jeannie Allamby at the windward mark.**



**John Russell (L) and Phil Leonard prepare to take roundings.**

# Scenes from HOT 7:



Equipment failure, not a capsize, ended Jack Clodfelter's race.



Hudson Barker, Hudson's grandson Caleb, and JC Aller make their way to the course.



Michelle Parish and Richard Johnson, winners of HOT 7.



The all-female team of Ali Kishbaugh (at the tiller) and Trish McDermott had their race faces on.



AnnMarie Covington and Jason Reiner pursue Gareth Ferguson and Kaitlyn Pedde.



Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins finished second.



Cathy Leonard and Jim Cook took third place.



John Kuzmier sailed the regatta's only multi-hull.

Racing over, sailors pack up, pull boats, and head to Shelter 10 for prizes, Eric's homemade spaghetti sauce, drinks, and conversation with friends.



# LTYC ANNUAL MEETING

*The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for the membership to vote on the next year's budget, hear the slate of officers to be voted on at the Change of Watch, talk about the club's future plans, and enjoy an evening with good friends and good food.*



*AnnMarie Covington talks racing with Pepi Stahlmann (L) and Jason Reiner.*

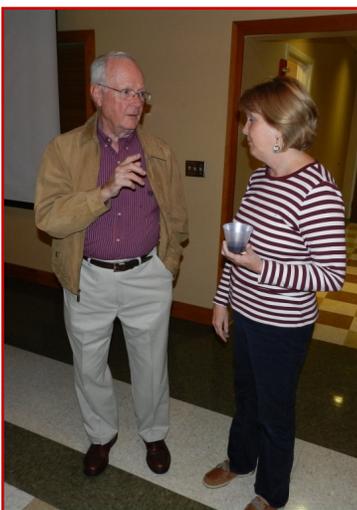


*(L-R) Starling Gunn, Gail Walters, and Steve Freyaldenhoven share tales from last summer.*



*Phil and Cathy Leonard brought a bagful of tasty stuff.*

*The club provided the main dish, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks, while the members brought side dishes and desserts. The variety and quality of LTYC's pot-luck fare may not be legendary, but it should be!*



*Hudson Barker answers a question from club secretary Nancy Torkewitz.*

*(L-R) David Duff, Susan Uzzle, and Steve Freyaldenhoven enjoy a bit of conversation.*



# MORE FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



*George Enell checks his phone just before dinner.*

*Robert Uzzle (L) talks with Robert Bouknight about what he can do to help in 2019.*



*(L-R) New members Ruth Petty and Jim Ertner and recent members David and Ann Bezanson introduce themselves.*



*Treasurer Mark Wise presented a clear picture of where the money comes from and where it goes. The 2019 budget was approved by the members.*



*(L-R) Ken Schwartz, JC Aller, Richard Fadel, Joleen Rasmussen, Kim Wise, and Eric Rasmussen give Mark their full attention. Robert Bouknight (the year in review), AnnMarie Covington (racing and Sailing Savvy), and Joleen Rasmussen (membership) also spoke after dinner.*



# INTERCLUB WITH OAK HOLLOW SAILING CLUB

Conditions: sunny, chilly, winds to 13, frequent strong shifts. Four LTYC boats took on Oak Hollow's resolute sailors and came home empty-handed. Thanks to our sister club for hosting this traditional late-season event!





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Many thanks to Eric Rasmussen, who took these great shots of the racing.



# What Sailing Owes Jimmy Buffett

By Bill Schanen

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He tells us in one of his sailing ditties that he's the son of a son of a sailor. But he's more than that—he's a sailor himself. His latest sailboat graced the cover of the July/August issue of *SAILING* in a photograph of a turquoise-hulled 50-footer named *Drifter* carving a frothy white wake through turquoise Caribbean water. Yes, Jimmy Buffett is one of us.



It says something about the allure of sailing that he's made time to pursue it while building a net worth of more than half a billion (according to Forbes) as a song writer, singer, Broadway play producer and performer, satellite radio entrepreneur, merchandiser, resort and restaurant chain owner, author and idol of a legion of fans who even at Baby Boomer age or older aren't the least bit embarrassed to be called Parrotheads.

Still going strong in his 70s, Buffett has received ample rewards in his rise from Key West barroom guitar picker to CEO of an entertainment empire, but not enough credit for his contributions to sailing. I aim to right that wrong by declaring Jimmy Buffett one of the most influential sailors of his era, and I'm not joking.

Without Jimmy Buffett there would be fewer sailors, a diminished sailing economy and a little less romance in our sport. Here's why: Buffett was a force that helped power the growth of the bareboat charter phenomenon that energizes a large share of the sailing business world, supports sailboat builders and equipment makers and creates new sailors.

Buffett was the muse, the piper, who led sailors and wannabe sailors to the Caribbean to rent sailboats and live the dream. To be fair, I should also credit Mount Gay rum. If Buffett was the generator of Caribbean sailing fantasies, Mount Gay was the lubricant.

The life Jimmy Buffett sang about was an impossible dream for his most ardent

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fans. He could sing, “I just dream of the ocean—God, I wish I was sailing again” and “I think about the good times down in the Caribbean sunshine,” but his listeners had jobs, mortgages, kids, responsibilities that kept them anchored to orderly lives. Except: The sailing enthusiasts among them could escape to Buffett’s world for a week or two by chartering a sailboat in the Caribbean, and they went in droves.



Soon, Buffett songs were rising from charter sailboats into the tropical air over anchorages in the BVI and the Windward and Leeward Islands. Inhibitions swept away by smooth Barbados rum in the boat drinks Buffett celebrated in song, the charter sailors could sing along with a refrain from “Son of a Son of a Sailor” that seemed to describe their getaway—“I went to sea for adventure.”

On Montserrat in the Leeward Islands, in prevolcano days, a time early in Buffett’s career, I found pirated (poor quality) copies of Jimmy Buffett CDs and bottles of (excellent quality) Mount Gay rum for sale in a dusty grocery store for exactly the same price—\$2.

Buffett’s first sailboat was a Cheoy Lee 33 ketch he bought with the modest proceeds from the sales of some early recordings. A solidly built Luders design, the ketch, with its clipper bow and long bowsprit, looked as salty as a little pirate ship, which was no doubt part of its appeal to Buffett, who as a colorful denizen of the weed-and-rum-fueled Key West scene fancied himself a piratelike character.

He might have been the grandson of a sea captain, but that didn’t mean he was an especially competent sailor. Ryan White, in his breezy biography *Jimmy Buffett: A Good Life All the Way*, tells of a cruise to the Bahamas in the ketch, named *Euphoria* after an Oregon tavern in which Buffett had performed to some acclaim. Buffett and his pals were hopelessly lost in the rough, foggy Gulfstream until their radio direction finder picked up an AM radio signal from Bimini. They homed in on the signal until they heard waves breaking. One of his mates rowed ashore to find someone who could pilot the ketch into a safe harbor on Bimini and roused a fellow named Boaty the Loadie to come aboard and manage a safe landing.

Buffett stayed with the salty look in his next boat, a Cheoy Lee 48, a handsome 31,000-pound clipper-bowed ketch with lavish accommodations that he was able to buy because, according to White, money from “Margaritaville,” his first hit record, was “piling up.”

Buffett must have learned a lot about sailing in the interim between the two boats. His first voyage on *Euphoria II* was a successful 800-mile passage from Florida to St. Martin on a typically gnarly Atlantic.

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Years later, Buffett showed an appreciation of traditional sailing beauty when he bought an original 26-foot Alerion sloop designed by Nat Herreshoff, followed by a Tofinou 9.5, a modern daysailer with traditional lines inspired by boats like the Alerion.

There's nothing traditional about Buffett's current boat. *Drifter* is a Surfari 50 designed by Ted Fontaine that anyone can buy off the production line at Pacific Seacraft for about \$2.8 million. It has the plumb bow and vertical transom typical of today's racing boats and high-performance cruisers, along with a big rig spreading more than 1,300 square feet of working sail area and a sprit for gennakers and asymmetrical spinnakers. Cruising innovations include what Bob Perry in his *SAILING* design review called an "open-air saloon" in lieu of a conventional cockpit and, get this, twin 80-horsepower diesels.

Though Buffett is hugely successful in his eclectic business endeavors and today looks more like a retired Rotarian banker bound for the golf course than a pirate, his escapist appeal seems just as robust as it was decades ago when sailors discovered him. Not that everyone appreciates that, however, like the New York Times reviewer who panned Buffett's Broadway musical, "Escape to Margaritaville," last spring. "If you're not drunk or a Parrothead, as Mr. Buffett's fans are called," the reviewer wrote, "you're in trouble. Mr. Buffett's denatured country-calypto ditties and horndog smarm seem awfully lowbrow."

Guess what, the musical was a smash hit. I'll bet there were plenty of sailors among those Parrotheads and lowbrow drunks imagined by the reviewer who enjoyed the rollicking show.

It doesn't matter that Buffett doesn't get his due from snooty New York theater reviewers, but his lack of recognition by the sailing world is a serious concern. And so I propose that a lifesize statue of Jimmy Buffett be erected in a suitable spot in Caribbean latitudes, perhaps on Tortola on the site of The Moorings base where bareboat chartering was born.

He will be looking seaward, with a guitar in one hand and a bottle of Mount Gay in the other.



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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 the first Thursday of each month at 6:00. Watch for location!**

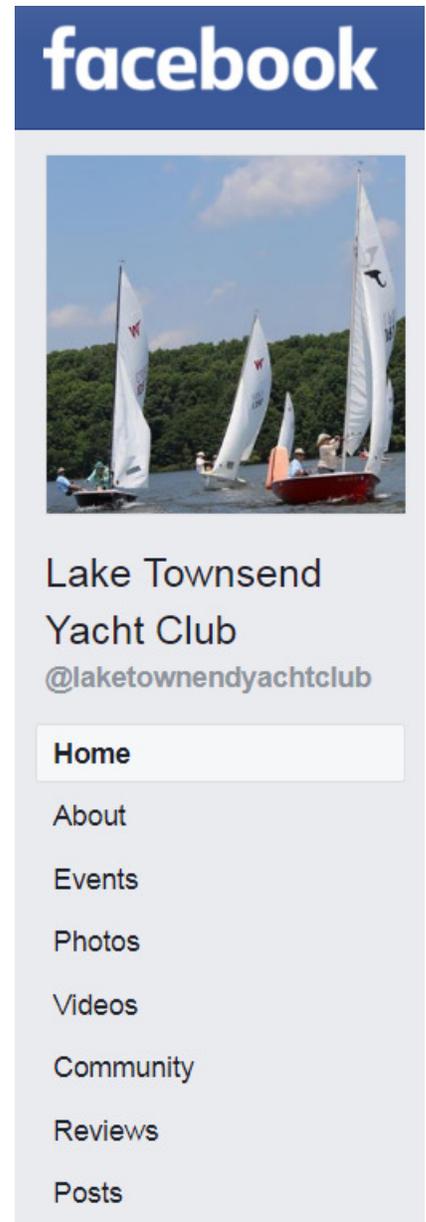
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Please visit our page and check in or make a comment. Thanks!



**Next newsletter deadline: December 9**

## Buy – Sell – Want to Buy

Boats-Equipment-Accessories — Ads run for 3 months if not renewed.  
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### Catamaran with trailer for sale

Aqua Cat 12.5 catamaran by American Sail, includes trailer with title. Nice condition, easy to rig & fun to sail. New equipment: Dacron sail (sunrise colors), tiller & rudders, dagger boards, inner & outer spars, & mast head float. Asking price \$1,500. Call Sabra Gear at 434-774-4803. 10/18

### Weta for sale

2014 White Weta Trimaran #937. 2014 Road King Trailer. Yellow Gennaker (used twice). Gastra Mylar jib used in 3 regattas. Gastra main. Boat cover, tabernacle mast step, non-skid on deck. Other items available including like new 2017 Square top main.

Stored in garage for 2.5 years and under boat cover for 1.5 years in driveway.

\$9,500 complete. 336-209-0328

9/18

### Flying Scot parts for sale

FS 1149 parts: centerboard, centerboard winch, mast (with SS collar), boom, rub strip, stem band, rudder gudgeons, bow fitting, rudder assembly, tiller, safety line rings, fasteners. All in VGC; tiller is new. Standing rigging is good. Scott Bogue, scott.aomci@gmail.com; 336-707-9183. 9/18

### LIGHTNING # 12705

This sailboat is a one design ready to race or cruise. It includes custom trailer, 3 complete sets of sails (one set 3 years old), 2 spinnakers, stainless steel centerboard, and compass. Cover included.

Can be seen at my house in Greensboro NC. Text me for directions: 336.282.9552. \$ 2200.00.

Cash....no trades. Titles for boat and trailer in hand. Contact: Jim Schwartz.

9/18

### 2007 Flying Scot (Kitty Hawk, NC)

FS # 5767 for sale. 50th anniversary edition. New MAD main sail and jib (sails have been used a handful of times), control lines, rigging, and halyards. Boat is in good shape and ready to sail.

Comes with boom/cockpit cover and Tee Nee trailer. Trailer is in good shape with new tires, lights and wiring. Contact: Hardy Peters, East Coast Sailboats 252-489-3491.

Free delivery triangle area. Titles for both. \$9,400.00

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### LYYC Is Going Green!

Please refuse and return straws at a restaurant or drive-thru. Our goal is no more plastic water bottles, Styrofoam cups or straws in the landfill. Did you know that only about 9% of what we recycle is actually recycled? Have you seen the plastic islands in the ocean? We encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle and coffee cup to events at the lake.



Thanks for everyone's efforts to reduce plastics in our environment. Think about it and please help.

### A Quick Look at Some of the Benefits of Your Membership:



- \* Monthly newsletter
- \* Make new friends
- \* Great food and adult beverages after sailing
- \* Mentors available to help you
- \* Free use of city sailboats during LYTC events
  - \* Free use of club sailboats
- \* Free boat launching during club events
- \* Continuing education programs
- \* Yacht club reciprocity



*Etc.*



**Steve Morris and crew Joe Joplin and Holly Deuterman struggle to maintain control of their Flying Scot after a mainsheet block suddenly jammed during a tack at the November 10 OHSC Interclub race. (They kept it alive.) (Eric Rasmussen photo)**