

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

Tell Tales

JUNE, 2025



Happy Father's Day

48th Annual Mayor's Cup

Turnout at LTYC's 48th Mayor's Cup was great with 24 boats entering in 3 classes (Flying Scot, Wayfarer, and Weta) over May 31st and June 1st. Of course it may have been due to the availability of plenty of red cup refreshment and Gail Walters' delicious cake.



Class Race Results:

Wayfarer Fleet

Congratulations to John and Mary Driver who earned 1st place in the Wayfarer Fleet with AnnMarie Covington and Shuana Rankin-Byrne in second place and Uwe Heine with Nancy Collins in 3rd place.



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Flying Scot Fleet

Congratulations to Sean O'Donnell and Randy Shelton who earned 1st place in the Flying Scot Fleet with Dave Rink and Joel Blade in second place and Robert Bouknight and Fred Lupton in 3rd place.



Weta Fleet

And Congratulations to Chuck Carroll who earned 1st place in the Weta Fleet with Alan Taylor in 2nd place



Besides the awards for best scores in each one design class, the **Mayor's Cup** is awarded to the 1st place winner of the class with the highest number of boats that start in at least one race.

There were 9 boats racing in both Wayfarer and Flying Scot classes, creating a tie for the Mayor's Cup. However, the tie was broken by comparing how many boats in each fleet finished a race. The Wayfarers won because a Flying Scot capsized just before the finish on Saturday and received help from safety boats, thereby receiving a score of DNF.

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Mayor's Cup

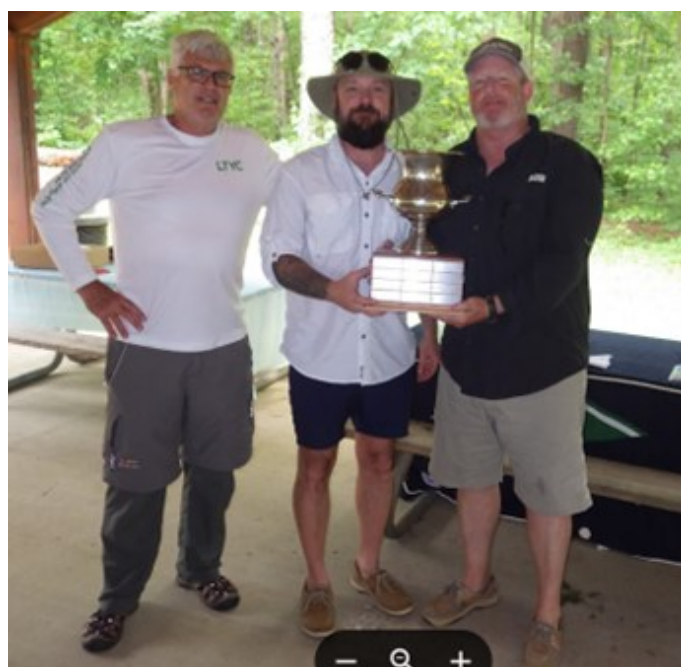
Congratulations to John and Mary Driver who won the perpetual **Mayor's Cup** trophy.



Bryan Cup:

In addition, the **Bryan Cup** is awarded to the winner with the highest average number of boats defeated per race in its start (excluding the Mayor's Cup class). This trophy honors Joseph Bryan and the Bryan family for their generosity to the City of Greensboro.

This year, the Bryan Cup went to Sean O'Donnell from Lake Norman Yacht Club with our own Randy Shelton, as crew, on winning the **Bryan Cup** under challenging conditions and good competition.



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Although the wind was up on Saturday, racing was delayed repeatedly because of drastically shifting wind direction, after which 1 race was held for each class (Flying Scots, Wetas and Wayfarers). Subsequent races for the day were canceled due to dangerously high winds. Gusts of well over 20 mph were recorded and we had 6 boats capsize either during, or just after that first race.



Sunday's wind was much lighter and races were delayed as we waited patiently for the predicted winds to appear.

We did finally get in 1 more race for each class. PRO Pat Backus set our WD course for both races.

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Special Acknowledgement:

Special acknowledgement goes to Eugene Julius and John Hein who raced in LTYC's Orange Crush! Wayfarer. Eugene hales from South Africa and is in town routinely on a software implementation project. John Hein is a recent graduate of beginner sailing.

For those interested in tracking how everyone did, check out the full 2025 Mayor's Cup Scores at the following links:

[2025 Mayor's Cup **Flying Scot Fleet** Scores](#)

[2025 Mayor's Cup **Wayfarer Fleet** Scores](#)

[2025 Mayor's Cup **Weta Fleet** Scores](#)

Thanks to the Volunteers who made it all Happen:

Thanks again to our wonderful **PRO** Pat Backus and supporting **race committee** members Sid Hale, Sam Martin, Tom Bews, Steve Jones, Scott Bogue, Anderson and Lillian Jones, John Urso, Phil Leonard, Cathy Leonard, Sean Brady, and Jeane Allamby. Pat managed to find good courses and properly call off racing when facing repeated and unpredictable gusts over 20 MPH.



Trish McDermott – LOGISTICS (Trish coordinated food and dessert orders, t-shirt orders, recruiting volunteers... a little of everything)

Sid Hale – Registration, Website, promotion, payment setup, and Committee Boat skipper

Pat Backus – PRO

Tom Bews - Signal Flags

Sam Martin – Scorer

Race Committee including Phil and Cathy Leonard, Jeanne Allamby, Scott Bogue, Sean Brady, John Urso, the Jones family (Steve, Lillian and Anderson Jones)

(note– we put an extra safety boat on the water this weekend and it proved to be the best planning decision made due to the very gusty wind conditions)

Mark Wilson – Steady supplier of adult refreshment.

Alan Taylor— parking lines and cones

Tom Bews, Ron Washburn, Steve Jones – Launch and retrieval of RC boats

Scott Bogue with help from Chad Fogleman, Phil Leonard, Laura Kilian, Katlyn Saferstein, David Duff, Sean Brady and others – Decorations and Photos

AnnMarie Covington – Awards ceremony

Many others - I know I didn't get everyone. This was truly a total club volunteer effort.

The vibe was boisterous at the Socials after racing. Of course, who wouldn't be happy to see the great food, deserts (the home-made cherry dump cake was divine...thanks Gail!) and adult beverages organized by the folks who volunteered for Social/Shore Support. Food was organized by Trish McDermott with help from Gail Walters, Linda Ford, Virginia Summerell, Ron Washburn, Cathy Leonard and others. Of course, Mark Wilson supplied us all with a fresh selection of adult beverages.



Decorations were put up by Alan Taylor, Ron Washburn, Andy Brunk and Scot Bogue.

And many thanks to Trish McDermott, Cathy Leonard and her daughter Hanna for the logo designs and Tee shirts!

Behind the scenes, Sid Hale did Yeoman's work with the registration forms and corrections!



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Finally...

Besides the photos on the previous pages, **A LOT MORE** photos were taken at this event! Sean Brady, Ron Washburn, Lynn Abram, and Scott Bogue all got the photos from the racing, the Saturday night dinner and/or the awards presentations on Sunday.

See all of the photos [HERE](#) (Ctrl-Click to open in new browser tab)

Thanks to all who participated and contributed to a wonderful regatta.

Let's Go Sailing!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

2025 Memberships Renewals Are Over Due

The Benefits of Membership

Competitive Fun Sailing

On the second Saturday of each month we hold our regular LTYC race series. This is 'around the buoys' racing where courses are laid out and there is a Signal Boat (pontoon boat) which carries the Race Committee who administer the race. There are specific times set to attend an online competitors meeting prior to the race day and to have your boat at the starting area to race. Typically, there are three races run.

Social Fun Sailing

On the fourth Saturday of each month we have a Sail-abration! There is no set time or agenda. This weekend is for daysailing and cruising just for fun. Club members are there who may either invite you to go sailing on their boat or give you advice about sailing your boat or a rental. It's a good time to practice and improve your sailing or racing skills. Best way to learn is to be onboard with one of our experienced skippers.

Other Benefits

Seminars and training for beginning and intermediate sailors

Availability of club boats including one a Tanzer 16, three Flying Scots, and two Wayfarers. All are ready for use, mast-up and on trailers. For more information, see the [club sailboat usage policy, agreement, and reservations](#) in the Members' Cove.



New Membership

Membership Renewal

Let's Learn to Sail!

Of the 23 separate classes we have scheduled for this year, 10 have already been filled!



Don't miss out. Register early to make sure you lock in one of the rapidly disappearing slots. Early registration will give you the widest range of choices and if you want this training wouldn't it make sense to get it as early as possible rather than at the end of the sailing season?

There are Beginner courses, Intermediate courses, Individual lessons, Sail Camps for Juniors, and even a Learn to Race course.

ONLY a few seats are still available in each of the remaining courses so check out [this year's schedule](#) and then click on the link to the Online Registration Form.

Visit the LTYC website to sign up for one of the classes listed.

Learn to Sail:

[Learn-to-Sail \(laketownsendyachtclub.com\)](http://laketownsendyachtclub.com)

Volunteers Needed!

All classes are in need of volunteers. Visit <https://laketownsendyachtclub.com/activities/InstructorSignUp.asp> to sign up as an Instructor, Assistant, or Scat Boat Driver.



How to Tie a 'Slick Line' Bowline in Hi-Tech Sailing Line

Captain John,

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Some high-tech sailing lines used aboard sailboats have a slippery outer core, which could cause your sheet bowlines to untie when sailing in gusty winds. What fast and easy secret will give any bowline knot more robust security? Follow these three steps along with the illustrations.



If you've ever tried to tie a figure-eight or bowline into that day-glow yellow or orange line called polypropylene ('ski rope'), you know it's a study in madness. No matter how hard you cinch down on the finished knot, it will often have a mind of its own--determined to spill (untie itself) right before your eyes.

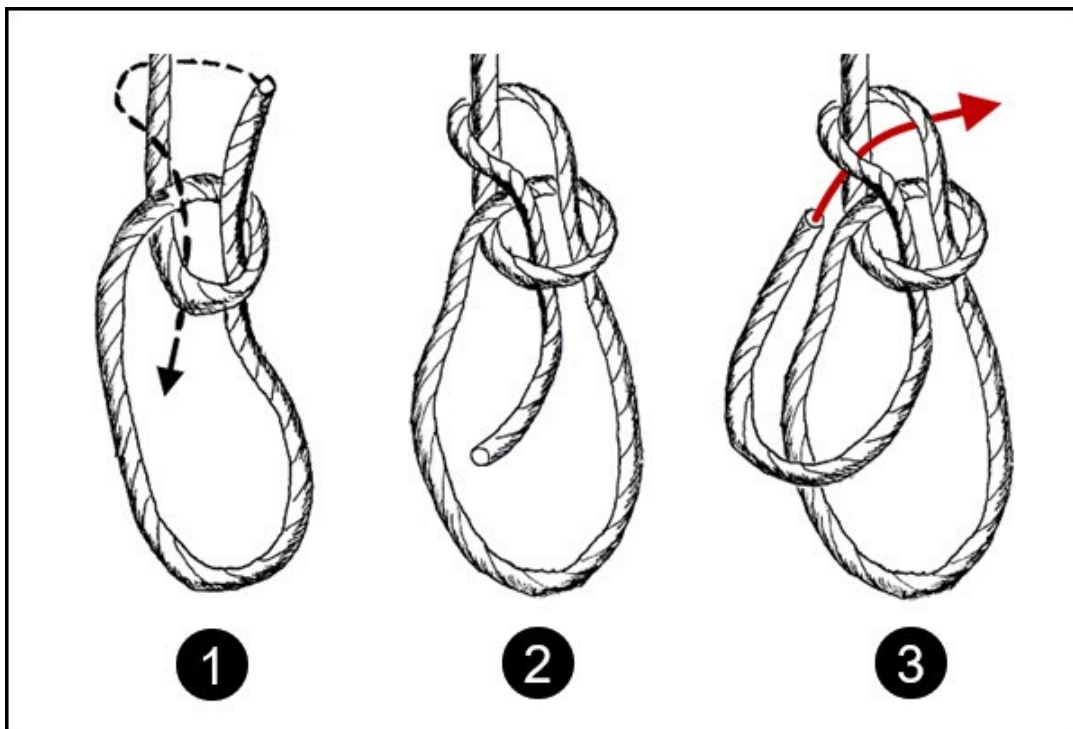
Today's ultra-strength high-tech line, like Spectra or Sta-Set, has a well-earned reputation for providing lower stretch and longer life. Indeed, some of these exotics can even replace standing rigging wire rope in a pinch (i.e., a dismasting). But they do come with slicker outer core surfaces. And that can reduce any knot's 'grip-ability'.

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Consider the bowline knot that you have tied onto the clew of your Genoa. You may have experienced a bowline that shook itself free. There you are, stuck at the wheel or tiller as you watch the bitter end of your bowline spill before your eyes. All of a sudden--BANG! The sheet pops out and streams off to leeward like a crazed cobra.

Perhaps the bowline was tied too loose, or the line was just too slick for a generic bowline. Rigger and author Brion Toss says to use an extra tuck when you tie a bowline into a slippery high-tech line. He calls this the Enhanced Bowline. I like to think of it as a 'Slick-Line' Bowline. Grab about five feet of line. Tie along with the steps and illustrations below.



1. Start the bowline in the usual way (far left illustration).
2. Leave a longer tail of about 6 inches at the bitter end (middle illustration). You will use this to add the extra tuck.
3. Thread the tail behind both parts of the small loop as shown (far right illustration).

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**Captain John's Knot-Tying Tip:**

*Note the compactness of the knot in the top photo. One of the primary reasons for knot failure is slackness. Always spend a few extra seconds after tying any sailing knot to work out the slack. Check your knots periodically when sailing or cruising. If you find they have 'gone slack', work out the slack. A few seconds spent now could save big headaches later.*

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Put the Slick-Line Bowline sailing knot into play aboard your small sailboat when using today's high-tech, slippery lines. Make sailing safer, easier, and more fun with sailing tips like these, wherever in the world you choose to sail or cruise.

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Next newsletter deadline: July 21, 2024

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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 p.m.