

Lake Townsend Yacht Club

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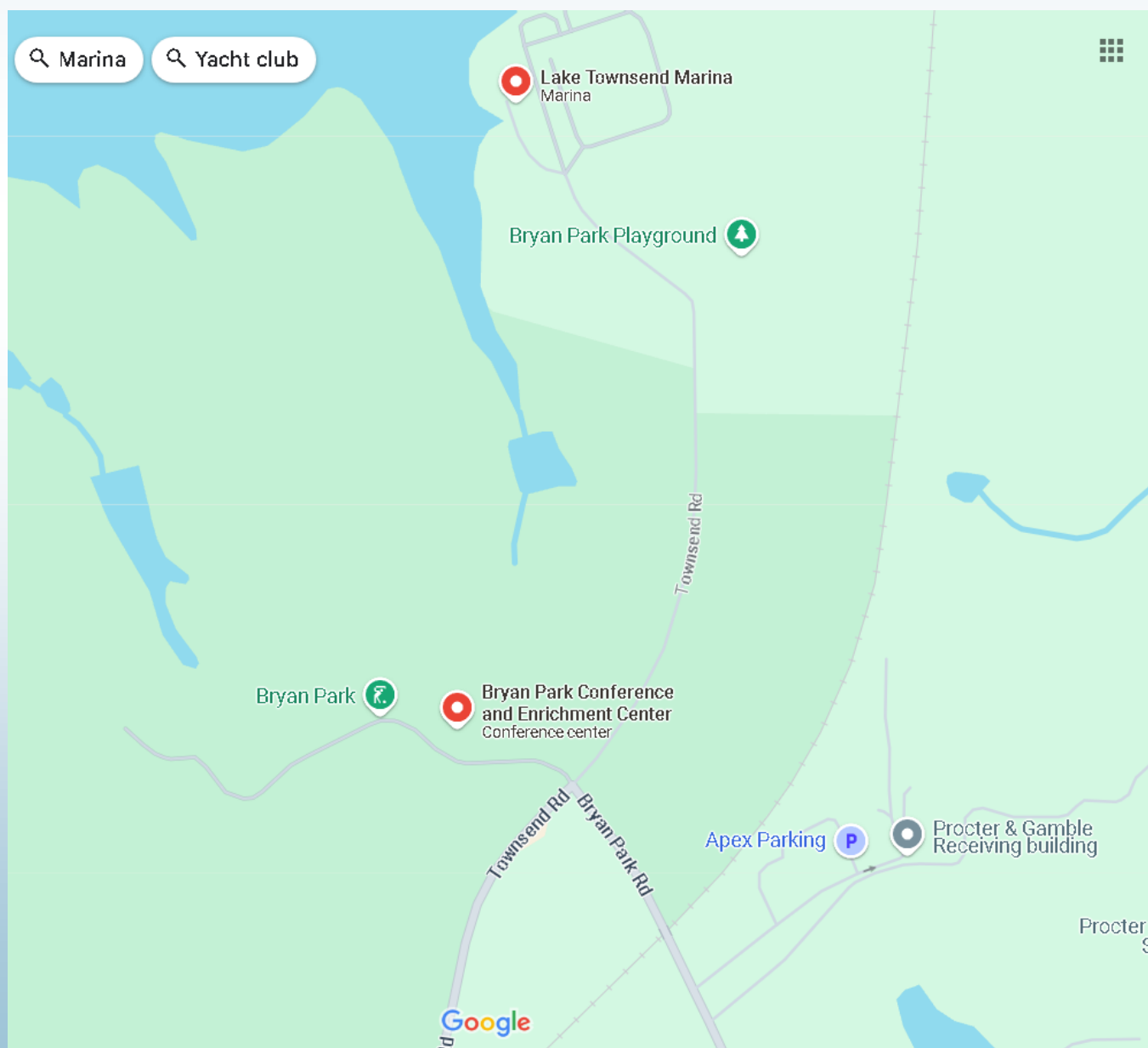
Change of Watch and Annual Awards Banquet

Another year has passed and it's time to celebrate the accomplishments of 2025 and announce preliminary plans for the coming year. An evening full of fun, great food and club comradery!

We'll also be welcoming new members, recognizing accomplishments from our 2025 series of racing and installing the slate of officers for 2026.

This year's banquet will be held at the Bryan Park Conference Center Sunday, January 18—Cash bar at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow.

[REGISTER HERE](#) and mark your calendar to be sure you don't miss out!



Give The Gift Of Sailing!!



The holiday gift giving season is upon us, and so too is the anticipation of picking out the perfect gift for friends or loved ones. This year, make it easy with a gift full of adventure. **Gift the experience of sailing!**

This year, LYTC is offering an affordable, three-hour *Discover Sailing* experience for up to **TWO** on beautiful Lake Townsend, hosted by a seasoned club sailor. This special deal is only \$75 for up to **two** individuals and will include sailing, boat and safety basics and real hands-on, on-the-water experience, designed to spark interest in this great sport and, of course, our great club and membership!

BONUS! In addition to an unforgettable three-hour experience, your giftee(s) will have immediate follow-up access to a "Member Mentor," who can help them chart a course for continuing club education, event participation, networking and membership!

To order this one-of-a-kind sailing experience, visit [Discover Sailing Order Form](#) to make your purchase. We will forward a copy of your gift certificate that you can print and/or email for gifting. Pay Pal, and major credit cards are accepted.

For information on gifting lessons, email education@laketownsendyachtclub.com

For information on gifting a membership, email membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com

Renew Your LTYC Membership!!

2026 Membership Renewals Are Open

The Benefits of a LTYC Membership

Competitive Fun Sailing

- On the second Saturday of each month, the club holds its regular LTYC race series! A course is established, race-around-buoys are set, and the Race Committee administers the race from the club signal boat. There is a preset captain's meeting on the day of the race which details race specifics and launch and start times. Typically, three races are held the day of the event.

Social Fun Sailing

- On the fourth Saturday of each month, we have a Sail-A-Bration! There is no set time or agenda. This is a day of just cruising and having fun. Club members are present 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 great time to practice and improve your sailing or racing skills.

Other Benefits

- Members enjoy free food, drink and camaraderie at all club socials following racing events. Racing participation is not mandatory, but volunteer assistance on race day is both encouraged and appreciated. It's also an awesome way to get to know club members!
- Members enjoy many opportunities to hone sailing skills and contribute to the club's success by volunteering to lead or assist with LTYC's sailing education classes and kids sailing camp.
- Members have the opportunity to help with LTYC-sponsored regional High School Sailing Team activities and events.
- Members can take advantage of ongoing club seminars and training for beginning and intermediate sailors.
- Members have access to all club fleet boats and club fleet boat launches, free of charge! Club boats include five Sunfish (first quarter 2026), three Flying Scots, two Wayfarers and a Tanzer 16. 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 on the LTYC website.

Membership Renewal

New Membership

At The Helm



Ray Bednar, Sunfish / Way-farer sailor. LTYC Marketing

Blackbeard Sailing Club Hosts Blustery Turkey Trot Regatta

The November winds did not disappoint November 22 as the Blackbeard Sailing Club, near New Bern, North Carolina, hosted its annual Turkey Trot Regatta. With brisk breezes whipping across the Neuse River and whitecaps scattered over the course, sailors from around the region gathered for a truly memorable late-season event.

This year's regatta featured active fleets of Sunfish, Club 420s, and San Juan 21s, drawing competitors from six regional sailing associations including Oriental Dinghy Club, Harker's Island Sailing Club, Lake Norman Yacht Club, Oak Hollow Sailing Club, Sakonnet Yacht Club of Rhode Island, and the host fleet from Blackbeard itself. The turnout was inspiring for a chilly November weekend—particularly in the Sunfish class, which fielded an impressive 23 boats on the line.

For a new sailor like myself, the conditions proved rugged, with gusty winds testing balance, technique, and determination across all classes. Many sailors spent as much time hiking as steering, while others got an unexpected dip in the Neuse as the puffs rolled through. Despite the challenge, the mood on the water and ashore remained nothing short of enthusiastic. After all, every sailor who braved those tough conditions earned a story worth telling.

The Sunfish fleet stole much of the spotlight, with close crossings and tactical downwind runs that showcased just how lively this simple, one-design boat can be. For many, the regatta was a chance to learn more about racing dynamics under pressure—how to read shifting breezes, position for clean mark roundings, and recover from capsizes with a grin. The Sunfish remains one of the most accessible boats in all of sailing: fast enough to thrill experienced racers, stable enough for beginners, and light enough to launch from almost any beach.



The camaraderie extended across all generations. It's common at events like the Turkey Trot to see sailors as young as eight lining up beside veterans in their seventies or eighties, all sharing tips, laughter, and friendly competition. That generational mix defines what makes small-boat sailing special. It's not about size or speed, but about community, personal growth, and the shared love of wind and water.

After the races, competitors gathered on shore for a fantastic Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with all the extras, storytelling, and plenty of good-natured ribbing about rollovers, near misses, and photo-worthy spray. Volunteers and race committee members earned extra thanks for running a full schedule of races in such blustery conditions while keeping safety top priority. The club's waterfront burst back into life one final time before the winter slowdown, marking a fitting close to another great year of sailing on the Neuse.

LTYC Club Projects

LTYC Forms Marketing Committee

In late September, the club agreed to form a Marketing Committee, whose primary goal is to develop and implement plans to boost promote LTYC sailing participation and involvement through club membership. The committee members are Ray Bednar, Randy Shelton and Andy Brunk. To the right is a marketing analysis and plan presented to the board in September. It's important to keep in mind that implementation timeline priorities may change, but all efforts will be made to address key areas of opportunity for the Club on the planned schedule.



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LTYC Adds Sunfish Fleet for Straightforward Sailing Education

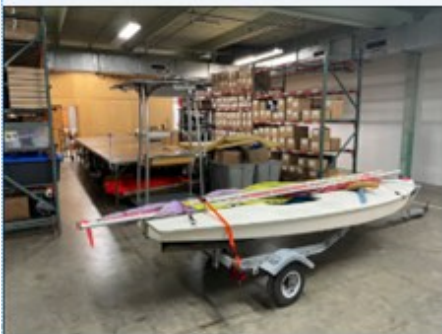
One of the Marketing Team's first suggested initiatives was seeking board approval for the purchase of a fleet of used Sunfish, with the idea of promoting an easy-to-sail, first learning experience. The team and board agreed this would better foster success and sailing confidence upfront, resulting in new sailors being encouraged to continue sailing and become active members of LTYC. The boats were purchased this September in eastern North Carolina and are currently in various stages of repair and refurbishment. It's anticipated the boats will be sail ready by the end of January 2026. Additionally, two aluminum dollies were purchased and Jim Heffernan designed and crafted two wood dollies for the Sunfish (Thank You Jim!!). These dollies will enable sailors to easily launch the new fleet from the Lake Townsend beach area.



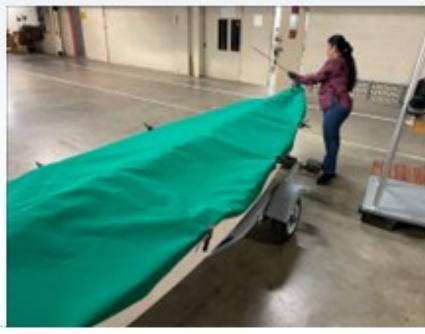
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LTYC Member, Derek Robinson's "Safety Grip" company helps sew new Sunfish Covers

Many thanks to new member Derek Robinson for volunteering use of the staff and equipment at his "Safety Grip" company in Burlington to source and sew key subassemblies made of Sunbrella and Neoprene for use in making new Sunfish Covers for LTYC's upcoming fleet of used Sunfish. Safety Grip's main business is fabricating custom and colorful neoprene lined Sunbrella into safe pipe rail covers for boats, docks, pools and anywhere pipe railing is used.



Production Facility



Measuring for fit



Cutting and Assembling

LTYC initiates winterizing of future Lake Townsend EZ-Dock Modules

LTYC has annually performed needed repairs on Lake Townsend's fleet of Aquafin dinghy sailboats. One easily avoidable injury to the Aquafins is due to leaving the boats upright during the winter. In this situation, water can accumulate in the mast hole, freeze in cold weather, and thereby burst the mast hole and adjacent hull fiberglass. Scotty Bogue has developed techniques to repair this over the years. This fall, LTYC noted that the protective plastic sheeting that covered the new EZ-dock modules stored on the gravel parking had degraded and was no longer protecting the modules from the weather. As a consequence, those EZ-dock modules that were stored upside down had multiple flotation pockets that had filled with rainwater. And they were now at risk of ice damage during the winter. So, we reached out to Lake Management, borrowed their battery powered portable water pump and another hose for siphoning, and with their help, drained the water from the flotation pockets. We then flipped the upside down modules and restacked them right-side up so the water could not accumulate.



2025 Annual Meeting

On Saturday, November 15, over 30 members and guests gathered at Natty Greene's Pub in Downtown Greensboro, for a night of fun, friendship, food and, of course, some important business! The evening spotlighted the great achievements of the club and its membership throughout 2025, and previewed club activities and initiatives for the coming year. Needless to say, a good time was had by all!

LTYC 2025 Annual Meeting Highlights

Racing , projects and activities - January 2025 -November 2025

- 10 race days, including Mayors Cup & Opening Day (Fowl Regatta)
- 3 race days were cancelled, including OH Interclub
- Over 200 racer-days (captain or crew)
- Over 50 race committee volunteer days
- Over 25 social volunteer days
- Mayor's Cup—46 racers (23 boats), 7 RC, 7 Social
- Social Sailing
- 46 Signups for Club Fleet Boats
- Many more sailing days where members used their own boats
- Status of Club Sponsored Projects discussed
- New Dinghy Docks repaired
- Save the Docks Project is ongoing
- Fleet Expansion – Sunfish on Dolly's with covers
- Repairs & Maintenance updates given
- Race Shed – New Steps discussed
- Equipment Shed – New Solar Powdered LED Lights installed
- FS Fleet – New Keel Bands on 2 boats. New slot gasket for installation in the spring
- RC motors – Solved apparent oil leak problem.
- Flat Tires – Repairs as needed
- Marketing Team Formation & Initiatives discussed (Ray Bednar, Andy Brunk, Randy Shelton)



Calendar of Events

13 DEC, SAT

- Old Frosty Races

24 DEC, WED

- Christmas Eve
- Closed , LT Marina

25 DEC, THU

- Christmas Day
- Closed , LT Marina

27 DEC, SAT

- Social Sail

31 DEC, WED

- New Years Eve

1 JAN, THU

- Closed, LT Marina
- Membership
- New Years Day
- 6pm Board Meeting

10 JAN, SAT

- Frigid Digit Races

18 JAN, SUN

- Change of Watch Party

24 JAN, SAT

- Social Sailing

30 JAN, FRI

- Wayfarer Midwinters (LESC) (Day 1/3)

31 JAN, SAT

- Wayfarer Midwinters (LESC) (Day 2/3)

1 FEB, SUN

- Wayfarer Midwinters (LESC) (Day 3/3)

5 FEB, THU

- 6pm Board Meeting



3 Must-Have Sailing Apps (and they're free!)

Knots 3D



This comprehensive library features over 200 animated knots with step-by-step tutorials that transform complex rope work into clear, easy-to-follow instructions that work for complete beginners and serve as a quick reference for experts. Whether you're searching for climbing knots, fishing knots, sailing knots, camping knots, or scouting knots, our interactive platform makes learning how to tie essential knots easier than ever before.

myradar



"MyRadar" provides animated radar, forecasts, and various data layers like winds, storms, general weather, wildfires, hurricanes, and earthquakes. It's available on Android, iOS, and Windows, with free and premium versions. Users can view animated radar, check temperatures, get weather alerts, and track storms.

Windfinder



Windfinder provides detailed wind and weather forecasts, real-time measurements, and reports for over 160,000 locations worldwide. It is designed for outdoor activities like sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing and surfing, but is also useful for general weather monitoring. Key features include animated wind maps, tide forecasts, wave data, and webcams, with an optional premium version that removes ads and offers additional features like a high-resolution "Superforecast" model.

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You don't have to be a board member to help out. Everything our club does is done by volunteers. Please contact the individual board members to see how you can contribute. Thanks for making LTYC its best!

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held virtually, via, Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, see the club calendar for times and reach out to membership@laketownsendyachtclub.com for a zoom link.