



February 2005

# Footnotes...

## Commodore's Corner

Commodore, Bob Anderson

From the Commodore

Let me start by congratulating and thanking both Tonia Troyer and Terry Vick for their efforts in getting our February Footnotes out. We had a few setbacks and we are still in dire need of a newsletter editor and if there is anyone in the club who would like to help with this please contact any board member.

Our 2005 sailing season is officially under way with the Winter Gale #1 race completed last Saturday. What pleased me greatly was to see a number of our new members coming out to join the fun. As I have said in the past and will most probably repeat until you all want to keel haul me, is that the only way for you to enjoy your club is to participate in its activities.

One of the things that I love about being a sailor is that we have a different vocabulary than that of uninitiated folks. This is partially because over the hundreds of years that folk have been sailing the seven seas (of which there is a special explanation) they have found that general landlubber words do not fit their lives so they invented words and phrases that do. For example: If someone talks about being "Pooped" we all know that they are talking about being tired or run down. Actually the term "Pooped" comes from the situation when the Poop Deck (the deck at the stern of a ship) becomes swamped by a high, following sea.

Well, last Saturday, we had a cruising sailor out racing with us and she was learning as much as we could teach her about sailing when she happened to ask "Why are they called sheets"? Now I know as much, if not more than the next man about naval and seagoing terminology but the only answer I could come up with is, "because that's what they are". So now I have a challenge. Why are they called sheets? If anyone can tell me I'll bow to you at the next meeting. Meanwhile it has started a monthly thing for me. I will add a new word or phrase each month explaining different nautical terms. If you have a favorite that needs explaining please let me know and I will enlighten you.

See you on the water and at the socials.

Happy sailing, Bob Anderson.

## Upcoming

### Racin'

Winter Gale #3  
Saturday, March 5

Winter Gale #4  
Sunday, March 20

Dogwood Open  
April 2-3

### Cruising

Cruise #1  
Saturday, April 2

### Social

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTNG.  
Monday, March 28

## SAYRA 2005 and BFSC

T. E. Graham



In 2004, I, as your commodore, asked the board to approve my request to attend the South Atlanta Yacht Racing Association annual meeting. I had two tasks: (1) decide to join SAYRA or remain a member of the Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association, and (2) obtain as much as I could about the current situation in racing. Within one hour of my arrival, I knew that BFSC must drop its DIYRA membership and join SAYRA. Prior to the meeting, I had asked SAYRA to allow BFSC to join as an "associate member." They agreed on the condition that it would be for one year only. I loved the energy, enthusiasm and professional demeanor. There were seminars and training sessions as well as real attempts to coordinate regional racing. I was more impressed by a comment made during the PHRF meeting. The discussion leader arose and announced that the system used for PHRF regional races "is broken" and that SAYRA is determined to find workable and practical solutions to the problem. Never before had I seen such honesty as a large group meeting. Why was it possible? --because SAYRA has faith in its *raison d'être* such that it could face up to problems and seek honest solutions.

This year, I asked our Commodore and board to represent again our club to the SAYRA meeting. The board agreed to my proposal to join as a full member, and I hand carried the check to the meeting. To be honest, it felt wonderful when the SAYRA Commodore announced to the final meeting the Barefoot Sailing Club of Atlanta would be casting its first votes. There was a round of applause from the entire membership.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, I attended as many training sessions and meetings as I could. If I have any regret, it is that there are multi-

ple meetings going on at the same time which forced me to make a choice. Once seminar focused on rule changes because the new 2005-2008 rulebook.

The discussion leaders stressed again and again that each club must do conduct training sessions to encourage the racers to be current. One session was devoted to changes and clarifications to RRS 42, which requires racers to use only the wind and the water to move the boat. While that sounded obvious, they showed videos of violations to the RRS 42 including "ooching" which I have never thought of before. The videos various techniques that racers—especially small boats—can violate the rule. Then, they showed how to detect violation by watching the illegal movement of the leech. I have made a request to SAYRA to borrow a copy of the video for use at a membership meeting.

I learned that the USSAIL offers an entire package of certified training. I passed along the appropriate email sites to our Vice Commodore which has demonstrated a real desire to improve our training program to include possible certification. As a result, he held a 3-hour meeting to discuss both short and long-term projections.

Finally, SAYRA expressed a frustration to which BFSC can respond. Apparently, years ago there were many more who were qualified as certified racer officers (locally, regionally) and judges. Today, there is a real shortage in both categories. This shortage means that the few who are certified need to travel many weekends annually to meet the needs of the regional racing community. In the last several years, BFSC has asked certified regional race officers to manage our regatta. This year, those individuals are already booked for the next two years. What can be done? Review the USSAIL and SAYRA web pages, and get involved in anyway that you can.

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# Racing News.....

Chris Webster

By the time this hits the press, the 2005 racing season will have gotten underway with Winter Gale races #1 #2, and #3. Warmer southerly breezes are already starting to blow across the Lake. We have 26 week-ends of racing for this year. The 2005 sailing instructions have been posted on the website under the racing section, so please open and read them carefully. Also keep a watchful eye on the calendar for the race days and times. We always have our skippers meetings outside the Aqualand Ship Store in the parking lot 2 hours before the start of the races for the day. Don't be bashful, if you want to crew or you're looking for crew, this is the place to get hooked up for the day.

Traditionally, the racing fleets have been Auxiliary PHRF Spinnaker; Auxiliary PHRF Non-Spinnaker; and the Portsmouth Fleet. I'd really like to see us get some of the tons of catamarans out that seem to be sitting idle in the parking lot at Aqualand. Also, as announced in a recent e-mail "Blast" to the membership, Ron Mitchellette and I are trying to juvinate a new racer/cruiser fleet for the heavier displacement (min. ~6K pounds +) longer (min. ~28 foot+) auxiliary sail boaters. Currently, the intent is to do a pursuit start using the assigned LLPHRF handicaps and PHRF Time on Distance scoring. The Course would be predetermined at the skippers meeting with long reaching legs so theoretically you'll spend less time tacking, and be able to take advantage of the waterline/tonnage. If anybody has a better suggestion, I'm open to ideas.

From time to time, we skippers are out of town, so please send me write in designated skippers for the season in advance. We don't want

your boat/team to be unnecessarily penalized for a race series if you can't make it to skipper (helm) your boat for an event. I strongly urge you to designate your alternate skipper/s (i.e.: crewmember, spouse, friend, etc.) to me in the event of your absence so your boat gets scored properly.

Even if you don't have a good race day on the water, your spirits will be elevated at the dockside (Aqualand "V" dock) gatherings afterwards which are always entertaining with food, drink, and some of the sea stories. Talk to Commodore Bob about the difference between a factual versus fiction sea story.

I've been talking to Edith Collins (resident local certified U.S. Sailing Judge), and she is currently free to do an introduction to Race Committee seminar on Saturday, March 19th. Plans are to do this at the University Yacht Club's pavilion (courtesy of Robin Terrell). Stay tuned for definitive date and time for this excellent seminar (free to all BFSC members).

If you haven't already volunteered, I need commitments for Race Committees for the various weekend events. I'd like to lock as many down for the year as possible. I'm going to be bringing out sign up sheets and recruiting/asking for volunteers. One good thing about the Barefooters is that you're all good about volunteering to help out without much nagging.

See you all out on the water. Keep your ears dry until the weather/water gets warmer. Mix together, and hang on!

Chris Webster,  
Racing Fleet Captain

Apply for a Lake Lanier Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Rating

If you plan to participate in any of the Barefoot, or other races scheduled this year on Lake Lanier, please submit a Rating Application to the PHRF Committee. Applications are available at <http://www.strictlysailing.com/llphrf/ing>. The cost is \$8 for one year, \$12 for two years, or \$15 for three years.



# Meeting Topics.....

Vice Commodore, Ron Mitchellette

## MARCH (3/28/05)

**A WOMENS PERSPECTIVE** Our club is very fortunate to have a core group of women sailors, who race and cruise. We will be hearing from two women, who have cruised three oceans and know what it takes to make the journey as pleasant as possible. They will be talking about preparation, provisioning, sailing skills and what men need to know about their female partners (A perfect discussion for the forthcoming sailing season).

# Membership

Tonia Troyer



2005 is off to great start for membership! We have approximately 32 new members and counting (including spouses) and have received several renewals from many of you. Please remember to send your renewal in no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>!

BFSC now has mentor program in place to help our new members feel welcome, learn the ropes (or sheets!) and show them around.

For a little history and fun this year for the Footnotes I will include an article titled "What's in the Name", in which I would like to receive your stories on how your boat got it's name; please include name of boat, your name/owner and what type of boat and an explanation on how the

name came to be. I know we are all looking forward to this bit of history!

If you would like to volunteer for a mentorship or submit an article for "What's in the Name" email [toniamembership@yahoo.com](mailto:toniamembership@yahoo.com).

For Example: "*Shameless*" how did you get your name?

# For Sale



I am willing to sell my 1982, Merit 25 to a Barefoot Club member at the NADA price plus the cost of extras. This daysailer/racer is in great shape, with a trailer, extra sails, and more. To entice club newcomers, I will throw in three free, half day sailing lessons (ASA certified instructor). Additionally, if you contact me immediately, I will demonstrate how to do a bottom paint job on the boat, so that you will be able to do it yourself, in the future. For more detailed information please contact me. David Pope, 404-822-7911



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