



# Footnotes ...

**Atlanta Boat Show 2004**

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## Cruising

**Sunday, January 18th**  
- Sunday Cruise (tentative)

**Saturday, February 1st**  
- Saturday Cruise (tentative)

**Sunday, February 15th**  
- Sunday Cruise (tentative)

## Racing

**Saturday, January 17th**  
- Winter Joint PHRF Race #2

**Sunday, February 1st**  
- Winter Joint PHRF Race #3

**Saturday, February 21st**  
- Winter Joint PHRF Race #4

**Saturday, February 28th**  
- Winter Joint PHRF Race #5

**Sunday, February 29th**  
- BFSC Winter Gale #1

## Social

**After Race Gatherings:**  
- Locations announced at Skipper's Meeting

**Monday, January 26th**  
- General Membership Mtg.

**Saturday, February 14th**  
- Valentines Day Toga Party

**Monday, November 24th**  
- General Membership Mtg.

**Saturday, February 28th**  
- Blessing of the Fleet Party

## Education

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
- Race Committee Workshop,  
Noon, Aqualand Marina

## Welcome to Barefoot Sailing Club

### *Ahoy from the Commodore*

At the beginning of the new term of office, it is appropriate for the Commodore to set some goals for the 2004. I am committed to one major goal: maximize the number of club members on boats underway on Lake Lanier. Whether cruising or racing, all of us have one major thing in common—being aboard a boat under sail. I have asked our Cruising fleet co-Captains of **Tom O'Shea** and **Bill Grey** to inspire individuals to participate in cruising events. No doubt, they will be seeking the opinions of the membership on how to draw more members to cruising events. In addition, I have asked them to find new ways of drawing the racers and cruisers together as much as possible.

For the racers, I have asked our Rear Commodore to appoint racing fleet captains for each of our three racing fleets (spinnaker, non-spinnaker, dinghy). Each will have one job: find creative ways to encourage lots of racers for their fleets. We hope to lure more skippers to participate by organizing each fleet in such a way that each will have some control over its own destiny. Prior to any race, each fleet will provide guidance to the race committee for the design of the race course to match their specific needs. Then, each fleet should have its own separate start and a race course that best reflects the desires of that fleet. Immediately after the race, I have asked the Second Fleet Captain to tabulate and announce the results while everyone is enjoying the post-race social hour.

It makes no sense to join a sailing club and not come sailing. Whether racing or cruising, come join us for the fun on the water. Share some great times with friends. Why be on land when the sounds of the lake are drawing us to come play.

**Tom Graham, 2004 Commodore**

## **Barefoot Cruising Southern Florida**

Bagpipes sounded "Amazing Grace" as the 50 foot Beneteau sloop, *Aussie Rules*, pulled away from the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina for the Barefoot Sailing Club's 2003 blue water cruise. The souvenir soundtrack from previous Barefoot cruise seemed appropriate as we settled in, sailed out across Tampa Bay and under the Sunshine Skyway Bridge headed for a sailing adventure.

The Tampa Bay area was an ideal starting point for our cruise. Over the next week we would navigate the intercoastal waterway and the Gulf of Mexico, do some great sailing, see breathtaking sunsets, and witness wild life up close, including one special turtle.

Throughout the week our days were filled with setting and trimming sails, time at the helm, navigating the coastal and intercoastal waters, and curling up with a good book and a cold brew in the warm afternoon sun. **Lee Cook** and **Al Burmeister** taught us navigation basics: reading

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## Barefoot 2003 Programs

Now that 2003 has ended, we can look back and see what we learned at our membership meetings. We had a plethora of speakers covering many areas of sailing.

We started the year with stories of racing adventure from Sobstad-Elvström sailmaker **Peter Conrad**.

In February, **Kevin Schoonover** of the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron gave us a talk on the basics of safety on the water - a topic all of us benefited from.

In March we had a photo contest. We encourage members to keep a camera handy, to capture special moments and the joys of sailing.

At the April meeting, the folks from the Lake Lanier Association brought us up to date with the many environmental issues surrounding our favorite lake.

In June, **Chris Webster** gave a very thorough talk on racing tactics. Many of us took away lots of information that helped us in later races.

We didn't forget the cruisers. In July, **Alan Shedd** gave us a slide show of the passage he and his wife made from Florida to the Kingdom of Tonga. That was some serious cruising.

In August, just before the major races, our favorite US Sailing certified judge, **Edith Collins**, gave us a talk on the racing rules of sailing. There were so many questions that the talk went well past the start of Monday Night Football. So what? This is a sailing club after all!

In September, **David DeLorme**, **Matt Geiger**, and **Darryl Lanier** talked about various aspects of sailboat maintenance, including hull repair and painting, fiberglass repair, and rigging.

At our October meeting, **Frank Vandall** gave us a talk on how to win the Barefoot Open - or any other regatta on the lake.

In November, **Len Kirkham** told of tales of lusty adventure on the high seas.

Well we touched on about every aspect of the sport of sailing. We look forward to more exciting presentations in the 2004.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Barefoot Sailing Club holds monthly membership meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, except December. Meetings feature a special speaker or program along with brief updates about upcoming and past events.

The meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

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## From the *Favored End*...

It's the end of another successful, and busy, year of sailing activities. The club's race committee and all purpose boat has had a busy year also. In addition to presiding over a large number of races she has participated in club raft ups and is the gathering spot for the after race parties. Many club members have assisted this year in refurbishing the storage boxes, adding a new grill and head curtain, fixing the throttle, installing the radio and flag holders, adding a solar charger and safety signs, and donating time and materials to keep the *Favored End* in good condition. Thank you to all for your assistance over the year!

The *Favored End* has a new home this year in slip V-4 at Aqualand. This keeps the boat closer to most of our member's slips and is easier to access for races and events. This slip has been donated to the club by Aqualand so please let them know you appreciate their support of our club.

Come on over sometime and say hello to your club's boat! She and I will be looking for your assistance during 2004 to keep things in ship shape. Looking ahead in the year, we are obtaining a new set of race flags to upgrade our races. Please remember to review the operating hints listed on the website and let the Commodore or myself know if you need to use the boat for an event. Fair winds and safe voyages to all!

**Tom Roberts, Boatswain**

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## New Year's Day Poker Run

This annual Barefoot Event is anticipated with great excitement. In the last few years, we have had the weather be so foggy that you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, or rainy and cold, as well as no wind at all. We will continue to look forward to seeing what next year's weather will bring! But this year the weather and wind gods were with us, with 7 – 10 knot winds and lots of sunshine.

This isn't a race of boat against boat; it doesn't matter if your boat is the fastest or if you have the best sails! What matters is sailing, having a good time and poker.

We had 20 boats hanging around "X" mark waiting for the committee boat to signal the start of the race. When the horn went off, all 20 boats took off to gather their envelopes, containing playing cards, from the racing marks. Some boats opted to hit every mark, while others were more cautious and had to make several passes. It didn't matter which mark of the course (A, B, C, D, E, or F) they went to first. The ONLY requirement was that they collect their envelope from "X" mark last. That way the race committee would know when everyone completed the course. Most of the boats stayed out on the lake sailing longer than the hour that it took to sail the course. It was a great day for sailing!

Afterwards, 50+ people made their way to **Anthony's Pizza & Pasta Italian Grill**, located on McEver Road just south of Friendship Road for our after race party. Our usual hangout for this event was not open this New Year's Day, so Anthony's step up to the challenge and set up a cozy private room in the back of their sports bar to accommodate our crowd. As the sailors trickled in, everyone gathered around Chris Webster as he opened and recorded the cards to see who might have the best poker hand. When it was all tabulated, the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Dave DeLorme**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Ed Bookman**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Glenn Schmudde**. The winners each received a bottle of champagne as their award. Instead of the usual appetizers, we feasted on a buffet meal complete with dessert. The New Year's Eve party decorations from the night before contributed to the festivities! What a wonderful and fun way to start out the New Year!

Best wishes to all in the New Year from your First Fleet Captain. See you on the water!

**Linda Webster, First Fleet Captain**

## LEARN TO SAIL CLASSES SCHEDULED

As part of its ongoing educational programs and interest in developing new sailors on Lake Lanier, Barefoot Sailing Club offers a basic introductory course in sailing, Learn to Sail, at least once a year. The course is taught by experienced club members and is provided at no cost, except materials, to all BFSC members.

The course consists of three evening classroom sessions, usually held on the Dunwoody campus of Georgia Perimeter College, followed by an on-the-water sailing experience as guests of BFSC boat owners. The Learn to Sail course is scheduled for the last week of March.

New members are particularly encouraged to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

## 2003 IN REVIEW

As it's cold outside, and trips to the lake are less frequent this time of year, I find myself thinking of all the great sailing we had in 2003. It was a year where we tried something new, adding themes to the racing series, and gathering after the boats were put away to enjoy camaraderie and lots of great food. There were some of the usual suspects, along with several new faces. We also saw a wide variety of boats on the water, from cruisers, to racers, to dinghies. New sailors enjoyed the learn-to-sail days, and some of the seasoned folks participated in the crew training days. Finally, the Barefoot Open, was a huge success this year.

Thanks to all of those who helped out with Barefoot's racing in 2003. Volunteering for Race Committee is a thankless job, requiring planning, organization, race management skills, patience and the willingness to not race on your own boat that day. There are also benefits to volunteering for Race Committee. It's an excellent opportunity to get acclimated to the starting sequence, see strategies, take photos and to enjoy sailboat racing from a different perspective. That being said, I encourage all of you to participate in 2004. To volunteer, e-mail **David Scott** at rear\_commodore@barefootsailing.org.

As I mentioned before, we enjoyed some great food after many of our races. Sailors were treated to everything from burgers and dogs, to fried turkey and jambalaya. After a long day on the water, the efforts of those who helped with these gatherings were appreciated more than you know. Thank you!

The new board has been hard at work and 2004 is shaping up to be another great year.

**Matt Geiger, Past Rear Commodore**

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in the private room at Jocks & Jills Sports Grill in Brookhaven (4046 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta; 404/816-2801.) Most members gather earlier (6:30 p.m.) to discuss sailing over dinner (Dutch-treat).

Information on the speaker is usually published in advance in the monthly newsletter, **Footnotes**, and/or via broadcast email distribution to the membership.

The calendar of events and contact information for club officers is available on our website, barefootsailing.org.

Visitors are always welcome at member meetings and other club events.

## Barefoot Cruising — Southern Florida — 2003 Blue Water Cruise

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charts, taking bearings, plotting fixes, and dead reckoning. And everyone helped out in the galley and with ongoing daily chores.

The first day we headed to an anchorage near DeSoto Point on the Manatee River to meet up with an old friend and veteran Barefooter, **Irene Loycano**, who lives and works on her cozy 40 foot Valiant nearby. The first of many groups of dolphins joined us and escorted us toward our destination. We dropped anchor in the setting sun and enjoyed our first dinner aboard, Lee Cook's famous "drunken salmon."

On Monday, we sailed out through Longboat Pass into the Gulf of Mexico under cloudy skies. The winds picked up and soon it was blowing 15-20 mph. **Tommy Lancaster** and other crew members took turns steering *Aussie Rules* up and over the rollers, fighting to keep her on her course south. On a broad reach with 5 to 7 foot seas it became apparent we would not make Venice, our destination, before dark so we turned back to Longboat Pass. We docked at Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant on Longboat Key and enjoyed great seafood with new found friends after a wet and rugged day at sea.

Favorable winds and lots of sunshine made for a nice sail in the Gulf from Longboat Pass to Venice on Tuesday. We docked just inside the jetty alongside the Crow's Nest Restaurant and Marina. Bicycles were available and most of the crew pedaled into the quaint seaside town of Venice. It was nice to have a real shower onshore in their clean facilities and to enjoy an excellent dinner at the restaurant to celebrate the great day of sailing and skipper Cook's birthday.

### A Chance Encounter at Sea

On Wednesday it was on to Useppa Island with a nice southeastern breeze and balmy weather. The crew, always on the lookout for marine life and the ever present crab pots, saw something caught in a crab pot anchor lines.

When we investigated we saw a massive turtle with an elongated black

carapace having 7 distinct ridges running lengthwise and a grey head speckled with white spots. It was a rare leatherback sea turtle.

When **Rusty Cook** tried to free the huge turtle without success we called the Mote Marine Research Center in Sarasota, Florida to rescue the entrapped turtle. Sea turtles often become entangled in lines, fish traps, or other ropes and cables which can lead to serious injuries or drowning. The giants of marine turtles, leatherbacks can reach 8 feet in length and can weigh up to 1,500 pounds.

A Mote rescuers called back later to report the turtle, well over 6 feet in length, had been successfully freed. They appreciated our rescue call and said the excellent GPS coordinates we provided made the animal easy to locate.

### And We Continued South

As the wind picked up we had a great sail into Boca Grande Pass, anchoring off the secluded west side of Useppa Island just before sunset. The area's remote and natural environment is home to many varieties of exotic and tropical wildlife. Numerous active American bald eagle nesting sites are in the area. Other area birds include the osprey, heron, roseate spoonbill, endangered wood stork, pileated woodpecker, ibis plus the usual array of hawks, owls, water and song birds. The crew felt good about the day's rescue and celebrated the turtle's good fortune over **Mary Gilligan's** tasty grilled chicken.

Thursday we visited Boca Grande, sailed Charlotte Harbor, and returned to anchor at Useppa Island. During the sail to Boca Grande dolphins appeared and took turns riding the surf at *Aussie Rules* bow and stern. The water was so clear we could see a large stingray resting on the ocean floor as we quietly passed above. Boca Grande Pass, between Cayo Costa and Gasparilla Island (named after the infamous pirate Jose' Gaspar), is considered the "Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World." We stopped in the town of Boca Grande to get provisions and to visit the quaint little fishing village's boutiques, art galler-

ies and cozy restaurants.

After lunch at the popular Angler's Grill, we headed on to Charlotte Harbor. Charlotte Harbor is a natural harbor offering beautiful sights, including the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, now a museum, at its entrance, and protected sailing.

That evening we tied up to the dock at Cabbage Key, which is accessible only by boat, and had a few libations at the Dollar Bar Restaurant. The walls of the historic inn are papered with more than \$30,000 in autographed dollar bills stuck to every wall and ceiling, with signatures from the famous and not-so-famous. This island bar was made popular by Jimmy Buffet's many visits and his famous anthem, *Cheeseburger in Paradise*. The island's laid-back, relaxed ambience makes it a favorite watering hole for gold-plated motor yachts, local fishermen and ocean ranging sailboats alike. We taped a Barefoot Sailing Club dollar bill on the wall and headed back to our anchorage for another beautiful evening on the water and great grilled steaks.

### We Began Our Trip Back North

On Friday we returned to Venice, explored the town, shopped and had another great dinner on shore.

The next day from Venice we sailed back to the Desoto Point anchorage. We sailed an easy close reach, paralleling the coast all the way up to Egmont Key and Southwest Passage into Tampa Bay. Mary Gilligan and Rusty Cook explored the wild-looking shore by dinghy while Al Burmeister prepared a Savory Beef Stew. We all enjoyed another fantastic sunset watching sailboats on the horizon and doing our best to capture the serene scene on film. What a great last night on board, a wonderful dinner capped off by a full moon and a lunar eclipse. What a fabulous day!

On Sunday it was back to the St. Petersburg sailing a close-hauled beat all the way back to the marina, with boat speed hitting 9 knots briefly. We're back to the dock by mid afternoon and on our way home after a wonderful seven days on the water.

**Meg Webber**