



February 2004

Footnotes...

Commodore's Corner

Commodore, Tom Graham



The strength of any organization — or its weakness accordingly — is its members who are willing to volunteer. What has made Barefoot Sailing Club so special is its members who understand how important this club is. Moreover, our club survives only because its members give their time and energy. Because we have so many areas of focus, we can be successful only if all of our members participate and volunteer. Although each board member has agreed to provide leadership and guidance, it would be unfair to ask a few to do all the work when lots of hands make the workload so much lighter.

For example, I have reminded the First Fleet Captain to make a complete list of all social events and then find individuals to organize each event. Then, each event coordinator should find a group of volunteers willing to assist with dozens of small but vital tasks. It is better, for example, to have one person bring the grill and another to bring the ice—rather than have one person organize the entire event, from getting the food to clean up. The same can be said of the racing schedule. The Rear Commodore should not be expected to serve as the race officer for all races. Instead, it is better to have 30 race officers, each responsible for one race annually. If a member is unfamiliar with racing rules, he/she can learn by serving on the race committee for one or two races.

Any one of us could claim that we are too busy with our personal and professional lives; however, that claim only increases the workload on a few who will then quickly reach "burnout." Instead, each of us should make the effort to contribute something back to the

greater good. Each member is like a member of a crew. The boat does well only when there is teamwork and commitment from all who sail aboard. If each club member does something to contribute, then we have an excellent chance to have a successful year.

Let us work together and play together; let us -- all of us -- participate by giving something back to the club. It will make a BFSC membership a positive experience. It is our club, and only we can make the kind of organization we want it to be. The entire board and I are committed to its success; help us so that all of us will remember 2004 as a great time with good friends.

**“BFSC is a
volunteer club”**



Upcoming

Cruisin'

Sunday, March 21
3rd Sunday Cruise

Racin'

JOINT WINTER SERIES #4
Saturday, February 21

JOINT WINTER SERIES #5
Saturday, February 28

BFSC WINTER GALE #1 (SOY)
PRO: Bruce Barrett
Sunday, February 29

BFSC WINTER GALE #2 (SOY)
PRO: Glenn Schmulde
Saturday, March 13

BFSC WINTER GALE #3 (SOY)
PRO: Frank Atkinson
Sunday, March 21

AISC Dogwood Open Regatta
March 26-28

Social

BFSC BLESSING OF THE FLEET
Saturday, February 28

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTNG.
Monday, February 23

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTNG.
Monday, March 22

Training

BFSC RC WORKSHOP @ Aqualand
Sunday, February 21

Learn to Sail
March 30, 31, April 1, 3

Social Hour

Barefoot's First Annual Toga Party!

Hope you have your calendar marked for Saturday, February 14th! Dig those togas out of your closet and join your BF friends at the home of Chris and Linda Webster (3845 Cherry Ridge Walk, Suwanee, GA. 30024). Although this is BF's first toga party, this has been a tradition of one of our members for many years and the club has decided to add the fun to our own "family" calendar. Barefoot is providing the "main meat" and setups, while everyone is asked bring a side dish to share, be it salads, chips &

dips, or desserts. The start time is 6:30 pm and BYOB. Directions: From I-85: Exit 111 at Suwanee, head west towards Buford Hwy. Turn right onto Buford Hwy and travel north a couple of miles and turn right onto Ruby Forest Parkway (aka Ruby Forest Subdivision). Take the very first right onto Cherry Ridge Walk all the way to the end (3845). Phone: 770-945-0905.

Watch the web site for upcoming news about our Blessing of the Fleet on February 28. Details are still being worked out.

Cruisin' Past & Future

We are ready to launch our Cruising Events for 2004. The first event of the season will be a Meet and Sail on Sunday, March 21st!

The cruising events schedule is the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. An announcement will be made in the week prior to each cruise via the Barefoot Sailing Club group site at yahoo. All cruisers need to attend the pre-cruise meeting for skippers and volunteer crew at the Aqualand Ship's Store at 10 AM on the day of the event for a briefing. The events each month will include one Meet and Sail and one themed event. Themes in the planning stages are a children's treasure hunt,

barbecues, overnight raft ups, skills training such as manoverboard drill, and navigational skill games. Other planned events are a Summertime Poker Run, a Lighted Boat Parade during the Holidays, Lobster Boil at Pine Island, Wine and Cheese Tasting on the water, and a Cruiser's Moonlight Race. Fred Kempner is also working on a concept for a less competitive cruiser racing event. We would appreciate your comments on these ideas. Contact Tom O'Shea at wavelinkga@aol.com. or Bill Gray at captainbilly30044@yahoo.com.

Any Barefoot Sailing Club member is invited to participate. If you don't have a boat you are welcome to crew!

Racin' Past & Future

We are close now, very close, to start of another exciting Barefoot racing season (see Page 1 for details)! The race committees for the year are in place, Favored End is tuned up and ready to rock, and we even have some new flags so folks won't make fun of the race committee any more!

Speaking of race committee, don't forget that the BFSC 2004 Race Committee workshop Edith Collins is conducting is on **February 21st**. The workshop is from 9-11 and is being held at the

Aqualand "Sailing Center" (near the ships store). The workshop will be completed by 11, so if you are planning on being in the Joint Winter Race #4, you will be out in time to attend the skipper's meeting.

So, now is your last chance before the seasons starts to order those new sails. Also, don't forget to kiss the spouse and kids good bye because you won't be seeing them on a weekend until late fall! Free at last! Free at last!

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Racing Rules

Frank Atkinson



“When Boats Meet Section A – Right of Way”

A boat has right of way when another boat is required to **keep clear** of her. However, some rules in section B – General Limitations, Section C – At Marks and obstructions and sections D – Other Rules, limit the actions of a right away boat. We will address these limitations in subsequent articles.

Rule 10 - On Opposite Tacks: When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat.

Rule 11 - On the Same Tack, overlapped: When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of a leeward boat.

Rule 12 - On the Same Tack, Not Overlapped: When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped, a boat clear astern shall keep clear of the boat clear ahead.

Rule 13 – While Tacking: After a boat passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other’s port side shall keep clear.

What does “**Keep Clear**” mean?

One boat *keeps clear* if the other boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are *overlapped* on the same *tack*, if the *leeward* boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

What does “**Clear Astern**”, “**Clear Ahead**” and “**Overlap**” mean?

One boat is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat’s hull

and equipment in normal position. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern* or when a boat between them *overlaps* both. These terms do not apply to boats on opposite *tacks* unless rule 18 applies (At Marks and Obstructions).

What does “**Tack, Starboard or Port**” mean?

A boat is on the *tack*, *starboard* or *port*, corresponding to her *windward* side.

What does “**Leeward and Windward Boat**” mean?

A boat’s *leeward* side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her *leeward* side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side is her *windward* side. When two boats on the same *tack overlap*, the one on the *leeward* side of the other is the *leeward* boat. The other is the *windward* boat.

Board Report

Yeoman, Tonia Troyer



Though several members of the Board were unable to be in attendance, there were enough at the meeting to make a quorum.

The Commodore requested and received board support for him to attend the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA) meeting in Columbia for 6-8 February. The Board felt as if membership in the Dixie Inland Racing and Yacht Association (DIYRA) has not proven fruitful. The board empowered the Commodore to shift regional membership, if SAYRA proved to be a better choice for BFSC. The board requires a report to the membership within one month of the SAYRA meeting.

The 2nd fleet Captain reported on his investigation into the cost of trophies for 2004. After discussion, the Board authorized him to purchase series trophies for a cost of up to \$1300. He was

also authorized to purchase ribbons for each race.

BFSC has purchased a series of replacement flags and a complete set of number pennants. Several more flags are still on order.

The Cruising calendar still needs to be approved.

The Board decided that only BFSC members may submit classified ads in the newsletter; however, the board will permit a news flash using its email listing, if the situation supports club activities.

The Board reviewed the Atlanta Boat show and made several suggestions to improve BFSC participation for 2005. The Board discussed methods to support its membership drive, including phoning members, improving the mentoring program, and sending out a membership package. Finally, the Board expressed concern as to the status of the proposed blue water cruise to Maine scheduled for August.

Volunteers

Tonia Troyer



Thank you to all the volunteers!:

2004 Atlanta Boat Show - Ed Mangus, Tommy Lancaster, Bruce Barrett, Dick Perles, Michael Hein, Ron Mitchellette, Jan Thompson, Sheila Krawchuck, David Scott, Nancy Spraker, Margaret Sherrod, Chris & Linda Webster, Alex Fridman, Steve & Frances O’Hagan, Tom Beachman, Sophie Webster, Tonia Troyer, Con Peltier, Sylvia Sasha, Ed Bookland, Meg Webber, Tom Graham, Rory Robichaux, Daryl & Colleen Lanier, Mike Maxwell, Lee Cook, Paul & Debbie Swanson, and J.R. O’Neil.

A special thanks to the seminar presenters for their time and efforts: Glen Schmutde, Dave Delorme, and Kurt Schurenberg.

If anyone has been overlooked, or you have volunteers names to add, please email: toniatroyer@yahoo.com.

Harry Broacher



My last report was written prior to the Atlanta (Power)Boat Show. The show, I'm happy to report, netted a number of new members for the club. Even though the vessels of interest to Harry Broacher were few in number and well hidden in the back ass corner of the hall, a number of people came by the BFSC booth and actually expressed interest in sailing. They did so after having to hike through what seemed like several miles of prime specimens of "stink pot." (Well, what can one expect in the state that grew by "biological change over time.") I look forward to meeting with, working with, and sailing with, (and maybe racing against,) our new members. Welcome!

The (Power)Boat Show reminds me of the time a couple years back that me and my buddy Cam were in West Marine checking out the (then) new Harken blocks. Cameron "Cam" Kleetz keeps his boat up the dock from me and is real mechanical and can fix just about anything, or else come up with a suitable jury rig. He is also one of the better sailors on the lake, and he is one of those people that serious writers call "affable." You know, people like him almost instantly and he doesn't pass gas with the ladies around. Anyway, while I was counting out a dozen #10 Nylocks (I had to pick up some nuts and bolts for a project on the boat--there is always a project on the boat), this guy wearing a Tommy Hilfinger tank top, cut off Levi's, and a Red Man Chewing Tobacco ball cap comes down the "Fasteners" aisle. Cam, being "affable" as usual, strikes up a conversation with the fellow. I am only hearing snippets of what they are discussing. What catches my attention is when "Mr. Georgia Country Living GQ" says, "Yeah I just love getting out in nature on the lake in our boat. My family just loves the peacefulness of it all. My boat's a Chaparral and its got a 125 Horse Turbo Merc on her, and you ought to see her scream across the lake." One of the few times I have seen Cam at a loss for words.

Getting back to sailing, the weather has

been "changeable" lately, as in "wait 5 minutes." It has been everything from May in January to Alaska in Georgia to pretty near e-ticket. With proper attire--think layers and fleece and breathable but waterproof--you can sail Lake Lanier almost anytime in the winter with only some discomfort (slight frost-bite and minor hypothermia) as a downside, but without having the powerboat chop or the sounds of that "sucker screamin' across the lake" as the upside. A bit of whitecap on the lake (wind in the oh-13-14 range with gusts to 18 or so), good crew/company and you put up the chute. Does NOT get much better than that. Who cares if it's "brisk"? Oh yes, and watching a certain non-Barefoot sailor, a hotshot down-to-the-dam-and-back record racer, and a high-ranking official of another (to remain nameless) club, do a full-bore (spreaders in the water, showing her keel) brodie with his Wave-length. PRICELESS!

You too can enjoy the fun: For starters there are two more "joint Barefoot/AISC/LLSC/UYC/SSC Winter Series" Races on February 21 and 28. If you missed the previous races, don't worry, race anyway. If nothing else you can keep the leaders on their toes, or it would be more accurate to say, make them "keep their butts on the rail."

Now if that sounds a little too High Octane for some of you who haven't done a lot of racing, plan to come on out for the Barefoot club races. The first one is on February 29—I guess that is Leap Day or something. (Idea: Every Leap Year maybe we should have a special Leap Day Regatta. Especially if it falls on a weekday. It would be a good reason to take a day off work and go sailing. Oops, there I go again.)

Anyway, we intend that the Barefoot races are a good way to break into racing if you are a relative novice, and that means you can come out and crew if you either don't have a boat or don't want to race your own just yet. There are almost always people looking for crew. This is not to say the BFSC club races aren't competitive, some of my personal best races have been our races.

Also, it allows the experienced people to "hone their skills." Funny how my skills get dull just driving home from the lake. So come on out and abuse old Harry Broacher—everyone else does.

Check the announcements in the Newsletter or our website for specifics about times and location of the Skipper's Meeting.

See you on the water!

Take 1! Take 2!!

Video Librarian, David Furber



A couple of years ago, when I had to 'unblister' my boat, I turned to the BFSC video library for assistance. It showed me what I had to do to correct the situation. Repairs were completed and I've had a couple more years of enjoyable sailing.

I pretty much forgot about the video library until taking it over this year. Since receiving the library at the January meeting, I've taken the opportunity to view several of the videos. I've had a refresher on Coastal Piloting, visited the Caribbean, and learned how to varnish any wood I might find on my boat. (There won't be any wood requiring varnish on MY boat! Even when I retire, there won't be enough time!) I look forward to viewing many more of the videos in the coming months, unless you, the membership, keeps them rented!

There are a couple of dozen videos currently checked out, most would be considered overdue by Blockbuster! If you've rented videos in the past, please check your library to insure they were *really* returned!

A recent addition, *Lionheart, The Jesse Martin Story*, was enjoyable to watch. It is the documentary of a 17-year-old teenager who circumnavigated the world in his 34-foot yacht, Lionheart, to become the youngest person in history to sail around the world solo, non-stop and unassisted. Check it out!

Monthly Tip

Steve O'Hagan

Cruisers-especially you who are going to Maine.

The fog does not always "creep in on little cat's feet" — sometimes it roars in and kicks your butt!!

What to do:

1. Take a fix and mark the chart with your position, location, and time.
2. Slow down!!!
3. Post look outs. Bear in mind determining sound direction can be tricky in fog.
4. If under sail- sound one long followed by two short blasts on the horn every two minutes or so (vary this by a few seconds each time to be sure you're not overlapping another boat's signal).
5. If under power- sound one prolonged blast at two minute intervals (vary as above).
6. If not under way- sound two prolonged blasts separated by two seconds every two minutes.
7. If at anchor sound a bell every two minutes.
8. Raise a radar reflector.
9. If travelling in narrow or heavily used lanes broadcast a "Securite" with your location, course, and speed.
10. If you need to keep moving under power, stop the engine periodically and listen.
11. Think about the lobster you'll have for dinner.

Training

Margaret Sherrod

Once again, BFSC will offer its basic sail-training program in 2004. Currently the basic training course is scheduled for the week of March 29. The course will consist of three classroom sessions followed by an on-the-water experience. This course cannot turn you into a highly skilled America's Cup racer but will teach you the basics of sailing. Consider this only step one in a life-long adventure called sailing.

The classroom sessions will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings (March 30, 31 and April 1, 7-9 p.m.) at Georgia Perimeter College – Dunwoody Campus (Room -- TBD) at the corner of Womack Road and Tilly Mill Road. During these sessions, volunteer club instructors will discuss the fundamentals of sailing from sailboat terminology and techniques (terms like port and starboard and techniques like tacking and gybing) to boat etiquette. Students are strongly encouraged to attend all sessions although it is not required. On Saturday morning we will meet in the Aqualand Store parking area at 10 a.m. where students will meet their assigned skippers for a day of hands-on experience on the water. Skippers will be given a list of sailing techniques for each student to practice. The goal is to assign only one or two students to each skipper to maximize each student's on-the-water practical experience. Afterwards, at about 4 p.m., the students, instructors, skippers and any interested BFSC members are invited to come and celebrate with our newest sailors at our annual "Wing Fling."

Pre-registration is required to ensure we have enough textbooks and skippers/boats. Students are asked to purchase the course textbook for \$15 (our cost.) There is no charge for this Learn-to-Sail course for Barefoot Sailing Club members. Non-members can attend the course for \$45, the cost of membership, plus the textbook.

If you have any questions or wish to register, please contact Margaret Sher-

rod, our Learn-to-Sail coordinator, at 404/351-2976 (or by email at mmsherrod@bellsouth.net).

Phone Committee

Marie Graham

During the last 10 years, the BFSC phone committee has worked successfully each month to communicate scheduled events to the membership. A reminder phone call promotes the participation at lake events and encourages members to attend the monthly meeting. This year you can expect a call from one of the following volunteers: Nancy Spraker, Sharon Teper, David Steadman, Vangie Traver, Marvin Rowe, Winny Rush, Con Pelter, Mary Robichaux, Francis Reedy, or Jim O'Neal.

You can thank them for their efforts by joining the races, cruises, social events and training sessions.

Ship Shape

Boatswain, Tom Roberts

It has been a slow month for the Favored End but... We did get a new set of racing flags so we are ready to go for the new season! Look for them at the Race Committee workshop and at the first race at the end of February.

Please give me a call or email at boat-swain@barefootsailing.org if you want to use the boat or have any suggestions.

!Editor's Note!

Don't forget to let me know if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Saves the club money and you a trip to the mailbox!

Announcements



For members who have not yet sent in your membership renewals, please send them in by the end of the month if you do not want to be dropped from our distribution lists... including newsletter and electronic event updates. Please send the membership information and renewal form, along with your dues payment, to Margaret Sherrod, 1891 Wycliff Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30309-1809.

Members are asked to let Margaret Sherrod know if they want to attend the Barefoot Learn To Sail course that will be offered the last week in March. Also, Margaret will need for skippers to let her know if they can help out on that Saturday.

US Sailing Race Officer Training and Certification Program: Basic Race Management Seminar and Test

The Atlanta Yacht Club is sponsoring a US Sailing Basic Race Management Course and Examination to be held at the

Atlanta Yacht Club Saturday, March 6, 2004.

This seminar is designed for people with some race committee experience who wish to become certified, or maintain (a three year) certification as a US Sailing Certified Club Race Officer. It is also an excellent course for those who are interested in race management even if they do not wish to participate in the US Sailing race officer certification program. This seminar is the best way to find out how a race should be run. Race committee experience is helpful but not required. The topics to be covered include race committee objectives, competition formats, sailing instructions, race committee jobs, race committee equipment, race day preparations, setting the course, starts, during the race, finishes, post-race responsibilities, and scoring.

People interested in becoming certified by US Sailing as Race Officers must attend a seminar such as this and pass the associated test. Details of the other requirements for certification are available online.

The principle instructor will be Means Davis along with others. Mr. Davis is a Race Officer, Regional; a Senior Judge; an International Judge; and former SCIRA Commodore.

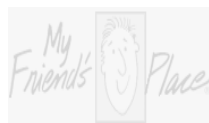
At the seminar you will need your own copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Registered participants will receive a set of race management Study Questions and a copy of *Join the Race Management Team*, so please register by 2/20.

The fee of \$30.00 includes coffee and donuts, refreshments at breaks, lunch, and all seminar materials.

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