



January 2004

Footnotes...

Commodore's Corner

Commodore, Tom Graham

At the beginning of the new term of office, it is appropriate for the Commodore to set some goals for the upcoming season. 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, David Scott, 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.

During the skipper's meeting, each racing fleet captain will provide guidance to the race committee for the design of the racecourse to match their specific needs. Then, each fleet should have its own separate start and a racecourse that best reflects the desires of that fleet. Immediately after the race, 2nd Fleet Captain, Chris Webster, will tabulate and announce the results while everyone is enjoying 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.

“The Primary Goal is Boats and Crew on the Water”

Upcoming Membership Meeting

At our January meeting we will have a presentation from Valerie Weingard of Custom Sailing Vacations, a new Atlanta company that is based in Greece. They specialize in trips to the Caribbean and the Greek Islands where they will be chartering boats for the 2004 Olympic Games in Greece this August. She will speak about recent sailing adventures in the Greek islands and, as she is also an instructor at the American Sailing Acad-

emy at Lake Lanier Islands, she will discuss how you can get certified as a bareboat captain right at Lake Lanier! As well, Steve O'Hagan and Frances Reedy will give a presentation on their trip to Maine in 2003 which is the planned destination for Barefoot Sailing Club's blue water cruise this summer. We will also have a sailing tip from Steve O'Hagan and a racing tip from Frank Atkinson. See you there!

Upcoming

Cruisin'

Sunday, January 18
3rd Sunday cruise

Saturday, February 7
1st Saturday Cruise

Sunday, February 15
3rd Sunday Cruise

Racin'

'LLSC 1064 OPEN TUNE UP
REGATTA, Sunday, January 25

JOINT WINTER SERIES #3
Sunday, February 1

UYC HOT RUDDERED BUM OPEN
REGATTA, Saturday, February 7

JOINT WINTER SERIES #4
Saturday, February 21

JOINT WINTER SERIES #5
Saturday, February 28

BFSC WINTER GALE #1
Sunday, February 29

Social

VALENTINES DAY/TOGA PARTY
Saturday, February 14

BFSC BLESSING OF THE FLEET
Saturday, February 28

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTNG.
Monday, January 26
Monday, February 23

Training

BFSC RC WORKSHOP @ Aqualand
Sunday, February 22

Racin' Past & Future

Rear Commodore, David Scott

It is hard to believe it is mid-January already! The Joint Winter Series is already in full swing, and in another month or so, the first BFSC series of the new year will be under way. Race committee is already lined up, so now all we need are some boats!

When you take a look at the boats that turned out for the BFSC racing series last year, we actually had about 30 different boats in attendance. Most races had significantly less than the 30 boats though! In fact the record number of boats in attendance for a BFSC club only event was 14. The median value was closer to 6. As the new Rear Commodore, my goal for this year is to try to get the median value up to 10.

So, being a thinking person, you are probably asking yourself, "how is he going to accomplish this feat?" Well, to quote the Beatles, the answer is "with a little help from my friends". At the

board's suggestion, fleet captains have been appointed for the dingy (Bruce Barrett), spinnaker (Glenn Schmutde), and non-spinnaker fleets (Fred Kempner). These folks will be making sure that each and every racer is aware of upcoming races and skipper's meeting times.

So, now we have races, boats, and skippers that are aware of the times and places. The only thing remaining that we need for a successful racing year is actual attendees. The 2004 BFSC Racing Schedule is available online at the club website. Take some time to copy the dates and times for club race events onto your family wall calendar. Or at a minimum, print the one page version of the calendar and nail it to the inside of your front door so that you will see it whenever you go out! Racing should be fun and the party afterwards definitely is. So, commit yourself to coming out, getting some fresh air, and having a laugh at the end of the day! See you on the lake!



Cruisin' Past & Future

Cruising Fleet Co-Captains, Tom O'Shea & Bill Gray

With the arrival of the New Year, we are ready to launch our Cruising Events for 2004. The schedule will remain the same as last year, the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. The pre-cruise meeting for skippers and volunteer crew will be held at Aqualand at 10 AM in front of the Ship's Store. The first event of the season will be a Meet and Sail on January 18th. An announcement will be made one week prior to each cruise via the Barefoot Sailing Club group site at yahoo. The events each month will include one Meet and Sail and one themed event. Themes in the planning stage are barbecues, overnight raft ups, skills training such as man-over-board 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. There will more to come on this in near future. We would appreciate your comments on these ideas. Contact Tom O'Shea at wavelinkga@aol.com. or Bill Gray at captain-billy30044@yahoo.com. Any Barefoot Sailing Club member is invited to participate. If you don't have a boat you are welcome to crew!

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Social Hour

First Fleet Captain, Linda Webster

The New Year's Day Poker Run is an annual Barefoot Event that is anticipated with great excitement. In the last few years, I personally have been on the lake when the weather's been so foggy that you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, rainy and cold, as well as no wind conditions. I will continue to look forward to seeing what next year's weather will bring!

This isn't a race of boat against boat nor does it matter if your boat is the fastest or if you have the best sails! The weather and wind gods were with us, with 7 - 10 knot winds and lots of sunshine. We had 20 boats hanging around "X" mark waiting for the single horn sounding from the committee boat to start the event. Once the horn went off, all 20 boats took off to gather their envelopes. Some boats opted to hit every mark, while others were more cautious and had to make several passes. It didn't matter which marks of the course (A, B, C, D, E, or F) they went to first. The ONLY requirement was that they collected their envelope from "X" mark last. That way the race committee could have some way of knowing that everyone completed the race around the course. Most of the boats stayed out on the lake and sailed beyond the hour that it took to sail the course. What a wonderful and fun way to start out the New Year!

Afterwards, 50+ people made their way to Anthony's Pizza & Pasta Italian Grill, located at 3280 McEver Rd. approx. 1/4 mile south of Friendship Rd. for our post party. Our usual hangout for this event decided not to open on New Year's Day, so Anthony's stepped 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: 1st Place - Dave DeLorme, 2nd Place - Ed Bookman, and 3rd Place - Glenn Schmudde. The winners had bottles of champagne as their awards. Instead of the usual appetizers, we feasted on a buffet meal with chicken cordon

bleu, baked chicken breasts, cooked carrots, broccoli, new potatoes, ice tea and topped it off with excellent white chocolate mousse cake. We had all the benefits of the New Year's Eve party decorations from the night before making it very festive! If you are ever in Anthony's make sure that you let him know how much we appreciated their accommodating us with such short notice. We look forward to doing more business with them! Best wishes to all in the New Year from your 1st Fleet Captain, Linda Webster.



Racing Rules

Frank Atkinson

The Rules of Racing - Basic Principle
From the "The Racing Rules of Sailing"

"Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire."

Rule 3 - Acceptance of the Rules

By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor agrees:

- A. to be governed by the rules,
- B. to accept the penalties imposed, subject to appeal, as the final determination, and
- C. with respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by the rules.

The rules of racing apply between boats that are sailing in or near a racing area and intend to race, are racing or have raced. Boats not racing shall not be penalized for breaking any of the rules except for rule 22.1 - if reasonably possible a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that's racing.

Board Report

Yeoman, Tonia Troyer

2004 is off to a great start as the newly appointed board members held their first meeting for the year to kick things off.

Here are a few important topics covered: the Atlanta Boat show setup and volunteers; the club calendar for the new year has been confirmed and will soon be posted on the website; new and improved racing flags are being purchased; racing scoring was discussed and will undergo a facelift with procedures being reworked to announce scores live on the dock after each race; the Dorton Cup and Moonlight Scramble will now be associated to The Skipper of the Year Award; the search for new and interesting speakers for our membership meetings is underway; and the reorganization of board member responsibilities.

As we move into the new year our focus will be to maximize memberships and improve attendance at the club events.

Don't forget to renew your memberships!

Ship Shape

Boatswain, Tom Roberts

"From the Favored End..."

Looking back on 2003, the club's race committee and all purpose boat had a busy year. In addition to presiding over a large number of races she participated in club raft ups and is the gathering spot for the after race parties. Many club members assisted last 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

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Ship Shape

Boatswain, Tom Roberts

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your assistance in 2003!

The Favored End continues to enjoy its home in slip V-4 at Aqualand. This keeps the boat closer to most of our members' 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 assistance.

Come on over sometime and say hello to your club's boat! She and I will be looking for your assistance during the year to keep things in ship shape. Looking ahead to 2004, 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!"

Harry Broacher

Glen Schmudde

Somewhere in Southeastern USA...

Well I guess it's time for old Harry Broacher to dust off the computer. As you will see I am not terribly computer literate—so if stuff I wryte lookS straining, it may be me or it may be the computer or it may be both. Also, I have been accused of "living in 1968 forever, being an old hippie, being a bearded weirdo, having pinko commie liberal thoughts, having a peter-pan complex," etc. Having said that and gotten it out of the way, anyone who is easily offended should probably never read anything I write.

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EXPRESSED IN MY ARTICLES
ARE THOSE OF HARRY
BROACHER AND HARRY

BROACHER ALONE. I DO NOT
SPEAK FOR THE POOR SAPS AT
BAREFOOT SAILING CLUB WHO
ACTUALLY ASKED ME TO WRITE
STUFF FOR THE NEWSLETTER,
NOR DO MY COMMENTS RE-
FLECT OR HAVE ANY INFLUENCE
WHATSOEVER ON THE B.F.S.C.
BOARD.)

You are probably thinking, "Why don't you just get on with it, dammit!" See you are getting touchy already. So O.K., as I was about to say, anyone who REALLY knows me, knows that the most techno-electronic thing I have on my boat is my cell phone, and that is in my gear bag and probably turned off. No, I don't hate technology, nor am I a Luddite, I am just cheap.

That's one of the things I love about sailing—the wind is free. Yeah, I know the boat ain't free, but mine was paid for a loooong time ago. (Yeah, last summer I did spend a RIDICULOUS amount of money for new sails. The First and Only Mate is never going to let me forget just how ridiculously much I spent—and she reminds me every time she goes shopping.) But as I was saying, the wind blows free and that is reason enough to go sailing anytime the wind blows. (Harry Broacher Axiom No. 1.) I once heard it said that the Good Lord does not count the time spent sailing against your allotted time on earth. Honestly, on your deathbed, do you really think that one of your last thoughts is going to be: "Gee, I wish I could have spent more time in the office."

Barefoot Sailing Club is planning a "Great Year" and we are gonna have fun! In fact, we are "gonna have so much fun that we are gonna need a plastic surgeon to take the smiles off our faces," (Chevy Chase in National Lampoon Vacation Opus One, as I recall). The wind blows free, but fun ain't always free, cheap maybe, but rarely entirely free. I mean you got to buy beer. (When I am President, beer will be free.) And you got to pay your dues to Barefoot. Best deal on the Lake. NO WHINING! You just spent \$1200 for a new spinnaker, and you can't afford your BFSC dues. Yeah, right! I mean, even you non-spin cruis-

ers (more on this topic later), you just bought a new "Cocktail Hour" flag and new Scotchgard imitation leopard skin cockpit cushions to the tune of at least \$449.99, On Sale! So go ahead and pony up the \$60. You gotta pay to play, as they say, in the old cliché.* (Harry Broacher Axiom No.2.)

*Please, somebody stop me.
Volunteer!!! Volunteer!!! Volunteer!!!

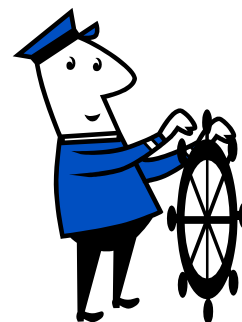
Membership

Marie Graham

That is the theme for your Membership Chairman 2004. When more Barefooters join the races, or participate in the cruises and parties, there is more camaraderie and sailing fun. There is an additional benefit; when people work together there is better chance of becoming long-term friends.

Coming to that first membership meeting or skipper's meeting can be scary because you don't see any familiar faces. There are lots of old friends shaking hands, laughing, and telling their latest stories. None of the old members, however, came into the club with lots of old friends; instead, they came to a meeting even though they did not know a soul. Over time, they build up a battery of friends by getting on a committee or helping with a party. You can do the same.

Enclosed with our membership renewal letter is a volunteer flyer. The needs of the club have been divided into 5 volunteer areas, and I hope each of you will find an area in which you are interested. Please fill out the flyer and return to me so I can pass along your preferences to the appropriate board member. See you Sailing!!



Volunteers

Tonia Troyer

The board has added this section of the monthly newsletter to recognize the club volunteers in appreciation for their efforts. Each month we will post the names of the volunteers from prior month's events.

A special party will be held to honor all the volunteers for 2004 on October 24th; this event will be limited to those volunteers and hosted by the board members.

To make sure everyone is recognized please email Tonia Troyer at toniatroyer@yahoo.com with names of volunteers that you would like acknowledged.

Take 1! Take 2!!

In case you didn't know, BFSC has a great video library! We have almost 70 videotapes which cover various sailing topics such as: Introduction to sailing, Barefoot cruises, Barefoot Open events, cruising topics, boat maintenance, buying a sailboat, racing (rules, sail trim, etc., etc.), knots, safety, etc. Go see for yourself on the BFSC web page under *About Us, Video Library*, and click on the underlined 'BFSC Video Library'. The video listing there shows the video number, the video title, a description, and a run time.

Tapes will be available to borrow at monthly membership meetings and at selected club functions. We prefer to have tapes returned by mail or at those functions where the Library (not just its custodian) is in attendance. (When the library tapes might be damaged by having to endure long hot hours trapped in a closed vehicle, prudence dictates leaving them "Home Alone").

We're happy to announce that this year's video librarian is David Furber. Look for his articles in upcoming newsletters, perhaps about feature videos or other topics of interest.

Training

The only training in the early part of 2004 is upcoming in February. A race committee workshop will be held on February 22 at Aqualand beginning at noon. This workshop will cover the basics on how to successfully conduct the duties of a race committee. Let's have a good turnout for this workshop as we always need qualified volunteers for race committee.

Further details on exact location and how to register will be on the website and in the February newsletter.

Money Matters

We finished 2003 in good financial shape. There is \$7304.22 in the operating fund. The Favored End reserve fund had a balance of \$5382.66.

Monthly Tip

Steve O'Hagan

Cruisers and racers!! Like to drop the hook at Lanier? Like to get it back up again?

Try using a trip-line. Attach a length of utility line to your anchor. This can be done by drilling a hole through the crown or attaching in bridle style to the stock on either side of the crown. It's unlikely that you'll anchor in more than 25' so that length is what you need. Gauge the depth at the spot where you want to drop. Measure that length plus 2 feet of the line and attach it at that point to a small float (a gallon milk jug will do the job). When you drop the anchor let the line run free so the float marks the spot right above it. When it's time to hoist, raise the anchor by the trip line. This will disengage the flukes from whatever they've caught on by pulling them backwards as opposed to digging them in more firmly by trying to raise it by the anchor line.

Wanted

A boat owner is seeking a non-boat owner to share in dock fees and expenses for his boat in exchange for using the boat 50% of the time. The boat is a 24 foot 10 HP Buccaneer (i.e., cruiser as opposed to racer). If interested, please contact Dennis Fiederlein at the following email address: DFiederein@hawkinsdevelopment.com

Interested in making several hundred dollars? A Lake Allatoona boat owner is looking for assistance in moving his boat to Lake Lanier. The boat is a Hunter 25.5 with a fin keel (4'4") and is berthed at Harbour Town Marina. Lake Allatoona has no boat lift facilities and the boat owner is seeking help to remove the boat via trailer and ramp. Once the boat is at Lake Lanier, the owner would like to join BFSC (an added incentive!) If interested, please contact Bob Rose at rose@deltanv.com.

Editor's Note

Newsletters cost about \$0.70 to copy and mail per member household. That comes to about \$8.40 per member per year. At over 100 members... well you can do the math. To free up some of that money for more fun club activities, here are two options to try if you're interested.

Option 1 is to let me know if you'd like the newsletter emailed to you. My email address is newsletter@sadsak.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Option 2 is to read the newsletter on the website. (This month's newsletter will appear there soon.)

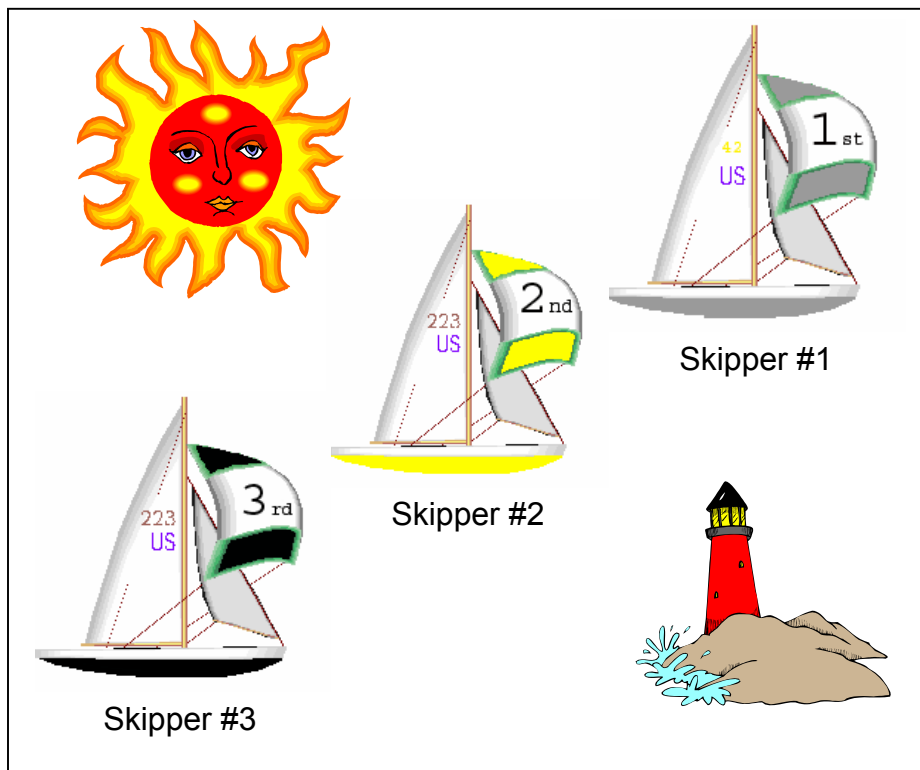
Note that for either option, you would be able to read the newsletter earlier, and it would also be in color!

Skipper of the Year

The Skipper of the Year (SOY) award is an annual award given to the BFSC skipper who has the best overall record in the BFSC races which comprise the SOY Competition (see the BFSC 2004 Calendar online for a list of the races which comprise the SOY). With over 20 races factoring into the awarding of this year's SOY, the competition promises to heat up from the get-go.

Now, we want to make sure that no one misses out on any of the high seas drama or the pitched battles that are sure to ensue over the course of the year. So, we are going to have this column in each and every newsletter to show you the names of the three skippers who are currently leading the SOY pack.

So, always remember to flip over to the last page and check the standings. In the event you are first, rejoice, but realize you may only be top-dog for the month!



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