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Commodore's Corner

By John Gwyer



Are you ready for an extension to the BCSA front porch? We're getting started. The footers will begin this weekend, and then we'll be looking for some help to put the rest of it together. Hope you can come out and help. See "T" Wilson's article for dates and times.

We have a new member that has some web-site skills and a willingness to take over our website. Welcome our new Web-Site Chair person: Aimee Love. She was out this past weekend on the race committee boat helping Ed Hurst run the race, and she's also interested in racing. She has several ideas on how to make our calendar and email lists work nicely.

Fair winds,
John



**Vice Commodore
T Wilson**

Hot Summer Ahead

Ahoy sailors!

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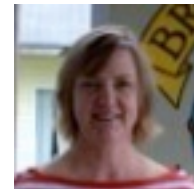
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This is the time of year when temperatures are quickly rising and winds are dying. Sailing in the summer in Alabama can be a challenge...but some of those early morning or late afternoons can bring some memorable sails so get out on the water. Remember to pick your opportunities wisely and take plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.

Sailors...and carpenters needed! Don Moser and I will work this Saturday to dig and pour the 14 footings for our deck extension project and a workday is planned for 8 am Sunday July 7th. On the 7th please bring your carpenter's tools as we will be assembling the frame and putting the decking down. This is the first phase of the project to try and make our clubhouse more useful and appealing. The next phase is to put a roof over the deck and we'll provide updates and information for the workdays in the Drifter.

Congratulations to the sailors who completed the Spring Sailing 101 class. Please welcome these new sailors and invite them on your boats to cruise or race. Many of the new sailors have already crewed on race day and have helped with race committee. Aimee Love has volunteered to be the BCSA webmaster... thanks Aimee!

Thanks to Davis Ashley, Don and Robert Moser for working on the Whaler motor as we get ready for fall racing and the Fall Sailing 101 class. The additional boat is great for safety and race committee support. Happy 4th of July!



EDUCATION

By Susan Wilson

July Education Update: Spring sailing class graduates 13 new sailors

On May 19th new sailors finished six weeks of instruction and demonstrated their skills in the club's Sunfish by passing the sailing Putt-Putt test. To pass, sailors must sail their Sunfish to an anchored boat where they got a golf ball, sail around a triangle course twice and return the golf ball to the dock without losing it in a capsized! At the pot luck afterwards, Butch Starnes cooked burgers and dogs and our new members were welcomed by current BCSA members. Many of these new sailors have been crewing for Slow Motion, Greg Bennett, Flying Tiger, and Teke's Pride in recent races.

Next sailing class starts Sunday, July 28, and continues for the next 7 Sundays. YES, I know it will be HOT but many in the new class want lessons before fall, (They will welcome the capsized)

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recovery practice). We have only 2-3 places open in this class, so if you know of anyone that is interested have them contact me ASAP.

I want to thank Don Moser, Robert Moser, and T Wilson for helping with the spring class by driving the General Recall and coaching on Sunfish technique. They eagerly came to help every Sunday and I couldn't do it without them!

Racing

Around the Marks – Racing at BCSA

By Race Committee Chairman, Greg Bennett

Spring Series Results

Great racing weather made the final two days of the Spring Series enjoyable for all participants. Six boats sailed in Spring Series 3 and Spring Series 4. Winds for #3 were 2-8 and for #4 they were 8-15, enabling us to sail three races both days. Altogether, ten boats participated in the series. The final standings are shown below.

BCSA 2013 Spring Series Race Results			
	Skipper	Boat	Place
1	Greg Bennett	Flying Scot (19')	1
2	Gordon Trowbridge	S2 7.9 IB/OB	2
3	John Gwyer	Morgan 24 & 25	3
4	Ian Buchanan	Flying Scot (19')	4
5	Don Moser	Flying Scot (19')	5
6	Clark Meyers	Freedom 21 (Cat, SD)	6
7	Larry Fisher	Precision 23	7
8	Susan Wilson	Buccaneer 18' spi (SWN18)	8
9	Butch Starnes	Flying Scot (19')	8
10	Eddie Hernandez	Buccaneer 18' spi (SWN18)	9

BCSA Flying Scot Regatta

BCSA is the home of Flying Scot Fleet 197, which belongs to the Flying Scot national organization, the Flying Scot Sailing Association (www.fssa.com). For the past several years our fleet has hosted an annual regatta variously known as the BCSA One-Design Regatta or the BCSA Flying Scot Regatta. This year's edition was sailed on the weekend of June 8-9 with five boats participating; four from our local fleet and one, Tim Pack, from Birmingham Sailing Club. The wind was very inconsistent on Saturday. We had to wait about two hours before we could sail the first race. After that we waited another hour for enough wind to sail two more short races. Sunday, there was plenty of wind but the weather

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forecast showed approaching storms, so we ran three short races and called it a regatta. Here are the final results of the regatta:

1st place: Greg Bennett

2nd place: Ian Buchanan

3rd place: Butch Starnes

4th place: Tim Pack

5th place: Don Moser

Thanks to Gordon Trowbridge and his race committee for officiating, and to the racers for showing up to race.

Racing Web Site of the Month

The International Sailing Federation is the governing body of sailboat racing worldwide and its official web site, <http://www.sailing.org> is the first place to go for information pertaining to sailboat racing. You can download a free copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013–2016, which is the current set of rules that are used for most sailing events. There's even an additional set of rules called the Equipment Rules of Sailing that can answer all your questions about sailing equipment as it applies to sailboat racing.

Firecracker Regatta July 6th

Our current schedule show the Firecracker Regatta as a two-day race but at this month's board meeting, we decided to make it just a one-day race, so it will be sailed on July 6th only. The Notice of Race will be sent out separately this week. The Firecracker is the last race until the Fall Series starts on September 14th.

Updated Racing Schedule

2013 BCSA Racing Calendar (Revised 5/24/2013)

Date	Event	Notes/other events
5/25		5/27- Memorial Day
6/1	Spring Series 4	Dixie Scot Regatta- MSSC
6/8-9	BCSA Flying Scot Regatta	June 8-9.
6/15	Joint race with LGSC	6/16- Father's Day
6/22	Spring Series 3	Rescheduled from previous date.
6/29		6/29-30- FS Wife-Husband Regatta
7/6-7	Firecracker Regatta	
7/13		7/13-19- FS NAC
7/20		

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7/27		
8/3		
8/10		
8/17		
8/24		
8/31		Labor Day- 9/2
9/7		
9/14	Fall Series 1	Lake Lanier's FS regatta will probably be this weekend or next weekend.
9/21	TVCC	Hosted by Lake Guntersville Sailing Club
9/28	Great River Race	
10/5	Fall Series 2	10/5-6- Great Scot Regatta- Birmingham Sailing Club
10/12		
10/19	Fall Series 3	10/19-20- Hospice Regatta- Lake Norman YC
10/26	Fall Series 4	
11/2		
11/9		
11/16	Fall Pursuit	
11/23		Thanksgiving- 11/28
11/30		
12/7		
12/14		
12/21		
12/28		

The Saturdays before sailing class days are shown in 15% gray.

Cruise calendar

Sat. & Sun., June 29-30 - Overnight cruise to Short Creek or Goat Island

Sat., July 20 - Cruise to City Dock.

Sat. & Sun., July 27-28- Cruise to Goose Pond, Scottsboro. Eat at Docks

Restaurant: <http://www.goosepond.org/dine-the-docks>

Sat., August 3 - Cruise to Bat Cave- Overnight for those who want to stay.

Oct. 7-12- Fall cruise to Chattanooga



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Hello Sailors! Pinch-hitting for Mel this month.

BCSA Board Meeting

June 22, 2013: 3:30 PM

Dorene Gwyer, acting secretary

In Attendance: John Gwyer, Greg Bennett, Susan Wilson, Dorene Gwyer, Aimee Love, Don Moser (guest), T Wilson (by phone)

John Gwyer appointed Aimee Love as the new Web Master.

Greg Bennett, Race Committee:

Firecracker Regatta will now be one day, Saturday, July 6. Need someone to help coordinate the acquiring of sponsorships for the Great River Race.

T Wilson, Vice Commodore, Facilities:

Have estimate in hand for tin requirements. Want to pour footings as soon as possible but need to determine locations. Will meet with Don Moser for placement of footings. Susan Wilson will secure power auger for pouring the concrete. June 29, Saturday, is the target date to dig and pour foundations. If foundations are poured on June 29, construction on porch roof extension can begin on Sunday, July 7.

Susan Wilson, Education:

July 28 is the start of the next sailing class. The class has room for one or two more. Boats had some maintenance done to them but some need more work. The worst boat will be selected as the test to take apart and replace the floatation.

Dorene Gwyer, Membership:

With some late renewals and new members, the club currently has 41 units.

Aimee Love, Web Master:

Will make use of forums and calendars. Will be able to post race results, The Drifter newsletter, forms for membership.

John Gwyer, Commodore:

Turn in articles by midweek so that Mel Shaw can publish The Drifter as soon as possible for notification of workday and Firecracker Regatta.

I sent out updated members list. See you on workday!

Dorene



CRUISING

We have a couple of cruises scheduled during the summer. The next cruise will be an overnight cruise to short creek this weekend on Saturday June 29th. I plan to be at Short Creek by 6:00

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p.m. Each boat will be responsible for their own food and beverages but do bring snacks to share for later in the evening. We will check the weather before we leave and remember that each skipper should keep the weather in mind with their sailing ability.

The next cruise will be a Full Moon cruise to the city dock and then eat at the Bridge Café in downtown Gunterville on July 20th. This will be a late afternoon cruise and we will dock at the city dock around 5:30 p.m. walk to the restaurant and then sail back under the full moon. Bridge Café has a full menu and a new Alley Bar that has opened up that connects to the Café. This should be a fun cruise but if you do not want to go by boat then take your land craft and meet us there.

Please let me know if you are planning on doing either cruise so that I have contact info and can coordinate sailing times.

Butch Starnes - butch.starnes@gmail.com or cell 256-572-1996.



**SECRETARY REPORT:
By Mel Shaw**

Nothing.



Ahoy!

I'd like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we'll be rolling out the new website very soon. The address (<http://www.brownscreeksailingassociation.org>) will remain the same, but there will be some exciting new content. While the interactive calendar and comprehensive race results might be the most universally appealing additions, my favorite feature is our new forums. They will allow members of the BCSA community to do everything from find a crewman for the next big race to suggest a destination for an upcoming cruise. I hope you'll take a few minutes to stop by and take a look and if you have any suggestions for improvements, feel free to let me know.

Aimee Love

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Not a member of Browns Creek Sailing Association? Join today and receive all the benefits of membership including discounted annual racing fees, updates on sailing activities from our monthly newsletter, and great social events at our clubhouse conveniently located in the Browns Creek Sailing Marina, the largest sailboat-only marina in the southeast. To join contact Dorene Gwyer DGwyer@HiWaay.Net 256-722-0455.

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Lake Guntersville Sailing Club and

Hall Albright Garrison and Associates
invite you to *Guntersville, Alabama for the*

TENNESSEE VALLEY CHALLENGE CUP

September 20, 21 & 22, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

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Lake Guntersville Sailing Club (LGSC), 21500 Highway 431N, Guntersville, AL 36130
Courses as determined by the race committee.

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing. Sailing Instructions provided at Registration.**

This regatta is open to all sailors who are members of the 6 TVCC clubs and the Concord Yacht Club. The 6 TVCC clubs are: Browns Creek Sailing Association, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, Wheeler Yacht Club, Pickwick Sailing and Cruising Association, Lake Guntersville Sailing Club and Privateer Yacht Club. The regatta is open to keelboats, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker, and dinghy class sailboats. Each club may enter as many boats as they wish. To be scored for the overall TVCC club award, a yacht club must field 3 boats, one of which must be a dinghy class. Assignment of boats to the three classes rests entirely with the RC, whose decision is final. Handicapping under the Portsmouth Yardstick.

Boat registration is \$30 (\$35 for late registration after Sept. 13). Meal packages for each crew member are \$30.
Registration forms available on the LGSC Website

Date Time Event

Friday, Sept 20 1800 Early registration
Cookout (\$5)
RC sailboat display/demonstration

Date Time Event

Saturday, Sept 21 0730 Complimentary Breakfast
0730 - 0900 Registration
0900 Skippers Meeting
0930 "Make and Take" Sack Lunch (\$5 individual)
1130 Warning Signal Race #1 other races to follow; no starts after 1700
1800 BBQ Dinner (\$15 Individual)/ Live Entertainment
2000 TVCC Club Nautical Challenge Contest (See website for rules)

Date Time Event

Sunday, Sept 22 0730 Complimentary Breakfast
1000 Warning Gun for 1st Race of the day, others to follow. No Start after 1300
1300 Lunch with trophy presentation to follow (\$5 Individual)
Individual meal prices apply only to those who do not buy the \$30 meal package.

- Top 3 Cruising Non Spinnaker Class
- Top 3 Cruising Spinnaker Class
- Top 3 Dinghy Class
- TVCC Champion Club
- TVCC Club Nautical Challenge Champion

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Decision to race is at the discretion of the competitors. Lake Gunterville Sailing Club or its members will not accept any liability for material damage or personnel injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during and after the regatta.

Fleet Willoughby, Chair Person, Fleet1959@yahoo.com, 256-603-1915

Keith Kuhlman, Principle Race Officer, kuhlman320@gmail.com

Quill Briggs, Dockmaster, Lake Gunterville Marina, boatdocketor@gmail.com, 256-652-0916

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club, <http://www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com/>. Website access is currently limited due to maintenance issues

Lake Gunterville Marina, <http://www.lakeguntervillemarina.com/>

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- Camping and showers are available on the Marina grounds.
- Slips and trailer parking are available for guests. Please contact Quill Briggs, Dockmaster, to reserve a slip
- No charge for camping, trailer parking or slips.
- Guntersville Motels:
 - Hampton Inn – 14451 US Hwy 431 South, Guntersville, AL 35976, 256-582-4176
 - Super 8 - 14341 US Hwy 431 South, Guntersville, AL 35976, 256-582-8444
 - Days Inn - 14040 US Hwy 431 South, Guntersville, AL 35976, 256-582-3200
 - Lake Guntersville State Park – 7966 AL Hwy 227, Guntersville, AL 35976, 256-571-5440
 - Chalet and bluff view Lodge accommodations are available

Racing takes place in the general area of the State Park. Lake Guntersville Marina is located approximately 2.8 miles from the racing area. Towing from the marina will be provided for Dinghy's but Dinghy's must provide tow line.

Recommended launch ramps are:

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Lake Guntersville State Park. Highly recommended for Dinghy's and shallow draft keel boats. Close to the racing area in case of bad weather. 30 minute drive from the Marina to the State Park. Gated patrolled parking area available for TVCC participants.

Tom Jackson County Park. Recommend for any fixed keelboats (draft more than 3.5 ft). The ramp is located on the east side of the Highway 69 causeway (across from BCSA). Use the south ramp, area near the north ramp is shallow. Ramp is approximately 10 miles from the Marina.

Lake Guntersville Marina and Sailing Club. Shallow ramp, best for Dinghy's only.

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Directions to Lake Guntersville Marina and Sailing Club

From the North, take Hwy 431 to Guntersville. The marina will be on the left approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of 431 and 79. Road into the marina is narrow so be cautious when turning into the marina from Hwy 431.

From the South, take Hwy 431 to Guntersville. Cross the big bridge over the lake, pass the Guntersville Airport. The marina will be on the right approximately 1 mile after the Airport. Road into the marina is narrow so be cautious when turning into the marina from Hwy 431