



September 2024

Commodore's Corner, Zack Lawson

Ahoy, Sailors!

Summer's end is upon us, but the winds of adventure continue to blow strong in our sailing community. We've had a fantastic month filled with thrilling events, new discoveries, and plenty of camaraderie. Here's a roundup of the latest happenings and upcoming opportunities for our club members.

Mark Proctor's Town Creek Cruise: A Resounding Success

Our recent cruise to Town Creek, led by Mark Proctor, was nothing short of spectacular. With an impressive turnout, it was heartening to see so many familiar and new faces enjoying the open waters. The new raft-up spot we were introduced to just off the channel by the bridge turned out to be a hidden gem. Its serene surroundings and ample space made it the perfect spot to spend the afternoon.

In the spirit of adventure, we'd like to remind everyone of our motto: "Never trust the weatherman." While it's generally wise to keep an eye on forecasts, sometimes you just have to set sail and trust your instincts. And if weather conditions change, well, that's part of the adventure, isn't it? Ask around to the participants. It got a little hairy when the weather changed our plans.

TVCC Regatta: Volunteers Needed

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that the TVCC Regatta is fast approaching! This annual event promises to be a highlight of our sailing calendar, showcasing competitive spirit and community enthusiasm. To ensure its success, we need a dedicated crew of volunteers to help with various tasks, from race coordination to hospitality. If you're interested in lending a hand, please get in touch with our regatta committee. Your support will make a big difference!

Seeking New Board Members

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we are on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals to join our board. Being a board member is a rewarding way to contribute

to the club's growth and help shape our future activities. If you're passionate about sailing and have ideas for enhancing our club, we encourage you to consider running for a board position. Nominations will be open soon, so start thinking about how you can make a positive impact!

Chamber of Commerce After Hours – Next Thursday

Don't forget to mark your calendars for next Thursday's Chamber of Commerce After Hours event! This is a fantastic opportunity to network with local business owners and introduce them to the joys of sailing. Let's show them what our club is all about and explore potential partnerships that could benefit both our community and their businesses.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our love for sailing with the broader community.

Thank you to everyone who has made our recent events so enjoyable. Your participation and enthusiasm keep our sailing club vibrant and thriving. As we continue to navigate through the season, let's keep the wind in our sails and the spirit of adventure alive.

See you on the water! Zack

Vice Commodore, Matt Birchbickler 

Hey Chat GPT, roast my sailing club

Ah, Browns Creek Sailing Association (BCSA)—where the only thing faster than the boats are the excuses for not setting sail. You've truly mastered the art of "slow and steady," proving that racing is more of a suggestion than a requirement. At BCSA, we don't chase the wind—we wait for it to come to us. But hey, with the epic dockside conversations and those award-winning naps, who needs to actually sail? BCSA: where the sails might be lazy, but the laughs never are!

Matt Birchbickler

Vice Commodore, Chief Soup Connoisseur, and Bridge Avoidance Specialist





Schedule at a glance.

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
15-Sep	Sunday	Fall Series 8	BCSA	3:00PM
22-Sep	Sunday	Fall Series 9	BCSA	3:00PM
27-Sep	Friday	TVCC	BCSA	10:00:00 AM
6-Oct	Sunday	Fall Series 10	BCSA	3:00PM
13-Oct	Sunday	Fall Series 11	BCSA	3:0PM
19-Oct	Saturday	Great River Race	BCSA	10:00AM
27-Oct	Sunday	Halloween Regatta	BCSA	CANCELLED
3-Nov	Sunday	Frostbite Series 2 Race 1	BCSA	2:00PM
17-Nov	Sunday	Frostbite Series 2 Race 2	BCSA	2:00PM
8-Dec	Sunday	Frostbite Series 2 Race 3	BCSA	2:00PM

Treasurer and Membership Chair, 

Elizabeth Starnes

Membership:

I hope everyone takes advantage of all the club has to offer. Check out the BCSA website for the schedule of events including cruises, racing and socials: brownscreeksailingassociation.org, or join us on Facebook. If you don't have a boat yet, you can use ours - from Sunfish to Catalina 22s. Talk to Susan Wilson about boat usage and rentals.

There are lots of benefits of club membership. There are lots of socials, parties, and educational programs. Plus, you have the use of the clubhouse with its ICE machine and kitchen.

Most members make life-long friendships due to their affiliation with the Sailing Association.

Elizabeth

Spinnaker Colors

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A Selection Guide

The Selection of Spinnaker colors says much about the mind of the sailor



In General, A Spinnaker should comprise Two colors



3 Spinnaker colors suggest a frivolous or incompetent skipper



Conversely, one color betrays a rigid state of mind that is undesirable



and then there's this Guy...



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Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup



Notice of Race

September 27-29th, 2024

BCSA

Guntersville, AL USA

TVCC Social, Party & Regatta

Hello Fellow BCSA Members,

I hope you all had a fantastic weekend filled with BBQs, sailing, or whatever adventures you embarked on! We have an exciting regatta and social event coming up at the end of this month, with guests from five other sailing clubs joining us for the competition. Monty is crafting an amazing menu for all three days, and I've arranged for a tent and chairs to serve food under. Plus, we've booked a band for Saturday night, and adult beverages are being provided by Main Channel Brewery. This event is going to be a blast!

You don't have to race to join in on the fun—tickets for Saturday night's social and party are available for everyone. Better yet, if you volunteer to help, you can eat for free!

Don't forget to order your t-shirts now to have them delivered to the regatta with no shipping costs—you have just a few days left to order!
Let's get everyone registered as soon as possible so we can finalize the headcount.
Thanks, and see you all there!
Best regards,
Chris Edwards

Links:

Swag Online Store: <https://stores.crsapparel.com/tvcc2024/shop/home>

Race Registration: <https://nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/689>

Saturday Dinner

Registration: <https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/wordpress/ppec-products/tvcc-regatta-2024-rsvp-dinner/>

The Cabin: <https://www.northalabamasailing.com/vacationrentals>

Please email, text or call me if your willing to help.

Chris Edwards

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Here's the help we need. Please note that the times are approximate:

Friday, 27th, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM:

Monty & Sherri, plus 4 additional volunteers, to assemble Saturday's sandwich bags and help set up the breakfast buffet tables in the cabin. Additionally, assist with setting out refreshments, napkins, and silverware for Lena's Kitchen food truck.

1 grounds person to ensure the tent is lit, chairs and tables are arranged, trash cans are emptied, and refreshments are iced and ready.

Saturday, 28th, 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM:

Sherri, plus 3 volunteers, to set up, serve, and clean up after the continental breakfast. Also, distribute the lunch bags.

1 grounds person to ensure the tent is lit, chairs and tables are arranged, trash cans are emptied, and refreshments are iced and ready.

Saturday, 28th, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM:

Sherri, plus 5 volunteers, to prepare, serve, and clean up after dinner. Afterward, reset the buffet for the big breakfast in the morning.

Sunday, 29th, 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM:

Sherri, plus 4 volunteers, to set up, serve, and clean up after breakfast.

Sunday, 29th, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM:

Sherri, plus 4 volunteers, to reset the buffet for lunch leftovers and sandwiches.

1 grounds person to ensure the chairs and tables are stacked, trash cans are emptied, and refreshments are stowed.

Schedule of Events:

Friday September 27th:

17:00 Lena's Rolling Kitchen serves dinner

18:00 Welcoming Party and Registration

Saturday September 28th:

08:00 Continental Breakfast

09:00 Registration Opens

11:00 Skippers Meeting

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Warning signal for first race, additional races to follow

17:00 No Race Begins afterward

17:30 Post race refreshments served

18:00 Dinner served

19:00 After Party with live music by "Saving Midnight".

Sunday September 29th:

08:00 Big Sunday Breakfast

10:00 Warning signal for first race of the day, races to follow

12:30 No races started afterward

13:00 Lunch and Awards



BCSA Raft up at Town Creek-Ashley France photo

Social Chair, Jennifer Birckbichler



Our last social was in August with a water gun fight and slip and slide. Thanks to all that came it was so much fun. This past month has been busy for me with school being back in session and my daughter's wedding coming up. After September we will get back into having fun. I do plan on having a social sometime in October to celebrate Halloween with a costume contest. So be on the lookout for the email.

Social chair

Jennifer Birckbichler

Secretary, Ed Hurst



This weekend Hurricane Francine passed through Guntersville. The NASM Staff worked to maintain the safety and integrity of the boats. Fortunately, we had less damage than others in the area.

It became clear that a lot of the owners had inadequate dock lines. When a storm system of this magnitude approaches you should double up on the lines, put out extra fenders, and make sure that your Bimini is down.

With 40 knot gusts passing through it's almost impossible to retie a boat. Make sure your dock-lines are adequate, of the right material (nylon) and your sails are properly doused and secured. Do not use old sheets to tie up your boat as they are not flexible.

Keep in mind if your boat gets away and damages another boat you may be liable.



Greatness is often copied but rarely achieved

We've got some great events coming up. The Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup, The Great River Race, and the Annual Dinner.

The Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup (TVCC) is scheduled for September 27-29. This is an interclub Regatta among all the Sailing Clubs along the Tennessee River. They include The Corinthian Sailing Club in Knoxville, Privateer in Chattanooga, Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, Browns Creek Sailing Association, Wheeler Sailing Club, Muscle Shoals in Killen, and Pickwick Sailing Club in Iuka Mississippi.



Ed. The last time BCSA won the TVCC was in Muscle Shoals in 2021 during Susan Wilsons Administration. Above are the BCSA team. Everyone either won a crucial place or ran interference covering a competitor. From L, Dave Ellis, T Wilson, Ed Hurst, Susan Wilson, Butch Starnes, David Chadwick, Linda Pope, Brad Morales, Monty Williams, Zack Lawson, and _____.

This year it's BCSA's turn to host the Regatta. It is the most competitive race in the region. It brings all the best sailors to town. Don't miss this one. It behooves the host club to field all the boats they can. There are classes for Dinghy's. Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Cruisers. Clean your bottom, get all the unnecessary weight off the boat, put on your best sails, and get out there. You may not win but I guarantee you'll learn something.



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Captain Susan Wilson with the TVCC perpetual trophy. The problem with this trophy is it isn't in our Trophy Case. Those B@St@ds in Chattanooga have it.

There will be a party, dinner with a band Saturday night.

Plans are just now being finalized. Scuttlebutt has it that Monty is cooking Saturday. Guaranteed to be delicious!

If you can't or don't care to race, volunteers are desperately needed to help put on this event. Anything that you can do, no matter how minor, would be immensely appreciated, e.g. drive a chase boat, Sing and dance, help serve food, keep an eye on Zack, etc. Come party with us!

Also on the schedule is the Great River Race. This race scheduled for October 19th is an endurance race ran from Shell Island to Siebold light (4 laps), a distance of 68 miles or 24 hours. This is always fun. There is a short course if you don't want to stay out all night. Don't miss this one.

Also, the Annual Dinner is planned for November. This is a party where we select the new officers for the following year and vote on necessary changes to our constitution. We also pass out the booty for service and race awards. Usually there's some door prizes. It's always a blast.

Speaking of Officers, it's not too early to think about volunteering for a position next year. I read once that serving on a fraternal or civic board results in greater happiness than a greater salary. We need good people. It's a great way to meet people and form

friendships.

Our Race Committee has a lot of races planned and there are neat social events on the calendar.

Also, the North Alabama Sailing Marina (NASM) has had some dredging and a new ramp installed. They intend to preform a lot of dock upgrades.

Come out and enjoy this beautiful lake with us. Make new and renew old friendships and have new adventures.

Lots to come, make sure you come around and sail with us.

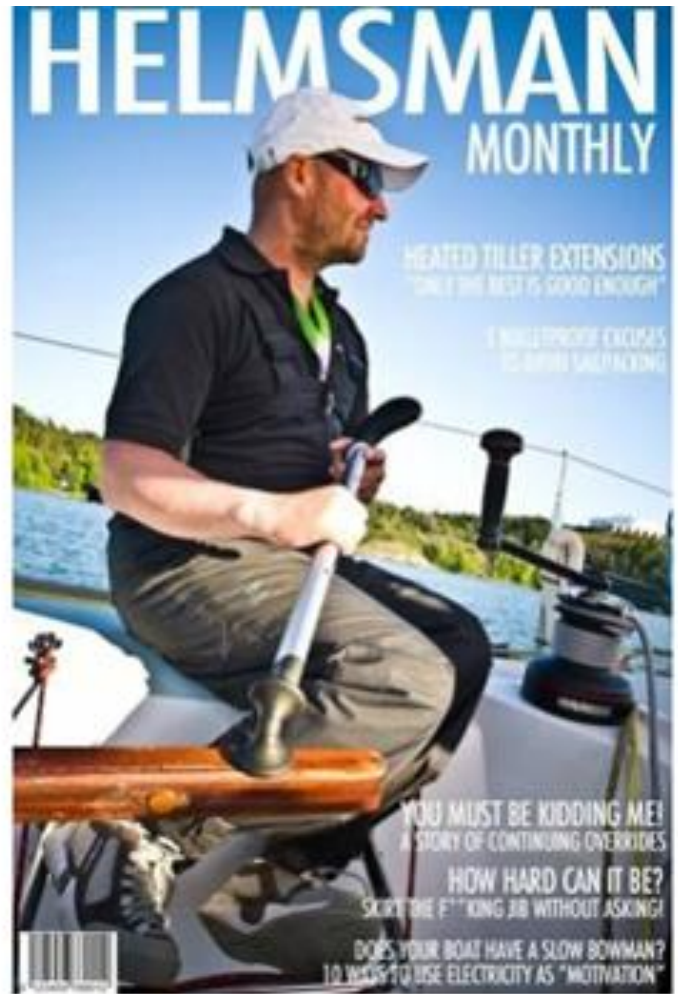


Ed Hurst









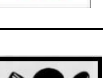
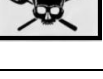
BEAUFORT/ DINGHY PSYCHOLOGICAL SCALE

I think most of us can relate to this.

Force	Knots	Psychological Scale
1	1-3	Boredom
2	4-6	Mild Pleasure
3	7-10	Pleasure
4	11-16	Great Pleasure
5	17-21	Delight
6	22-27	Delight tinged with anxiety
7	28-33	Anxiety tinged with Fear
8	34-40	Fear tinged with terror
9	41-47	Great Terror
10	48-55	Panic
11	56-63	I want my Mummy



2024 Board and Committee Chairs

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*Voting Member

Our windspeeds are typically expressed in Beaufort Number; from Admiral Beaufort, famous dead sailor.

How to convert to Knots from Beaufort Number

- 1.) Subtract 1 from the Beaufort Number (Bn), then
- 2.) multiply the remainder by 5.

e.g—BN =4

4-1=3

3x5= 15 KNOTS

Conversely; to convert to BN from knots


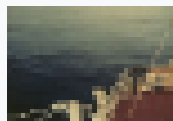
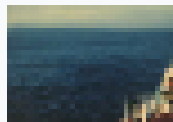
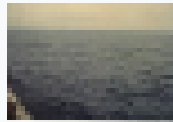
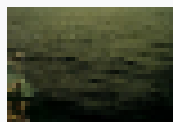



- 1) Devide the knots by 5, then
- 2) Add 1.










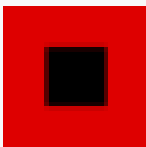
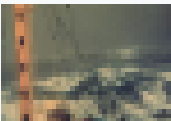
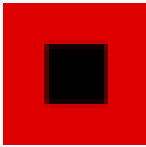
e.g.

Knots=20 mph

20/ 5 =4

Add1 = 5 BN.

Beaufort number	Description	Wind speed	Wave height	Sea conditions	Land conditions	Sea conditions (photo)	Associated warning flag
0	Calm	< 1 knot < 1 mph < 2 km/h 0-0.2 m/s	0 ft 0 m	Sea like a mirror	Smoke rises vertically		
1	Light air	1-3 knots 1-3 mph 2-5 km/h 0.3-1.5 m/s	0-1 ft 0-0.3 m	Ripples with appearance of scales are formed, without foam crests.	Direction shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes		
2	Light breeze	4-6 knots 4-7 mph 6-11 km/h 1.6-3.3 m/s	1-2 ft 0.3-0.6 m	Small wavelets, still short but more pronounced; crests have a glassy appearance but do not break.	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; wind vane moved by wind		
3	Gentle breeze	7-10 knots 8-12 mph 12-18 km/h 3.4-5.1 m/s	3-4 ft 0.8-1.2 m	Large wavelets; crests begin to break; foam of glassy appearance; perhaps scattered white horses	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; light flags extended		
4	Moderate breeze	11-16 knots 13-18 mph 20-28 km/h 5.5-7.9 m/s	3.5-6 ft 1-2 m	Small waves becoming longer; fairly frequent white horses	Raises dust and loose paper; small branches moved		
5	Fresh breeze	17-21 knots 19-24 mph 29-38 km/h 8-10.7 m/s	6-10 ft 2-3 m	Moderate waves taking a more pronounced long form; many white horses are formed; chance of some spray	Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters		
6	Strong breeze	22-27 knots 25-31 mph 39-49 km/h 10.8-13.8 m/s	8-13 ft 3-4 m	Large waves begin to form; the white foam crests are more extensive everywhere; probably some spray	Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telegraph wires; umbrellas used with difficulty		

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7	Moderate gale, near gale	28–33 knots 32–38 mph 50–61 km/h 13.8–17.1 mi/h	13–19 ft 4–5.5 m	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind; spindrift begins to be seen	Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt when walking against the wind	 JPMcC ©2008/2009	
8	Gale, fresh gale	34–40 knots 38–46 mph 60–74 km/h 17.3–20.7 mi/h	18–25 ft 5.5–7.5 m	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift; foam is blown in well-marked streaks along the direction of the wind	Twigs break off trees; generally impedes progress	 JPMcC ©2008/2009	
9	Strong/ severe gale	41–47 knots 47–54 mph 70–88 km/h 20.8–24.4 mi/h	23–32 ft 7–10 m	High waves; dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind; sea begins to roll; spray affects visibility	Slight structural damage (chimney pots and slates removed)	 JPMcC ©2008/2009	
10	Storm, ^[12] whole gale	48–55 knots 55–63 mph 88–100 km/h 24.5–28.4 mi/h	29–41 ft 9–12.5 m	Very high waves with long overhanging crests; resulting foam in great patches is blown in dense white streaks along the direction of the wind; on the whole the surface of the sea takes on a white appearance; rolling of the sea becomes heavy; visibility affected	Seldom experienced inland; trees uprooted; considerable structural damage	 JPMcC ©2008/2009	
11	Violent storm	58–63 knots 64–72 mph 100–117 km/h 28.5–32.4 mi/h	37–52 ft 11.5–16 m	Exceptionally high waves; small- and medium-sized ships might be for a long time lost to view behind the waves; sea is covered with long white patches of foam; everywhere the edges of the wave crests	Very rarely experienced; accompanied by widespread damage	 JPMcC ©2008/2009	



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