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Browns Creek Sailing Association Newsletter - May 2025



Make the Most of Your BCSA Membership!

As a member of Brown's Creek Sailing Association, you have access to great sailing, exciting races, and a welcoming community on beautiful Lake Guntersville.

Don't miss out on what your club offers:

- Regular races and regattas
- Fun social events and dock parties
- Sail with friends to all parts of the lake on the club Cruises
- Opportunities to crew, learn, and improve
- A supportive, family-friendly sailing community

Get involved, come out to events, and take full advantage of everything BCSA has to offer. Your participation is what makes the club great!

See the schedule and join in at brownscreeksailingassociation.org

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Commodore's Corner

Jeff Wilson

Ahoy Sailors!

Summer is virtually upon us and there is a lot of excitement at Brown's Creek! I keep seeing folks around the marina (myself included) taking care of boat projects and getting ready for the season. I know I have been pressure washing, replacing the impeller, changing oil, and various other things trying to get my boat in proper condition.

This past weekend I had the pleasure of getting to welcome our new sailors to the Learn to Sail class, hoping they have a great time and learn the skills needed to get on the water and with some luck, become long term club members! We had almost 20 people sign up for class which is a great turnout. Despite the weather not being very cooperative. I'm sure Susan did a great job and made the most of the situation for their indoor sessions. I look forward to joining them again this weekend for their graduation celebration, not to mention the taco bar is always delicious. Hope to see you all there!

May is a busy month with the Learn to Sail class, Memorial Day cruise and raft-up, Slip N Slide for the kids, and of course all the races to enjoy! There is no shortage of fun activities going on in the club, so try to plan some time to get involved and hang out with your fellow sailors!

Fair winds to all,

Jeff Wilson
Commodore



Social Chair –

**Jennifer
Birckbichler**

Spring Recap & Upcoming Fun!

It's been a busy and exciting couple of months around here! In March, we kicked off the spring season with our St. Patrick's Day party. It was a great turnout, and the patty melts were a huge hit—delicious and perfectly festive!

Then in early April, we rolled up our sleeves for our Pancake Breakfast and Clean-Up Day. What an amazing turnout we had! With so many volunteers pitching in, we accomplished a ton. A big thank-you to everyone who came out and helped make the club shine.

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss!

Friday, May 17th at 5 PM – Sailing Graduation & Taco Bar

Come celebrate our newest sailors as they graduate from the sailing program! We'll be hosting a taco bar featuring pork, chicken, and beef tacos with all the fixings. It's a great way to show support and enjoy some delicious food together.

Memorial Day Weekend is Packed with Fun!

Saturday, May 24th – Cruise to Honeycomb

Set sail with us on a relaxing cruise to Honeycomb. Come hang out, drop anchor, and stay as long (or as little) as you like!

Sunday, May 25th at 12 Noon – Slip 'n Slide & Cookout

Bring the kids out for some slippery fun with our giant slip 'n slide. We'll be grilling hot dogs, and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Saturday May 31st – 3rd Annual Mayor's Cup

Whether you're racing or spectating, don't miss this exciting tradition! The race kicks off at 10 AM. If you're not on the water, head over to Levi's and enjoy the view with friends.

As always, if you'd like to volunteer, just reach out to me—I'll be happy to find the perfect way for you to get involved. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



Vice Commodore's Log

Charles Nixon

Closeish to the end of summer last year, Jenn our fantastic social chair planned a water day for the kids. There was a slip and slide, water guns, water balloons, food, and lots of people. It will was an absolute blast. Just to set the scene, the water festivities started at 12 noon and this story starts at 9p.m: We are sitting around under the gazebo on dock 100. When someone says 'What are we going to do with the left over water balloons?'. Person 2 says 'Rumor has it LGSC is having a tie up at Honeycomb'. Everyone's eyes lights up and I say 'I'll get the boat ready, if y'all get the water balloons and beer.'

15 minutes later we are off, untied and then we see Mark sitting on Escape. After a U-turn, more beer, Mark, and Sandy we are off. There was not much wind so we motored all the way to honeycomb with plenty of laughs and memories along the way. We arrived at Honeycomb and noted 2 things of importance. Firstly, there are about 4 boats tied up and anchored. Secondly, there are another 3 boats pulling into Honeycomb.

My boat was in between the 3 boats pulling in and the 4 boats rafted up. So, as the responsible captain that I am, decided that the most responsible thing to do

was to pretend I was with them and lead them to a different part of Honeycomb. After 10 minutes driving as fast as I can (5mph) I decided I was done messing with them and idled the engine and let them figure out their wits. Eventually they figured out we were messing with them and the 3 remaining boats got tied up to the raft up safely.

That is when the final part of the plan came in. I told the crew to grab the water balloons. Two of them dashed down below and then called back 'where did you put it'. Little did we know the Mission was failed before it started.



Cruise Chair

Matt Birckbichler



Next Up: Memorial Day Weekend Sailboat Cruise & Raft-Up! 🚤

Join us Saturday, May 24th, 2025 for a full day of wind, water, and summer vibes! We're setting sail from Browns Creek Sailing Marina at 10:00 AM, cruising out to Honeycomb and anchoring behind Goat Island for an epic raft-up.

🎉 Expect sunshine, smooth sailing, floating fun, and great company. Bring your food, snacks, drinks, swimsuits, and that long weekend energy — it's time to make some waves!

🕒 Departing at 10:00 AM sharp
📍 Browns Creek Sailing Marina
📅 Saturday, May 24th, 2025

Whether you're a seasoned sailor or hopping aboard as crew, all are welcome! Drop anchor, link up, and let's kick off the summer in style.

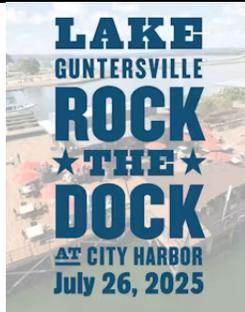


Last Cruise: Chug to Snug

What an awesome day on the water for our Chug to Snug cruise! We had 8 boats in total join us for a smooth and easy downwind sail. With favorable winds, we made great time—just under 2 hours from start to finish. We even had a group join us by land yaht at Snug!

Most of the fleet was able to tie up at the pavilion, while a couple stayed on anchor nearby. Once settled, we enjoyed some seriously good food and even better company.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made it such a fun and relaxed cruise. Can't wait for the next one!



Coming Soon: Rock The Dock

Join us for our Rock The Dock Cruise to City Harbor in Guntersville on July 26th, 2025! It's going to be a fantastic day on the water followed by entertainment and good times at the dock. More details to come



Race Chair

Ken Atchison



Mentors Race

Join us Sunday for our annual Mentor pursuit race. The skippers' meeting is at 1 PM, and the race starts at 2 PM. Race alongside Susan's sailing class, meet our new members, and find crew for upcoming races/regattas. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mayors Cup Regatta

Browns Creek Sailing Association is honored to host the Mayor's Cup Regatta and invite all sailors to participate in this third annual event at City Harbor, Guntersville, AL. The regatta promotes the sport of sailing.



Spring Series

Our Spring Series races are well underway and providing some fantastic competition on the water! If you've been curious about racing but haven't taken the plunge yet, now is the perfect time to join in.

Don't worry if you don't have your own boat or racing experience—come out a couple hours before race start time and you can crew on one of our member boats! It's the perfect way to learn the ropes, meet fellow sailors, and experience the thrill of racing in a supportive environment.

Racing adds a whole new dimension to sailing, sharpening your skills while providing camaraderie and friendly competition. Experienced skippers are always looking for enthusiastic crew members, so don't be shy! Just show up ready to learn and have fun.

Dates for upcoming races are posted on our club calendar, and there's always a

skipper's meeting before each race to go over the course and answer any questions. We welcome sailors of all experience levels!



Education Chair

Susan Wilson

BCSA has one of the biggest classes ever! Eighteen students are joining the club and devoting two full weekends to sailing training with instruction from Linda Pope, Mark Proctor, Ken Atchison, Keith Hall, Monty Williams, Butch Starnes, and Susan Wilson. Margaret Hurst is our able assistant. The students are learning rigging, docking, wind awareness, steering, and sail trim on the club's four Catalina 22's and three other private boats.

The Poisiden of Guntersville has not been cooperating with our plans. The first weekend of on-the-water training was a washout with 15-20 mph winds and drenching rain. We are a hearty bunch though and we will try again next weekend for their first sail!

Come and meet our new sailors at the "graduation" picnic on Saturday. They are a fun bunch and eager to join our sailing gang!



Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Starnes

Membership Update

BCSA is continuing to grow with several new members so far this year. If you

see a new face, make them welcome!

Our membership numbers are looking strong as we head into the summer season. The influx of new members, including many from our sailing classes, has been great!

Remember that your membership fees directly support club activities, maintenance, and improvements. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible to maintain your member benefits.



**Member at
Large**

Mark Proctor

Member Feedback Welcome!

Do you have wishes, gripes, complaints, or suggestions about our club? I'm here to listen! As your Member at Large, my role is to represent the general membership and bring your concerns to the board.

Please feel free to come see me on the 600 dock anytime to discuss what's on your mind. Your input is valuable and helps us make BCSA better for everyone.

Free Bottom Job Tutorials Now Available!

Looking to learn how to maintain your boat's bottom? I'm offering free workshops on how to do bottom jobs properly. I'll provide all the necessary gear and even feed you during the session!

This hands-on tutorials is a great way to learn essential boat maintenance skills. Interested members should come to Angler Marine at Goose Pond before Thursday May 22nd



At The Dock

Out With the Old, In With the New

Big changes are happening at the marina! The old boat house, which has been a familiar landmark for many years, is finally being taken down to make way for exciting new additions to our marina facilities.

The demolition project began last week and appears to be completed, construction will begin on the new marina addition in the near future which will include improved event dock.

During construction, please be mindful of any marked areas and follow safety guidelines when moving through the affected sections of the marina. The temporary inconvenience will be well worth it when we see the finished improvements!

We'll keep you updated on construction progress in future newsletters. In the meantime, share your favorite memories of the old boat house on our club's Facebook page—we'd love to collect these stories before this chapter of our marina's history closes.



Congratulations to the

Newlyweds!

The entire Browns Creek Sailing Association family extends our warmest congratulations to Sherri and Chris on their beautiful wedding at Guntersville City Harbor!

The ceremony was absolutely lovely, Sherri looked stunning, and Chris was beaming as they exchanged their vows against the backdrop of the harbor.

Many club members were in attendance to celebrate this wonderful union of two people who share a love for each other and for sailing. Their reception perfectly reflected their passion for life on the water.

We wish Sherri and Chris fair winds and following seas as they navigate this exciting new journey together! May your marriage be filled with as much joy, adventure, and smooth sailing as your time on the water.

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