



**March 2026**

## **Commodore's Corner, Matt Birkbickler**

Spring seems to be slowly returning to Lake Guntersville, which means it's time for the annual ritual of discovering all the things you put "somewhere safe" last fall...

Our winter Frostbite Series has wrapped up, Pints & Patties is right around the corner, and the Spring Series will be starting soon after. If you're planning to race the Pints & Patties Regatta, make sure you get signed up. Otherwise you'll be explaining to everyone how you totally would have won if you had raced.

Quick favor for everyone: share the public BCSA Facebook page and events. Every time someone shares the page, a regatta, or club post, it reaches a whole new group of sailors and lake folks who may not realize there's an active sailing club right here on Guntersville. Word of mouth (and the occasional well-placed Facebook share) goes a long way toward growing fleets and getting more boats on the water.

Now for a fleet update.

The club Catalina 22s are now outfitted with brand new 5hp Mercury propane outboards. They start easier, require less fiddling, and should dramatically reduce the number of times someone is seen angrily yanking on a starter cord while a small audience gathers on the dock. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make that happen.

The calendar is filling up and sailing season is getting underway. The wind will soon return, along with the time-honored sailing traditions of blaming the

handicap system, the wind shifts, the race committee, or literally anything other than our own sailing.

See you on the water.

From the Commodore



Matt

**Membership Chair,  Elizabeth Starnes**

We have several new members this year....If you see a new face, or boat, be sure to make them feel welcomed! Currently we have 68 Members.

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](http://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.

Elizabeth

**BCSA**

**SIGN UP OR RENEW YOUR  
BCSA MEMBERSHIP  
BY FEBRUARY 1ST!**

- FREE ICE**
- Catalina 22s, Sunfish, & Dinghies**
- Socials & Races**
- Cruises & Regattas**

**MEMBERS ONLY CLUBHOUSE ACCESS**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**RENEW NOW!**  
[brownscreeksailingassociation.org](http://brownscreeksailingassociation.org)

# **Race Chair, David Chadwick**



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**Welcome to the BCSA 2026 Racing Program!**

**Our racing schedule for 2026 is now published on the BCSA website [Calendar](#) and the schedule for the first half of the year is below. We started on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> with the 4<sup>th</sup> race in the 2025/2026 Frostbite Series. After 2 more Frostbite races we will have our St. Patrick's Day Regatta on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, and the Spring Series will start the following weekend.**

**Please read the schedule carefully as we have some races on Saturdays and some on Sundays to meet the needs of our members. The start time for our club races also varies during the year and changes from 1pm to 2pm and then 3pm as the days get longer. Also note that the start time listed on the website is the targeted start time on the water. The skipper's meeting at the clubhouse is 1 hour before this.**

**We need race officers to run most of these scheduled races and we kindly request that our sailors who are interested in racing go to our [Race Committee Assignments](#) form and indicate your availability. You can also contact me directly and let me know which race you can be RC. Note that even if you are inexperienced at running races, we still need your support, and we will pair you with an experienced Race Officer so you can learn the process. It is a lot of fun to set a course for the sailors and then start and finish the races.**

**You will learn a lot!**

**You can contact me at [drchadwi@yahoo.com](mailto:drchadwi@yahoo.com)**

# BCSA FROSTBITE SERIES 2026 – FINAL RESULTS –



Event Name	Race Class	Race Type	RC PRO	RC Assistant	Day	Date	Skipper's meeting	Race start
St. Patrick's Day	Regatta	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Saturday	3/14/2026	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Spring Series #1	Series (First)	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Sunday	3/22/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Spring Series #2	Series	Pursuit			Saturday	3/28/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Guntersville Cup	Regatta	Buoy	LGSC	LGSC	Saturday	4/11/2026	TBD	TBD
Spring Series #3	Series	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Saturday	4/18/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Spring Series #4	Series	Pursuit			Sunday	4/26/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Spring Series #5	Series	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Saturday	5/2/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM

Spring Series #6	Series	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Sunday	5/17/2026	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Mayor's Cup	Regatta	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Saturday	5/30/2026	TBD	TBD
Spring Series #7	Series	Pursuit			Sunday	6/14/2026	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Spring Series #8	Series	Buoy	TBD	TBD	Saturday	6/20/2026	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Spring Series #9	Series (Final)	Pursuit			Sunday	7/12/2026	2:00 PM	3:00 PM

Racing Events, Results, and the Master Schedule can be found at:

<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/wordpress/racing-events/>

## **Cruise Chair, Jeffrey Wilson**



### **February Cruise Attendees**

**The Cruise to the City Docks and Nash's was held this month. The weather cooperated with a warm evening but unfortunately not much wind. A good time was had by all.**

**The next Cruise is planned for March 21<sup>st</sup> at Another Broken Egg at City Harbor.**



**BCSA Cruise Alert: Brunch, Boats, and Questionable Decisions at City Harbor!**

**Prepare your vessels (and your appetites) because we're heading to City Harbor for Brunch at Another Broken Egg Café on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Since we all know our collective ability to stick to a schedule is...experimental at best, we're aiming to be tied up on the dock and settled inside the restaurant by 10:00 AM. This means an early launch is mandatory –try not to be the one we're waiting on while you're still debating which sail looks better in the morning light.**

**The Plan:**

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: Arrive at the marina when you are able, enjoy an evening with fellow club members hanging around the marina. No need to rush home, just stay on your boat so you're ready to go in the morning! Weather permitting and if my son has any say-so in this, there will almost certainly be a pyrotechnic experiment in a fire pit happening at some point.**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: Early departure to reach City Harbor and be at the restaurant by 10:00 AM. Tentative plan is to leave Browns Creek by 9:00 AM.**

**Destination: Brunch at Another Broken Egg in Guntersville at 10 AM.**

**RSVP: Please indicate attendance via the Facebook Event page or email Cruise**

[@brownscreeksailingassociation.org](https://www.facebook.com/brownscreeksailingassociation.org)

**Contingency: Springtime weather around here can get pretty crazy, just keep an eye on the Facebook event page for any updates.**

**Let's try to stay focused and avoid shiny objects on the way there. See you on the water!**

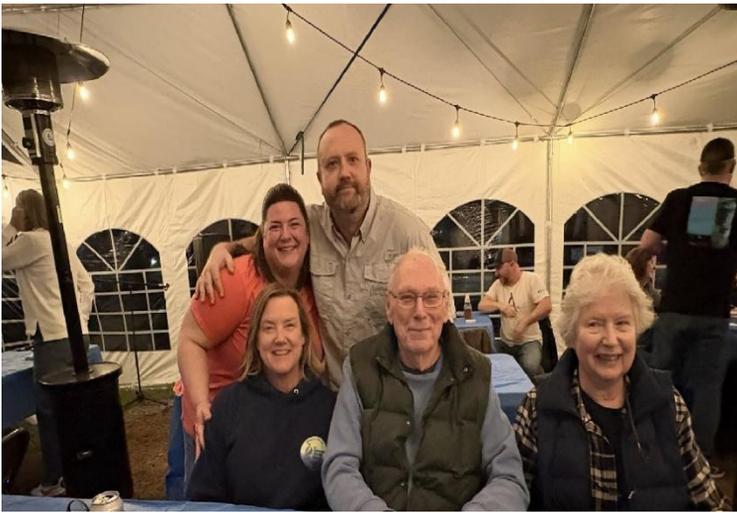
**Jeff Wilson**

## **Social Chair, Jennifer Birkbickler**

**Our February Social Trivia Night was a great success and so much fun for everyone who attended! A big thank you to Lauren for doing a fantastic job hosting the evening. We appreciate everyone who came out, played along, and helped make it such a fun night.**



Main Channels Lauren Trivia



BCSA Trivia Contestants



James and Angela who could actually sing at the Karaoke After Party unlike the two clowns on the right.

Our next social event will be the St. Patties Regatta Social, and we hope to see everyone there—don't forget to wear your green!



Cocktails will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by food at 6:30 PM featuring delicious patty melts and sides. From 7–9 PM, we'll enjoy live music from the band "Hard on the Chickens."

The cost is \$10 per person if you're not racing in the regatta. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. I could also use a few volunteers to help cook and clean up, so please let me know if you're able to lend a hand.

**Jennifer, Social chair**



## Contacts

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\*Voting Member

## **BCSA Treasurer, Margaret Hurst**

**2026 has started off strong with new and renewed memberships, Sail Class enrollments, social events, and club races.**

**As a reminder, we offer several payment options, including cash, checks, or PayPal via the club website. When paying by cash or check, please be sure you specify the purpose of the payment and the name of the sender. This information ensures that all funds are credited to the correct committees. These payments can be placed in the lockbox on the clubhouse porch for me to**



**retrieve and process.**

BCSA Drop Box

**Additionally, if you have a reimbursable club expense, please provide an invoice or store receipt for audit purposes.**

**When attending parties with fees please RSVP if possible. This helps us avoid unnecessary expenses and ensures we have enough food and drinks for everybody.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [margo.hurst23@gmail.com](mailto:margo.hurst23@gmail.com).

Best regards,

Margaret Hurst

***BCSA EDUCATION, Zack Lawson***



## ***BCSA Sailing 101 – Spring Class***

***Ever wanted to learn how to sail but didn't know where to start?***

***Or maybe you've been around boats for a while and want to finally understand what's actually going on?***

***The BCSA Sailing 101 – Spring Class is designed primarily for new sailors, but sailors of any experience level can benefit from the hands-on instruction and on-the-water experience.***

***This is a 4-day course over two weekends, combining classroom learning with real sailing time.***

***No prior sailing knowledge required.***

## Location

*North Alabama Sailing Marina  
Guntersville, Alabama*

## Class Dates

- *Saturday, April 24*
- *Sunday, April 25*
- *Saturday, May 2*
- *Sunday, May 3*

*Students are expected to attend all four days.*

*A detailed class schedule will be sent out closer to the event.*

## What You'll Learn

*This course blends multiple learning styles to help build real confidence on the water:*

- *Classroom instruction*
- *Hands-on dock time*
- *Rigging and boat familiarization*
- *Sail controls and terminology*
- *Basic seamanship and safety*
- *Supervised on-the-water sailing with instructors*

*You'll spend time learning it, rigging it, and sailing it.*

## Class Pricing

- *\$250 – Individual*
- *\$425 – Married Couple*
-  *Married Couples*

*Both individuals must complete a Learn to Sail application.*

*During checkout, the payment window will appear for each applicant — only one person should complete payment.*

*Select the Married Couple payment option one time only.*

*The second applicant may simply close the payment window without submitting payment.*

## What's Included

- *One full year membership in the Browns Creek Sailing Association (BCSA)*  
*Your membership continues well beyond the class and includes access to club sailing, events, races, socials, and member perks.*

👉 **Membership benefits:**

<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/membership/>

👉 **How to Register**

👉 **Learn to Sail Application:**

<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/2026-bcsa.../>

👉 **BCSA Membership Application:**

<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/browns-creek.../>

**Important:**

*On the membership application, write in the comments:*

*“BCSA Sailing 101 – Spring Class”*

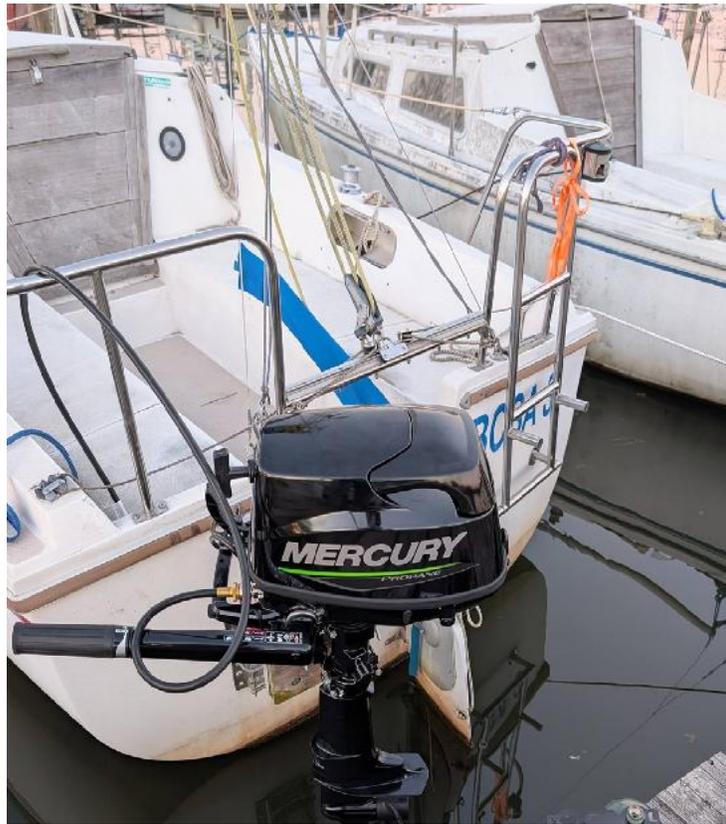
⚠️ **Do NOT submit payment for club membership.**

*Membership dues are included with the class.*

***Secretary, Dallas Mayo*** 

**We’ve had a lot of activities around BCSA in the last couple of months. Our vivacious Social Secretary Jennifer has through a couple of great parties. NASM has been busy upgrading the docks and facilities.**

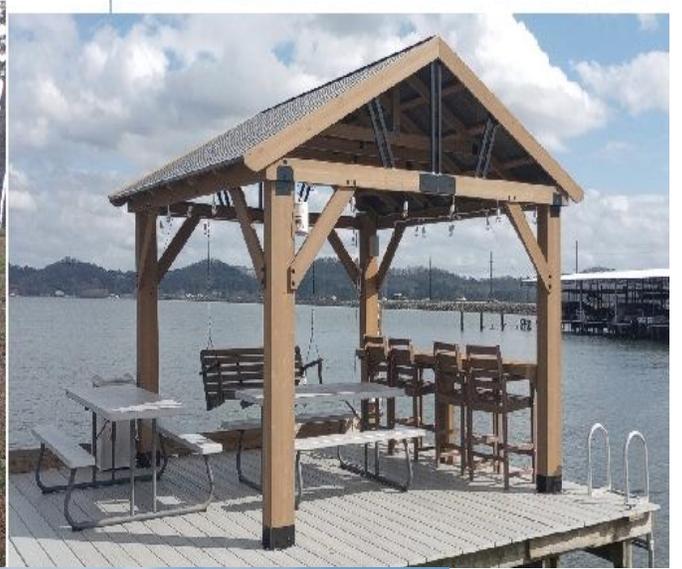
**BCSA has been busy preparing for the upcoming Learn to Sail Class. If you have some free time we always need more volunteers for this. The association has upgraded the outboards on the clubs catalina 22’s to LP gas burners. Hopefully now we’ll have some reliable functional motors.**



*New LP Motor*



*Soon to be available old Motors*



*New Playground Set, New Pavillion on 500/600 Dock, and 48 feet of new synthetic docks.  
We're adding 12-24 feet/week as long as weather and available funds allow.*

*Around the Marina*



*Zacl :awson showed up with this beautiful Beneteau. Rumor has it it's actually Julies.*

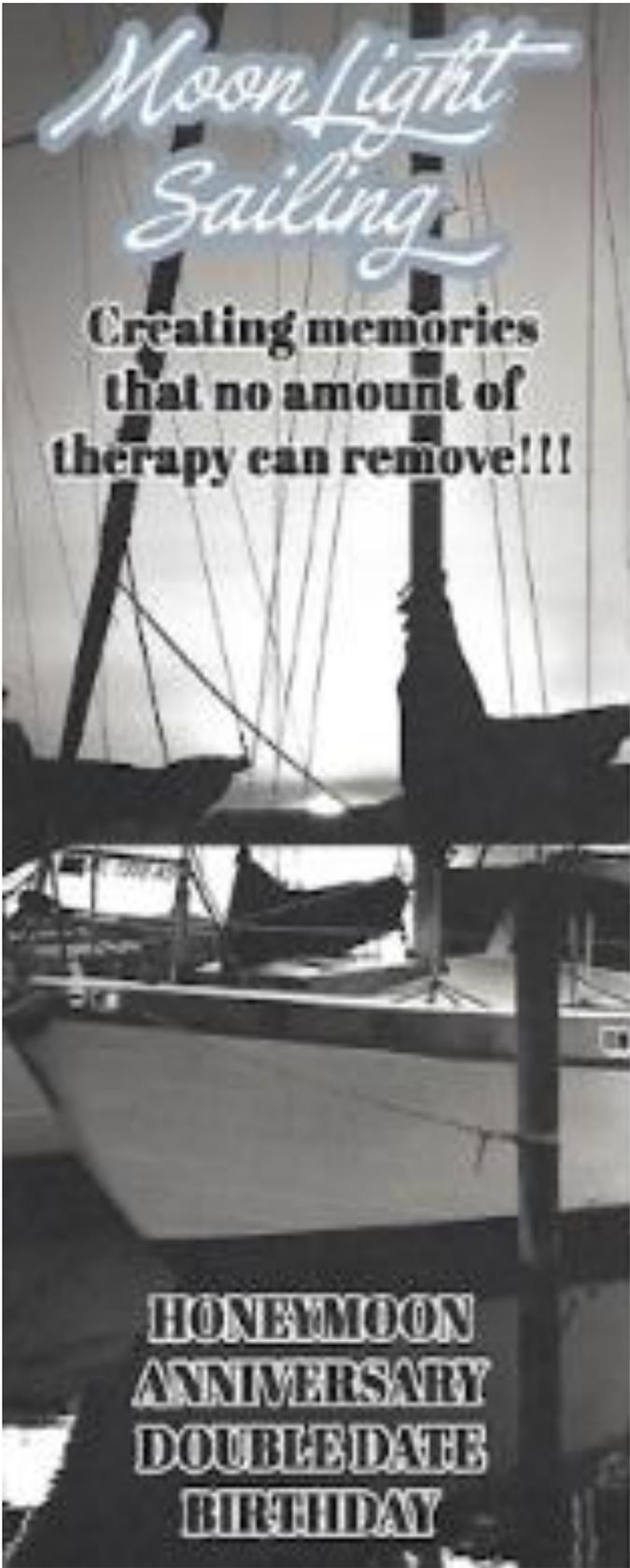
*Mark Proctor and crew T. Wilson are continuing their trip to Key West in Mark's Hunter 34 Escape. Currently they are sailing for Carrabel. Several BCSA members are crewing for him on his trip to the Bahamas.. His epic trip can be seen on Facebook, [Mark Proctor | Facebook](#)*



*Mark Proctor with crew T. Wilson aboard Escape*



*Sailboat by Greyson Mayer, age 10.*



# *Moon Light Sailing*

**Creating memories  
that no amount of  
therapy can remove!!!**

**HONEYMOON  
ANNIVERSARY  
DOUBLE DATE  
BIRTHDAY**



## **Itinerary**

**0-5 knots of wind  
Motorsail & Kill motor to enjoy  
the silence of sailing,  
everyone gets time at helm**

**5-10 knots  
Sails up ASAP**

**everyone gets time at helm**

**10-15 knots  
Sails up ASAP**

**everyone gets time at helm**

# *Moon Light Sailing*

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