



April 2026 (Part 2)

Commodore's Corner, Matt Birckbichler



At this point, it's safe to say sailing season is fully underway because the club has entered its natural operational state: confusion, fiberglass dust, unexplained bruises, and somebody yelling "WHOSE COOLER IS THIS?" across the parking lot.

The marina is alive again. Boats are moving. Docks are full. The grill is running. Nature is healing.

Every weekend lately feels like organized piracy. Somebody is rewiring something with parts from Tractor Supply, somebody else is rigging a boat they haven't touched since October, and another member is confidently explaining weather patterns while standing directly under a thunderstorm warning.

And honestly? It's Beautiful.

One of the best things about BCSA is that you absolutely do *not* need to own a boat to belong here. Some members race. Some crew. Some cruise. Some paddle kayaks. Some come for the socials. Some just wander the docks holding a drink and offering highly questionable advice during boat launches.

All are valid.

BCSA has always existed somewhere between a redneck yacht club and highly organized lakeside nonsense. Around here, experienced racers rig beside first-time sailors, somebody is always fixing something that was "only supposed to take 20 minutes," at least three people are standing around an engine compartment pretending to know what they're looking at, and a pristine racing sailboat is parked next to a Catalina held together by optimism, zip ties, and a battery from Tractor Supply.

Meanwhile, the pavilion debates continue:

- Is the wind building or dying?
- Who forgot the ice?
- Has that dock line been there since the late 1900's?

And somehow... it works.

Because somewhere between the sunsets, dock conversations, random cookouts, floating coolers, and hearing somebody yell "SEND IT" when nobody should actually send it, this place becomes more than just a club.

It becomes home.

Huge thanks to everyone volunteering lately. The people fixing docks, maintaining boats, organizing events, teaching sailing, mowing grass, helping new members, and generally preventing total collapse - y'all are the reason BCSA works.

Also, if you borrowed club equipment, left mystery hardware on the dock, or put an empty drink back into the refrigerator... just know we are narrowing down suspects.

See y'all at the club.

Matt, Commodore, Browns Creek Sailing Association



Social Chair, Jennifer Birckbichler

Our Sailing Graduation Taco Bar was a huge success! We had a wonderful turnout and lots of delicious food enjoyed by all. I'm so excited for all of our new sailors and can't wait to see them out on the water.

Our next big upcoming event is the Mayor's Cup! We'll have a food truck, and The Cook House will be joining us Friday night for the Skipper's Meeting. Then of course Saturday is the Mayor's Cup, and we'll be out at Levi's handing out goodies, listening to music, and enjoying a great day together.

Keep an eye out on Facebook for more upcoming events and announcements!



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<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/mayors-cup-regatta-nor-2026/>



Johnny Smith, of Guntersville Lakeside Crafts, LLC donated this cool 3D Nautical Flag board to be used as a Perpetual Trophy for the Mayors Cup.

From the Commodore, Matt

Hudson River Tales



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Membership Chair,  Elizabeth Starnes



Welcome to all new members joining BCSA the past few weeks! We hope you will join us for our various activities even if you don't have a boat. One of the best ways to learn more about sailing is to hang around on the weekends and hop on a boat for a cruise around the lake! We have socials, races, work days and lots of impromptu gatherings and sails around the lake. Look on the brownscreeksailingassociation.org web site or like us on Facebook to see what is happening!

👉 *Membership benefits:*

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

👉 *BCSA Membership Application:*

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



JOIN BROWNS CREEK SAILING ASSOCIATION TODAY!

Set sail with us and enjoy the thrill of sailing, racing, and community events. Your membership includes access to exciting club activities, races, and exclusive events

NEW MEMBER FEES

\$150 if joining before September

\$75 if joining September through December

**This offer is valid for new members only (first-time joining).*

OPTIONAL: ANNUAL RACE FEE

- Access to club races and social events
- Exclusive member discounts
- Opportunity to participate in regattas and cruises

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PAYMENT LINK



Membership, Elizabeth

Race Chair, David Chadwick

The BCSA 2026 Racing Program is underway! Our racing schedule for 2026 is published on the BCSA website [Calendar](#) and the schedule for the remaining races in our Spring Series is included below. Please read the schedule carefully as we have some races on Saturdays and some on Sundays. The start time for our club races also varies during the year and changes from 2pm to 3pm as the days get longer.

We had a successful St. Patrick's Day Regatta on March 14th with 7 boats competing. The winds were light and switching direction frequently, but Race Officer Monty Williams and the fleet were able to complete three races. Greg Bennett won the Cruiser fleet in his S2 6.9 with Susan Wilson and Butch Starnes also skippering S2 6.9s in 2nd and 3rd. In the Dinghy fleet Dave Ellis in his Raider16 edged out a win on handicap over Dave Chadwick in his RS Aero. Full results are below.

The Spring Series has started and with some challenging winds we have only completed two race days so far. There is plenty of time to join in and compete in this 9-race series!

Our next Regatta is the Mayor's Cup on 30th May. The Notice of Race and registration link for this event are [here](#). We look forward to welcoming Lake Guntersville Junior Sailing and other local sailing club members to this event.



<https://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/mayors-cup-regatta-nor-2026/>

We need race officers to run our scheduled races and we kindly request that sailors who are interested in racing contact me at drchadwi@yahoo.com to fill out our schedule of Race Officers.

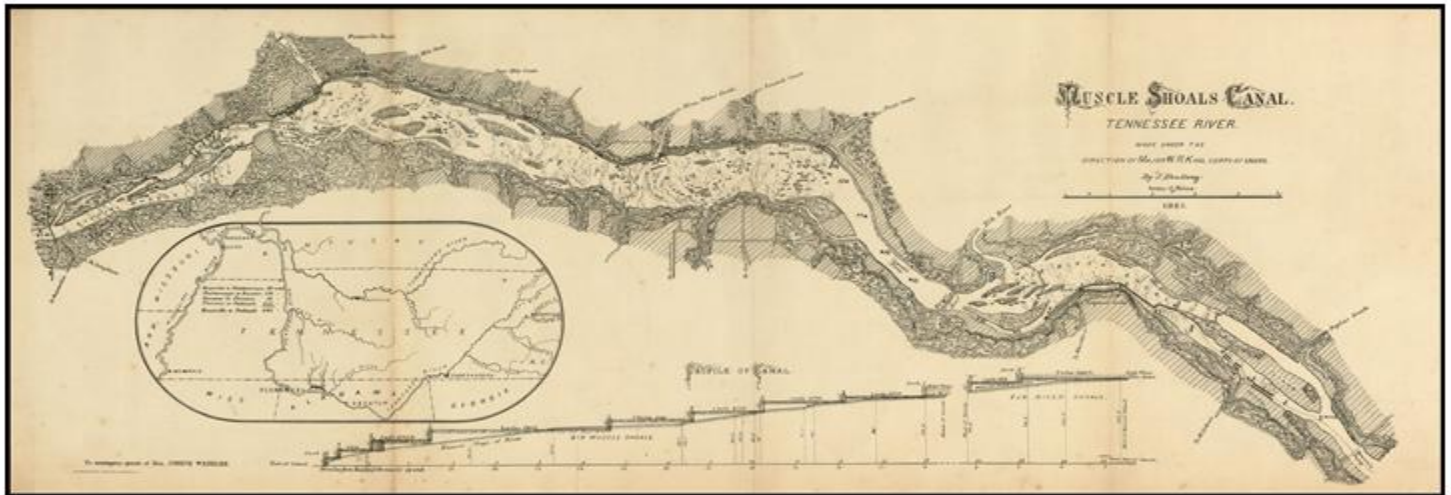
| Event Name | Race Class | Race Type | RC PRO | RC Assistant | Day | Date | Skipper's meeting | Race start |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Spring Series #5 | Series | Buoy | Greg Bennett | Sam Russell | Saturday | 5/2/2026 | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM |
| Spring Series #6 | Series +Juniors | Buoy | TBD | TBD | Sunday | 5/16/2026 (changed from 5/17) | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM |
| Mayor's Cup | Regatta | Buoy | Zack | TBD | Saturday | 5/30/2026 | TBD | TBD |
| Spring Series #7 | Series | Pursuit | Dave Chadwick | N/A | 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 | Dave Chadwick | N/A | 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/>

Muscle Shoals Regatta

Our friends downstream are hosting a Regatta May 23. NOR attached



NOTICE OF RACE Big Muscle Shoals Regatta May 23-24, 2025 Muscle Shoals Sailing Club Killen, AL

RULES 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on Next Sailor by Thursday, May 21.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located on Next Sailor.

3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio, including courtesy broadcasts. The channel will be announced at the competitors meeting.

3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform race committee that a boat is retiring before finishing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all sailboats.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at (<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/BMS>)

5. CLASSES Five boats are required to constitute a class. Anticipated classes are Keelboat, Dinghy, and multi-hull.

6. FEES

6.1. Entry Fee: \$20 per boat.

6.2 Register at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/BMS>. You can pay by card or pay at the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE Note that MSSC is in the Central Time Zone.

7.1 Registration and Check In - 0900-1100 Saturday May 23 at the clubhouse

7.2 Competitors Meeting - 1100 Saturday May 23 on the pavilion

7.3 Racing Saturday May 23 – First warning signal at 1300. Additional races to follow. Sunday May 24 – First warning signal at 0930. Additional races to follow.

7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1230.

8. VENUE Racing will be in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals Sailing Club on Wilson Lake.

9. COURSES The courses to be sailed will be Olympic or windward-leeward or variations thereof and will be announced at the competitors meeting. See sample course diagram below.

10. SCORING The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions. 9.1. 5 races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event. 9.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with no scores excluded.

11. RISK STATEMENT RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

12. INSURANCE It is recommended that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13. PRIZES are commemorative glassware and will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION For additional information, please contact Tom Brown at tbrown7098@gmail.com or 256-214 4006.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL FEES

1.1. Breakfast: Continental breakfast will be available Sunday morning.

1.2. Lunches: Saturday is BYO (Bring Your Own). Sunday lunch will consist of leftovers, perhaps cook a few more burgers and dogs 1.3. Dinner: Saturday Dinner (\$10) will be burgers or some variation thereof with sides.

2. ONSHORE ACTIVITIES Date Time Friday, May 22 Noon Activity Club is open for early arrivals Saturday, May 23 1800 Sunday, May 24 Dinner 0730 Sunday, May 24 Continental breakfast After Racing Awards Ceremony

3. LODGING Camping is available on the club grounds. Other lodging options include the campground and lodge at Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville (approximately 20 minutes from MSSC). For reservations call 800-ALA-PARK or go to <http://www.alapark.com/>. Other lodging options are available in Rogersville and Florence.

Cruise Chairman, Jeff Wilson



The next Cruise Event is planned for May 17 at Shell Island. Shell Island is approximately 1.5 miles North of BCSA in the region of the Lighthouse. Lots of boats converge in this area on weekends. Follow the parade and raft up with the other boats for a day of socializing and attitude adjustment.











Other Events currently in the planning stage:

June 26-27, Cruise to Somewhere

July 25 Guntersville Dam Lock-thru

Cruise Committee, Jeff Wilson.

2026 Board and Committee Chairs

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*Voting Member

BCSA Treasurer, Margaret Hurst



2026 continues strong with new and renewed memberships, lots of new faces with the Sail Class, social events, and club races.



Margaret aboard Escape

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 may be placed in the lockbox on the clubhouse porch which I will retrieve and process. I have also placed envelopes for your convenience in the mailbox above the lockbox.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at margo.hurst23@gmail.com.

Best regards, Margaret Hurst, Treasurer

BCSA EDUCATION, Zack Lawson 

Over the last two weekends, Browns Creek Sailing Association had the pleasure of hosting another successful Learn to Sail class, and what a fantastic experience it was for everyone involved. One of the most rewarding parts of this program is watching new sailors discover the excitement, challenge, and community that make sailing such a unique sport. From the first dock talk to the final regatta, the energy and enthusiasm from this group made the weekends truly memorable.



Commodore Matt and Professor of Sailing Zack. Two of the worst!

The first Saturday focused on building a strong foundation. Students started the morning with classroom instruction covering the basics of sailing, terminology, safety, and how sailboats work. From there, everyone moved down to the docks to begin rigging boats and getting hands-on experience preparing for a day on the water. After learning the fundamentals, students headed out for their first short sail. For many, it was their first time ever handling a sailboat, and by the end of the afternoon you could already see confidence beginning to build.



Sunfish Rigging

Sunday morning of the first weekend brought very light winds, but sailors quickly learned an important lesson about the sport — sailors adapt to the conditions they are

given. Instead of focusing on sailing, the instructors shifted to docking and maneuvering under power. Every student had the opportunity to practice leaving and returning to the dock, learning throttle control, steering, and communication. Docking can often be one of the most intimidating skills for new boaters, but by the end of the day most students had developed both the skill set and the confidence needed to handle their boats safely around the marina.



Weekend two introduced a whole new set of conditions. Cooler temperatures and much stronger winds gave students a chance to experience a more challenging side of sailing. Before heading out, instructors spent time teaching reefing techniques and discussing how to safely manage higher wind conditions. Once on the lake, students were able to put those lessons into action. While the conditions tested everyone's abilities, it was exciting to watch the students rise to the challenge and realize just how capable they had become in only a short amount of time.



Of course, the Learn to Sail class is about much more than time on the water. Saturday evening turned into one of the highlights of the entire program as many of the new sailors stayed around to enjoy the club atmosphere and socialize with members. What started as a casual evening quickly evolved into a night full of laughter, karaoke, stories around the bonfire, and plenty of memorable moments. Events like these are a reminder that Browns Creek Sailing Association is not only a place to learn sailing, but also a place to build friendships and community.



Docking Practice

The final day wrapped up with the mentors' regatta. The morning started with extremely light wind conditions, requiring patience and strategy, but as the day progressed the breeze steadily built and provided an exciting second race. The regatta gave students an opportunity to apply everything they had learned over the previous weekends while enjoying some friendly competition on the water. It proved to be the perfect way to conclude the class.



The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and perhaps the most exciting part is hearing that several participants are already shopping for or purchasing boats of their own. That enthusiasm is exactly what this program is designed to inspire. A huge thank you goes out to all of the instructors, mentors, volunteers, and members who helped make the class possible. Your willingness to share your time, knowledge, and passion for sailing continues to help grow both our sport and our club.

| 5/3/2026 | Mentors Race | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Skipper | Boat | Race 1 | Race 2 | Points | Overall |
| Bruce Starnes | Flying Scot | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Andy Myrick | Catalina 22 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Zack Lawson | Catalina 22 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Margaret Hurst | Irwin 32 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| Monty Williams | Catalina 30 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 5 |

We are excited to see these new sailors continue their journey on the water and look forward to welcoming them back to Browns Creek Sailing Association for many adventures ahead.



Sailing Class Graduates



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Sailing Nomenclature—sheets, halyards Etc. ***(8) sailing Line types - YouTube***

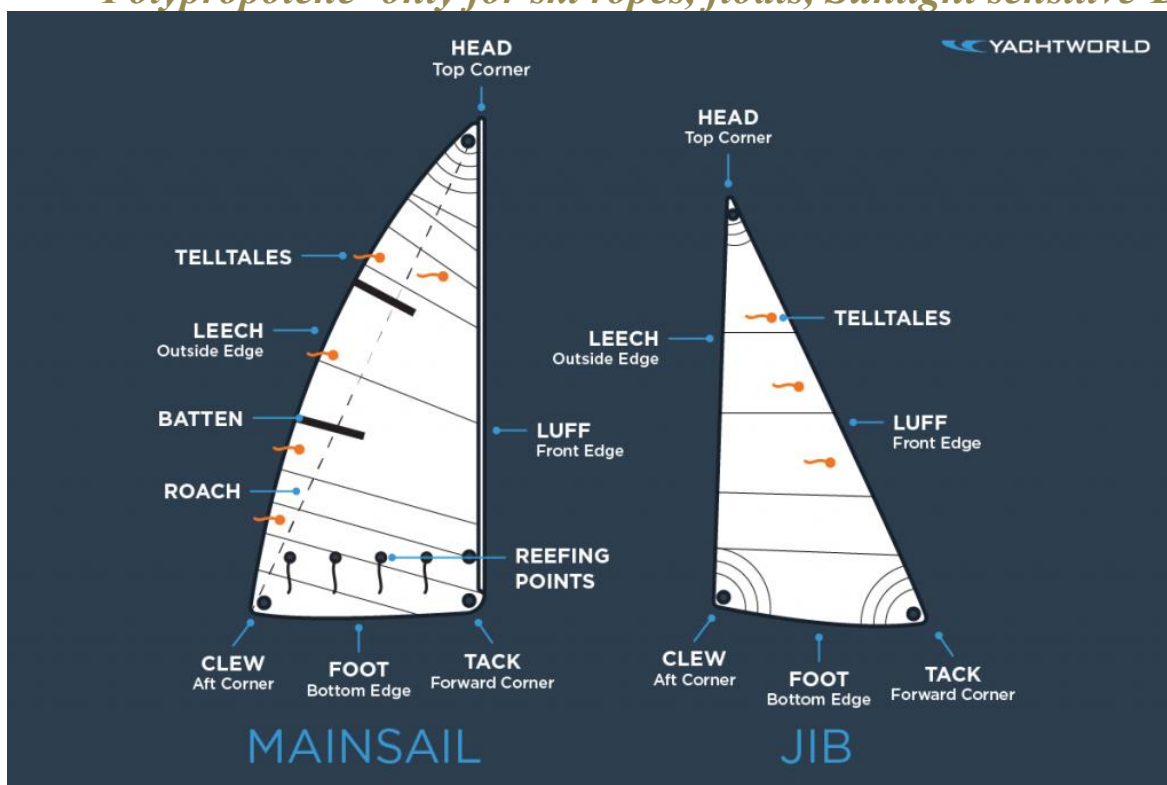
Line Types

(8) How to Choose the Right Running Rigging for Your Sailboat | How the Pros Do It - YouTube

Nylon 3 strand---Dock Lines, stretchy

Dacron Core, Polyester Cover—Halyards Sheets, low stretch

Polypropylene -only for ski ropes, floats, Sunlight sensitive-DON'T USE



Secretary, Dallas Mayo

There's been lots of stuff happening at BCSA. NASM has been investing in new docks as funds become available. You can see this on the approaches to 500/600 docks and 300/400 docks. The price of the materials is many times that of the treated wood available to us in the past.

As Construction continues always be aware that some uneven surfaces may be present. We're trying to upgrade without limiting access to our customers. Your patience is appreciated.

Knots and Such

During the upgrade process, not unlike periods of extreme high water, we sometimes have to move some boats. Utilizing proper cleat nots makes our effort easier.

The proper way to tie your boat leaves some room for movement of the boat within the slips limiting the strain on the boats fittings as well as unnecessary strain on the piers. Always have spring lines. And employ proper cleat hitches.

The internet is full of knot tying videos and diagrams. One such video is:

[Boating Knots by Grog | Learn How to Tie Boating Knots using Step-by-Step Animations | Animated Knots by Grog](#)

The site list a Halyard Cleat Hitch as well as a Dock Cleat Hitch. Although they are essentially the same, the Halyard cleat Hitch is perfectly adequate and preferred.

The thing about Knots is that they do what they are intended for and they easy to untie.

Ramp Safety

The thing about Boats; Like airplanes, they really don't get into trouble until they get near ground. When ramp launching your boat have a plan and try to precieve any potential problems that may arise. Have a guide person, Roll down the windows and turn off the Radio and AC so that you can hear alarms and directions from your guide.

Make sure you hitch is latched and chains are attached. I have looked back and in horror seeing my trailer leaving without me. I was lucky in not having any damage, but almost as bad I was seen and suffered tremendous embrassment.

As for the guide, Make sure they have a clear exit path to avoid injury.

Boating is better without injuries!



Guntersville Cup




Ed and Margaret Hurst Win the Guntersville Cup

The 2026 Guntersville Cup was held at Lake Guntersville Sailing Club (LGSC) on April 11. The Regatta was plagued by light wind. The wind never rose above 4 knots. The conditions

were so severe there was barely enough to fight the current. Boat speed only momentarily peaked at 2.0 knots.

We made a huge error and drifted beyond the Committee Boat outside the line. Thankfully we had barely enough speed to fight the current to return to the start line to start properly.

For the 2025–2028 cycle (active in 2026), an "Over Early" (OCS - On Course Side) boat must return to the pre-start side of the starting line, or its extensions, to properly start. The boat must keep clear of other boats that are not returning to start. Common penalties applied for starting penalties include Rule 30.1 (I Flag) or 30.2 (Z

Flag). See the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2026-2028, USSailing.org/ Note: BCSA utilizes the X Flag  .

Although we blew the start, we were able to sneak through the fleet to the first mark, Short Creek) The race committee thankfully shortened the race at the Short Creek Mark- barely over 2 miles. Ed and Margaret were able to edge out the other competitors in the light conditions.

*Although the wind was misery, the parties, food, and camaraderie among the sailors was great. This is always a fun Regatta close by. Thanks to LGSC for inviting us to sail.
Ed.*

Roadtrip

Linda Pope, Susan Wilson and Margaret Hurst spent several days at Fairhope Yacht Club being coached by Waterfront Director Holly Murray on Linda's M15. Much fun was had by all on the water as they honed their skills, calmed their fears and increased their confidence and love of sailing. Holly was instrumental in sharing her tips on rigging and fine tuning of the boat making the boat faster and easier to sail. She also shared her knowledge and experience in helping them pack the boat and getting it ready to travel back to Guntersville.



Not only did they sail, they enjoyed fine dining, spirits and their friendship. There may be a few more trips in store for the ladies in the future!

Margaret

Choo-Choo Flying Scott Regatta



Andy and Melvie Myrick competed in the Choo-Choo Flying Scott Regatta in Chattanooga and SURVIVED!

Impromptu Thursday Night Cruise to City Harbor



Vice Commodore Ross and Scalawags at the Harbor (Bushwacker Night)



Hampton Cove Herons Race Spring 5



Sailboat Swap Meet.

BCSA Sailboat Parts Swap Meet – May 23rd

Time for some spring cleaning...but the good kind.

Dig through your garage, boat lockers, truck beds, and that “I’ll use this someday” pile. If you’ve got sailboat parts, gear, or random marine treasures collecting dust—bring them out and turn them into cash (or someone else’s problem 😊).

Looking for something specific? Drop it in the comments of the Browns Creek Sailing Association Facebook Page. Someone might have exactly what you need.

A Few definitions:

AVAST-Nautical term meaning Stop! Hold-on! or be Quiet!

BABOON WATCH-Standing watch over the ship while all your shipmates enjoy Liberty ashore in port.

BONE IN HER TEETH-Sailing Fast enough to cause foam in the water

CUT OF ONES JIB-Judge someone or form an opinion based on their appearance

JACK OR JACK-TAR- A Sailor



Other News

Rumor has it that the “Rock the Dock” event that has been held at Guntersville Harbor is being moved to Goose Pond. We’ll let you know on the BCSA Facebook page as information comes in.

Ditto Landing Facilities have been improved

One of our former Commodores, Don Moser has developed some really nifty Software for an on-line weather station at the marina. You can see the local conditions giving you a better idea of the conditions. Save the expensive gas-Know before you Go!

BCSA MARINA WEATHER STATION



Stay informed before you set sail!

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everyone gets time at helm

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Sails up ASAP**

everyone gets time at helm

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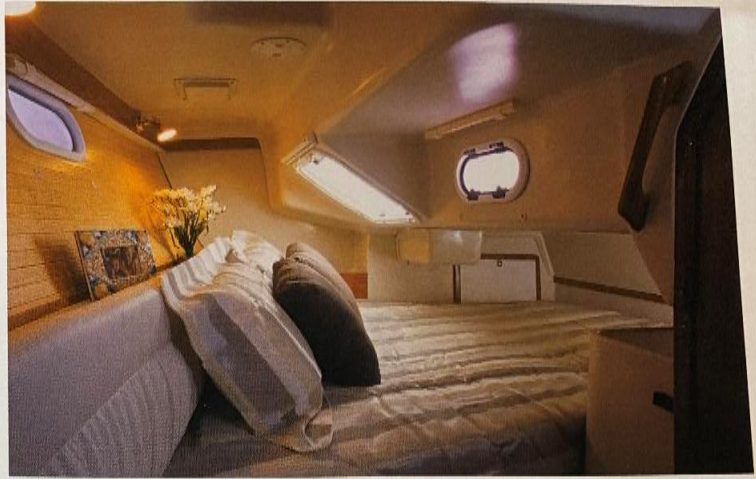
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Catalina 320 Principal Specifications

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Length Overall | 10.44m | 34' - 3" |
| Length of Hull | 9.91m | 32' - 6" |
| Length of Waterline | 8.53m | 28' - 0" |
| Beam | 3.58m | 11' - 9" |
| Draft | Fin Keel | 1.91m 6' - 3" |
| | Wing Keel | 1.32m 4' - 4" |
| Ballast | Fin Keel | 1814kg 4000 lbs. |
| | Wing Keel | 1996kg 4400 lbs. |
| Approximate Weight | Fin Keel | 5126kg 11,300 lbs. |
| | Wing Keel | 5307kg 11,700 lbs. |
| Engine | Diesel | 3 cylinder 27 HP |
| | Sail Area | |
| (100% foretriangle) | 48.40m ² | 521 sq. ft. |
| I | 13.28m | 43' - 7" |
| J | 3.76m | 12' - 4" |
| P | 11.58m | 38' - 0" |
| E | 4.04m | 13' - 3" |

All measurements are approximate and subject to change without notice.

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SAILBOAT RENTAL



 **\$50 per day**

Boats must be returned by dusk.

RENTAL INFO:

- Approval from a board member is required
- A waiver must be signed
- Boats must be inspected
 - Before and after
 - Safety gear

Questions? board@brownscreeksailingassociation.org

PAY RENTAL FEE



Note: the \$50 Fee is waived for the 2026 Learn to Sail Class until June 11th.



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Guntersville, AL

Thank you for purchasing your sign from Gunter'sville Lakeside Crafts. You will enjoy the conversations around this piece of art. Whether you hang it in your house, boathouse, or any outdoor space it will get attention from anyone who sees it. These signs also make great gifts for our lake friends because they are unique, and custom made. All signs produced by Gunter'sville Lakeside Crafts have three coats of an exterior high-grade paint for each flag block. The blocks are attached with stainless steel screws and framed signs are assembled with stainless steel nails. This makes them suitable for a salty environment.

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| ALPHABET FLAGS | | | | NUMERAL PENNANTS | |
| Alpha | | Kilo | | Uniform | |
| Bravo | | Lima | | Victor | |
| Charlie | | Mike | | Whiskey | |
| Delta | | November | | X-ray | |
| Echo | | Oscar | | Yankoo | |
| Foxtrot | | Papa | | Zulu | |
| Golf | | Quebec | | SUBSTITUTES | |
| Hotel | | Romeo | | 1st Substitute | |
| India | | Sierra | | 2nd Substitute | |
| Juliett | | Tango | | 3rd Substitute | |
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History of nautical flags

Nautical flags were invented in the mid -17th century as an international code system used for two ships to signal each other or for a ship to signal to shore. They are also called signaling nautical flags. Using a group of different colored flags, shaped flags and markings each one has a different meaning. The flags can be used alone or in combination with another flag.

Nautical flags are made up of 26 square flags (which represent the letters of the alphabet) along with 10 numbered pendants; one answering pendant and three substitutes or repeaters. At sea, only a few flag colors are easily recognized, these are: red, blue, yellow, black, and white and they cannot be mixed indiscriminately. For easy recognition nautical flags are either red and white, yellow and blue, yellow and black, blue and white, black and white along with plain red, white and blue.

Nautical flags and the knowledge of their meanings are valuable on the water in case of danger or breakdowns in other communications systems such as radio. One-flag signals are urgent or common signals.

- Two-flag signals are used mostly for distress and maneuvering.
- Three-flag signals are for points of the compass, relative bearings, standard times, verbs, punctuation and also general code and decode signals.
- Four-flags are used for geographical signals, names of ships, bearings, etc.
- Five-flag signals are used to relate time and position.
- Six-flag signals are used to indicate north or south or east or west in latitude and longitude signals.
- Seven flags are for longitude signals containing more than one hundred degrees.

There are also flags used in nautical racing which signal to the competitors what they are supposed to do.



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