

# R E P E A T E R

Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Newsletter

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## April Commodore's Comments

It is definitely spring time in Tuscaloosa! The weather is getting better and better. The wind has been ripe for some great sailing. The grounds are in top shape. What a great time to be a member of the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club.

As Max explains later in the newsletter, our first race day of the year was marred by the prediction of very high winds. It turned out to be a beautiful, moderately windy day with some fun sailing for those that went out. Our second race day had some interesting events that were not race related, but did end up with our leading candidate thus far for the bottoms up award: from one of our social chairs no less...

Over on the projects and grounds side, Lowell and Johnny have many projects underway and many more planned. They still need your help at the work parties and promise to have work assignments for anyone that shows up, including women and children.

Finally, please remember to send in your membership dues. Calvin will be sending out reminders for those that have forgotten.

See you on the water,  
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## Race Committee Report

Sunday March 12th was a beautiful day for racing, with a clear sky and a temperature in the low 80s. Although difficult winds of 15-25 mph had been predicted, the winds were in fact a very manageable and interesting 10-15 mph-- perfect for small boats. Sandy Gordon and Bill Spence set up a good triangular course, but only two boats showed up in time to race, and they were of such different handicaps that racing was canceled. Since both boats and, later, a third went out for some excellent day sailing, the day was not lost; but the opportunity for exciting competition and a test of skill had to be foregone.

Sunday March 26th was another beautiful day on the lake. John and Jan Brandon set another good triangular course that was challenging with 0 - 8 knots winds shifting through 270 degrees... typical Lake Tuscaloosa. Portsmouth handicapped results are:

Gordon	1st (1,1,2)
Johns	2nd (2,3,1)
Durham	3rd (3,2,3)
Bennett	4th (0,4,0)

Our next race is scheduled for April 9th. Come on out and join us for some competitive sailing.

Max Hocutt

## TSC Racing Schedule 2006

### Spring

April 9 Spring Series III

Committee: Hocutt & Nasir

April 23 Spring Series IV

Committee: Ferguson & ???

May 7 Spring Series V

Committee: LeBlanc & ???

May 21 Spring Series VI

Committee: Haraway & Howell

### Summer

May 27, 28 Open regatta Committee: Gordon & Huet

June 4, 18 Sail training

Instructors: Gordon & Carr

July 4 Firecracker regatta

Committee: Gordon & Carr

September 2, 3 Open regatta

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

September 4 Cruiser race

Committee Carr & ???

### Fall

September 10 Fall series I

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

September 24 Fall series II

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

October 8 Fall series III

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

October 22 Fall series IV

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

November 5 Fall series V

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

November 19 Fall series VI

Committee \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules**

Qualification for the Spring or Fall series: At least 50% plus one of races held; minimum four. One race credit for each race of committee work; two maximum.

Qualification for annual Championship trophy: At least 50% plus one of races held in Spring and Fall; minimum eight

One race credit for each race of committee work; four maximum.

Throw outs: One of every two races in excess of qualification, plus one.

Committee meeting at 1 pm; racing at 1:30 during Spring and Fall series. Times for other races to be announced

**Special recognition for those who participate in most races as skipper, crew, or committee.**

**TSC Social Report**

**Upcoming Social:**

The annual Memorial Day Shrimp boil will be held on Monday, May 29th at 6 pm. Chefs Huet and Johns will be cooking for our pleasure on that day. The phone committee will be calling soon to get everyone's RSVP. Come out and sail and eat with club members.

If you have been out to the club in the last two weeks, you could not miss the new chairs on the main pavilion. They are bright "Key West" colors. We hope to enjoy them for years.

John and Robin

**TSC Grounds Report**

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Once again, we had a terrific turnout for the last work party. Thanks to all those who attended. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. We cleared

ditches, cut and removed the dead tree on the west side of the clubhouse, and removed debris from around the shoreline and dock areas. More of the same is in store for our next work party. I would like to work around the clubhouse, remove more debris from the shoreline, docks and launches, and continue to clear ditches. Volunteers to operate the bush hog for cutting around the perimeter are being solicited also. A new air compressor for running air tools and pumping up tires will be purchased and installed in the mower shed.

**TSC Projects**

The last work party moved several of the projects forward. We still need to finish the east deck on the clubhouse. We have decided not to place benches around the perimeter, but we need to do some railing work and some basic finish work. I will have supplies ready to attach two screen doors to the clubhouse so we can get a nice air flow through the clubhouse on these beautiful spring days. I will also have materials available so we can build the shower pan in the boatyard bathroom. There are other incidental jobs like finishing the wiring on the north side of the boatyard and some painting.

The work crews have done great work so far, but I know I will have to give up some of you to mowing and shoreline work.


Just a reminder to everyone. Do not put any more burnable trash in the old burn pile. We are reclaiming that land for more useful purposes. All vegetable trash will now be hauled down the road on the south side of the boatyard. Do not block the ends of this new road. We will start dumping in the middle and work outward over the years. THERE WILL BE NOTHING BUT LOGS, LIMBS AND VEGETABLE TRASH DUMPED THERE. YOU MUST HAUL ALL OTHER TRASH OFF THE PROPERTY. DO NOT PUT ORGANIC MATTER IN PLASTIC OR GLASS CONTAINERS AT THE DUMP SITE. Remember what happened to Arlo Guthrie for dumping in "Alice's Restaurant".

**The next Work Party will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Hey Lowell,  
have you seen my  
hammer ?**

**Yeah Bill,  
its in here some-  
where.**

**Are these guys  
serious ?**