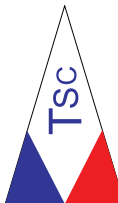


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Many thanks to Pete and Susanne Nasir



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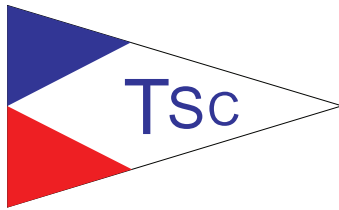
Hello fellow sailors!! Thanks to everyone who attended the Fourth of July social. We had a good time and enjoyed "great BBQ", prepared by John & Robin Thorn and Bill Spence. The barbecue butts were as flavorful and tender as I can ever remember. We had a large array of side dishes and desserts. If you did not walk away full, you just didn't try.

We have another gastronomic opportunity coming up, so be prepared to chow down again. On August 31 we will have our "Blackbeards Booty Party" Pat Huet and I will be cooking drunken chickens on the club grill Notice!! It is not required, but all good pirates are invited to show off their finest pirate costumes at this event. I can tell you that yours truly and my beloved sailing wench "Suzy" will be suitably attired.

I want to focus a little on our Honorable Harbormaster this time. Pete Nasir and his able volunteers are making good progress in our effort to clean up and organize our boat yard. We have taken possession of a couple of questionable boats (through legal means, no piracy involved). They have been sold and the funds will go to help cover our budgetary needs. Other boats in need of basic maintenance are being focused upon to either be brought up to a minimal standard as required by our by-laws or moved to the dreaded "grave yard" section of the boat yard. Pete's crew has placed permanent, numbered concrete markers on the ground. These are awaiting a little rain to soften up the concrete like ground. They will be sunk to ground level as soon as possible. Once all this is accomplished, Pete will put together a map of the yard to show accurate space assignments and distribute it to all club members. Thanks Pete, you are doing a great job.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for keeping a close eye on the expenses this year. "So far, so good!!" Treasurer, James Carr reminds me that we are definitely not loaded with extra cash. However, it seems that if we can keep up the good financial control, we should end up on budget and fulfill my goal of returning a reasonable amount of money to our very important (and somewhat depleted) reserve fund.

Happy Sailing!
Jim Drake
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2008 RACING SCHEDULE

FALL

August 30-31: Governor's Cup Regatta
September 14: Fall Series 1
September 28: Fall Series 2
October 12: Fall Series 3
October 26: Fall Series 4
November 9: Fall Series 5
November 23: Fall Series 6

Those Series races with two dates will be sailed on Saturday with Sunday being a make-up date.

GROUNDS AND PROJECTS

We not only need to mow and trim up at work parties, but it would be a great help if we could get someone to go out in the time between work parties to knock the worst of it down so we don't face a "wheat field" on work party day. - Mike

Between weather and budget factors, we are about done with projects for the year. We have ample lumber in the rack to deal with any dock/deck boards that may need to be replaced and will of course address any safety issues that may arise, but other than that, thanks to everyone who pitched in on projects this year. Most if not all of our efforts for the balance of the year need to be on mowing, trimming, etc. - Jim Williamson

FROM THE TAFFRAIL

RACE RESULTS. Like April, June followed the same pattern – abandoned races on June 8, three races on June 22. The results of the June 22nd session were:

	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3
Hocutt	1	1	1
Johns	2	2	2
Jansen	3	3	3
Aiken	4	4	4

Many thanks to Pete Nasir and Pat Huet for manning the Race Committee boat.

The Firecracker Regatta was not a big bang, but some racing was accomplished. The Saturday's first and only race was marred by light winds and then by thunder squalls with very heavy rain and some lightening. It was however fairly cool for July!! As John Thorn remarked, the rain was a real frog choker. Unpredictably, Sunday was a wonderful, sunny, not overly hot day with a steady 8-10 knot breeze from the South permitting a long course layout. Unfortunately, there were no racers other than John Thorn. John won the series and was awarded a bag of delicious BBQ (which of course he had cooked for the social)!!



THE BOSUN'S BAG

The previous issue focused on some of the racing procedures. In this issue we will revisit sailboat racing. Without question, knowing the rules helps one compete successfully. So let's test your knowledge-you've got a 50-50 chance to get the correct answer. The answers appear elsewhere in this Repeater.

1. When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward boat shall keep clear of the leeward boat. a) True; b) False
2. When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat room to keep clear. a) True; b) False
3. A boat that establishes a leeward overlap from clear astern within two of her hull lengths of a windward boat shall not sail above her proper course during the overlap. a) True; b) False
4. The penalty for hitting a mark is to complete a 360° turn including a tack and a gibe at the first opportunity. a) True; b) False
5. Under the rules it is still correct to hail "mast abeam" to curtail the luffing rights of a leeward boat. a) True; b) False

TAFFRAIL TRIVIA



In the last Repeater you were asked if you knew to what the term "Charlie Noble" refers. Charlie Noble is an "it," not a "he." A British merchant service captain, Charles Noble, is said to be responsible for the origin, about 1850, of this nickname for the galley smokestack. It seems that Captain Noble, discovering that the stack of his ship's galley was made of copper, ordered that it be kept bright. The ship's crew then started referring to the stack as the "Charley Noble." Anyone seen the quart of strawberries!!

Most everyone has used or heard of the word "scuttlebutt." Do you know the nautical origin of this familiar term?

Until next time, keep your limber holes open and bilge dry.

Answers to Boson's Bag on next page.

SOCIAL

Gary and I really hate we missed the 4th of July Social. We heard the butts were great as usual. Thanks to all who helped out with setting up, decorating, and clean up.



Looking forward, our next social will be the labor day social which will be held on Sunday, August 31 at 6:00 pm. Our great Commodore and his trusty deck hand, Pat will be cooking "Drunken Chickens". If you have never had this you're in for a treat.

This is also the weekend for the *Governors Regatta*, we really would like to have a great turnout to represent the club. Everyone is encouraged to dress in your favorite pirate or wench costume. I need an rsvp from everyone by Sunday, August 24 so we can make sure we have enough chicken without buying too much. As usual everyone is asked to bring your favorite dish to go with the chickens. This will be something new for the club so please come out and enjoy the day with all our club family.



Remember to plan on attending the *Christmas Social* on the Bama Belle on Friday, Dec.5. You can go ahead and start rsvp'ing me now if you like. I really need an exact count for the caterer. I promise you will have a great time and great food. Hope to see everyone soon. - Gary and Monica.