

### Commodores Crock - Pot Cook-off

Join us for “Commodores Crock ~Pot Cook off on Saturday February 17th 2007, 12:30 pm . This is an excellent opportunity for all of our members to pull out those secret recipes and show off their expertise in cooking. In order to participate in the cook off (and win a valuable prize, ha), all you need to do is cook up a crock – pot full of anything edible. (Meats, soups, , deserts, vegetables etc...) If you select not to enter the cook-off, then please bring a large side item to share. Club will furnish tea, and all paper products. Please make plans to attend as this event is held in conjunction with our membership meeting.

### Having an affair? - Club House Reservations:

If you plan to reserve the clubhouse for personal use, please contact the social chair to confirm your date. Once confirmed, the reservation will be recorded on the master calendar located at TSC clubhouse.

Contact: Debbie Wilson (205) 339-8613 (use voice mail if we are unavailable)

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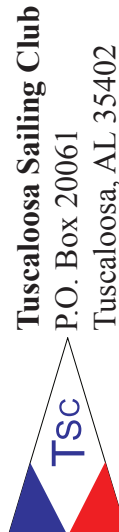
## PROJECTS

Well, Folks, it’s time to gear up again for those tasks we perform to improve and maintain the Club. Last year Lowell’s projects crews got a lot done in the way of continued improvements to the finger docks and walkways, removal and replacement of the big windows in the clubhouse, upgrading the outdoor kitchen at the BBQ pavilion and (almost) finishing up the bathroom in the boatyard. I have a long “wish list” from members as well as the “usual suspects” for things to do this year. We’ll do all that the budget and man - and woman - power will allow. If you haven’t been up to the Club lately you’ll probably notice when you do that the Clubhouse is warmer than usual and not just because we seem to have skipped winter in favor of spring. The new HVAC system is doing a great job and between the much more efficient unit and the new insulated windows we should enjoy lower utility bills from now on.

We plan to have work parties on the third Saturday of the month, starting on January 20th. A list of dates for work parties is at the end of this note. This work party will be mostly clean-up, but if we have enough crew on hand, we’ll try to build a bench on the main pavilion over the boards that are uneven and have caused even sober members to trip on them. Other than that, we’ll wait for the membership meeting and getting a budget approved to get our main listing of tasks in order.

**Work Party Dates: January 20, February 17, March 17 (!), April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17 (maybe).**

Pat Huet, Projects Chair



*Newly renovated finger pier.*



## COMMODORE’S COMMENTS

Ahoy Sailors,

It is another great year at the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club and your 2007 board certainly has plenty in store. Change promises to be the underlying theme for this year. This year, we launch a comprehensive membership drive to bring new faces and new ideas into our club. We also are looking at all social and race events to make them more convenient and accessible for all members. We look to you for suggestions to make our club better and better every year.

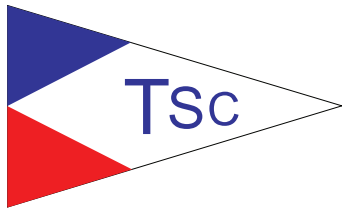
To accomplish all that we have set out to do this year, a number of your fellow members have agreed to donate their time and effort to lead the process. Paul LeBlanc has once again agreed to lead our racing and sailing program as Vice Commodore. Calvin Jones has signed on for yet another year as our Treasurer. Jim Drake will be our Secretary this year and will use his printing expertise and creative nature to keep us informed of club events and news. Pat Huet has agreed to do what he likes to do best: tearing things down or building things back up as he leads our Projects program. Johnny Turner will serve as Grounds Chairman for another year and will help keep our club looking in top shape. Debbie Wilson is joined by Sandi Carr as co-Social Chairs. They have a full calendar of events planned and are looking for helpers! Finally, Pete Nasir joins the board this year as the inaugural Harbormaster. Pete will be helping us get our boat yard in order and will be your point of contact for all boat storage issues.

Our General Membership Meeting will be held at the club on February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30 p.m. As in previous years, we will hold a work party and a social event. The details are found inside this edition of The Repeater. Proxy forms are included in this newsletter for those who cannot attend. Our main agenda item will be the 2007 budgets, but we also are looking forward to your input on the social and race schedules, growth plans, project ideas, etc.

Come on out and have some fun at your Tuscaloosa Sailing Club.

Mike Johns





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**SAILING SCHEDULE**

Below is the proposed schedule of races for 2007. There have been some changes in the scoring systems for the Spring/Fall series and the Championship Trophy. In addition there is a new award for active sailors. I am going to try a new schedule this year. We will race on the second Saturday and 4th Sunday of the month. If the Saturday races are washed out the next day will be a scheduled make-up day. There will be no make-ups for a cancelled Sunday race.

As always, we need racers and committee members. If you are willing to help run some races but are not sure what to do, we will pair you up with an experienced member. If you are an experienced member but are not racing please help by committeeing and we will find younger backs to help.

If there is interest (send email to pleblanc@bsc.as.ua.edu to express interest) we will run sail training to learn how to sail, how to race, and how to be a committee member.

**Tuscaloosa Sailing Club  
Proposed Schedule for  
2007 Spring Series  
Dates & Committee**

25 Feb (Gordon)  
10 March(backup 11 March)  
(LeBlanc)  
25 March (Gordon)  
14 April (Backup 15 March)  
(Huet + Ferguson)  
29 April (Gordon)  
12 May (Hocutt + Thorn)  
26-27 May Mayor's  
(Memorial Day) Regatta  
(Calculated Portsmouth times  
used to assign finish order for  
TSC boats)  
9 June (backup 10 June)  
(Johns + Nasir)  
4 July Fun race

**Scoring for awards:**

Spring and Fall Series Races:

Award points on high point system where N is the number of boats starting the race: First place = N, 2nd = N-1, etc DNF = 0. Winner is boat with highest points. In case of tie: Boat that has finished ahead of other boat the most times when competing in same races.

This is to encourage participation. It is possible for someone to finish third in every race to win if boats that came in 1st and 2nd in the races didn't compete in all the races.

**Club Championship Trophy and Regattas:**

Low score average points system. First place in a race equals .75, second equals 2, third equals 3, and so on. DNF = number of boats finishing plus 1. Disqualification = number of boats finishing + 2. Best average from one half the races run. If odd number of races run, round up after division to determine number of races to qualify.

**Tuscaloosa Sailor #1 (New Award)**

To qualify must take part in one race as committee and one race as skipper or crew.

Each race as skipper, crew, gets 2 points

Each race as committee gets one (1) point.

Each training lesson as trainee or trainer gets 1 point.

Each Noncompetitive sailing event gets 1 point.

High point wins

In case of ties: First breaker: better finish in races in which both competed, then if no shared races, best finish in club championship series.



**HARBORMASTER**

We have embarked on a much needed process of organizing our boat yard and we need everyone's help. Please be on the lookout for a letter coming in the mail that highlights our plans and the requirements of all members.

Pete Nasir, Harbormaster

**Wanted to buy:** Trailer for 16' wooden boat. Contact Mike Johns. 556-7277

**Hobie 16 for Sale**

I bought this boat a few years ago planning to re-rig it for sail off the beach with my son and grandson. I have replaced old ropes with new and defective rigging with top flight Harken hardware; but although I have cleaned it up several times I have never put the boat in the water; and, at my age, I am unlikely to do so. So, I conclude that the boat needs

a younger owner. The hull and trampoline are sound, the sails look like they have never been used; and I have some expensive new extras, including two adjustable tiller extensions of different lengths and a nice trapeze harness. The trailer needs a new light set which I have but have not installed. I replaced the tires when I got it and refurbished much of the trailer hardware. I am offering the boat for what I have in it: \$1200, firm. Contact Max Hocutt, (205) 339-9514 or mhocutt@comcast.net

**2007 SOCIALS - SAVE THE DATES!**

The purpose of TSC socials is to promote and encourage sailing while having FUN, getting to know fellow club members, recruit new members and develop lasting friendships! Please mark the dates below on your calendar and make plans to ~ Make Memories with TSC in 2007.

Commodores Crock Pot Cook-off and General Membership Meeting Sat. Feb. 17th 12:30 pm (immediately following work party)  
TSC Clubhouse

• Ice Breaker - Set Sail for a Successful Sailing Season  
Sunday Feb. 25th

• Shimmering Shamrock Shindig - Friday March 16th

• Memorial Day Shrimp Boil - Sunday May 27th

• Laid Back Luau 4th of July BBQ - Wed. July 4th

• Forget about Work - Labor Day Fish Fry - Sunday. Sept. 2nd

• Howling Halloween Hootenanny Friday Oct. 19th

• Talking Turkey - General Membership Meeting - Sunday Nov. 18th

• Commodore Christmas Gala & Awards Banquet - Friday Dec. 7

Note: Two regularly scheduled holiday socials (Memorial Day Shrimp Boil and Labor Day Fish Fry) will be held on Sunday afternoon this year.



**PROXY**

I, the undersigned, a member in good standing, do hereby give and appoint

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As my proxy to vote on all matters that may come before the General Membership meeting on February 17, 2007

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name