

R E P E A T E R

Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Comments

Welcome to another great year of fun and sailing at the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club! Thanks to the great job by the 2005 TSC Board we have a club that looks great, finances that are solid and equipment that is ready to take on a new year's worth of challenges.

Our 2006 Board promises to carry on the same level of excellence that you have come to expect. Calvin Jones has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. Lowell Baker will be your new Projects chair and has some great ideas of how to continue to fix up the club. Johnny Turner will be your new Grounds chair and has promised buffet breakfasts at every work party (Kidding...). Robin and John Thorn are hard at work planning the 2006 social calendar. Holly Baker will be your new Secretary and Repeater Editor so send her all of your pictures and newsletter items that you would like to share. Max Hocutt will be your Vice Commodore and Racing chair. Max's spring race schedule is included in this issue of the repeater and we are all looking forward to some great racing participation this year. And finally, we have a new (unofficial) position that we are adding to this Board. Jackson Baker will be joining our group to be the 2006 TSC Webmaster. We look forward to a new and dynamic website to be your source of information for TSC news and events.

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the club on February 11th at 1:30 p.m. We will also hold the first work party of the year that day. Our Social Committee has a lunch planned for everyone, so come on out. Proxy forms are included in this newsletter for those who can't attend. We will present the 2006 budgets along with some special purchases that we would like the membership to consider including a front-end loader for our tractor and satellite TV for the clubhouse.

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

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Good News!!

I just spoke with Jackson Baker and he agreed to become the TSC web master for 2006. I expressed how important we all think that tool is and how it can help us recruit new members and be a primary source of communication to our membership.

I suggested that he should come to our monthly board meetings since many of the things that we decide there will need to be updated on the site in a timely manner.

I think that we might want to consider making the webmaster a permanent position on the TSC board. Let's see how it goes this year and possibly submit an amendment to the membership at the Fall meeting.

Regards,
Mike

Quite often around our house, when I start a story someone will put up a hand and say, "Just the facts, ma'am". Of course, that has never and probably will never stop me from elaboration. I also have a tendency to say things in a way (innocently, of course) to give dual meaning to the content of pertinent information. For example: One time when my mother came to visit and we had just finished Lowell's new studio in the backyard, I very proudly announced that I had screwed on the deck ! My mother replied, " Please, Holly, I don't want to hear about your sex life!". So, later in the year when deck repair becomes an issue, if I'm unclear about the exact nature of the job, please call for clarification. This goes for any unintentional mutilation of the English language I may exhibit this year while I proudly execute my duties as Secretary of the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club. Holly

TSC Racing Schedule 2006

Racing Chair: Max Hocutt

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.
- Throwouts: 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

Spring

- March 12 Spring series I
Committee: Gordon & Huet
- March 26 Spring series II
Committee: Brandon & ???
- 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 _____ & _____

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

TSC Social Schedule 2006

Co-Chairs: Robin and John Thorn

Welcome to what is shaping up to be a great year of socials!

We will kick off the year with a buffalo chicken wing luncheon on February 11th. The luncheon will be between the February work party and our first general membership meeting of 2006 and we will eat at 12:00. Chicken wings, coffee, soft drinks and tea will be provided by the club and club members may bring their favorite cole slaw, potato salad, dessert or other goodie to accompany the wings. Our wing chef will be John Thorn.

Other socials this year will include:

- ▶ Memorial day shrimp boil - May 29th - Chefs Pat Huet and Mike Johns
- ▶ July 4th Barb-e-cue - July 3rd - Chefs John Thorn, Jim Neville and Bill Spence
- ▶ Labor Day fish fry - Sept. 4th - Chef Ray, Wayne and Joanne Townsend Townsend
- ▶ October Fest Sausage - Oct. 7th - Chef John Thorn

By popular demand we are trying something new for our November membership meeting. Once again, between the November work party and membership meeting we will be providing lunch for the club members. Chefs Pat Huet, John Thorn, Bill Spence and Jim Drake with his new "electric" turkey fryer will fry turkeys for the members. The club will also provide the beverages. Club members will have an opportunity to bring dishes to accompany the turkey.

The Annual Awards banquet will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the University Club.

We are excited to have a new Assistant Chef join our socials this year. We are pleased to have Jackson Baker join us to take pictures and gather information for the newsletter and website. He will offer assistance in many areas, one in particular, man the fire extinguisher at the turkey fry!!!

P.S. A Friendly Reminder from your Social Co- Chairs:

Please remember to contact your social chairman before using the clubhouse or pavilion for your meetings, reunions or parties. Specific guidelines on usage of TSC facilities, dated June of 1999 remind us that you need to contact the social chair to request usage and the chair records your event on the clubhouse calendar. Also club members hosting events are held responsible for the behavior of their guests and for cleaning up afterwards. Paper products purchased from the club's social budget may not be used for individual club member's events.

TSC Grounds

Chair: Johnny Turner

Hello mates! 2006 has made its way upon us and should prove to be another great year for us at Tuscaloosa Sailing Club.

The first work party of the year will be held Saturday, February 11th. I hope to see everyone there with smiling faces and ready to work. As usual there will be grass to mow, trees to cut and debris to be hauled off. Some specific plans this year are to bush hog the perimeter of the club, take down any dead trees, clean out the ditch areas, and remove driftwood along with the aquatic blob of weeds from the beach and dock areas.

The membership of TSC has a really fantastic facility to enjoy. I encourage everyone to come out and work a little and enjoy the fellowship that goes into keeping our little jewel on the lake in shining condition.

TSC Projects

Chair: Lowell Baker

The projects list for this year is very long. Rest/work/help out assured that there will be plenty to do come rain or shine. I would like to begin our project's year by finishing the painting in the basement of the club house. This will include a second coat on the women's restroom and the waterproof coating on the north wall.

If the weather permits we should begin removing all of the decking from the east deck of the club house. This decking is a fairly large job so we may have to schedule the redecking for our March work day.

A short list of additional projects that need to be attempted during the year includes, but are not restricted to; Painting the boatyard bathhouse, inside and out; Building a shower stall in the boatyard bathhouse; checking the wiring in the south camper area and making a decision to rebuild, replace or rip out two of the outlets; replace the finger docks on the far west end; add handrails to the west finger docks; replace skirting around the main pavilion; build benches in the main pavilion; build a wind screen and work table at the barbecue area.

We have a lot of Honey Dos this year. I cannot think of one of these jobs that is gender specific; so come out and join in on the fun and camaraderie. Pat, specialty tools are always welcome.

If any of you would like to direct any one of these projects or know of something else that needs to be done, just step up to the plate.

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NOTICE

The General Membership Meeting is February 11th, 2006 after the work party with a buffalo chicken wing luncheon provided by the club. Please see **Social Schedule** for all the details.

The meeting will be held at the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club clubhouse. Even if you can't make it for the work party please make plans to join us for our first social and very important membership meeting. If you can't make it to either, please remember to send your proxy form with another member so your vote counts. Your vote matters!

PROXY

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

As my proxy to vote on all matters that may come before the General Membership meeting
On: February 11, 2006.

Signature Date

Print Name