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NEWSLETTER

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Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Update from the Commodores

by
Fred Andrus



I am wrapping up my second year as Commodore and reflecting on how strange this time has been. My family has not been part of the club for very long, and I felt I had much to learn about our members, property, history, and goals. Therefore, my plan for serving as Commodore was to listen and learn from others and to try and find a consensus before acting in what I hope was the best interest of keeping the club on a steady course. I did not envision trying to make any big changes, but then Covid 19 hit and everything required us to adapt, like in nearly all aspects of life. The board was forced to make tough decisions about which activities were safe, what events needed to be cancelled, and what event could be changed to become safer. I am sure these changes were sources of frustration and confusion for some of us, but our membership pulled together and things went better than we expected. Thanks to all members for being so flexible and creative during this time. Hopefully we will return to something closer to normal soon. We had a taste of normalcy in the early summer and it was great to be back at social events and racing. I am especially grateful to the other board members who did such a wonderful job finding ways to keep the club active.

We will soon select the next TSC Board and I encourage all members, especially new members, to volunteer to serve. I found serving on the Board has been a great way to meet other members, feel a deeper sense of belonging, and make new friends. I am grateful for the opportunity and I am sure I will serve again in the future as needed. I think the long-term health of the club will depend on new members bringing their energy and ideas to help us grow and improve.



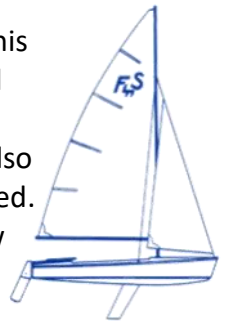
Tuscaloosa Sailing Club
Since 1972



Vice Commodore – John Dishuck



We are fortunate the Founders of TSC had the foresight and resources to establish this club and purchase this property, literally as the lake was barely full. I have wonderful memories of growing up as a peripheral “member” of this club. I remember it as a close-knit group who loved sailing, racing, relaxing, and bantering back and forth. I also recall the post-race meetings where all the rules my cousin and I broke were discussed. I perhaps have inflated my importance as a subject of their discussion but that’s how I recall it. Of course, I was off doing my own thing anyway.



I rejoined the Sailing Club in 2017. It has been wonderful getting to know other sailors and relearning how to sail. Being largely self-taught, I had a lot of bad habits and misconceptions to unlearn. Fortunately, **Max Hocutt** took pity on me and asked me to crew for him. I like to think he saw some potential but really, I think it was the former. After many hours of shared stories and hours on the water he formed me into a sailor who at least embarrasses himself less on the racecourse. More importantly a special friendship developed. **Paul Leblanc** has filled in many gaps in my knowledge of Scot rigging, racing rules etc. **Pat Huet** has taught me how the club runs. More importantly, Betty and Pat taught Carolyn and me one of the most important lessons: **Standard Poodles are the BEST water dogs!** Others have welcomed me and tried to keep me pointed in the right direction. Many friendships have formed, and I feel very fortunate to be part of this Club. I am very grateful to the many members of the club who have worked tirelessly to maintain it, run it, and keep the finances.



The perennial problem for Sailing Clubs and TSC in particular is how to recruit more sailors. It has been pointed out there are fewer sailors to recruit from since sailing has waned as a sport. Large Sailing Clubs have addressed this by having a regular schedule of formal sailing lessons. This would be difficult for a club the size of TSC.

We are doing some things right; social events, inviting The UA Sailing Club to race, and having club boats available for members comes to mind.

Reflection upon a recent discussion with Laurie Johns and my personal experience since rejoining TSC makes me excited to try some new ideas:

1. More sailing clinics.
2. More fun races – New crew day, Jr. Races, Golf ball madness, etc.
3. Actively recruit friends to the sport, and if they take to sailing, to the club.
4. New member sponsors whose responsibility it is to keep new members engaged, sailing, and aware of how the club works from the Board to the workdays.



Stay Calm & Sail On,

John

Your Commodore in Waiting

.....Again

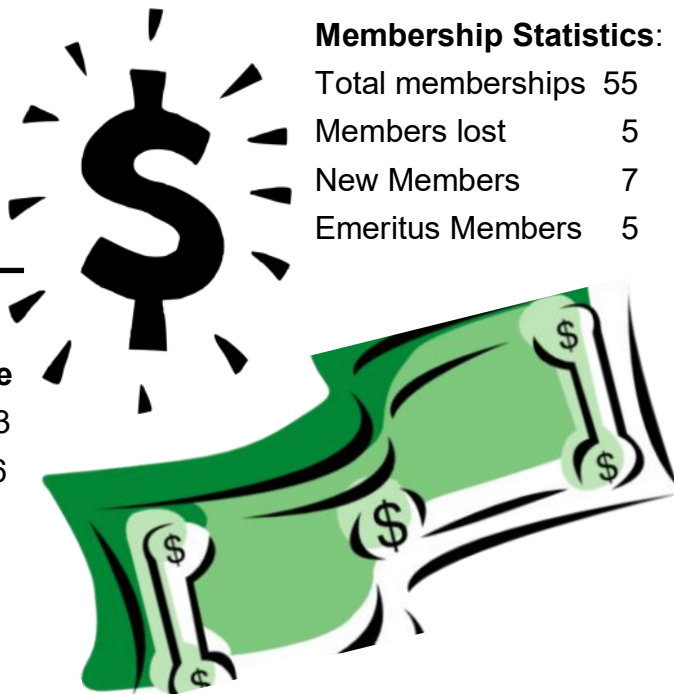


Treasurer – Laurie Johns

Current Bank Balance:	\$36,313.29
Less Emergency Fund:	<u>5,000.00</u> (fully-funded)
	\$31,313.29
Less Deferred Maintenance Fund	<u>20,000.00</u> (fully-funded)
2021 working funds balance	\$11,313.29

Membership Statistics:

Total memberships	55
Members lost	5
New Members	7
Emeritus Members	5



Under Budget to date:

	Balance
Projects:	\$2,749.65
Commodore:	250.00
Grounds:	153.72
Social:	5,001.12
Racing:	416.31
Secretary:	300.00

Over Budget to date:

	Balance
Harbor Master	-\$394.83
Treasurer	-\$251.66



Secretary – Anita Lanford

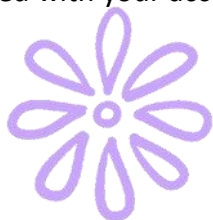
This was my first year as Secretary of TSC. I had no idea what I agreed to when I said “yes” to being secretary. There are A LOT of variables involved. BUT, I have made it and have learned a lot. A big THANKS goes to Brooke Peterson for walking me through everything she did the previous year and the handbook! I’d be so lost without that handbook to refer to. I also want to thank all of the current board members for their leadership and helping me along the way!

I feel like I have just now (mostly) learned the ropes of what all is involved and gotten the hang of it and now the year is almost over. 😞 So, I have agreed to be the Secretary of TSC for another year! 😊 I have had fun making the flyers to keep members updated on events. I hope I did not overload your email and texts too terribly much....

If you **did not receive the TEXT messages** and wish to receive those, please email me at secretary@tuscaloosasailingclub.com and let me know your cell number and who your carrier is (i.e. AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, ...).

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If you would like **access to the TSC WEBSITE** [<https://www.tuscaloosasailingclub.com/>] and/or are having problems logging in please email me at secretary@tuscaloosasailingclub.com with your email address and watch your inbox for an email to get you started with your access.



Social Chairs – Bette Huet & Mary LeBlanc

Summary of Activities



π Pie Day was held on March 14th, 2021. The spring membership meeting was combined with the awards presentation from the 2020 race series. We enjoyed the 1st day of day light savings and a wonderful array of pies on the open-air pavilion.



Memorial Day Shrimp Boil was very well attended! Chefs Johns, Huet and helpers galore boiled up colossal shrimp, potatoes, corn, mushrooms and carrots to accompany the delicious dishes that were brought to share with friends after the races.



Independence Day celebration was held with Chef Mecredy serving up fabulous butts, ribs and chicken to a large appreciative outdoor crowd. The variety of dishes that were brought to enhance the meal made it a true feast.



The planned catfish fry Labor Day gathering was cancelled due to the major uptick in COVID-Delta cases in the area.

The planned Awards/X-mas Banquet at the District Room was again cancelled. We're planning an outdoor TSC gathering. More information/details soon.



Quick Update on Awards Banquet: See page 11 in this newsletter. Hope to see you at the Club!



Thanks to all the chefs, set-up/clean-up helpers, and members who bring dishes and help to make TSC socials fun!



Grounds Chair – Harrison Lanford

So, we had a few workdays this year. But not just any workdays. These days started with a little rain. That just did not stop. Then one day it did. And the debris came rolling in with the tide. Many showed up to battle the debris. The battlefield was cleared. Then it started raining again....and again....and again.... Over and over the workdays came and went. It felt like the movie Groundhog Day....every Workday was the same. Even through the dry time.... aka Summertime. Oh wait, it rained and flooded during the dry times also. The turnouts this year have been incredible. Even this last one which was a last minute reschedule. So many showed up. Until next workday. May the rain gods stay away for a while!



Rain, Rain, Go Away...

Harrison



Roger Smith, Ron Buta and Keith Lake cleaning up



Scot Pierson welding the chainsaw. 2 UA students picking up limbs.



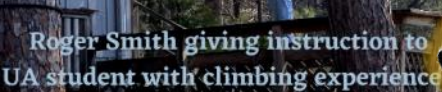
cleaning gutters



Jami Pierson rockin' that weed eater GIRL POWER



Roger Smith cutting down a dead tree by boatyard bathroom



Roger Smith giving instruction to UA student with climbing experience



John Dishuck on the weed eater, Scot Pierson on the chainsaw, Harrison Lanford assisting Scot



It's a little muddy!!!

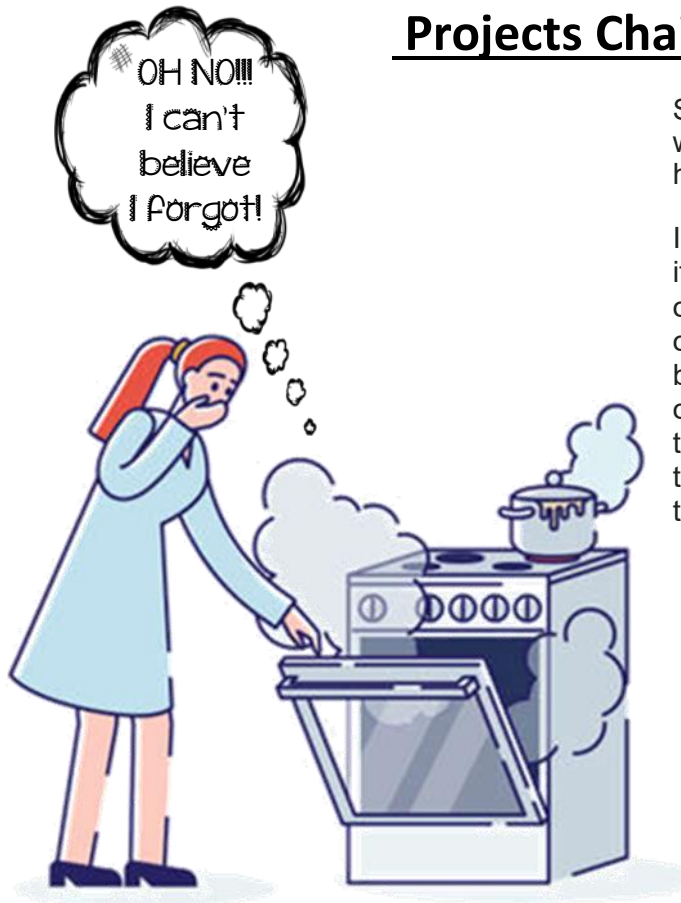


1 our friend One-killer working on the weed mat/loop to fill the surrounding woods



The creek was cleared out along with lots of trash through the brush and waterline. Benjamin Andrus is manning the fire while Harrison Lanford, Randy Mecredy and 2 UA students take a break.

Projects Chair – Bruce Perdue



Soon the stove in the clubhouse will have a timer installed that will allow the stove and oven to operate for a maximum of one hour before it needs to be reset.

In the recent past, someone inadvertently left the oven on, and it was discovered by another club member. How long it was on is unknown, but this situation is clearly a fire hazard. In order to prevent future recurrences of the problem, a timer will be installed on the wall behind the stove that will allow operation of the stove for a maximum of one hour. If something is being cooked, the cooker can, of course, reset the timer for additional time. But if an "on" stove is forgotten, this timer will prevent a potentially devastating fire.



From the Harbormaster – Pat Huet

Lots of things have been going on in my world. First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who has provided help and other input to help me do my job. The Student Club is certainly included in this as they were a great help in digging boat storage marker blocks in the boat yard. Oak Johns has been invaluable as Assistant Harbormaster and I am most appreciative of his efforts. Having said that, there are still trailers that are not identified with the owner's name.

We have laid out a large portion of the board yard and have stenciled numbers on them. Currently the campground is full and there is no one on waiting list. There is also no waiting list for wet slips and several are available.

It has been brought to my attention that a couple of the Club boats needed work/materials to bring them up to a better state of readiness. As a result, we have a new main halyard on one of the Scots, we have bow protectors on hand for mounting on both Club Scots and we have a complete set of battens for the Club Laser. I will be ordering a cover for Gray Jeans as the one on it has a large opening where there is not supposed to be such an opening.

Please continue to keep me up to date on any requirements that the Club boats may have.



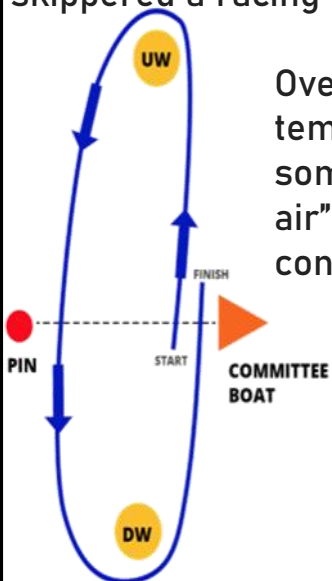
If you notice something
MISSING OR BROKEN
 with ANY CLUB boat,
 please contact **Pat Huet**.
 Call: (205) 799-2230 Home: (205) 339-5518



Race Chair – Tom Russell

RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2021 TSC racing series has ended. A total of 29 races was completed. Six TSC members competed as skippers of participating boats. Ten members of the University Sailing Club skippered a racing boat at least once.



Overall, this year's season featured light to moderate wind and mild temperatures. While during the year there were certainly brisk winds on some weekdays; on race-scheduled Sundays there was not a single "heavy air" race. Several scheduled Sunday races were rained-out; but beautiful conditions predominated for most of the season.

It was the Race Committee's great pleasure and privilege to observe some really-good sailing; and to see our members having a good time with their boats and with each other. Please come to the Club's December 5 meeting to find out who finished on top.

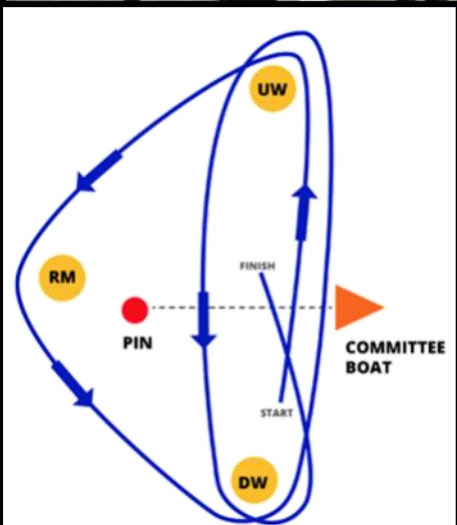
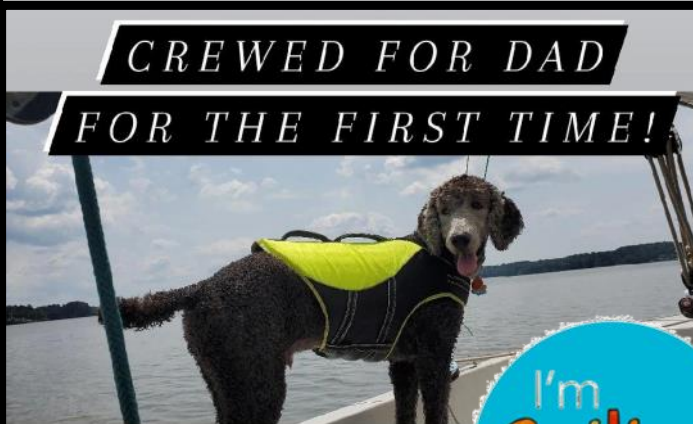


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GAMES



Mystery UA Student, Summer Bolton, Deb Crocker, Cortez Slater and Katie Crocker-Buta



Pat Huet, Susan Drake, Benjamin Andrus, Keith Lake



Erik Peterson, Will Peterson, Oak Julius, Benjamin Andrus, Margaret Peacock

AWARDS



John Dishuck receiving the Club Champion Award from Randy Mecredy at the delayed 2020 awards ceremony on March 14, 2021 at the π (Pi) Day Social.



Pat Huet receiving the Sandy Gordon award from Fred Andrus at the delayed 2020 awards ceremony on March 14, 2021 at the π (Pi) Day Social.

Clay & Evan Parrish
River, Reed, Rush

Chris Manning
Madison, Bethany, Brittany

Welcome

Grace Lee

Robert & Angie
Smith

Anna Grace, Maggie, Emilee

2021



Mitch Beavers

New Members

Chris Edwards/Sherri Wall

Lee & Linda Albritton

**Annual Statements will be e-mailed
by the first of the year (2022).**

- ⇒ Payment is due (postmarked) by February 1st.
- ⇒ Late on March 1st and a late fee of \$50, with a late grace period through March 15th.
- ⇒ On March 16th, if payment is not received, the membership in the Club will automatically terminate without further notice or action.



A HUGE thanks goes to ALL the 2021 Board Members for their contributions to this newsletter.

2021 Board Members



COMMODORE - Fred Andrus

VICE COMMODORE - John Dishuck

TREASURER - Laurie Johns

SECRETARY - Anita Lanford

SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS - Bette Huet &

PROJECTS CHAIR - Bruce Perdue

Mary LeBlanc

GROUNDS CHAIR - Harrison Lanford

HARBOR MASTER - Pat Huet

RACE CHAIR - Tom Russell



Photos identified and sent from: Fred Andrus, Deb Crocker, John Dishuck, Laurie Johns, Harrison Lanford, Randy McCreedy, Brooke Peterson. Thank you ALL!!!

Anita

Updated Club Roster as of November, 2021

Emeritus Members

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for privacy.**

Click [here](#) for
**Member
Directory
page.**

Last Name	First Name	Spouse	Children 24 and under	Year Joined	Address	City/Zip	Cell-1	Carrier-1	Cell-2	Carrier-2	E-mail Address	Second E-mail Address
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TSC



Fall Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation



SOUP SOCIAL



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021



1:00 PM



Eating and meeting under the main pavilion

– weather permitting –



Members are asked to bring a choice of
soup/chili or an appetizer to share.

TSC will provide desserts and egg nog,
coffee, hot chocolate, tea and lemonade

MEETING AT 1:00 PM

EAT AT 2:00 PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 3:00 PM



Reminder: Please send in a **proxy** if you will not be attending. The proxy is located in this newsletter and posted on the TSC website and Facebook.

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