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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

From the frying pan to the fire

I served as Treasurer for five years, took a "year off" as Incoming Commodore, then BOOM! A past commodore was heard to say recently, "I'm glad I'm not Commodore this year." So, we've had some bumps - broken HVAC, broken committee boat motor, broken dock ramps, broken ice machine, the boatyard full of broken boats. Remember that song?

Broken pipes, broken tools
People bending broken rules
Hound dog howling, bullfrog croaking
Everything is broken

What you gonna do? FIX IT!! We already have cool air (and heat when needed) and the ice machine is fixed. We are in the process of replacing the motor and repairing the docks. As for the broken rules, we will be updating and clarifying the club's Policies and Procedures in the very near future.

The club is now 51 years old - about right for a mid-life crisis. To be or not to be? How about to be and not to be? Huh? Speak, Laurie! OK.

We need more members. Lots more members. Why? Because the club runs on member involvement and member dues. We are running low on both. Historically, membership has required a minimum of lip-service interest in sailing but these days it seems not many folks can even muster that. Can sailing survive in a sailing club with fewer and fewer members? Can sailing survive in a club with many members albeit few sailors? Could it THRIVE? I am setting up an ad hoc committee, including non-board members, to consider this and make recommendations for your consideration in November and I plan to survey the membership as well. Please give your sincere thought to these questions. This year let's lay the groundwork for our next 50 years!

Laurie

Cheers ^{to} the  next  50! _{years}

Vice Commodore

Randy Mecredy

The commodore has asked me to chair a committee to review the overall relationship TSC has with the UA Sailing Club. The committee will meet over the next few months to gather information, review documents, and make recommendations to the board. We would like to have input from the Club membership and the students. Please feel free to express any ideas, suggestions, compliments or complaints you may have. Other members of the committee include Fred Andrus (UA Club Advisor), Jon Shemwell, Paul LeBlanc, and Kelli Ball.

Randy

HARBOR MASTER

Paul LeBlanc & Dan Blakley

I don't want to be a nag, but I must make a few points.

1. Please make sure that you have your name on your trailer and a current registration sticker on your boat. This will help as we organize the boat field and remove abandoned boats.
2. If you use a club boat, sign out and in on the sheets on the bulletin board. Please do not misplace the lock and return the key to the hangers near the sign in/out sheet. Return all equipment to the proper boat or locker. If something on a boat needs work, note it on the sheet.
3. Now that the deadline for dues and fees has past, there are a few lockers, slips, and camp sites available. Lockers are \$25 per year and camp sites are \$250, slips are \$225. First come, first serve.

Paul

SECRETARY

Anita Lanford

My goal as secretary this year is to do 4 newsletters (1 per quarter). I also hope to continue keeping the communication lines open.

I will do my best to get reminders out about upcoming events in a timely manner, but please remember this is a volunteer position and we all have lives outside TSC. Be kind!

All events for TSC can be found on:

1. the TSC calendar:
<http://bit.ly/3JNJ7WC>
2. TSC website:
www.tuscaloosasailingclub.com
3. Facebook page
4. Email
5. Text

If you are **not getting emails**, please check your SPAM folder.

If you are **not getting texts** and wish to, make sure I have your correct carrier (AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, TracPhone, etc.).

My contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

Anita

PROJECTS

Ron Lepianka & Gail Masterson

Continued cleaning of the boatyard by tree sapling and brush removal after cleaning of the shoreline debris is planned for March. Hope to see enough people to expand on this to also include raking of the culvert by the clubhouse and placement and solid fixation of the walkway bridge over the creek leading to the lake.

Ron Lepianka

TREASURER

Kelli Ball

I am happy to report that all membership dues are paid!

Kelli

GROUNDS

Harrison Lanford & Pressly Albritton

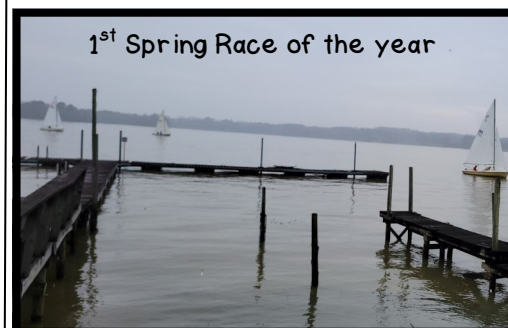
Grounds... What can I say, it's a love-hate relationship...

It is March 17th... It has rained most of the day... This is after the lake flooded 2 weeks ago...but this time it does not seem to be as bad from a cleanup standpoint. Maybe it is because we had 4 floods last year and the North River and Holly Springs area were already cleaned out from last year! Either way, the next workday will be cleaning up the shoreline knowing it will flood again.... The fun keeps going...

In a few weeks we will start tackling the Launch Dock and the T-Dock Ramp which are both in great need of repairs. We will need several members to show up for this. But a bit of warning...BEER may or may not be involved!

See you all on Work Days this year...

Harrison



RACE CHAIR'S CORNER

Jon Shemwell & John Nasir

March, 2023

Why I Race (And Why I Hope You Will Too)

Jon Shemwell

Lately, I've been reflecting on a few moments on the water last fall that are a good reminder of why I race. It was early November, and fellow TSC member Neil Postier and I were tacking into a brisk wind:

"Get ready..."

"Ready!"

Helm Over"

I, flipping my body around; Neil, snapping the jib into place; our little boat spinning on its heel: first gear (a little off the wind); second gear (tight to the wind). Surging forward.

"Get ready..."

Tack upon tack, we climbed the wind, and I thought to myself, "This is why I race."

What makes this story significant is that Neil and I were not racing. We were not even on Lake Tuscaloosa but in the Florida panhandle, near Perdido Key, and we were in a pretty tight spot. It was after sunset; the channel was narrow; the wind was against us, and so was a hefty current. Yet, our feelings were not of fear or doubt, only satisfaction. Why? Because we had the skills we needed, skills that had become automatic during our days on the racecourse back on Lake Tuscaloosa.

Despite trying hard, I have never won a race. Yet, I continue to try because I know it makes me a better sailor. Ask any accomplished sailor in our club, and they will tell you that racing is the fastest way to improve. They understand from experience that the racecourse makes sailing more intentional, which is what builds skills. From this perspective, racing is a form of what psychologists call "deliberate" practice, which is essential to expertise in any field.

So, I hope you'll come out and race this season. It doesn't matter what you sail, how fast you sail, or how well you know the rules. You might win a race. If not, you will get better at sailing—and better prepared for those tight spots on the water.

P.S. I hope that all eligible racers (those who have not helmed races at our club before this year) will compete for our "Top new skipper" award. It will be given at the end of the year to the new skipper finishing the most races.

SOCIAL

Linda Albritton & Peggy Nasir

Hi! We are Linda Albritton and Peggy Nasir, the club social co-chairs. We are the ones who plan the food and activities for our social gatherings throughout the year as well as set the calendar for these events. We make sure the clubhouse is somewhat straight and clean. We are always grateful for those who "pitch in" to set up the food tables, ice etc. at the pavilion and extremely thankful for those who spontaneously help clean up and wash the utensils!

We would like to have input from the membership! We have three questions we would like to have your input on as well as any other suggestions/comments you may have.

1. What menu/food suggestions do you have for our events?
2. What activities would you like planned for our socials?
- 3a. What activities would you like to see for our children at TSC? Especially for our teens.
- 3b. Are there outdoor games TCS should provide that would be kept here on the property? (corn hole, etc.)

We will have a basket set out for suggestions at our next event on April 1st or you can email suggestions to Linda, albritton1610@yahoo.com.

This is your club and we sincerely want your input!

Linda Peggy

2023 Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Calendar (Tentative) UPDATED 3/1/23

Dates could change due to weather or any host of other reasons. Be sure to check your email, text, TSC Facebook page, and TSC website (www.tuscaloosasailingclub.com) for any changes.

LEGEND	
Board Mtg	Race
Social	Sky-Gazing (weather permitting)
Work Party	

Date	Day	Time	Event/Description
January 11, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
January 21, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
February 1, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
February 18, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
February 19, 2023	Sunday	3:00 PM	Spring Membership Meeting / Chili Cook-Off
February 25, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
February 28, 2023	Tuesday	TBA	Sky-Gazing with our very own Astronomy experts (Ron Buta & Deb Crocker) and their powerful telescope (weather permitting) <i>We'll be viewing the moon and several planets. Other deep sky objects will be viewed if the sky conditions permit.</i>
<i>More events announced as they come</i>			
March 4, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
March 8, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
March 11, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
March 12, 2023	Sunday	TBA	Daylight Savings Time Social
March 18, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
March 25, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
April 1, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	April Fool's Regata Casual/Fun Race
		TBA	April Fool's Social
April 8, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
April 12, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
April 15, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
April 22, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
April 29, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
May 6, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
May 10, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
May 20, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
		1:00 PM	Spring Competitive Race
May 29, 2023	Monday	TBA	Memorial Day Shrimp Boil
		1:00 PM	Memorial Day Fun Races
June 14, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
June 17, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
June 24, 2023	Saturday	TBA	Return of Summer Social

Date	Day	Time	Event/Description
July 4, 2023	Tuesday	TBA	July 4th BBQ / Fireworks
July 12, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
July 15, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
August 9, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
August 19, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
September 4, 2023	Monday	1:00 PM	Labor Day Fun Races
		TBA	Labor Day Fish Fry
September 10, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
September 13, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
September 16, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
September 17, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
September 24, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
October 8, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
October 11, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
October 15, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
October 21, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
October 22, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
October 28, 2023	Saturday	TBA	Oktober Fest/Halloween Social
November 5, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
November 8, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
November 12, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
November 18, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
November 19, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
December 3, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
December 10, 2023	Sunday	1:00 PM	Fall Competitive Race
December 13, 2023	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Board Meeting
December 16, 2023	Saturday	8:00 am – 12 noon	Work Party
January, 2024 early	TBA	TBA	Comodore's Banquet



TSC Membership Roster as of March 15, 2023

Last Name	First Name	Spouse	Children 24 and under	Year Joined	Address	City/Zip	Home Phone	Work
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