

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club Binnacle

August 2013



[If you would like to submit material for the Binnacle contact me at cben1963@yahoo.com and put Binnacle in the subject line.](#)

LGSC Family,

As you can see our format is little different than it has been in the past. We are experiencing some technical difficulties with the website. If you go to the Home page of the website you will find links to the pages but the tabs you are used to seeing at the top of the site currently do not work. You can click on these links to go to the desired pages of the site but those pages cannot be updated at this time.

Comments From Our Vice Commodore Fleet Willoughby

Fall season started a little early with the first race on August 24th. Since I was unable to get the Fall Race Schedule in the Monthly Binnacle I promised a secondary edition to be sure to get it out to our members...so here it is!

Attention!!

We as a Club are hosting the Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup, September 20-22. We will be hosting representatives from 7 clubs in the Tennessee Valley for hopefully 5 races, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and Friday and Saturday socials. Please see Fleet Willoughby to volunteer to help with a variety of needs we will have to make this the kind of event we can all be proud of!

The Notice of Race and Registration form is available on the LGSC website.

LGSC Fall 2013 Race Calendar

Sat Aug 24 Fall Trophy Race #1	CM 11:00 AM
Sat Sept 7 Fall Trophy Race #2,	CM 11:00 AM
Sat Sept 14 TVCC Prep Weekend	11:00 AM
Sept 20-22 TVCC @ LGSC	
Sept 28-29 Great River Race @ BCSA	
Sat Oct 12 Fall Trophy Race #3	CM 11:00 AM
Sat Oct 19 Fall Trophy Race #4	CM 11:00 AM
Sun Oct 20 Fall Trophy Race Back-up	
Sat Oct 26 Autumn Challenge	
Sat Nov 2 Fall Trophy Race #5	CM 11:00 AM
Sat Nov 3 Fall Trophy Race Back-up	

We've got the TVCC regatta on Sept 20-22 and will need volunteers to help with race and social activities. Contact Fleet Willoughby to volunteer for race activities and Val Mason for social activities.

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

Be sure to join us for a presentation at the October Social on popular anchoring spots on the Lake. This was a request from a new club member. If your interested in presenting your favorite anchorage please contact George Brown at gbrown1@hiwaay.net and put Anchorages in the subject line.

**Join TEAM LGSC!
See Fleet's notes
for details...**



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TVCC NOR, registration form and Nautical Challenge rules are available on the LGSC website.

Sept 14 will be a TVCC marina clean-up day. Please help and bring gloves, cleaning supplies and cleaning tools (especially spider web brooms).

Lots of activities are being planned for the TVCC weekend. Friday evening will have a cookout and Radio Control Sailboat demo/display. Saturday will be racing, BBQ dinner, live entertainment, hospitality boat and a club nautical challenge quiz game. Sunday will feature more racing and an awards ceremony. As part of the TVCC activities, there will be a Club Nautical Challenge. The Challenge will be a "Jeopardy" type question and answer contest. If you want to join the LGSC Nautical Challenge Team for Saturday's quiz game please contact Sterling Phillips at captainsterling@pollyannapress.net.

Please notice that the Great River Race is scheduled for the weekend after the TVCC. If it ever crossed your mind to attempt a "long distance" race, then this is the one to try. BCSA typically has a short course or long course option for this race. It is a unique feeling to race at night and I urge all racers to try the long course at least once.

**Comments From Our
Cruise Director
Will Marsh**

Ahoy folks, I'm planning a cruise to Chattanooga for September 28 to October 6, 2013. This is a run up the Tennessee River to Chattanooga for a 3 day visit then run back to LGSC. At this point we have 4 boats planning to go. Below is a planning guide for the trip. We are thinking of the following time table for the trip:

- Sat Sept 28 - Leave LGSC and cruise up to Goose Pond Colony.
- Sun Sept 29 - Depart Goose Pond and cruise up to an anchorage on one end of Bridgeport Island.
- Mon Sept 30 - Raise anchors and cruise up to Hales Bar Marina. Note that one must approach Hales Bar Marina by going to the right of the floating "Coke" stage which is located about 1 mile downriver from Hales Bar.
- Tue Oct 1 - Depart Hales Bar and head up to Ross Landing Marina in Chattanooga. This promises to be a spectacular run through the canyon. The river gets narrow and the currents may be fast so it would be a good idea to get an early start from Hales Bar.
- Wed Oct 2 to Thu Oct 3 - enjoy Chattanooga. There is the Aquarium, North Shore, the Choo Choo, Hunter Museum of Art and numerous restaurants.
- Fri Oct 4 - Depart Ross Landing Marina. We haven't really finalized this part of the plan yet but I'm thinking

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run down to Hales Bar Marina. This will be a relatively quick run.

- Sat Oct 5 - Continue the run down as far as possible - perhaps to Goose Pond Marina or more likely the anchorage at Bridgeport Island. Or somewhere between the two. This will be the longest run of the cruise but the current will help us going down river.
- Sun Oct 6 - Return to LGSC.

This plan is not yet finalized but is subject to slight changes for whatever reason.

So that we can coordinate better I would like to have the email addresses of those who wish to participate.
Thanks.

Here is a Chattanooga Cruise Planning Guide for those who would like to do a shorter version of this cruise. The run up to Chattanooga this time is fairly leisurely so it may be possible for those participating in the Great River Race to then catch up with us cruising to Chattanooga.

The figures are based on a cruise I took in October 2009

Notable points

BCSM	MM 357 (+1 mile to sailing line)
LGSC	MM 363 (+ 1 mile to sailing line)
Goose Pond	MM 378
CSX RR Bridge	MM 412.5
Nickajack Lock and Dam	MM 422
Hales Bar Marina	MM 431
Mullins Cove	MM 435
Raccoon Mtn Pumped Storage	MM 440
Ross Landing Marina	MM 464

Speed made good on various parts of the river.

1. Going up

1. Wide and shallow portion
 1. 1000 MM 365
 2. 1625 MM 396.8
 3. SOG 4.9
 2. Narrow and deep portion
 1. 1135 MM 463
 2. 1655 MM 458.3
 3. SOG 4.8
 1. Narrow and deep portion: (Note sailed part of this with good down river wind)
 1. 955 MM 464
 2. 1455 MM 430
 3. SOG 6.8
 2. Wide and shallow portion
 1. 1156 MM 423.6
 2. 1645 MM 396.8
 3. SOG 5.5

Fall Race schedule and Social schedule can still be viewed on the LGSC website be going to the Home page and clicking the first link that reads Calendar. Or you can link to it here [LGSC Calendar](#)

2. Coming down

Total transit time

1. Going up - Total: 29:35

1. 1. Day 1 - 1115 to 1500 - 6:45
2. 2. Day 2 - 0935 to 1830 - 8:55
3. 3. Day 3 - 0935 to 1700 - 7:25
4. 4. Day 4 - 1000 to 1630 - 6:30
5. 1. Day 1 - 0955 to 1653 - 6:58
6. 2. Day 2 - 1059 to 1815 - 7:16
7. 3. Day 3 - 1005 to 1634 - 6:29

2. Coming back - Total: 20:43