

The Binnacle

A newsletter of the

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club



www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com

March 2007

Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

March

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, MARCH 11! MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AND ETC. FORWARD ONE HOUR

Sun., March 11:

1 p.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Spring Pursuit Series. Entry Fee - \$5.00

2 p.m. - Race Start - Spring Pursuit Series

Sat., March 17:

4 p.m. - LGSC Board Meeting in the LGSC Clubhouse.

6 p.m. - Saturday Night Social with speaker. Lynn Haxton of Toucan Canvas will present a program on the care of canvas covers, biminis, etc.

Sun., March 18:

1 p.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Spring Pursuit Series. Entry Fee - \$5.00

2 p.m. - Race Start - Spring Pursuit Series

March 19: Articles due for LGSC Newsletter

Sat., March 24:

9 a.m. – Skipper's Meeting – BCSA Pursuit #1

11 a.m. - Race Start at Signal Point

Sun., March 25:

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1 p.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Spring Pursuit Series. Entry Fee - \$5.00.

2 p.m. - Race Start – Spring Pursuit Series

Sat., March 31:

10 a.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Run to the Boon Docks

11 a.m. - Race Start

April

Sun., April 1:

1 p.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Spring Pursuit Series – Entry Fee - \$5.00

2 p.m. - Race Start - Spring Pursuit Series

Sun., April 15: Alternate Race Date

1 p.m. - Skipper's Meeting – Spring Pursuit Series

2 p.m. - Race Start - Spring Pursuit Series



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Finally the weather seems to be getting warmer, spring sailing can't be too far off. We took our boat out of the water on Monday to clean and repaint the bottom. First time we've seen the bottom in four years. Fortunately, it was in pretty good shape with only a few small blisters. Maybe with a clean bottom we'll do better in the club races this year. Speaking of races, Keith and the race committee have planned an aggressive schedule for this year which should be a lot of fun, including three races for the Gunter'sville Cup. Save the weekend of April 20-22 for a fun filled weekend of sailing, dinners, art show, entertainment and good fellowship.

In May, we will have another low country shrimp boil on the 19th, which was one of the most popular events last year. On the 23rd of June we will host our first annual (depending on how popular it is) poker run. We will set a course for all to sail with at least five stations (will need volunteers to man a couple stations). At each station you will be pick up one card. The boat with the highest poker hand at dinner that evening will be the grand prize winner. It is not a timed run, so all can participate without the pressure of a race. It's a fun day on the lake with other sailors from the club.

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Trish and I took the club on a “trip” around the BVI’s on Saturday night after the chili cook-off. Part of the reason for the “trip” was to see if there is much interest in doing a club flotilla someday to a destination like the BVI’s or elsewhere. Think about it and let us know if we need to start planning a club trip.

The Board can only do a good job of managing the club for your interests if we know what you want and what problems you’re having that we need to correct. In an attempt to survey all club members, we are revising the “Sailing Experience Survey” and will put it in the Binnacle in two months (along with copies left at the clubhouse). Be thinking of suggestions and get the survey back to us so we can act on your ideas.

George Brown

SOCIAL COMMENTARY

I was so happy to see everyone at the cook off, on a wet and cool night. There was 20 plus chili lovers. We had 9 pots of chili and all were so good. The top 3 winners are George & Trish Brown for the Hottest Chili, Clark & Beth Mason for the Best Over All and Chip & Gerry Meegan for the Most Unique Chili.

When we were done with the chili there was a lot of great desserts. Well then everyone was nice and full and we sat back and went to the BVI’s with George & Trish. They did a great job and the pictures were great. Oh, speaking of pictures when you go in to the club house check out the picture on the wall. Great job George & Trish.

So until the next dinner, happy sailing.

Thanks everyone, Kathy

A NOTE FROM THE WEB MASTER

Need pictures to post on the web site. Please e-mail to sailor@mindspring.com. Thank you!



FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN

The cold is starting to lift! It won't be long now, for us fair weather folks, until we are in full sailing season.

Let's start out with the Guntersville Cup. As I said earlier, we are going to make this a two day event with two races on Saturday, April 21st, and one on Sunday. However, realizing that not everyone can make it on Sunday we will allow one throw out if we get all three races in. So if you cannot make it Sunday come anyway and just beat everyone on Saturday!!

The plan is to have a spinnaker fleet and a non-spinnaker fleet that we might split in to high and low handicap fleets depending on the number of boats entering. We will also try to have a Novice Fleet with a separate start and shorter course (one race each day) for those that have never been in a regatta before. If nothing else just come on out and be a spectator!!

Saturday night should be lots of fun. Besides a great barbeque dinner there will be a marine art display by our own Sherman Barnes (he may have drawn your boat!!) and some nautical items from "GoneCoastal" and "Toucan Canvas". After dinner we will have some live entertainment to keep you up too late!!! So even if you do not want to sail please plan to party with us Saturday night!!

For more details the Notice of Race and the Registration form are in this month's Binnacle. For those who just want to come to dinner use the Registration Form but do not fill boat information and only pay for the dinner's and or shirts that you want. We would like to know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.

Now for the casual stuff. We will start off this season with a fun Saturday Pursuit. For those not familiar with pursuit racing come to the club house at 10 am for a skipper's meeting. I will also give out the offset time sheets.

On March 11th we will start the Sunday Pursuit series. Amy wrote about this in last month's Binnacle so I will not cover the details. These will start at 2 pm so all the Sunday Service goers can attend.

On April 14th we will do some instruction on racing starts and course strategies to get everyone up to speed for the Guntersville Cup. After the instruction we will go out and do some practice starts. See the race schedule for other events and times. Also, if you want to do something that is not on the schedule please send me your suggestions.

Keith Kuhlman

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REMINDER FROM DUANE

2006 MONTHLY SLIP RENT FEES

B DOCK	\$105.00
C DOCK – EVEN #	\$115.00
C DOCK - ODD #	\$130.00



Make your check payable to “The Anchorage” and mail to P.O. Box 900, Guntersville, AL 35976.

All articles are due by the 15th of the month to Marsha Babb for the newsletter. E-mail druids@mindspring.com If you have any story you would like to share about an adventure or an almost adventure, or how you solved a particular problem, or if you need help with a problem; this is the place for information sharing. Just send it to me and I will put you in the line-up. Pictures are nice also. Thank you so much.

A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

DID YOU KNOW THAT LGSC PUBLISHES A NEWSLETTER? THE NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE LGSC WEB SITE OR CAN BE MAILED TO YOU IF YOU DON'T HAVE E-MAIL OR IF YOU SIMPLY PREFER TO RECEIVE A COPY IN THE MAIL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE (OR CONTINUE RECEIVING) THE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL, YOU MAY DO SO BY “SUBSCRIBING” FOR \$10.00 PER YEAR. THIS “SUBSCRIPTION” METHOD WILL HELP US RECOVER SOME OF THE CLUB EXPENSE OF PRINTING AND MAILING THE NEWSLETTER. IN 2006 IT COST APPROXIMATELY \$300.00 TO PRINT AND MAIL THE NEWSLETTER TO 15 MEMBERS.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO LGSC FOR \$10.00 AND SEND TO: MARSHA BABB, P.O. BOX 997, GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976 AND NOTE ON YOUR CHECK THAT IT IS FOR THE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION.

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IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY U.S. MAIL AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IT ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW (INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS).

LGSC WEB SITE!

<http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com>



Our web site has a new look, links to other sites, the latest activities, and even a 7 day weather forecast; that is Lake Guntersville Sailing Club weather. So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Guntersville) to help you plan your sailing adventure.

**Notice of Race
2007 Guntersville Cup Regatta**

Lake Guntersville April 20, 21 & 22, 2007

Hosted by Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, Anchorage Marina

The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the 17th **Lake Guntersville Cup Regatta** held on beautiful Lake Guntersville Alabama. This is a three-race regatta held over two days.

Schedule of Events:

1800 Friday April 20	Hamburger and Hot Dog Social	LGSC Club House
1900 Friday April 20	Skippers Meeting	LGSC Club House
0800 Saturday April 21	Complementary Coffee, Juice, etc.	LGSC Club House
0955 Saturday April 21	Warning Signal 1 st Race	Lake Guntersville
1000 Saturday April 21	Starting Signal 1 st Race	Lake Guntersville
1225 approx Sat. April 21	Warning Signal 2 nd Race	Lake Guntersville
1230 approx Sat. April 21	Starting Signal 2 nd Race	Lake Guntersville
1500 Saturday April 21	Art and Craft Display	LGSC Club House
1730 Saturday April 21	Barbeque, Entertainment	LGSC Club House
0800 Sunday April 22	Complementary Coffee, Juice, etc.	LGSC Club House
0955 Sunday April 22	Warning Signal 3 rd Race	Lake Guntersville
1000 Sunday April 22	Starting Signal 3 rd Race	Lake Guntersville
1400 Sunday April 22	Lunch and Awards Presentation	LGSC Club House

Rules: The Regatta is open to all mono-hull sailing boats with an enclosed cabin and greater than 20-ft. waterline length and will be governed by the 2005-2008 Rules of Racing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways, and the Sailing Instructions.

Classes: There will be three fleets; A-Open Portsmouth with Spinnaker, B-Open Portsmouth without Spinnaker, and Novice for skippers who have never competed before in a formally organized sailing race. Portsmouth classes will be determined by the Race Committee based on data required to complete registration. In the event a fleet is over-subscribed, the Race Committee may divide the fleet into two separate classes. In the event there are too few boats to constitute a fleet, the Race Committee may assign these boats into the remaining fleets.

Course: Races will be held approximately in the main channel of the Tennessee River between the Siebold Light and the Upper Guntersville Light with the start in the vicinity of the Guntersville State Park.

Scoring: Three races will be planned with one throw out. In the event of two or less races there will not be a throw out.

Prizes: Separate awards will be given for up to three places in each fleet having at least eight boats. The Race Committee will award Special Prizes as it sees fit.

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Registration Forms: Are available at the LGSC Club House and on the LGSC website at: <http://www.LakeGuntersvilleSailingClub.com>

Sailing Instructions: Will be available at the Skippers meeting, 1900 Friday April 20 at the LGSC Club House and at the LGSC Web Site at: <http://www.LakeGuntersvilleSailingClub.com>

For Further Information: Contact Keith Kuhlman at 256 582-1108 or by e-mail at bkkuhlman@hotmail.com

All registered boats are invited to dock overnight for no charge on Friday and Saturday April 20 & 21 at the Anchorage Marina .

**2007 Guntersville Cup
Lake Guntersville Sailing Club
April 20, 21st and 22nd**

Registration Form

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Please deliver or mail to: Keith Kuhlman
5224 Jefferson Circle
Guntersville, AL 35976

Skipper: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ City/Zip: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Boat Name: _____ Manufacturer & Model: _____
Sail No: _____ Length: _____

Classes: (mark one) Spinnaker: _____ Non- Spinnaker: _____ Novice: _____

Portsmouth Rating: _____ *(LGSC Race Chairman will assign)*

The LGSC Race Chairman will assign a Portsmouth rating based on the boat, its outfitting and the wind condition. I understand that the assigned rating is for this Regatta only and cannot be appealed.

1. **Eligibility:** This event is open to mono-hull sailing boats with an enclosed cabin and greater than 20-ft. length.
2. **Rules:** This Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Navigational Rules International/Inland Waterways, and the Sailing Instructions. A VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 72 is required by the Sailing Instructions.
3. **Classes:** Classes for this event will include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker Fleets. A Novice Fleet for first-time racers may be formed. Classes may be sub-divided as appropriate at the sole discretion of the LGSC Racing Chairman. Sub-division or elimination is not grounds for request for redress. Scoring will be Time-on-Time using the Portsmouth ratings and the low point system. Three races are planned with one throw out. In the event of two races or less there will not be a throw out
4. **Safety:** Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See the Racing Rules of Sailing, rule 4, Decision to Race.

In consideration of your accepting my entry into the Sailing Program, I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the Navigational Rules International/Inland Waterways, which I have read and understand, and the Sailing Instructions dated April 1, 2007*. My boat will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with those instructions, and she shall be properly manned. I waive for myself, my executors

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and administrators, heir(s) and assigns any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, its officers, directors, employees and agents and anyone or more of them arising out of my participation in the 2007 Guntersville Cup Regatta or arising from any related activities.

Skipper: _____ (Signature) **Date:** _____

* **NOTE:** The Guntersville Cup Regatta Sailing Instructions, April 1, 2007, will be available at the Skippers Meeting on Friday, April 20 at 1900 hrs. After April 1, 2007, a full copy of these Sailing Instructions can be down loaded from the LGSC Web Site at www.LakeGuntersvilleSailingClub.com.

Race Fees and Schedule of Events

Guntersville Cup Regatta 2007

Race Fees: (After April 13, 2007, \$60.00)

\$50.00

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(includes racing, one Saturday Dinner and one Tee-Shirt)

T-Shirt Size (circle one) M L XL XXL

Additional items:

Friday Night Dinner - \$8.00 No. _____ Amt\$ _____

Additional Saturday Night Dinner - \$10.00 No. _____ Amt\$ _____

Sunday Lunch - \$5.00 No. _____ Amt\$ _____

Additional T -shirts -\$12.00 each No. _____ Amt\$ _____
Sizes: (M, L, XL, XXL) _____

Total Fees enclosed: Check No: _____ \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Lake Guntersville Sailing Club and mail with this entry form to:

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bkkuhlman@hotmail.com

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