

The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

<http://www.lakeguntersville.com>

August 2006

Activities At A Glance...and the LGSC Race Schedule

- Sat., August 5:

10 a.m. LGSC Board meeting in the clubhouse.

6:30 p.m. Saturday Social - Dinner at The Docks on 1165 Ed Hembree Dr. in Goose Pond Colony in Scottsboro. Phone is 256-574-3071. See you all there!

DIRECTIONS TO GOOSE POND COLONY

From our marina: Turn right and head North on 431. At the "Y" grocery, take 79N. Follow 79 N until you see the sign (on your right) for Goose Pond Colony. Turn right at that sign and follow it to the end (but not into the water) and you will see the restaurant.



LGSC WEB SITE!

<http://www.lakeguntersville.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.

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.

FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN



Race 3 Results

We had nine boats show up Saturday for race 3. A couple of new faces which is always great.

Winds were only about 6 knots so we ran Course 1 which is around UGL, Short Creek, UGL and finish.

Bill Hicks set up and started the race. I heard some people say they never saw the flags. Bill ran the sequence just as always so I am not sure what the issue was. Of course I also heard complaints that the crews were not paying attention or did not know how to start the stop watch. It is fun racing, but if your boat and crew are not prepared look at yourself for the problem and not the race committee.

Looked to me like everyone got off to a good start, despite the two complaints. It was a beautiful sight as 5 of the 9 boats were flying some sort of spinnaker or drifter. I did not get a picture but hope to get one and will pass it on.

The race went pretty well on the down wind leg. Some good close competition as everyone rounded Short Creek light fairly close together. Up wind we again separated more on skill than boat speed. The fleet got a little strung out and then the wind died to zero. I was trying to finish and the current was taking me to the bridge. We had no power at all. So

George and I looked at each other and said lets go eat! Not sure how to count this one. I just called the places as I saw everyone on the course. IT is a fun race!!!

I am not sure what got into my boat. I took a 20% additional handicap but the boat was just flying (first time I got the spinnaker working right!!). My apologies, but that is why I bought the 320, it can be real fast. Guess my handicap is going up!!

As Will was way up river we decided to do a raft up at the State Park area instead of Harbor House. We found Allen Bennett anchored in the area so besieged upon him. Quill did his usual hamburger feast and all enjoyed the fun. I think there were 6 boats.

I forgot to collect money... again!! It is \$5 a race. I will collect when I see you next time. I think everyone owes for the last two races.

Jun 3 is a Pursuit at LGSA. Jun 10th is the 4th BCSA pursuit and will be started at Signal Point/Harbor House as always. There are no other Pursuits scheduled at this time. We will see how the wind blows about doing some more in the Fall. Remember the final race for the BCSA Pursuit Series will be the Great River Race short Course.

IF anyone is interested I will do some instruction on how to improve your boat speed, etc. Might be a fun thing to do when the doldrums hit us in July and Aug.

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COMMENTS

