

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club Binnacle

August 2013



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 can not be updated at this time.



Where it's always a beautiful day to go sailing!!

Comments From Our Commodore George Brown



Hope all of you have been able to enjoy the weather this summer. In the 37 years I've lived in Alabama, I cannot remember a cooler July and August. We normally can't enjoy the lake this time of year because it's too hot and muggy - but not this year.

By the time you get this Binnacle, I'll be sailing the North Channel, Lake Huron in Ontario. Have never been there before, but have heard many good things about it. Will let you know when we get back. As soon as we do get back, the preparations for the TVCC will be ramping up. Remember, we need you to come to the marina on Saturday, September 14, to help clean the facilities, weed and mulch the plant beds, clean the docks and help get the place ready for the following weekend, when we will have guests from six other clubs. Then stick around and join us for supper at the Bridge Café in downtown Gunterville at 5:30. The food is great and they will have a band starting after 7 pm if you want to stay. Let Fleet or me know if you want to volunteer for helping on the actual days of the TVCC, 20-22 September. Also, even if you do not plan to race, join us for the social activities. Just register for them so we'll get good headcounts.

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

Featured Article

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

Interested in doing a fall river trip to Chattanooga? We have a club trip leaving Saturday the 28th of September and returning Sunday, October 6th. It will be a great trip and we already have four boats committed to go - more would be merrier. For more details, contact Will Marsh

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.

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 you're interested in presenting your favorite anchorage please contact George Brown at gbrown1@hiwaay.net and put Anchorages in the subject line.



or me.

After the October dinner meeting, we will have an open discussion on anchorages in Lake Gunterville. Submit to me your favorite anchorages (or at least ones you have tried) and be prepared to discuss them at our October dinner meeting. John Frost has already volunteered to cover Short Creek and Prescott Island. I'll start the discussion by saying that Short Creek is the most popular overnight anchorage on the lake, which John will cover in more detail. I'll take Town Creek (opposite the lodge about 2/3 the way in) and Hambrick Hollow (on right side just before the dam MileTN 349.5). Let me know which anchorage you want to cover.

Be safe, enjoy the weather and I'll see you when we get back from Canada.

Will look for you on the lake.
George

Comments From Our Rear Commodore Val Mason



Thanks, Diane, for hosting the Mexican dinner last month. I heard the food was delicious, as always, and everyone had a great time!

Reminder: The annual Labor Day Cruise & Dinner at Goose Pond will be held from August 31 to September 2:

Dinner at **The Docks Restaurant at Goose Pond** will be held on **Saturday evening, August 31st at 6:30pm**. Plan to either cruise up to Goose Pond (around two hours motoring) or drive up Highway 79 to Scottsboro. Then, join us as we so socialize on the docks and dine together. If you plan to eat dinner and/or spend the night on your boat, please be sure to *rsvp to Clark Mason ASAP so he can provide a headcount to the restaurant and make certain enough slips are available for all boats staying overnight:* [cmason@bellsouth.net]

Help us clean up the marina, then, join us for dinner out at the Bridge Café ...



On **Saturday, September 14th**, we will be sprucing up the marina grounds and clubhouse in preparation for the Tennessee Valley Championship Cup regatta. After the cleanup and our board meeting are complete, we will drive over to the **Bridge Café** in **downtown Gunterville**. We are planning to eat promptly at **5:30pm**. The restaurant has a nice selection of American and Brazilian foods and reasonable prices. It is within walking distance of the city docks if you prefer to sail over during the afternoon and join us.

Please rsvp George or me by 9/6 if you plan to attend, so we will have an estimate for making the reservations. To rsvp, email Val Mason at rkmason@knology.net with the number attending.

Dock Master
Quill Briggs
256-652-0916
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and any
Facilities Issues.

**TVCC Regatta-Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 20, 21 & 22...**

This is our biggest racing and social event of the year! We will be hosting the TVCC, which invites sailors to attend from several of the major marinas in the north Alabama and south Tennessee region. We have this honor every 7 or 8 years and we want to do everything possible to make our guests feel welcome!

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS TO
LAKE GUNTERVILLE RESORTS
105-A LOCUST STREET
GADSDEN, AL 35901

Summary of social events:

(A meal package for the weekend, costing \$30, can be purchased with your racing registration. If you wish to pay a la carte, then the prices in the parentheses apply.)

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

- Friday, Sept 20
 - 1800 Early registration and Cook-out (\$5)
Menu: Hamburgers & hotdogs, etc.
- Saturday, Sept 21
 - 0730 Complimentary Breakfast/Registration
Menu: Sausage/Bacon Biscuits, etc
 - 0900 Captain's meeting
 - 0930 Make & Take Box Lunches (\$5)
Menu: Deli meat & cheese sandwich
 - 1800 Barbecue Dinner by Will (\$15) with
Live Entertainment & Nautical Challenge
Menu: Barbecue Ribs & Chicken

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Sunday, Sept 22

0730 Complimentary Breakfast

Menu: Breakfast Casseroles & Quiches

0800 Make & Take Box Lunches (\$5)

Menu: Chicken & Tuna Salad sandwiches

1300 Leftover Lunch & Trophy Presentation

Menu: Leftovers, chicken & tuna

salad, etc.

We need a ton of volunteers for this event to assist with food preparation, service and cleanup. We would love to have at least 2 volunteers to sign up for preparation and clean-up for each meal (Fri dinner, Sat breakfast, Sat dinner, Sun breakfast and Sunday lunch). I especially need a couple of "grillers" for Friday night and volunteers to arrive early to start coffee, etc. for breakfasts. We will also need many of our wonderful cooks to volunteer to provide appetizers and desserts for both dinners. Please email (rkmason@knology.net) or call me (205-721-9484-leave a message) if you can sign up to help! Thank you all!

Mark your calendars for our **October social on Saturday, Oct. 12th**. We are planning a potluck stew or favorite meat and potatoes casserole for dinner at 6pm. Social hour starts at 5pm. If you can't bring a main dish, please feel free to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, and/or dessert. After dinner, we will have a round table discussion on our favorite places to anchor on the lake. Hope to see you then!

Thanks so very much!
Val & Diane

Comments From Our Vice Commodore Fleet Willoughby

Unfortunately I was not able to include Fleet's Fall race schedule due to the file format would not work here but we will send out a race schedule update.

The big Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup (TVCC) is less than a month away. Racers from seven clubs, from Knoxville to Muscle Shoals, will be gracing our marina. We are looking for volunteers to help with

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

coordination (Fleet Willoughby) and social (Val Mason). Sept 14, 1100am, will be clean-up day for the marina. 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. If you want to join the LGSC Nautical Challenge Team for Saturday's quiz game please contact Sterling Phillips. The TVCC NOR and registration forms are available in the club house or on the LGSC website.

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.

Spring Trophy series and the BCSA/LGSC Joint Races have been completed. Rascal took top honors for the Spring Trophy series followed by Outrageous and Mystic-T. There was a tie for first place between Mystic-T and Outrageous for the Joint Race championship. After running through the tie-breakers, Mystic-T will take the trophy home.

Fall season starts a little early with the first race on August 24. We've got the TVCC regatta on Sept 20-22 and will need volunteers to help with race and social activities. Sept 14 will be a TVCC marina clean-up day. Contact Fleet Willoughby to volunteer for race activities and Val Mason for social activities. 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 would like to be part of the LGSC team, please contact Sterling Phillips at captainsterling@pollyannapress.net. The TVCC NOR, registration form and Nautical Challenge rules are available on the LGSC website.