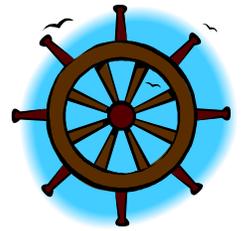


The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com

July 2008

Reminder.....

Please join us at the Marina July 19th for the Club monthly dinner.

Cookout at 6:00pm – Bring your favorite meat, fish or poultry to grill and a dish to share, (veggie, dessert, salad, etc). We have many great cooks in the club and it's always fun to share!!!!

(The grill will be set-up and ready to cook).



A Full Moon Sail is planned afterwards for those interested.

Hope to see you there.

Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

If you need crew or want to crew, contact Keith Kuhlman at
bkkuhlman@hotmail.com or call 256-582-1108

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat., June 28	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Race to new City Docks (aka Harbor House)
	12 noon	Start – Race to new City Docks
Fri., July 4		Fourth of July!
Sat., July 5	3 p.m.	Raft Up - Short Creek
Sat., July 19	10 a.m.	LGSC Board Meeting
	6 p.m.	Dinner
	7 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Full Moon Sail
	8 p.m.	Start – Full Moon Sail
Sat., July 26	TBA	Race to the Dam
Sun., July 27	TBA	Race from the Dam
Sat., August 2	3 p.m.	Raft Up – Short Creek
Sat., August 16	10 a.m.	LGSC Board Meeting
	6 p.m.	Dinner
	8 p.m.	Full Moon Sail
Sat., August 30	TBA	Cruise to Goose Pond and overnight
Sun., August 31	TBA	Cruise from Goose Pond

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FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, Keith Kuhlman



Just when it was beginning to feel like the “wind season” was ending we had a glorious week here in Guntersville for weather and wind. Unfortunately I was working and unable to participate. But just maybe it will blow up again before July.

We finished our Summer Pursuit series this weekend (a few days before summer but what the heck). The Saturday Series is surely jinxed with another “no wind situation”. Only got 2 races in for that series, but one race had 9 boats competing!! Nice turnout! We will call some victors for that series anyway with Amy, Sterling and Charlie finishing one, two, and three. Go Amy!!

Sunday faired a little better. We got all five races in, with only one being called without a true finish. That series had 14 participants but only four had three races or more. The final tally had Sterling, George and Clark finishing one, two, and three. Nice job Sterling!! And Clark got in the money!!!

Pursuit Series are over for awhile. They won't start back up until Sep 6th. Truth is I hope that is a long ways away cause it signals the end of Summer and I just have not had enough yet, heat and all!!!

We did have a sweet raft up in Short Creek a couple of Saturdays ago with Frosts, Mason's (Clark and Bev), Zanni's (fresh from their victory at BCSA!!!!) and Kuhlman's. It turned out to be a gorgeous night with a beautiful sunset and a cool breeze blowing all night. We all just got carried away and forgot to go home!!!! Glad there were a few blankets on board as it cooled off nicely. Linda was prepared as always and fixed a great breakfast Sunday morning for all.

We do these raft ups the first Saturday of every month from now until August. It is very spontaneous so stop on by and enjoy the beauty of Lake Guntersville with some friends!!

Events get a little light from now until September. I put a “Race to Boondocks” on the schedule for June 28th. Since it is typically pretty shallow at Boondocks I am going to change it to a race to the NEW DOCKS!!! (Located to the left of the Big River Bridge). They should be ready by then. Hoping we can dock up and walk to town for lunch...somewhere!!! Even if you do not “race” meet us there about 1 pm and join in.

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July 4th is pretty open right now, but come on out and we will figure something out. Next is a Full Moon Sail July 19th. The first one we did was great. Nice wind and a big full moon. Last week it was a little cloudy and the winds were not so hot. So Amy saved the evening and treated us to a premier (for her) presentation of “Wind”. She is the proud owner of that classic flick so if somehow you missed it she will be glad to present it again, and again and again!!

Last up for July is a “race’ to the Dam. Not sure what we will do exactly but plan to make it a fun (squirt gun!!) event. Plan is to stay overnight and “race” back to the marina on Sunday.



COMMODORE’S COMMENTS, George Brown

We made it home safe and sound after three weeks sailing in the BVI’s. We were then greeted on the Sunday race with dying winds and the race had to be called. Well, I guess it’s back to sailing on Lake Gunter’sville with variable and inconsistent winds. Let’s hope there will still be good winds this summer at least part of the time.

We are continuing a full schedule of activities for the next couple of months, with a race to the city docks next Saturday (**June 28**, 11 am skippers meeting), **4th of July** party at Susan Heape’s (see below), **July 5th** raft up at Short Creek and the next Board meeting on **July 19** (10am) followed that evening with a cookout where we will all bring our own meat to grill and a dish to share (see flyer) and a full moon sail afterwards. See the schedule for a complete listing.

The club owns 6 Snarks but may only have all the gear and parts for 4. We have decided to sell them and will accept \$200 apiece for the first four, and then we’ll see what’s left. If you want one, but aren’t willing to pay \$200, make a bid and we’ll sell them to the highest bidders. Send your bids to me.



Susan Heape has once again invited the club to her house on Preston Island for a **July 4th Party and cookout**. She recommends that you bring lawn chairs and/or shade umbrellas for the cookout and then stay to watch the fireworks that her neighbors shoot off. Susan will not be available until after June 30th, if you need

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additional information. Her email is heape@bellsouth.net. She has also requested a few volunteers to assist her with getting ready, specifically with installing more cleats on her dock.

Here are directions to the house by water and by land:

By water:

Inlet to Preston Island is at mile marker 370. From main channel, turn to port and stay closer to port as you go through inlet to Breezeway Bay, as the slough on back of island is called. You will notice dangerous shoals on starboard, marked with a PVC pipe. Be careful! Once you are beyond the shoals, bear starboard and stay in the middle of the Bay. Avoid going very far to port because there is an old submerged road on the port side. You will be able to see my sailboat and blue-roofed boathouse on the starboard shore about 400' down.

By land:

From the marina, take 431 north then turn right on Hwy 79 north towards Scottsboro. Go about 7 miles and see Waterfront Grocery on left. Go about 1 more mile and entrance to Preston Island on the right, marked with large stone sign. House number is 745, which is on mailbox and sign in front of house. Dock and waterfront is across the street from the house, which cannot be seen from road! Best to park on circular drive in front of house (below fence) or on street in front of house, and walk down to the dock. Can take right turn at mailbox and drive to waterfront/dock area if you have all-wheel drive, but tough getting out otherwise! House available in event of rain or to avoid DUI! Or if you're just plain curious.....

Hope to see you at the marina. If you are new, introduce yourself to us so we can get to know you.

LGSC WEB SITE!

<http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com>

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



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.

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