

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club Binnacle

July 2013



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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 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.

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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 Commodore George Brown



The last month has been a very active one for the club. Had a great turnout and dinner at the Gunterville State Park. Had another good turnout for the July 4th cookout, with several boats motoring down to watch the fireworks while several others drove down and watched from the shore. Last weekend we had a "Bring-your-own-meat" to grill and dish to share - with another good turnout and more great food than we could eat.

Next month we will have the Mexican potluck dinner and ice cream social - which again will be more food than we can all eat, so come and join us (see social schedule for details). It will also be when we will make the trophy presentations for this spring's race results.

We are continuing to prepare for the Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup (TVCC). Fleet and Val are doing a fantastic job of organizing the events and social activities (see NOR on website for details). We have had several people volunteer and have assigned many jobs - but we have more jobs left and need more volunteers. This is our opportunity to show the rest of the Valley (from Knoxville to the Shoals) what true southern hospitality is and how well we can run a major regatta. We will have a "Commodore's Hospitality

Look for a new series of articles featuring popular anchoring spots on the Lake. This was a request from a new club member. If your interested in submitting an Article for this Series, please email it to George Brown at gbrown1@hiwaay.net and put Anchorages in the subject line.

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and Information" boat at the work dock. I'll also need volunteers to man this station on Friday and Saturday evenings from approximately 4 to 8 pm. Let me know which hour you want.

We've had a suggestion from a new club member that we need to do an article on good overnight anchorages on Lake Guntersville. This is a great idea - but maybe better served as an open forum with suggestions from all. John Frost has suggested that each of us pick a couple of our favorites and write them up, thereby creating our own cruising guide to the lake. Let's do this, but with a twist. Let's all submit (to me) your favorite anchorages (or at least ones you have tried) and be prepared to discuss them at our October dinner meeting. We'll have an open forum to discuss all possible anchorages. 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. Let me know which anchorage you want to cover.

We may also be having a few safety issues at the marina. We have observed children swimming in the marina area. There is the possibility of electrocutions in marinas, which will be covered in an article by John Frost next month. Stay tuned for more details.

Many states require all children under the age of 12 to have a life vest on while on the docks or on a boat. This may be excessive, but if you have children within the marina area, please take the necessary precautions. Be safe.

We have the new dock plates for all of you that provided me with your information. They will be installed in the next two weeks.

Will look for you on the lake.
George

A Remembrance By Sterling Phillips

Ted Hood: Frederick Emmart Hood
(May 5, 1927 - June 28, 2013)

The sailing and yachting world lost a true giant



Ted Hood: Frederick Emmart Hood
May 5, 1927 - June 28, 2013

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and innovator in the sport of sailing when Ted Hood passed away last month. I had the good fortune to meet and talk with Ted Hood twice. Once while I ran Amco and visited his boat yard in Portsmouth and once when I was at an AMF dealer meeting and they introduced the AMF 2100 he designed. You might remember we had an AMF 2100 named JUDITH and it was a wonderful boat. I also called Ted Hood about eight years ago to ask if they had any of the original drawings of the AMF 2100 and our conversation ended up being nearly an hour and ranged all over the place from the virtues of the little AMF to his thinking about design and stability and in particular his belief that no boat would have an overlapping jib if were not for the racing ratings. He was very adamant that putting more sail aloft and using smaller genoas was much more efficient than trying to deal with a big overlapping genoa.

He also talked about his belief that the newer finkeel wide bottomed, high prismatic coefficient boats were so hard to steer and so uncomfortable at sea. He was a firm believer in centerboards and dagger boards thinking they didn't jerk the hull back and forth like a deep finkeel.

Not even a lot of people in the sailing world might realize some of the legacy of Ted's work. First there was Hood Sails. Ted and his father figured out a way to weave their own cloth that was much tighter and yet treated in a way that made it easier to handle than the early polyester sails. Then there's the Hood Furler. While there were other furling systems out there at the time like the Hyde Stream Stay (which by the way we still have on the Privateer) and the Dutch and Danish systems like Rondal, they only really furled the sail and didn't allow it to reef. The Hood system was quite remarkable for it's strength and ease of operation. Ted told me he believed the roller furling jib got more people on the water sailing than any other innovation. His in mast systems were also pretty unusual for the time. He was definitely a man who liked to tinker with things.

Ted also designed some very successful race



boats including NEFERTITI, the America's Cup boat of his design. A rather radical design at the time. His Robbin race boats with their dagger boards were very successful. But he also designed a lot of production boats including the bigger Bristols.

Many people think the Bristol 40 and 32 to be some of the most beautiful boats ever designed. He designed for the Canadian Company, Paceship, Bristol, AMF, and others. And of course he designed his own line of boats, the Little Harbor boats that are all center boarders, very heavy, and very able sailors. More recently he developed the whisper jet boats that were bought by Hinkley, and a whole line of huge custom motor sailers and power boats that were quite unusual.

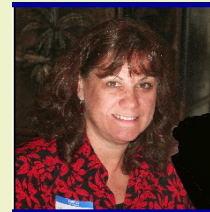


But more than anything else he will be remembered for his sailing prowess. He won the America's cup, the SORC many times, the Bermuda Race, and so many others I can't list them all. But he also dinked around in small boats and often raced in club races in dinghies. He was very soft spoken and rather typical of a New Englander being pretty economical in his speech. That's why I was so surprised he talked to me for an hour that day in a really far ranging discussion of design and theory. Maybe the best credit to his beautiful designs is that so many of them are still sailing and still sought after.

Sail on Ted Hood.

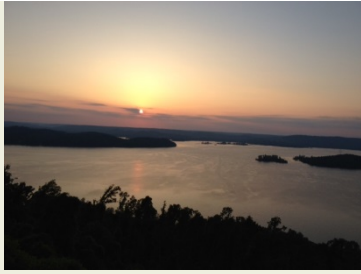


**Comments From Our
Rear Commodore
Val Mason**



**Join us for the our Mexican
Fiesta on Saturday, August
10th:**

We will hold a Mexican potluck dinner on Saturday, August 10th. Bring your favorite Mexican appetizer, entrée, side-dish, and/or dessert to share. Appetizers will start at 5pm and dinner is at 6! The spring race series trophies will be presented at the dinner. Diane Seals will host this event.



View from the Lodge at Guntersville State Park



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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](#)

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 when we host the Tennessee Valley Championship Cup regatta. After our 4pm board meeting has ended, usually, around 5pm, we will drive over to the **Bridge Café** in downtown Guntersville. 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.

If you are new to the marina, remember, your membership in the sailing club is included with your monthly slip rental fee, so please come and join the fun!

Thanks, as always, to all of you who bake, cook, decorate and clean!

Val & Diane

Comments From Our Cruise Director Will Marsh

We had our annual Cruise to the Guntersville State Park Docks on June 22, we had six boats join us for the cruise. George Brown graciously arranged rides up to the Lodge for dinner. More folks drove up. We had a turnout of about 20 people for a nice and enjoyable dinner. After that we enjoyed the stunning scenery that the park has to offer. Afterwards we sailed over to the other side of Town Creek and anchored. We had a couple of games of "What Is It" to figure out what a mystery item is and its purpose. Then at 2202 hours the International Space Station flew over from the west. It was visible for about two minutes then it quickly slipped into the shadow of the earth. Everyone had a good time. The next morning we sailed back to the marina. I must make one small apology. There had been mention of a short race before sailing to the city

docks and it had been communicated. But we decided at the previous board meeting that there wasn't enough time. So the race part was canceled. It turned out the winds were dismal. We are aware of communication issues and are working to address those.

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

Please join us for dinner at **The Docks Restaurant at Goose Pond on Saturday evening, August 31st at 6:30pm**. Plan to sail or motor to Goose Pond (around two hours motoring), dine, then socialize on the docks and spend the night on your boat. Slip fees (\$1 per foot; minimum \$25) include water, electricity, restrooms with showers, and wi-fi. If you can't spend the night, you are still welcome to drive up and join us for dinner only. The Docks Restaurant at Goose Pond is only about a half hour drive north on highway 79 heading towards Scottsboro.

******Please RSVP to Clark Mason ASAP if you plan to attend so he can provide a headcount to the restaurant and make certain enough slips are available for all boats staying overnight:***

[\[cmason@bellsouth.net\]](mailto:cmason@bellsouth.net)

I'm working on a Chattanooga cruise for the fall. See you on the water.
Will

Comments From Our Vice Commodore Fleet Willoughby

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.