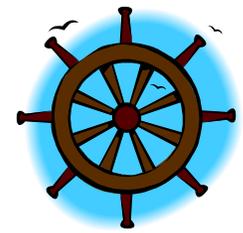


The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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March 2008

NOTICE OF RACE 18th ANNUAL GUNTERVILLE CUP REGATTA

April 18 & 19, 2008

Hosted by Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

Go to the LGSC website for complete information:

www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com

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 on Friday & Saturday nights April 18 & 19 at the Lake Gunterville Marina (formerly the Anchorage Marina) at no charge. Please contact **Quill Briggs, Dockmaster** at **256 652-0916** for reservations.

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., March 1	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #1
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #1

Sun., March 2	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #1
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #1
Sat., March 8	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #2
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #2
Sun., March 9	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #2
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #2
Sat., March 15	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #3
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #3
	4 p.m.	LGSC Board Meeting
	6 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner
	7 p.m.	Marine Police Talk
Sun., March 16	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #3
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #3
Sun., March 23		Easter
Sat., March 29	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #4
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #4
Sun., March 30	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #4
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #4
Sat., April 5	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Guntersville Marina Open House
	6 p.m.	Dock Walk Progressive Dinner
Sat., April 6	10 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Joint Pursuit #1
	12 noon	Start - Joint Pursuit #1
Sat., April 12	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #5
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #5

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Sun., April 13	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #5
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Spring Series #5
Fri., April 18	6 p.m.	Guntersville Cup - Spaghetti Dinner
	7 p.m.	Guntersville Cup Skipper's Meeting
Sat., April 19	9:30 a.m.	Start of Guntersville Cup
	6 p.m.	Guntersville Cup Awards Ceremony & Garner's Famous Rib Dinner

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown

For those of you who did not come to the marina this weekend, you missed some great chili and our first social of the year. We had a large group, nine delicious chilies to choose from and a fun filled evening. It was great seeing everyone again and seeing the marina busy with activity. It's a sure sign that spring is not far away and we will all be able to get back out on the lake. Our first scheduled race is coming up soon, the 1st of March followed by an activity at the marina almost every weekend for the rest of the spring and into the summer. Be sure to keep track of all of the activities so you won't miss any that you are interested in.

On April 5th, we will host our first marina open house from 11am to 5pm. The new owners are going to sponsor a gourmet hotdog stand and take care of most of the advertising. We all need to get our boats looking good and if you're available, be at the marina to greet our guests. If you are interested in showing the inside of your boat, let us know and we'll give you red ribbons to tie to your stays to signify your boat is open. After the guests leave, we will then host our first ever "Dock Crawl". Since we will all be there anyway, let's have cocktails, appetizers and snack foods starting at 6pm. Each of us will prepare our favorite dish to share and we'll wander from boat to boat enjoying the company of fellow sailors.

If you haven't been in the clubhouse yet this year, stop by and see some of the new improvements - like the stove and sink. More improvements are scheduled, with much of it to be done prior to the open house. One item we need for showing training DVDs or for presentations is a fairly large TV, hopefully at least a 30 inch screen. As you update your TVs to the new HD versions, think about donating your old one to the club if it's large enough to be used for group presentations. Let me know if you have one and are willing to donate it.

We have an ambitious schedule that should have something for everyone. Let us know if there are other activities you would like to participate in. We'll be looking for you at the marina.

Social Commentary by Kathy Bryant

Wow there's not only great sailors but great chili cooks. It was great to see old friends and meet several new members. There were 9 pots of all kinds of chili then came the fun part getting 34 people to pick three winners. After eating a lot of chili we got 3 winners. First place went to Iona Erickson. Second place went to Beth & Clark Mason. Third place went to Trish & George Brown. I would like to say Thanks to everyone for their help cleaning up and the extra cooking of corn bread, slaw & desserts.

Make a note on your calendar March 15 at 6:00 POT LUCK DINNER. More good cooking!

Sail Away
Kathy



**1ST PLACE IN THE LGSC
CHILI COOK-OFF
Iona Erickson**

**2ND PLACE IN THE LGSC
CHILI COOK-OFF
Clark Mason**

**3rd PLACE IN THE LGSC
CHILI COOK-OFF
Trish Brown**

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FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, **Keith Kuhlman**

I was reading a book the other day about the America's Cup. Here are some tidbits. The first event was a fleet race "open to the yachts belonging to the clubs of all nations". There were seven schooners and eight cutters sailing the 53 mile course around the Isle of Wight (original home of our own Dick Potter) on August 22, (my mom's birthday) 1851. The cool part is that the US yacht, America, started last at 10:00 am, took the lead an hour and a half later, and by 5:30 pm she was 12 miles from the finish line and some seven and a half miles ahead of the second place yacht. The wind died and the race was called at 8:30 pm with America declared the winner. THE FIRST AMERICA'S CUP WAS A PURSUIT RACE!!!!!!



I thought that was pretty cool and just like we race here at the club, including the part about the wind dying. Just hope we can keep our event a little lower key. But no longer will I talk so humbly about "we just do pursuit racing".

So we are about to start our ambitious program of some 40 events this year. The first of the Pursuit Series starts Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2. Skipper's meetings will both be at 11 am and plan to start racing at Noon. I will have the time sheets and overall schedule to hand out at the meetings. There will also be copies at the clubhouse. Remember, we will be giving awards this year for each series, best three of five races, and all series count towards an overall Club Pursuit Champion and a Most Improved Sailor. So no matter what your skill level come on out and give pursuit racing a try. Who knows where you may go from here!!!

The Notice of Race and the Registration form for the Gunter'sville Cup, April 19 and 20th, are on the website. This year we made it so you can sign up for just what you want. So if it is race only you can do that. But, I must warn you that you will be missing out on some great meals, especially Saturday night. We will be having Garner's Famous BBQ Ribs and they are great. So we would appreciate it if you would sign up early so we can plan accordingly.

We had a great turn out for the class on sail trim. I can tell there is a lot of cabin fever out there. Believe I counted twenty cars in the parking lot!!! If anyone did not get the handouts you can email me at bkkuhlman@hotmail.com. I will also see if we can post the information on the website.

It is going to be a great year so come on out and enjoy!



Grady & Kathy Bryant docking their new boat at the marina for the first time.



LGSC members welcome Grady & Kathy.

2008 LGSC Board

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NEW OWNER INFORMATION**Please make slip checks out to:**

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404 Montgomery Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Please **FIRST** contact Quill Briggs, Dock Master, for **ANY** problems, request or suggestions.

Dock Master

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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.