

The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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November 2006

Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

OCTOBER

Fri. October 20

- 6 p.m. Autumn Challenge Spaghetti Dinner
- 7 p.m. Autumn Challenge Skipper's Meeting

Sat., October 21

- 10:30 a.m. LGSC Autumn Challenge Start
- 6 p.m. After-chase dinner & awards presentation.

Sat., October 28

- Cruiser Challenge-Pursuit - BCSA at Harbor House Area. 11 a.m. start

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON 10-29-06. Remember to turn all your clocks, watches and so forth BACK 1 hour on Saturday, Oct. 28.

NOVEMBER

Sat., November 4

- 10 a.m. LGSC Board Meeting in the LGSC clubhouse.

Sat., November 11

- LGSC Annual Dinner. Details to be announced.



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well, the cool weather is finally here and it is Great. The wind is getting better but not steady as we would like.

We had a great turn out for the Great River Race at BCSA. We had more boats there than they did. I would like to see twice that many for our Autumn Challenge, and fish dinner; can't wait.

We have set the date for the LGSC Annual Dinner, Nov. 11. Details will be sent out soon. I would like personally to see everyone there. We've had a good year and I am looking forward to next year.

Sea ya on the docks! Charlie

Annual Hayride & Bar-B-Q

Valley Christmas Tree Plantation

482 St. Clair Lane, Huntsville, Al.

George & Trish Brown

Saturday November 4, 5:00pm

Bar-B-Q Ribs and Chicken

Bring a dish to share, lawn chair, BYOB and don't forget your favorite jokes to tell on the Hayride

R.S.V.P – by October 25th
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FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN

Great job on the Great River Race! We had eight participants out of a fleet of fourteen and collected five trophies (I think two of them were “purchased”!!).

Congratulations to George Brown, Randy Rathman, and Zach Lawson for placing in the money.

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The wind did not cooperate very well for the GRR. It started out nicely, blowing at about 6 knots out of the NNE. That made for some pretty long tacks up the lake which was nice. I think everyone did pretty well on the first lap with most getting it done in three to four hours. However, true to form the wind died down at about 3:30 and everyone struggled to finish the second lap before the 4pm cutoff. So the RC scored the short course basis the one lap times. Results from our club for the short course were:

George Brown	2 nd
Randy Rathman	3 rd

The long course must have been grueling. I tip my hat to anyone who even attempts to finish. So, lets give a hand to Zach for seeing it through and collecting a 3rd place trophy for the non-spinnaker fleet.

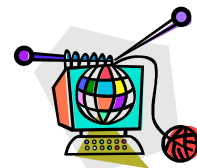
Amy and I bought our trophies. I only lasted a lap and a half before the weeds and lack of wind made it un-fun. But up until then it was a hoot especially when we rounded the windward mark first and the wind piped up to about 10 knots as we headed down the lake under spinnaker. If there are only two boats in your fleet I guess you get second place no matter what!!

All in all it was a fun day. Thanks to Greg Bennett of BCSA and our own Roger Ericson for sticking it out on the committee boat all night. Special thanks to Roger for providing the accommodations of his 34 foot O'Day. Much better than a 22 Catalina or an open pontoon.

The GRR finished out our Cruiser Pursuit Series with BCSA. The final standing will be kept a secret until our annual dinner November 11th. So be there!

The Autumn Challenge will be Oct 21st. We promise a fun day of “chasing” boats up and down the river. Be sure to attend the Skipper’s Meeting Friday night as final starting times will be determined by some unconventional but competitive assessments.

LGSC WEB SITE!



<http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.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 Gunterville Sailing Club weather.

So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Gunterville) 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.

A NOTE FROM THE WEB MASTER

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