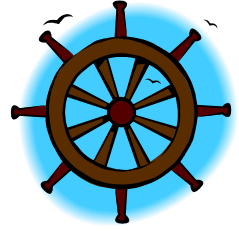


The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com

November 2007

Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

Annual Dinner

Gunter's Landing Clubhouse

Saturday November 17th, 2007
 Social: 6:00–7:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm

Please join us for an evening of fun, dinner and awards presentation and meet the new owners!

Cash Bar available

Dinner Buffet Menu: Meats: Cranberry Chicken/Herb Roasted Pork Tenderloin
 Vegetables: Twice Baked Potatoes Soufflé, Green Beans, Roasted Mixed Veggies
 Gunter's Landing Favorite Green Salad w/Homemade Dressing
 Desserts/Yeast Rolls /Ice Tea-Coffee-Water

\$25.00 per person



R.S.V.P – by November 7th
 (256) 851-9375/ gbrown1@hiwaay.net
 Make checks to LGSC & mail to: George Brown
 482 St. Clair Lane, Huntsville, Al 35811
FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN

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If you missed this year's Autumn Challenge you missed a great finale to the racing season. It was looking bleak at the planned start time but the committee was wise to wait just about 10 minutes for Mother Nature to finish filling the wind in around the start line. I will admit I was looking for ways to move the course to get into the wind running west to east in the main channel. But Dick saw the wind coming and held on to get us going in about six knots of air.

Seems we are still having some trouble sticking close to the start line in light air. Several boats gave up better than a minute at the start. That delay played a role in several finishes especially in the second race where four boats finished within a minute of one another. That was the finish of the century. Charlie had a comfortable lead over Amy, Larry and Rich with about 400 yards to go when the wind just started to swirl and die at the finish line. Behind him it was filling back in with the aforementioned threesome charging down on him. As Deanna described it, Charlie had a "come apart"!!!! He was all over the bow of that boat pushing sails from side to side trying to figure it out. Thanks to Deanna's cool they finally prevailed and finished ahead of Amy by 23 seconds!!! "Mad Dog" nudged ahead of Larry "The Baker" by a cleverly placed kick to her foresail. I have never seen that technique but it gave her a 3 second lead!! Rich was right in there just 12 seconds behind Larry. Where was the video when we needed it!!!!

The final results were:

1 st	Keith & Bev
2 nd	Charlie & Deanna
3 rd	Amy & Lisa
4 th	Larry, Jerry and Pat
5 th	Sterling & Judith
6 th	Rich and Family!!

It was a great day. The wind held steady. Boats were moving nicely and there were some great packs at the mark roundings. Everyone did a great job respecting the other boat's space and there was nothing but great competition. We have come a long way in two years!!

We finished up the Joint Pursuit Series on Oct 13th. This series has had a tough year and the last day continued the hex. We started out well in a steady but light breeze only to have it die as most of the boats were rounding UGL for the last leg to the finish. We had to call the race giving Quill and Sterling a tie for third. That allowed Quill to hang on to his one point series lead with Sterling second and Rich third. Congratulations to all three for hanging in there and making every race.

I have no idea how to score the Saturday and Sunday Pursuits. If I have my numbers right we had 6 events after the initial Spring Sunday Pursuit Series. While we had 14 boats participate, only 4 raced in four or more events. George looked pretty strong with two firsts, a second and two thirds so we will call him the Top Chaser!!! I wish the winds could have been better this year. Seems we were plagued with fickle to no wind at every event up to the Autumn Challenge. At least we finished with a bang!!!

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Dick Potter and I have volunteered to share the Racing duties again next year. So give us some ideas on what you would like to do. I think the Sunday Series was a hit and we will continue it again. Thanks to Larry and Amy for coming up with the idea and following through with it. Pursuit Racing seems to fit our style at LGSC. It is easy to do without a committee and less intimidating at the start. I think we are doing pretty well at handicapping so most everyone feels like they are in the game, at least for awhile!!!

Not sure what to do for the Guntersville Cup. We would appreciate your input. It probably needs to be a more traditional race using Portsmouth handicapping but perhaps we will make it a long distance event on one day.

The Autumn Challenge was great. I hope that one repeats next year just like this year. Thanks to all who have helped and participated. All in all it was another fun year!!!

Keith Kuhlman

		Autumn Challeng e			
Name		Race 1	Race 2	Total	Overall
Kuhlman, Keith	Cat 320	1	1	2	1
Raines, Charlie	Cat 28	3	2	5	2
Stapleton, Amy	Cat 27	2	3	5	3
Bontrager, Larry	Cat 25	5	4	9	4
Phillips, Sterling	Colgate 26 Hunter	4	6	10	5
Mason, Rich	23.5	6	5	11	6
Mason, Clark	Hunter 280	8	7	15	7
Briggs, Quill	Cal 27 Hunter	7	9	16	8
Beam, Brent	28.5	9	8	17	9
Martin, Tony	Cat 27	11	10	21	10
West, Larry	Hunter 30	10	14	24	11
Bryant, Grady	Hunter 30	12	12	24	12

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
Sun., November 4		Daylight Saving Time ends! Set your clocks, watches, and etc. BACK 1 hour.
November 7		Reservations due for the LGSC Annual Dinner
Sat., November 10	5 p.m.	Annual BBQ & Hayride at Valley Christmas Tree Plantation. 851-8375 or e-mail pbrown1@hiwaay.net
Sat., November 17		LGSC ANNUAL DINNER – Gunter’s Landing Golf clubhouse banquet room.
	6 p.m.	Social Hour
	7 p.m.	Dinner and End of Year Business Meeting



With some regrets, I am writing this letter to all of the slip holders of The Anchorage Marina. After 22 years devoted to sailboats on Lake Guntersville, I feel it is time for me to let someone with new ideas and energy take the property to a new level. Thus, on October 5, 2007 the marina property was sold to Lake Guntersville Resorts LLC. which is made up of three investors:

T. Mandell Tillman of Gadsden, phone number 256- 504-5705
 Mitchell E. Kessler of Gadsden, phone number 256- 390-2094
 Ken Williams of Guntersville, phone number 256-302-1510

The new address to be used for future correspondence and slip payments is:

Lake Guntersville Resorts, LLC
 404 Montgomery St.
 Gadsden, Al. 35901

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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 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.