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## Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

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October 2006

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### Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

#### SEPTEMBER

- September 29 – 31

TVCC Regatta at Wheeler. See more information in this newsletter.

- Sat., September 30

10 a.m. LGSC Board meeting in the clubhouse.

LGSC Cruiser Pursuit Series. Skipper's Meeting at 11 a.m. with a 12 noon start.

#### OCTOBER

- Fri., October 6

BCSA Great River Race. Skipper's Meeting 7 p.m.

- Sat., October 7

BCSA Great River Race. Start time 9 a.m.

- Sat., October 14

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

- 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

- Sat., October 28

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

**The Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup (TVCC)** is being held at Wheeler State Park September 29, 2006 to October 1, 2006. This is a regatta that is put on by all the TN valley sailing clubs, on a rotational basis. We need to support this race, as we would like them to support us when we host it. Go to the web page <http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com/> to get notice of race and instructions.

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### **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

Hello! Let me start by saying the weather has been, as Tony the Tiger would say, its GRREEATT!!! Could still use a little more wind on the weekends, but the heat is gone and the smell of autumn is in the air. So its time to get back in the boats, and shake the spiders out of the sails and let these people see beauty and grace on the water once again. We had very good turn out at Goose Pond "Goose Cruise" some 14 boats came up and we tied up at the marina, shared a lot of stories and had a beautiful night with a cool steady breeze, and a pleasant motor back down to the marina. I hope to do that again this year maybe when the leaves start to turn. So, next year plan to make the trip, it'll be a lot of fun! We have the "Autumn Challenge" on Oct. 21, so clear your calendar for the FUN and FOOD and looking forward to seeing you on the lake!! I would like to thank everyone for all the food that was brought for the pot luck dinner and Keith for the info on tuning your boats to get the most out of it, I learned a lot of good tips. I can't wait to see if I can make them work for me.

**Sea ya on the docks! Charlie**

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### **A NOTE FROM THE WEB MASTER**

Need pictures to post of the web site. Please e-mail to [sailor@mindspring.com](mailto:sailor@mindspring.com). Thank you!

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### FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN

Well it looks like September is going to be a bust wind wise. We have tried to have a couple of races so far and no wind. But keep the faith, it is coming! Just remember, the averages prevail. So if no wind now we are going to have plenty soon.

Do want to promote the Great River Race sponsored by Brown's Creek Sailing Club. It is October 6<sup>th</sup> for the Skipper's meeting a BCSC Club House at 7pm. The Race starts Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am somewhere down towards Lower G'ville Light. Potentially, because of the law of averages, we are going to have great winds to do a long distance race. Even if you are hesitant about sailing the Short Course (two laps from Lower G'ville light to Siebold Light and back) come on out and at least sail one. I will talk to the Race Committee about taking times each lap so if you retire early we can at least have a score for the one lappers and have our own intra club competition! I sent the Notice of Race out to the pursuit racer. If you need information give me a call at 256-582-1108 or email at [bkkuhlman@hotmail.com](mailto:bkkuhlman@hotmail.com). The NOR and registration form is included in this newsletter.

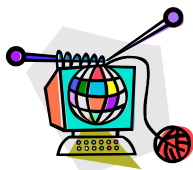
Don't forget our own Autumn Challenge, Saturday, Oct 21. There will be a spaghetti dinner Friday night at 6pm followed by the Skipper's meeting. You need to be there to understand what we will be doing as this will be a non traditional event!! The "Race" starts at 10:25 a.m. on Saturday, Oct 21.

I am going to design this race as a real fun event. As a matter of fact, you will be able to "buy" enhancements to your handicap at the Skipper's Meeting Friday night that just might get you into the "money". We will do two races in the pursuit format as I think everyone is having more fun with that type of competition. Remember, it is more of a chase than a race.

There will be six trophies so with a little handicap lottery there should be a lot of non-traditional winners. For you diehards, just think of it as a charity event!!! The club needs the money.

There will also be some "fabulous door prizes" for each participant. That alone will be worth the price of admission so be there!!!

I am doing a bit of traveling in Oct so aside from the GGR and the Autumn Challenge the schedule is a little light. I did post a Pursuit Race with BCSC for Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. I have yet to coordinate that with BCSC but we will get'er done!!



**LGSC WEB SITE!**

<http://www.lakeguntersville.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 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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**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.

**2006 AUTUMN CHALLENGE**

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## NOTICE OF CHASE

### Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

Lake Guntersville, Alabama

October 21, 2006

The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club is pleased to announce the second annual Autumn Challenge at Lake Guntersville. This event is designed to be a fun event for sailors and boats of varying abilities. We will begin with a spaghetti dinner on Friday 20 October and finish with an awards ceremony and fish fry dinner with all the fixin's on Saturday 21 October.

#### 1. Schedule of Events:

##### **Friday, October 20, at Lake Guntersville Sailing Club clubhouse**

1800 Spaghetti dinner, LATE REGISTRATION FOR RACE  
1900 Skipper's meeting, END OF LATE REGISTRATION

##### **Saturday, October 21 on the lake.**

1020 Warning signal for first chase  
1030 Starting signal for first chase  
Second chase to follow  
1700 Time limit  
1800 After-chase dinner and awards presentation

#### 2. Rules

The event will be governed by our Pursuit Series Rules, the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways, this Notice of Chase, and the Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. Eligibility

The Autumn Challenge is restricted to monohull yachts with an enclosed cabin. All yachts must carry an auxiliary motor, anchor, anchor rode, and be equipped with navigation lights as required by the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways. Outboard motors shall be carried in the installed position ready for operation. Lifting and or tilting mechanism on outboard motor mounts may be utilized.

#### 4. Fleets

There will be one official "Modified" Portsmouth fleet.

#### 5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be provided during the skippers meeting at the LGSC clubhouse.

#### 6. Racing Area and Course

The Race Committee will use orange tetrahedral marks and other existing buoys and fixed marks to set the course. Boats will race approximately in the main channel starting in the vicinity of The State Park, rounding a mark somewhere between the Upper and the Lower Guntersville Lights, and finishing in the vicinity of The State Park. A sketch of the course will be provided at the skippers meeting.

#### 7. Scoring

The 2006 Portsmouth Handicap system will be used to determine corrected times for all yachts. Base DPN, sail modification factors, wind correction factors, the judgment of the race committee and "special modifications" will be used to determine the final handicap.

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## 8. Prizes

Separate awards will be given for up to six places. The overall winner will have his name engraved on a perpetual plaque commemorating the race, placed on a wall in the LGSC clubhouse.

## 9. Additional Information

Entry fees will be as indicated on the race entry form (to be published later). Late entries will be all those received after October 10, 2006. Entrants may register up to the time of the skippers meeting at 1900 Friday, October 20, 2006 at the LGSC clubhouse. Contact Keith Kuhlman at (256) 582-1108 or [bkkuhlman@hotmail.com](mailto:bkkuhlman@hotmail.com).

## **2006 Autumn Challenge Entry Form**

**The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club (LGSC) is proud to host the second annual Autumn Challenge at Lake Guntersville. The race will be on Saturday, October 21, 2006.**

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Skipper/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Business) \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Type \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: INBOARD [ ], OUTBOARD [ ],  
SHOAL DRAFT [ ], WING KEEL [ ], FIN KEEL [ ], SWING KEEL [ ]  
ASYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ], SYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ],  
TALL RIG [ ], LARGEST HEAD SAIL \_\_\_\_\_%

Enclosed:

Registration Fee -\$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(includes 1 T-shirt & 1 Saturday night dinner)

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner - \$8.00 per person No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Saturday Night Dinner - \$10.00 per Person  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional T -shirts -\$12.00 each No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Autumn Challenge**

**Schedule of Events**

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1800 Friday, October 20 Spaghetti Dinner & Social  
1900 Friday, October 20 Skipper's Meeting  
1025 Saturday, October 21 Warning Signal First Chase  
Second Chase to Follow  
1700 Saturday, October 21 Time limit  
1800 Saturday, October 21 After-chase dinner and awards  
presentation.

Make checks payable to Lake Guntersville Sailing Club and mail with this entry form to:

LGSC P.O. BOX 997 GUNTERSVILLE, AL 35976

Now for the fine print...I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with the condition for the race, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear, and that she will be sufficiently manned.

I do for myself, my executors or administrators, heirs and assignees, waive any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, its officers, directors, members, employees, and agents and anyone or more of them arising out of the participation of my yacht in this event, or arising from any related activities. I do further agree to and do hereby indemnify the aforesaid organization and persons from any claim demand or judgment against them, including attorney's fees and expenses in defense of such claims, etc., made or brought by myself, guests or crew member of my yacht or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns arising out of my yacht's participation in the event or any related activities.

I understand and hereby agree to abide by the Navigation Rules, International Inland Rule 9(b) which states:" A VESSEL OF LESS THAN 20 METERS IN LENGTH OR A SAILING VESSEL SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF A VESSEL THAT CAN SAFELY NAVIGATE ONLY WITHIN A NARROW CHANNEL OR FAIRWAY."

I affirm that my participation is voluntary and that any decision to start, continue, or withdraw from this event, at any time is solely my own,

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Owner, Charterer, or Skipper

## NOTICE OF RACE



**Browns Creek Sailing Association  
Guntersville AL**

**2006 Great River Race**

**October 6-8, 2006**

**The Great River Race, now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, is the longest inland sailing race in the United States. It covers a distance of 70 nautical miles or 24 hours along the beautiful Tennessee River and Alabama Mountain Lakes area. This endurance race is open to all sailing vessels with an enclosed cabin and auxiliary propulsion.** A working radio capable of monitoring and communicating on the marine radio bands is required to participate in this race.

The race shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation "Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008". The 2005 Portsmouth Handicapping System shall be employed to handicap this event with spinnaker and headsail adjustment factors. Handicaps will be based on Portsmouth base numbers. See the attached entry form for a schedule of events.

There shall be two courses, a short course and a long course. There will be two classes for the long course: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. There will be one class for the short course: Non-Spinnaker. Awards shall be given in each of these classes. Also, a Persistence Award will be awarded to the last yacht completing the most laps of the long course before 0900, October 8 that did not win a class trophy. The long course shall be approximately 70 miles or 24 hours. The short course shall be approximately 35 miles or 12 hours.

**Registration is open until 0800 Saturday, October 7, but competitors are encouraged to register prior to the skippers meeting which will be held at 1900, Friday, October 6. Competitors may register prior to the skippers meeting:**

- **By mail: BCSA Race Committee, 7716 Holland Dr., Huntsville AL 35802, Attn: Greg Bennett**
- **By phone prior to the close of registration: (256) 882-0369**
- **By email: [gbennett@hiwaay.net](mailto:gbennett@hiwaay.net)**

**Competitors may also register at the BCSA clubhouse until 0800, Saturday, October 7, 2006. Note that the skippers' meeting is at 1900, Friday, October 6. If you register on Saturday, you will miss the skippers meeting.** Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

**For additional information, contact David Ashley, BCSA Commodore (256) 882-3859, or Greg Bennett, BCSA Race Committee Chairman, (256) 882-0369.**

## 2006 Great River Race Regatta Entry Form

Skipper/Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

**Sail/rig declaration:** Spinnaker [  ] Non-spinnaker [  ] Tall rig [  ]  
 Largest headsail \_\_\_\_\_%

**Course choice:** LONG COURSE [  ] SHORT COURSE [  ] (non-spinnaker only)

**Registration fee: \$40; \$35 with US sailing Membership** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Early Registration (received on or before October 2, 2006) \$35; \$30 with US Sailing Membership (registration fee includes one T-shirt)**

Commemorative T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 per shirt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specify sizes/quantity: Small Medium Large Extra large Extra-extra large

Total enclosed. \$            \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule of Events:

<b>Friday 6 October</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>BCSA clubhouse opens for registration</b>
	<b>1800</b>	<b>Attitude Adjustment hour</b>
	<b>1830</b>	<b>Impromptu dinner</b>
	<b>1900</b>	<b>Skippers Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday 7 October</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Final Registration Closes</b>
	<b>0900</b>	<b>Race Start</b>
	<b>2100</b>	<b>Short Course Race Ends</b>
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>Long Course Race Ends</b>
	<b>1100</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>

Make checks payable to **Browns Creek Sailing Association** and mail with this entry form to: **BCSA Race Committee, 7716 Holland Dr., Huntsville AL, 35802.**

I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with the condition for the race, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear, and that she will be sufficiently manned.

I do for myself, my executors or administrators, heirs and assignees, waive any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Browns Creek Sailing Association, their officers, directors, members, employees, and agents and any one or more of them arising out of the participation of my yacht in this event, or arising from any related activities. I do further agree to and do hereby indemnify the aforesaid

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organization and persons from any claim demand or judgment against them, including attorney's fees and expenses in defense of such claims, etc., made or brought by myself, guests or crew member of my yacht or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns arising out of my yachts participation in the event or any related activities.

I understand and hereby agree to abide by the Navigation Rules, International /Inland Rule 9(b) which states: "A VESSEL OF LESS THAN 20 METERS IN LENGTH OR A SAILING VESSEL SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF A VESSEL THAT CAN SAFELY NAVIGATE ONLY WITHIN A NARROW CHANNEL OR FAIRWAY."

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Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, Charterer, or Skipper

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ADVISE YOUR INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS OF THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT.



## **HOTELS AND MOTELS**

**Covenant Cove.** 7001 Val-Monte Drive, Guntersville, 256-582-1000. 52 rooms. Corporate rates, government rate, major credit cards accepted, marina dry-docks, and wet slips, Bistro La Luna and Blue Parrot Martini Bar adjacent, swimming pool, banquet and conference rooms.

**Days Inn.** 14040 Hwy 431 North, Guntersville, 256-582-3200. 51 rooms, pool, conference room, continental breakfast. Pets allowed with deposit.

**Holiday Inn.** 2140 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, 256-582-2220. 100 rooms, group rates available, all major credit cards accepted. Featuring Neena's Lakeside Grille Restaurant and Twilight Zone lounge, swimming pool, banquet room and conference room. Located on the lake. Housebroken pets are allowed.

**Jameson Inn of Arab** -706 North Brindlee Mtn. Pkwy, Arab, 256-586-5777.

**Lake Guntersville Hampton Inn.** 14451 Hwy 431 Guntersville. 256-582-4176. 79 rooms. Located on the lake. Hotel features include a swimming pool, banquet & conference facilities.

**Lakeview Inn.** 2300 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, 256-582-3104. 24 rooms.

**Overlook Mountain Lodge.** 6223 Hwy 431 South, Guntersville, 256-582-3256. 33 rooms. All rooms feature private balconies with view of lake. Pool, kitchenettes, all major credit cards accepted. No pets allowed

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**Super 8.** 4740 Hwy 431 North, Guntersville, 256-582-8444. 39 rooms. Continental Breakfast. Located a couple of blocks away from the lake and a marina. Pets are allowed with deposit.

**Village Inn.** 21761 Hwy 431, Guntersville. 256-582-3131. In 2003, 8 rooms were built & the rest of the rooms completely renovated. Single bed rooms with King size bed, microwave & refrigerators in all rooms, free HBO, direct dialing from room. Offers an economical rate.

### **BED & BREAKFAST**

**Lake Guntersville Bed & Breakfast.** 2204 Scott Street, Guntersville, 256-505-0133. Located a couple of blocks away from the lake and a marina. Full breakfast on the veranda with a beautiful view of the lake. Convenient to downtown shopping and dining. Children allowed with prior approval. No pets.

### **CAMPING**

Camping areas are provided free of charge at Browns Creek Sailing Marina.

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