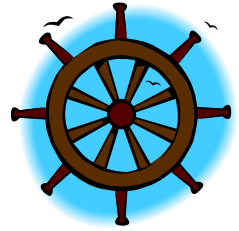


# The Binnacle

A newsletter of the




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## Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



**HELLO – Is Anybody Out There???** After writing eight articles over the last ten months, I have yet to have someone comment on anything that has been said. We have several people working hard to publish the Binnacle, keeping everyone in the Club up to date on all the activities and races. It would be great if you let one of us know that you've seen the Binnacle and if you would pass on your ideas and opinions. The Board is trying to provide you with the best activities and the most fun we can organize. You can let us know what you want by completing the "LGSC Members Survey" and returning it to me or put it in the plastic tray located just below the thermostat in the clubhouse.

The weather has cooled and the winds have picked up. We've had a couple of great weekends at the marina, with several pursuit races, a cookout and much camaraderie. Come down and join in on the fun. If you are new to the Club, just introduce yourself to one of the Board members and ask them to introduce you to the rest of us. We want to get to know you and to help make your sailing experience more enjoyable.

**The Autumn Challenge is set for October 20.** This will be an all day affair, starting with breakfast and ending with a dinner at 6 pm. Then the annual hayride at Trish and my farm will be on 10 November (see flyer). We will finish this year in style with our LGSC Annual Dinner at Gunter's Landing on the 17<sup>th</sup> (see flyer). We are planning a great evening at a fantastic location. Come ready to discuss what you want us to do next year for both social and educational activities. We need to know how many to plan for, so please RSVP as soon as possible.

**Attached again is the LGSC Members Survey.** We want to know what types of activities, both social and educational, that you would most enjoy and participate in the future. Please take a few minutes and let us know what you are thinking. We are also looking ahead to next year and need volunteers to serve on your Board. If you are interested in helping with any of our activities or serving on the Board, let me or any Board member know. We would appreciate your help.

George Brown

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

If you need crew or want to crew, contact Keith Kuhlman at  
[bkkuhlman@hotmail.com](mailto:bkkuhlman@hotmail.com) or call 256-582-1108

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Sat., September 23</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Sunday Pursuit</b>
	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Race Start</b>
<b>Fri., September 28</b>	<b>6-7 p.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting - BCSA Great River Race</b>
<b>Sat., September 29</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Race Start</b>
<b>Sat., October 13</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Joint Pursuit at Signal Point</b>
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Race Start</b>
<b>Sat., October 13</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LGSC Board Meeting in the LGSC clubhouse.</b>
<b>Sun., October 14</b>		<b>LGSC Sunday Pursuit makeup</b>
		<b>LGSC AUTUMN CHALLENGE</b>
<b>Sat., October 20</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – LGSC Autumn Challenge</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Autumn Challenge Race Start. 2<sup>nd</sup> start to follow.</b>
	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Autumn Challenge Social</b>
<b>Sun., October 21</b>		<b>LGSC Sunday Pursuit makeup</b>
<b>Sun., November 4</b>		<b>Daylight Saving Time ends! Set your clocks, watches, and etc. BACK 1 hour.</b>
<b>November 7</b>		<b>Reservations due for the LGSC Annual Dinner</b>
<b>Sat., November 10</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual BBQ &amp; Hayride at Valley Christmas Tree Plantation</b>
<b>Sat., November 17</b>		<b>LGSC ANNUAL DINNER – Gunter's Landing Golf clubhouse banquet room.</b>
	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Hour</b>
	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner and End of Year Business Meeting</b>

A REMINDER – it is all of our responsibility to keep the facilities and area clean and trash free. Put trash in the trash cans and don't throw cigarette butts on the grounds or in the restrooms. LGSC pays for the cleaning of our restrooms and the supplies used in the restrooms. Please help everyone enjoy the use of clean facilities by taking a few extra minutes to put paper towels in the trash can; they do not belong on the floor or on the counter. Wipe off counter. Thanks for your help.

# **Annual Bar-B-Q & Hayride**

## **Valley Christmas Tree Plantation**

482 St. Clair Ln. Huntsville, Al.

**George & Trish Brown**



**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm**  
**Bar-B-Q Ribs & 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 November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**851-8375 / pbrown1@hiwaay.net**

# Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

## Annual Dinner

### *Gunter's Landing Clubhouse*

Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
 Social: 6:00–7:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm

*Please join us for an evening of social fun, dinner  
 and awards presentation*

*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](mailto: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 did not race this past Sunday, 9/16 you missed a good one. We had eight boats sailing and seven finished within seven minutes of each other after two hours of racing!! That was pretty good but to add to it there were three pairs of boats finishing within about 10 seconds of each other. Nice racing by everyone!!! This group has come a long way in the past two years.

Here are some of the approximate finish times as best as I could get them:

Amy	1:57:20
George	1:59:06
Sterling	1:59:17
Rich	2:02:28
Monty	2:04:00 (little of a guess as Monty missed the finish line)
Dick P	2:04:35
Larry B	2:04:43

The wind looked bleak at the normal starting marks but there seemed to be something out n the channel. So we decided to move the start to between Siebold Light and the green can across the channel. This worked great and perhaps should be our new starting line ( if the barges will cooperate).

It was a bit of a drifter downwind to Short Creek Light but once we all turned the corner we found the breeze and it was a race to windward. This race was nice in that it appeared all of us had pretty much the same wind. This is what made the results so exciting. The other great news is the TVA appears to have sprayed the weeds between Short Creek and Siebold Lights. Hurray!!!!

We did race the previous weekend, Sep 8 and 9. Again a good turn out of six and seven boats. However, this time the winds were fluky. Amy and George were having a great race when just before the finish they got in a major hole only to watch yours truly hug the shore at Buck Island and sneak by. That is not normal as Buck Island has a reputation for sucking all the life out of the wind.

It has just been fun to finally get back on the water and have some fun! Seems like an entire year since we saw wind last. So Chances are the wind will be blowing. Come on out and do some CHASING!!

**Keith Kuhlman**

**2007 Autumn Challenge Entry Form**

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The Lake Gunterville Sailing Club (LGSC) is proud to host the third annual Autumn Challenge at Lake Gunterville. The race will be on Saturday, October 20, 2006.

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

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

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

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

Check all that apply: INBOARD [ ], OUTBOARD [ ],

ASYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ], SYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ],

TALL RIG [ ], LARGEST HEAD SAIL \_\_\_\_\_%

Registration Fee -\$20.00 (Racing Only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes breakfast Sat morning)

Additional Items:

Saturday Night Spaghetti Dinner - \$8.00 per Person  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T -shirts -\$15.00 each No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(shirts will not be ordered until paid for)

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

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

## Schedule of Events

All events are on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

0800	Breakfast
0900	Skipper's Meeting
1025	Warning Signal First Chase
	Second Chase to Follow
1700	Time limit
1800	After-chase dinner and awards presentation.

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

Keith Kuhlman  
5224 Jefferson Circle  
Guntersville, AL 35976

Or at least email me of your interest and pay Sat morning.

bkkuhlman@hotmail.com  
256-582-1108

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ , 2007

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Owner, Charterer, or Skipper

**NOTICE OF RACE IS ON THE LAKE GUNTERSVILLE SAILING CLUB WEB-SITE.**

**SAILING SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS**

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The LGSC Members Survey is intended to be open-ended, a starting point to collect your thoughts and suggestions. The Board needs to know what activities, both educational and social, that you want us to place the most priority on. If there is insufficient space on the Survey for your comments, feel free to write on the back or attach another page. Only through your inputs can we make the LGSC a better, more informative and fun organization.

## LGSC MEMBERS SURVEY

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SLIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-**

**MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT IS YOUR SAILING EXPERIENCE TO DATE?

YEARS SAILING \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT TYPES \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

SAILING CLASSES COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER AREAS/DESTINATIONS YOU HAVE SAILED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE/ASSIST OTHER SAILORS IN PLANNING A TRIP TO AREAS YOU HAVE LISTED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN IN SAILING CLASSES AND FUTURE SEMINARS? (rate top three).

_____ DOCKING TECHNIQUES _____ WEATHER
_____ HEAVY WEATHER SAILING _____ MAN-OVER BOARD DRILLS
_____ BOAT HANDLING _____ NAVIGATION
_____ SAIL TUNING _____ RULES OF THE "ROAD"

OTHERS : (Specify and rate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES (RECREATIONAL OR SOCIAL) WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE



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## CLUB PLAN THAT YOU WOULD PARTICIPATE IN?

_____	LOCAL TRIPS (Land)	_____	DINNERS
_____	COOKOUTS	_____	RAFT-UPS
_____	AREA BOAT TRIPS	_____	FLOTILLAS (Name destinations)
_____	TRAVEL PRESENTATIONS	_____	

OTHERS : (Specify and rate)

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(return to George Brown, [gbrown1@hiwaay.net](mailto:gbrown1@hiwaay.net) or 482 St. Clair Ln, Huntsville, AL 35811)

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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](mailto: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.**