

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club Binnacle

October 2013



LGSC Family,

The new website is up so please check it out! Keep in mind it is a work in progress. I for one am very grateful to Fleet for the work he has done to build this new website for our club!



Where it's always a beautiful day to go sailing!!

Leo has created a very nice Facebook page for the club. Visit and Like the page at Lake Gunterville Sailing Club.



TVCC Racing Sunday

We will be seeing some major changes to the landscape across the channel in the next year as the Gunterville Airport undergoes a major expansion. According to the Gadsden Times, the 6.3 million dollar expansion has begun with a ground breaking Friday October 26.

Work has begun on clearing the area and construction of the runway will start in the next few weeks that should take about 180 days to complete.

Our Own Movie Review:

To the movie going members of LGSC I would like to recommend one, "Captain Phillips" stars Tom Hanks. It's based on a true story of a cargo ship hijacking off the coast of Africa. So, if it rains or the wind don't blow, go see "Captain Phillips" at the movies. I think you'll enjoy it. I know I did.

Larry Bontrager

A Review From Bill Hicks:

JaMoka's Coffee Company is located on the east side of Gunter Avenue (Hwy 431) across the street from the new park. Telephone: 256-486-3883. Hours: M-Th 6AM-8PM, Sat 6AM-9PM, Sun closed.

It's either a quick trip by car from the marina or a short walk from the city harbor if you are visiting North Town Gunterville by boat.

Vicki and I went there the other day for breakfast. We each had Orange Blossom Muffins still warm from the oven accompanied by Tazo Earl Gray tea and their medium roast brewed coffee, respectively. Other bakery items include Cinnamon Rolls, Scones, Blueberry Muffins, Bagels 'n Cream Cheese and cookies. They also have a variety Espresso drinks, both hot and cold. We sat near the entrance and were surrounded by the photographs of an artist who does business as "The Farmer's Brush" (she is a painter as well). The photographs were mostly of farm animals which were all well composed and charming.



TVCC Group shot



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If you would like to submit material for the Binnacle contact me at cben1963@yahoo.com and put Binnacle in the subject line. I love to receive pictures and articles from club members! It is your newsletter.

While enjoying our breakfast we studied the lunch menu which described the sandwich and salad offerings. Later in the day, we ordered Muffalettas ("A mouthwatering blend of ham, salami, mozzarella and provolone cheese topped with our signature olive salad spread on grilled Ciabatta bread") to go for lunch on board which turned out to be our best decision of the day - delicious! Other sandwiches are Tuscan Turkey, Roasted Chicken Chipotle, Reuben and Ham and Swiss. All sandwiches include chips and/ or pickle for \$3.99. Add a Mixed Green Salad ("Mixed Greens with Dried Cranberries, Pine Nuts and our signature Honey Dijon Vinaigrette) for another \$3.00.

JaMoka's is a recent and welcome addition to the North Town Guntersville dining scene. Give it a try. I think you will be pleased.

Bill Hicks

Comments From Our

**Commodore
George Brown**



We had another great social with plenty of fine eating. Thanks to all the cooks for sharing their skills with us. Dinner was followed by an active audience participation discussion on the best places to anchor in Lake Guntersville - I appreciate everyone's input and I learned of a few new places that we'll try next year.

At the club/board meeting, we had a lively discussion on where we want the club to go next year. It appears that all were in favor of dedicating most of our time and energy on activities devoted to all the new sailors in the marina. So now is the time for you to put your thinking cap on and come up with a list of activities and suggestions on what you want next year. What type of educational activities who you like to see? What about our monthly socials? And then there is the racing program. If you are like me, several years ago when I started sailing, I made the comment that "I'll never race, that's why I bought a comfortable, stable cruising boat", not a racer. My main interest in sailing was cruising - being able to bareboat yacht charters, anywhere in the world. We started racing only because some of our good friends at the marina were racers and we would go together. I honestly feel that the experiences we have had racing has improved our sailing skills more than anything else, and has made us much better cruisers. Racing is more similar to cruising than day sailing - in both cases you have a course that you have to sail, rather than just following the wind. So if you want to improve



your skills, join us next year in our racing program. Realizing that the start of a race is the most intimidating factor, we will lessen the intimidation by first having a class on starting (Keith has agree to teach it), followed by a session on the lake doing practice starts. Then we will have a set of races following the pursuit format, where your boat handicap is applied to the start - so usually only one boat is starting at a time. Some of the experienced racers have volunteered to go out with you on a race or two, just to get you more comfortable. These are some of the ideas we are bouncing around. Hopefully you'll suggest a few more. Remember, November 9th is our LGSC Annual Dinner at Gunters' Landing. See you there.
George Brown



Comments From Our Rear Commodore Val Mason



Join us for our **Annual Dinner at Gunters Landing**

We will be holding our annual banquet dinner and membership meeting at Gunter's Landing in Guntersville on Saturday, November 9. The social hour starts at 6pm with a cash bar and live entertainment. The buffet dinner will be served at 7pm. Our evening program will include the annual "changing of the guard" with a welcome to our new officers. John Frost is planning once again to create and present a photo/music montage of the year's major events and humorous moments. Please plan now to come and join us at our major dinner event of the year! We will need an accurate count for the dinner reservations, so I need your RSVP no later than Friday, November 1st. Each dinner is \$25. You may pay at the event, but please send me an email with the number planning to attend at rk Mason@knology.net with "LGSC Dinner" in the subject bar. If you prefer, you may prepay by sending me a check payable to "Lake Guntersville Sailing Club". The menu will include beef tenderloin, citrus glazed salmon, boursin stuffed chicken, rosemary roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, broccoli, house salad, assorted desserts, and tea and coffee. Hope to see everyone at the dinner!

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Val & Diane