

The Binnacle

A newsletter of the

Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com

September 2007

LABOR DAY WEEKEND TRIP TO GOOSE POND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

Come by car or boat – just remember to make reservations. Contact Charlie or Deanna Rains at 256-878-8330 or e-mail charlierains@bellsouth.net

Need a head count at least 1 week prior to reserve space at marina and restaurant.

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
Sat., September 8	10 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Saturday Pursuit
	11 a.m.	Race Start
Sun., September 9	1 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Sunday Pursuit
	2 p.m.	Race Start
Sat., September 15	4:30 p.m.	LGSC Board Meeting in the LGSC clubhouse.
	6 p.m.	Hamburger Cookout Social
Sun., September 16	1 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Sunday Pursuit
	2 p.m.	Race Start
Sat., September 22	10 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Saturday Pursuit
	11 a.m.	Race Start
Sat., September 23	1 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting - LGSC Sunday Pursuit
	2 p.m.	Race Start
September 28	6-7 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting - BCSA Great River Race
September 29	9 a.m.	Race Start
Sat., October 13	10 a.m.	Joint Pursuit with BCSA at Signal Point
	11 a.m.	Race Start
Sat., October 13	4:30 p.m.	LGSC Board Meeting in the LGSC clubhouse.
Sun., October 14		LGSC Sunday Pursuit makeup
		LGSC AUTUMN CHALLENGE
Sat., October 20	8 a.m.	Breakfast
	9 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – LGSC Autumn Challenge
	10:30 a.m.	Autumn Challenge Race Start. 2 nd Race to follow.
	6 p.m.	Autumn Challenge Social
Sun., October 21		LGSC Sunday Pursuit makeup
Sun., November 4		Daylight Saving Time ends! Set your clocks, watches, and so forth back 1 hour.
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

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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After living in Alabama for 31 years, I thought I was adapted to the heat and humidity. But the drought and successive days over 100 degrees is getting real old. I'm ready for cool weather, steady breezes and ideal sailing weather. Your Board is assuming that the long, hot days of summer are about over and it's time to get back to the lake. We have an active schedule planned, starting with the Club trip to Goose Pond on Labor Day weekend (let Charlie know if you are planning on attending), followed by our first of several fall races kicking off the next weekend. Keith has put together an impressive series that should have something for everyone's schedule. Then on September 15th, we'll have our first fall dinner at 6 pm at the clubhouse – a burger and hotdog cookout with side dishes.

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 (details to come later). We will finish this year in style with our LGSC Annual Dinner at Gunter's Landing on the 17th (see flyer). We need to know how many to plan for, so please RSVP as soon as possible.

Attached 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.

The public comment period on the sale of Anchorage Marina to Lake Guntersville Resort ended on August 8th. The plans can be viewed on the US Army Corps of Engineers website under Public Notice 07-65. Now that this phase has ended, hopefully the Corps and TVA will act and we will learn the future of the marina. In the meantime, the Club has assumed responsibility for keeping the restrooms clean, so we ask you to help us by doing your part in keeping all the facilities clean and safe. Thanks in advance for your help.

Hope to see you on the lake in cooler and breezier conditions.

George Brown

<p>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.</p>

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 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

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FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN

Wow! It has been one long hot summer but it is time to come out of the AC and play! The law of averages says that since there hasn't been any wind for three months there has to be plenty this fall. Of course that same law would say it will be snowing after all this heat!!

We have seven Pursuit races set up for September and October. We will do both the Saturday and Sunday pursuits, some back to back, so we can make up for the lack of sailing this summer. We have had good turn out for both so want to try and accommodate all. There is also one more Joint Pursuit to try and salvage that series.

Some bigger events will be the Great River Race September 29th. This is sponsored by Brown's Creek Sailing Club and is traditionally a twenty four hour long distance race. The course is usually four laps from west of Lower Gunter'sville Light to Siebold Light and return. There is also a short race of just two laps. I would encourage everyone to try the two lap event. If the wind is decent you can finish before dark and get in a great sailing workout. I will send out the details when I receive them but usually there is a skipper's meeting at the BCSA club house on Friday night, 9/28, at 6 or 7 pm.

Our big fall event is the Autumn Challenge. This will be October 20th and will continue with the pursuit format. If the wind gods favor us we will get two races in on Saturday and that will constitute the challenge followed by a great meal at the club house and some "fabulous" prizes. So mark it down on your calendar.

I know there are some new boats out there that are pretty hot as well as some boats that have had some Quill induced TLC this summer to get them in tip top shape. So let's get out there and see how a little bottom rubbing can improve your performance!!!!

Keith Kuhlman

SAILING SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

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

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NAME: _____
BOAT: _____ SLIP: _____
MAIL: _____

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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).

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| _____ 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 CLUB PLAN THAT YOU WOULD PARTICIPATE IN?

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

OTHERS : (Specify and rate)

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

2007 AUTUMN CHALLENGE

NOTICE OF CHASE

Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

Lake Guntersville, Alabama

October 20, 2007

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 breakfast and a Skipper's Meeting Saturday morning followed by two races. That evening we will have a spaghetti dinner by our famous chefs of the social committee and an awards ceremony.

1. Schedule of Events:

Saturday, October 20, at Lake Guntersville Sailing Club clubhouse

0800	Breakfast, LATE REGISTRATION FOR RACE
0900	Skipper's meeting, END OF LATE REGISTRATION

Saturday, October 20 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.

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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 Gunterville 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.

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 19, 2007 at the LGSC clubhouse. Contact Keith Kuhlman at (256) 582-1108 or bkkuhlman@hotmail.com.

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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.