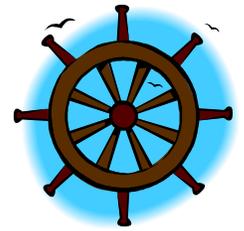


The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

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September 2008

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Please make slip checks out to:

Lake Guntersville Resorts, LLC
404 Montgomery Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Please **FIRST** contact Quill Briggs, Dock Master, for **ANY** problems, request or suggestions.

Dock Master

Quill Briggs: 256-652-0916

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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 |
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| Sat., August 30 | TBA | Cruise to Goose Pond and overnight |
| Sun., August 31 | TBA | Cruise from Goose Pond |
| Sat., September 6 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #1 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #1 |
| Sun., September 7 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #1 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #1 |
| Sat., September 13 | | Full Moon Sail |
| Sun., September 14 | 10 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Joint Pursuit #3 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Joint Pursuit #3 |
| Sat., September 20 | 10 a.m. | LGSC Board Meeting |
| | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #2 |
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| Sun., September 21 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #2 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #2 |
| Sat., September 27 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #3 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #3 |
| Sun., September 28 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #3 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #3 |
| Fri., October 3 | 6 p.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Great River Race at BCSA |
| Sat., October 4 | 9 a.m. | Start – Great River Race – Joint Pursuit #4 at Lower Guntersville Light |
| Sat., October 11 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #4 |

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| | 12 Noon | Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #4 |
| | | Marina Open House |
| | | Full Moon Sail - 3 days early |
| | 5 p.m. | BBQ & Hayride at Trish & George Brown's |
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| Sun., October 12 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #4 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #4 |
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| October 17 – 18 | | Autumn Challenge |
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| Sat., October 25 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #5 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #5 |
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| Sun., October 26 | 11 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #5 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #5 |
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| Sun., November 2 | 10 a.m. | Skipper's Meeting – Joint Pursuit #5 |
| | 12 Noon | Start – Joint Pursuit #5 |
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| Fri., November 15 | | Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner - Gunter's Landing |

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 Gunter'sville Sailing Club weather. So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Gunter'sville) to help you plan your sailing adventure.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown



Our second “bring your own meat to grill and a plate to share” social was another success, with everyone enjoying an evening of fellowship and great food. We followed the dinner with a full moon sail (under an actual full moon with no clouds). It was a spectacular night of sailing with five boats going out. Prior to the social, we had guests from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who conducted

several vessel safety checks and then stayed to join us for dinner. We are going to post their contact info in the club house so you can contact them to do the safety check on your boat. It’s a good exercise to insure you comply with all state and federal regulations. The Auxiliary cannot ticket or fine you if you do not comply; it is only an educational exercise. They provided us with the placards and information that we didn’t have to bring us into compliance.

Next month we are going to have a cookout for our social on September 20th, so be on the docks around 5:00pm so we can get a head count on number of participants. We have a full schedule of events and races from the cruise to Goose Pond on the 30th to the Annual Meeting on November 15th. In fact, we only have two weekends from now till then that we don’t have an activity planned, so keep checking the schedule and come join in on the fun.

Start planning on attending the Annual Meeting on November 15th at Gunter’s Landing. We are planning a bigger and better event than last year (which may have been our biggest event ever), with presentations by the owners, election of new officers and voting on new bylaws. Charlie Rains is the chair of the nomination committee, so please contact him if you are willing to serve as either an officer or as a Board member or would like to nominate someone from the club. We have been working hard to put together a new set of bylaws that more closely reflect how we actually manage the club. We plan to have the draft bylaws published next month for all to see and comment on. We will vote on their adoption at the annual meeting – so stay tuned and let us know your comments and ideas between September and the Annual Meeting.

The club house is looking great, with a new paint job, patio fireplace and chairs. We have new furniture ordered which should be here before the next marina open house on October 11. The owners have remodeled and furnished the house on the hill and it is for rent at \$225 per night with a two night minimum on the weekend. The house has three bedrooms and a fold out couch, so it can easily sleep at least 8 people. See Quill if you are interested in renting it or know of someone who is.

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We have sold three Snarks and still have two for sale. We will accept \$200 apiece. If you want one, but aren't willing to pay \$200, make a bid and we'll sell them to the highest bidders. Send your bids to me.

Hope to see you at the marina. If you are new, introduce yourself to us so we can get to know you.

FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, Keith Kuhlman

It has been a long hot summer and a "no wind situation". But, that is all going to change soon! Good old "Faye" is stirring things up and the winds will be returning soon. I hope!



On Labor Day weekend we have our annual Labor Day Weekend Goose Pond Cruise. There is no real start but typically people start cruising up there around noon on Saturday. Note that this year Saturday is August 30th. Most of us plan to dock over at least on Sat and have dinner at the Dockside that night. Some may stay over on Sunday night also. Best come early as the hookups go fast. Anyone with a splitter will be greatly appreciated!

The Fall Pursuit Series starts Sep 6th and 7th. There will be five such weekends between then and Oct 25th and 26th. Skipper's meeting is at 11 pm with a noon start targeted. Check out the Upcoming Events Calendar on the website.

Sep 13th is another Full moon Sail. We have had mixed results on this event. The first one I went on started very slowly, actually rafted up with Quill and sailed in tandem, and ended in a blow. Thankfully we had eagle eyed Rains and the helm to see us home! Since then things have been a bit quiet. Hopefully this month Mother Nature will smile on us.

The next day, Sep 14th will be a Joint Pursuit Race. We meet for this one just off of Signal Point Marina. The start will be at noon. Bring some snacks and hopefully we can tie up at the new docks and exaggerate the day's events.

Oct 4th will be the start of the Great River Race sponsored by BCSA. This is a challenging but fun "almost 24 hour" race up and down the river for four laps. For those not looking for such a major challenge you can sign up for just one lap. More information will be posted as soon as I receive it from BCSA.

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Finally, the Autumn Challenge will be on Oct 18th. This is a fun race for all levels of sailing. We have a dinner Friday night and will give everyone an opportunity to “modify” their handicap with some non-sailing skill demonstration!

That is the Fall Calendar. Hope to see everyone at the club!