

## PROJECTS

The work party on March 14 was a big success with a limited number of hands doing a lot of work. The old trailer site has been cleared of the remaining lumber, etc. and the old tie downs pulled out of the ground. Many thanks to Mike Johns and his crew for this work. Mike also tilled up the beach in preparation for the nice swimming weather to come. The water leak at the old trailer site has been repaired and a hose connection in place for any water needs. The repair also allows for the extension of that water line when we develop the camps sites there. The boatyard bathroom is now 99% completed with the installation of the light fixture in the shower stall, installation of the towel bar and reinforcement of the water heater stand. We will install a new toilet mechanism soon. All that has to be done to use the facility is turn on the switch for the hot water heater, wait a little while and go.

Max and new member Marvin Jansen repaired the roof of the main pavilion and in the process also replaced a broken rafter - at least some of this work done in the rain. Nice ladder/roof work, guys.

While all this was going on, Commodore Drake, John Thorn, Peter Luke, Wayne Townsend and Lowell Baker were digging a trench (how many roots per foot?) from the Club House to the new lift station to run the conduit and new power cables to complete the replacement of the sewer pump. Pat Huet with assistance from Jim and Lowell ran the new cable, and re-routed the old cable to keep other items in the Club House energized. Booth came back on Tuesday and completed the hook up at the alarm box, tested and certified the system. If you are at the Club and see a red light on at the lift station or hear the alarm horn, please contact a Board member immediately as those are indications of a problem.

Thanks also to Mike for picking up the drinks and snacks for the work party.

Our next work party is scheduled for April 19. By then we should need to be mowing and weed eating. More as the date approaches.  
- Jim Williamson

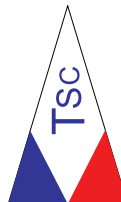
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### FROM THE HARBORMASTER

We are again asking all of you that have a trailer in the boat yard to put your name on the trailer. There are still a number of mystery trailers in the boatyard. Once the weather warms up we will be moving unmarked trailers, etc to the graveyard. Don't be one of the orphans in the corner. - Pete Nasir

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

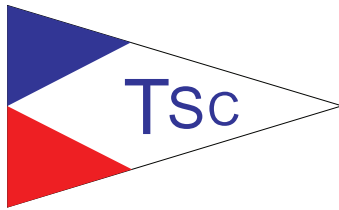
Hooray!! Good sailing weather and daylight savings time are both here!!!

It's time to get out and tear up the water. Whether you a racer, cruiser, day sailor or simply a sun worshipper, this is the time of year we all look forward to "all winter". Check the racing schedule elsewhere in this newsletter and make plans to participate, either by racing or helping our Vice-Commodore Sandy Gordon run the races. If you are unfamiliar with racing come out and watch, you might catch the racing bug.

Also check the social schedule in this newsletter and mark your calendars for the many fun social events coming up this year. Regular socials include: The Memorial Day Shrimp Boil, 4th of July BBQ, Labor Day Cookout and the Christmas Party. It things go as planned we will really have a special Christmas Party this year at an extra special venue. Look for details!! Pat Huet and I are cooking up something different in May called the Treasure Island Regatta. For those of you who want to try some sailing other than racing around the marks, we will be sailing as a group to Treasure Island and back with an anchor up behind the island for lunch. Sailing experiences come in all shapes and sizes, try out as many of them as you can.

One request... If you know anyone that you believe would be a good member, take the time to talk up the club and invite them out to sail. We will be trying a number of things to build our membership this year but nothing could be more effective than our own membership spreading the word. Print out a membership application from our website or let any board member know and we will send you a copy. Get it in the hands of your recommended prospect, and the board will act swiftly when we get it back.

Happy Sailing,  
Jim Drake



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**2008 RACING SCHEDULE**

**SPRING**

March 30: Spring Series 2  
April 12-13: Spring Series 3  
April 27 - Spring Series 4  
May 11: Spring Series 5  
May 24-25: Mayor's Cup Regatta  
June 8: Spring Series 6  
June 22: Spring Series 7

**SUMMER**

June 7 - Sail Training (no committee needed)  
June 14 - Sail Training (no committee needed)  
July 5-6 – Firecracker Regatta

**FALL**

August 30-31: Governor's Cup Regatta  
September 14: Fall Series 1  
September 28: Fall Series 2  
October 12: Fall Series 3  
October 26: Fall Series 4  
November 9: Fall Series 5  
November 23: Fall Series 6

Those Series races with two dates will be sailed on Saturday with Sunday being a make-up date.

**FROM THE TAFFRAIL**

**SNOW-BREAKER RACE RESULTS.** Exercising a little known privilege bestowed upon immediate past Commodores, Mike Johns "suggested" a postponement of Saturday's inaugural races for the 2008 season to Sunday. As most of us can attest, Saturday was an ugly weather day whereas Sunday was a delightful day-Nice call Mike! Despite the predominately light and variable winds, five boats vied to be first to finish. The results of the day were:

	<u>Race #1</u>	<u>Race #2</u>
LeBlanc	2	4
Nasir	4	DNS
Johns	3	1
Jansen	5	2
Bennett	1	3

THE NEXT SCHEDULED RACE DAY IS **MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>** – Skippers' meeting at 1300.

**SAILING CLINIC.** Under the leadership of Kat Smith and Susan Mitchell, the Club will hold a sailing clinic for 10 University of Alabama students on Saturday, April 19. The students will have a chalk board session on Friday at the University. On Saturday the Clinic at TSC will begin around 10:00 a.m. and finish about 3:30 p.m. We will need some volunteers to man the Tiki as a crash boat and 3 Scot owners who are willing to lend their boat and time to the clinic. Please send me an e-mail [sgordon@uasystem.ua.edu](mailto:sgordon@uasystem.ua.edu) if you wish to participate in this event.

**THE BOSUN'S BAG**



Everyone knows that there are rules which vessels must obey in order to prevent collisions. The Steering and Sailing rules (often called the "Rules of the Road") and the racing rules are quite similar. The Steering and Sailing rules differentiate between approaching vessels which are either both power driven or both under sail alone or when one is under sail and the other is under power. The vessel that must keep out of the way of the other is referred to as the "give-way vessel." The other vessel which is referred to as the "stand-on vessel," must maintain her course and speed unless it appears that to avoid collision she must take action. Let's see if you know the rules. The answers appear elsewhere in this *Repeater*.

1. When two sailboats under sail alone are meeting head-on each with the wind on a different side, the give-way vessel is the one with the wind on the:
  - a) port side ; b) starboard side; c) leeward side; d) windward side
2. When two sailboats under sail alone are crossing on different tacks, the stand-on vessel is the vessel with the wind on the:
  - a) port side ; b) starboard side; c) leeward side; d) windward side
3. When two sailboats under sail alone have the wind on the same side, the give-way vessel is the one which is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a) port; b) starboard; c) leeward; d) windward

4. When a sailboat with its sails rigged with the wind on its starboard side and with its outboard running is approaching a sailboat under sail alone on port tack, the sailboat on port tack is the:  
a) Give-way Vessel; b) Stand-on Vessel; c) Overtaking Vessel

5. A sailboat under sail alone on starboard tack is overtaking a power boat. The sailboat is the:  
a) Give-way Vessel; b) Stand-on vessel

**TAFFRAIL TRIVIA**

In the last *Repeater*, you discovered that your anchor rode was "fretting." To "fret" means to chafe or wear through rubbing. To prevent or minimize fretting of a line one should use chaffing gear. This month's Double Jeopardy question is:

If you were asked to "fleet the messenger," what would you do? Call Fedex?

Until next time, keep your limber holes open and bilge dry.  
- Sandy Gordon

Bosun's Bag Answers: 1-a 2-b, 3-d, 4-b, 5-a

**SOCIAL**

The start of the social season at the Club is coming soon. The first thing up will be the Memorial Day Shrimp Boil on Sunday May 25. This will also be the last day of the Mayor's Cup Regatta. We expect that Chefs Johns and Huet will uphold their usual standard of shrimp cookery. We'll need an RSVP for the event and will be doing a calling tree for the event. No doubt some of our visiting Regatta entrants will also join us for the meal. Next up will be the Annual 4th of July BBQ with Chef Thorn and possibly a return of Chef Spence. RSVP will be needed here as well.

We're doing something different for Labor Day this year. On Sunday August 31, which is the last day of the Governor's Cup Regatta, we will have the Blackbeard's Booty Party with Drunken Chicken as the entrée. We are looking for a cook and wench for the event. Details regarding attire, etc. will be forthcoming. If you are willing to be the Chef for this one, please contact us.

The Commodore's Christmas Party and Awards Banquet will be held on the Bama Belle on December 5th from 7 to 9 p.m. Please mark your calendar for this event. The RSVP date for this event is November 15 as I need an exact number for the caterer. More details will be shared as we approach the date for the Party.

We need to line up volunteers to help with set up and clean up on all socials. Please e-mail us to volunteer. Also, we still have lots of Club gear - t-shirts, sweatshirts, glasses, burgees, car tags and visors. These are available at all socials and if you contact me, I'll make sure you get what you need. - Monica and Gary Wilson