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Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Newsletter

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Ahoy Sailors!

May was another busy month at the TSC! Max wrapped up another successful Spring Race Series and finished it all off with the help of James Carr organizing our annual Mayor's Cup Regatta. Robin and John Thorn pulled together a very nice Memorial Day celebration for everyone. Great progress is being made on new additions to the club such as improvements to our cooking areas, repair of docks and decks, and a new look for the clubhouse with our new windows now installed!

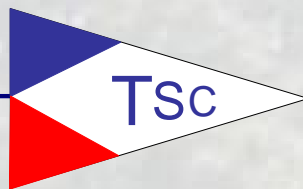
While all of that was going on, there is even more happening behind the scenes. Jackson Baker is putting the finishing touches on our new website, www.tuscaloosasailingclub.com. This will be our primary communication tool for the club. We have scheduled an interim general membership meeting for July 13th, where we will present a slate of changes to our bylaws and policies that will serve to revitalize and update our club. Please see the back page of the Repeater for details. The board and others have also worked on a new, "updated" look for our club that incorporates a new logo design that will consolidate our look. A sneak-peek at the new logo is below.

-Mike Johns

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Racing Report

The Third Buccaneer/Mutineer Regatta was hosted by Tuscaloosa Sailing Club on May 27 and 28. We had eleven boats entered including 7 Buccaneers, one mutineer, two Flying Scots and one Catalina Capri 14.1

The race committee, consisting of Gene Procter, Bill Spence and Pat Huet, set a triangle/windward/leeward course for the first race that started under sunny skies and with 3-5 knots of patchy wind. Due to an error on the committee boat, the boats were timed as they crossed the line from the leeward mark, thus making the race somewhat shorter than it would otherwise have been. In a very close finish, the Buccaneer sailed by the Georgia team of Justin Hall and Patrick Hopp just edged out our Commodore Mike Johns sailing with Bob Boggan from Montgomery. In third place was Gordon Crawford sailing with the youngest Ray Townsend.

The second race started out as a drifter at the line with several boats actually having to fend off the committee boat (you know who you are !). We intended to run the same course, but it quickly became obvious the wind would not allow this and course was shortened to once around. Again Hall and Hopp finished first with Mike Johns second by 17 seconds over Brookfield in third.

Sunday dawned bright, clear and windless. After a reasonable wait and no prospect for any wind, the committee called off the second day of racing and placed according to the first day's results. The Team of Hall/Hopp placed 1st for the Buccaneer fleet and the team of Johns/Boggan placed first for the Portsmouth fleet.

Sail Training coming up on June 18th

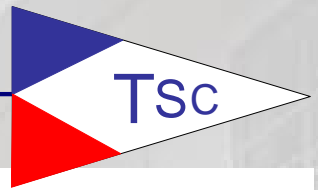
Our next sail training class is scheduled for June 18th. What would make a better Father's Day present than spending a day with Dad learning to sail? Sandy Gordon and James Carr will be again conducting the training and are looking for boat volunteers. Please contact either of them if you are interested in lending your boat for the training session.

4th of July Firecracker Regatta

Our next race event is The Firecracker Regatta on Tuesday July 4th. All boats are welcome! Sandy Gordon and James Carr will be the race committee with the skipper's meeting beginning at 1:00 pm. Come on out and work up an appetite and then join us afterward for the annual 4th of July BBQ.

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Projects Report

The recent work party at the Club saw hot sun and a relatively light turnout of personnel that still managed to accomplish quite a bit.

While the bulk of the crew got on the mowers and weed eaters, Max and Dave Roberts continued the refurbishing of the deck on the campground side of the Clubhouse. This project is nearing completion needing only the last touches on the railing that will include the installation of lattice around the lower section of the rail. The benches are not being replaced and the lattice will not only present a finished appearance, but will also contain any of our littlest sailors.

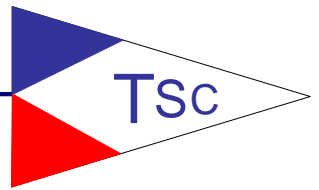
While that was going on, Mike Johns, Jim Williamson and Pat Huet (with stop in help from several others who were seeking temporary refuge from the sweltering heat in the boat yard and on the lake front) removed the old single pane metal framed windows from the front of the Club House and replaced them with the new bronze tinted tempered insulated panels that were delivered Friday. All comments heard to date indicate that the membership is pleased with the results. Be sure to take a look and don't be blinded by the sun reflecting off the shiny spotless windows. The next step will be to install screen doors on both Club House doors to provide flow through ventilation on those days when the A/C is not needed and the breeze is blowing.

Normally work parties are the second Saturday of the month, but with the 4th of July coming up, it is likely we'll need a couple of volunteers to do some mowing and weed-eating prior to that time. Please contact Johnny Turner if you can help spruce up the place before the July 4 BBQ.

The next regularly scheduled work party on July 8th will try to concentrate on replacing the decking on several of the finger docks. Please make an effort to come out and help. I expect due to the summer heat that we'll try to start the work party early and end early.

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Social Report

Approximately 55 sailing club members and guests met on a hot evening, Monday, May 29th to remember friends and family who have served in the military. We had a wonderful meal and good conversation. Hats off to Chefs Mike Johns and Pat Huet for a spectacular job cooking shrimp!! They were fantastic along with side dishes and desserts cooked by club members. Gene Proctor asked our blessing and talked briefly about the beginning of our sailing club and the Proctor granddaughters sang "The Star Spangled Banner". Thank you girls!

The social chairs would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all that helped set up and clean up.

Our next social event is our annual 4th of July Barbeque. Each year club members gather for swimming sun and sailing. Chefs Thorn, Neville and Spence will be serving up chicken, ribs and shredded pork along with side dishes and desserts brought by everyone. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm after the Firecracker Regatta.



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NOTICE

An interim General Membership Meeting has been schedule for July 13th at 6:30 pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The meeting will be held at the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club clubhouse. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. If you can't make it, please remember to send your proxy form with another member so your vote counts. Your vote matters!

PROXY

I, the undersigned, a member in good standing, do hereby give and appoint

As my proxy to vote on all matters that may come before the General Membership meeting on July 18, 2006

Signature

Date

Print Name