

REPEATERS

Tuscaloosa Sailing Club Newsletter

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Welcome to spring everyone!

This is always an active time of year at the Tuscaloosa Sailing Club and this year is no exception. In addition to our full race schedule that Max has lined up for us all and the regularly scheduled work party, the club will be hosting a group of scouts on May 6 and 7 as they work on their sailing skills and earn their sailing merit badges. If you are out at the club this weekend, please welcome our visitors, as they may one day be the future sailors in our club. This month also marks our first social of the year; our annual Memorial Day Shrimp Boil. Chef Huet and I will be back at it again cooking up some delicious shrimp. John and Robin have details of the event in their reports.

The Memorial Day weekend also marks the first Regatta of the year at the club. James Carr is the organizer of the event and is looking for volunteers and sailors. More details will come in subsequent announcements.

This month also marks an important milestone in our club. As many of you know, Jackson Baker has assumed the role of the club webmaster and is currently putting the finishing touches on our new website. This new site will be your primary source of information for all news and events at the club, including future Repeaters. We will send out more details in the coming weeks and expect the full launch of the site by June.

We'll see you at the club,

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Race Committee Report

Sunday, April 23 was another beautiful day. The sky was clear, the sun was shining, and the temperature was warm. The light and shifty winds required concentration, precise sail control, and good tacking; but a committee composed of Pat and Diana Ferguson with the assistance of Pat Huet, who is still in his leg brace, conducted three interesting races for three Scot's and one Laser. According to Pat Ferguson, who has a new grandchild, the Laser sailed by Sandy Gordon, scored two fourths and a DNF. Mike Johns with Pete Nasir scored two thirds and a second; Paul LeBlanc with wife Mary scored two seconds and a third, and Max Hocutt with John Thorn scored three firsts--all in Scots. Mike Johns appears to improve a little each time out. So, the rest of us had better watch out. Regrettably, the Buccaneer and Mutineer sailors who came out earlier in the year were nowhere to be seen. Come back guys and gals. We miss you.

Max Hocutt

TSC Racing Schedule 2006

May 7 Spring Series V

Committee: LeBlanc & ???

May 21 Spring Series VI

Committee: Haraway & Howell

Summer

May 27, 28 Open regatta Committee:
Gordon & Huet

June 4, 18 Sail training

Instructors: Gordon & Carr

July 4 Firecracker regatta

Committee: Gordon & Carr

September 2, 3 Open regatta

Committee _____ & _____
September 4 Cruiser race

Committee Carr & ???

Fall

September 10 Fall series I

Committee _____ & _____

September 24 Fall series II

Committee _____ & _____

October 8 Fall series III

Committee _____ & _____

October 22 Fall series IV

Committee _____ & _____

November 5 Fall series V

Committee _____ & _____

November 19 Fall series VI

Committee _____ & _____

Rules

Qualification for the Spring or Fall series: At least 50% plus one of races held; minimum four. One race credit for each race of committee work; two maximum.

Qualification for annual Championship trophy: At least 50% plus one of races held in Spring and Fall; minimum eight

One race credit for each race of committee work; four maximum.

Throw outs: One of every two races in excess of qualification, plus one.

Committee meeting at 1 pm; racing at 1:30 during Spring and Fall series. Times for other races to be announced

Special recognition for those who participate in most races as skipper, crew, or committee.

TSC Social Report

Memorial Day at the sailing club is shaping up to be an exciting day. Our annual Memorial Day Shrimp Boil with chefs Mike Johns and Pat Huet will begin at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 29th. The phone committee will be calling to take reservations soon. We hope everyone comes out and enjoys the day as we honor and remember our friends and relatives who serve, or once served in the armed forces.

John and Robin

TSC Grounds Report

Hi all,

The grass at the club is in need of a trim.

If you can, please come out this weekend and help beautify our grounds.

Thanks,

Johnny

TSC Projects

Once again we got a lot done last work party. The weather favored projects once again, but I fear that time is over and the grass will be calling us until fall. We still have some work to do on the east deck. Two people should be able to finish it in a few hours. I would like to move a small crew with a cut off saw and a couple of drill drivers to the finger docks. We will start with Pete's dock and move west, replacing worn decking as we go. I need another crew to re-bolt the connection on the T dock that has broken loose. Pat has agreed to supervise the placement of two screen doors on the clubhouse. Finally, I need a crew to finish the shower pan in the boatyard shower. Most of these jobs are relatively small and require only a couple of people on each, but they are awaiting our attention. I need a small crew to remove

two more trees on the south side of the boat yard so we can get pickup trucks in there to unload trash wood without scratches on the paint.

To recap our progress from last work party: We have buried and reconnected the power to the north side of the boatyard, finished most of the east clubhouse deck, started building the shower pan in the boatyard shower (I did not get enough concrete), and placed a temporary bolt in the T dock. On my own I managed to break a bolt on the finish mower and break the drive belt that was only about twenty hours old. After several trips to O'Riley's they replaced the belt for free and the bolts were only a few dollars each. The mower is back up and running. Shop O'Riley's, they have been very good to us.

What should you bring to a work party?
1. Yourself 2. power screwdriver. 3. tape measure. 4. I find a square a nice option. 5. hammer (normally the bigger the better) 6. Power saw. 7. Extension cords. If you have none of the tools, refer to need #1 because Pat and Max have lots of tools.

See you at the Sailing Club,

Lowell

Note from the secretary:

The website address is:
www.tuscaloosasailingclub.com
If you visit the site now you will notice right away there is very little content. Jackson is counting on us to provide him with the necessary information to make this site one of the premiere sailing organization presentations on-line in the southeastern region. He has already listed some main interest points. If you have knowledge of historical significance or any new information which would make us look great, please send it to Jackson's website listed on the front page of the repeater. Of course, everything submitted will require Commodore approval prior to publication. (Relax Mike, I won't do anything crazy!)
Thanks, Holly

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Classified Ads

For Sale:

Five horse power Sea King pull start motor with a regular shaft, forward and reverse. I do not know much about this motor but it seems in almost new condition. If I had a boat it would fit I would get it running and keep it. The price is \$350. I will help you get it running. If it does not run to your satisfaction, you get your money back.

For Sale:

25 horse power Evinrude motor with electric start. I had this motor on my boat for two years. It ran fine but needs cleaning and new plugs. It has controls, separate tank and steering linkage. I am asking \$350. Once again if it does not work you owe me nothing. I will help you get it going. I would be happy to trade this motor for a small boat for the motor listed above.

Want to buy:

I am looking for a small sailboat somewhere between a Sunfish and a Lazar. Lowell

Scot for sale:

#3221, Light blue hull, yellow stripe, two suits of sails including 2 spinnakers, Harken race rigged. Retractable rudder rig, galvanized trailer, \$3300. Pat Ferguson 330-2956. E-mail Pferg@bama.ua.edu