

The Mainsheet



T h u n d e r b i r d S a i l i n g C l u b

From Your Commodore

Wow! What a week. The damage from the tornado last Monday is just unbelievable. What was a marina is now a heap of twisted metal, floating debris, and damaged boats. The trees that bordered the marina are broken and defoliated – they look like something from a nightmare. For the sailors who kept their boats at the marina, what was just another Oklahoma springtime “weather event” on TV turned out to be something a lot more personal. For some it was an inconvenience, for others a major headache, and to some, the loss of their boat was like losing an old friend. Now, a week later, things are starting to get sorted out. Numerous boats have been extracted from the wreckage. The salvage operation is ongoing. The state park is still closed and access to the area is restricted. (If you need to get to the marina, you can try calling Bob Davis, the marina owner at 834-5007. It is my understanding that he is the one who determines who can get through the roadblock at the park office). It is not known when the park will reopen.

Although the situation at the marina has been emotionally taxing and sometimes frustrating, we can still be thankful that it was not worse. There was no loss of life and few if any injuries at the park and marina. The things that we lost can be repaired or replaced. The mangled trees will recover and the lake will eventually be free of all the debris. We will all move on. But for now, we just need to do our best to work through this.

For the Thunderbird Sailing Club, I think that “working through this” will include getting together at our next meeting (this coming Saturday, May 22 if the park is open by then) and spending some time sharing our experiences, then looking ahead and making some decisions about how club activities will be affected by the storm.

The board would also like some help from you – we are asking for

your help in completing a survey this month. The survey will be used to gather your input about the club’s programs and activities. It is only a few questions and your answers will help us with our planning of future activities. The survey will ask questions about what programs and activities you like, if you have ideas for new activities, what ways you like to participate (planning, volunteering on the day of the event, or participating in it), and what activities you would like to help out with. It also has an area for your comments. To take the survey, just click on this link or paste the link into your browser

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDBNTHQ4b3ZQT1BQdnIzZG0ybnphY2c6MQ>

Just click on the “Submit” button at the bottom of the form when you’re done. If you have any questions about the survey or have a problem accessing it, send me an email at sam@thunderbirdsailingclub.org.

Got a great idea for a T-shirt design? For those of you who weren’t able to make it to our last meeting, it was announced that the club will be having T-shirts made to mark the 40th year of the Thunderbird Sailing Club. We’re asking members to participate in a contest to design the shirt – if you win, you get a free one! More details at the meeting.

Sam

M a k e S u r e y o u r e a d t h e s e a r t i c l e s

- What to expect racing wise this year!
- Fleet Captains update
- Request for help at the kid’s camp

Story of Inspiration

Well, we have all had a long last couple of weeks. Most of us lost boats and if not that you are probably dealing with some damage.

Here is my story to try and perk all of those who lost boat up!

My Santana 20 "The Dirty Glass" was in the marina dry storage when the tornado hit and it was picked up off it's trailer, carried about 50 yards and then dropped onto another trailer.

It was called a total loss by my insurance company so I set

about looking for another Santana 20. It didn't take me long and I found another one up at Lake Hefner. It is a slightly older boat but really well rigged and should work well for our racing purpose.

The pictures next to this are of the old boat on it's side and a few of the new one which we are going to be racing this weekend. My crew will consist of Stephanie Nguyen and our Commodore Sam Tiffany!



May Fleet captain Update

Wow, my job as fleet captain just got a lot more interesting! I had a big plan to run a great commodores cup this year but that has changed.

Now I have to figure out some way to get us all on the water.

So here is what I have come up with. Starting in the next few weeks we will run a

centerboard racing series. If you have a dinghy bring it out and if not we can find you something to race on.

As for a big boat series, if some people end up getting boats by the end of the summer I was thinking we could still run a short commodores cup late in the year.

More info to come on all of this.

Also as the editor of the mainsheet I want to say sorry it came out so late. It has been a busy month for me and all of us.

Vernon

IMPORTANT

DUE TO THE RECENT TORNADO, THE JUNE KIDS SAILING CAMP WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR. WE DO NOT WANT TO PUT ANYONE AT RISK AND MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND/MOVE THEIR BOATS OFF THE LAKE.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD VOLUNTEERED AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HELP OUT FOR THE JULY KIDS SAILING CAMP FROM JULY 12-17. I WILL TRY

TO MOVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO THE JULY CAMP. TWO OF THE 7 HAVE TRANSFERRED ALREADY.

REMINDER, PULL OUT THE REQUEST FROM THE MAIN-SHEET FOR THE OMRF SAILING TRIP DURING THE KIDS CAMP TOO!

THANK YOU,

2010 Kids Sailing Camps need 'your' help!

According to Karen Mellgren, hundreds of notices have been sent out to local schools in the past couple weeks. These notices include the dates and pertinent information for the Kid's Sailing Camps that will be held at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse this summer. Each camp is held Monday through Saturday.

The camp will be held July 12 through 17 with Corbett Brown as primary instructor. If you can help any of these days in July, please let Corbett know at corbettbrown@prodigy.net or 405-749-1547 at home.

These day camps start at 9am each morning and end at 2PM. It would be good to have some help arrive around 8 to 8:30 to help get the equipment/boats ready. The kids bring their own lunches and take a half-hour to 45min. lunch break each day. Safety boat operators are needed for the on-water activities. We have plenty jobs for experienced and inexperienced helpers.

We could also use a canoe or pirogue if anyone could loan us one or two during the camps. Each instructor/helper should bring his/her lunch a well-fitted PFD, wading shoes, sun screen, hat, etc.

This is our 10th year of holding these Kid's Camps, come out and be part of these terrific camps!

Here are a couple photos from previous sailing camps!



Upcoming Birthday

Lorrie Sylvester 4/15

Cheri Elliott 4/19

Keith Campbell 4/20

Brian Crittenden 4/24

Nita Trotter 4/26

Jim Kasbohm 4/29

Bill Spens 5/1

Tim Agin 5/3

Bill Brackett 5/4

Rick Shaw 5/9

Cleo Haines 5/13

George Morin 5/17

Kathy Anderson 5/22

Membership Information

If any of your membership information has changed, please contact:

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Come Sail With the Sea Scouts!

Between the ages of 14-21?

Join the Sea Scouts!

Do you like to sail, but don't have a boat
or
a crew?

Join the Sea Scouts!

Is the only thing that you do on Saturday
is

cut the grass or watch TV?

Join the Sea Scouts!

Do you know any teenagers that would like
to have fun learning to sail?

Bring them to the Sea Scouts!

The Sea Scout Ship has a fine fleet of small sailboats
as well as larger keelboats. Instructors have
U.S. Sailing Credentials.

◇ Saturdays from 10am-2pm at the beautiful
Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse at Thunderbird
State Park.

◇ For more info contact Skipper Rick Shaw 306-
8597 by phone or email

Shaw9939@SBCGlobal.net

◇ For all young men and women of good character
between the ages of 14 and 21.

◇ The recent membership drive has been very
successful, the Sea Scout Ship now has many
new members and a crew of over 20 including
adults!

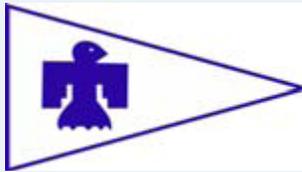
◇ Learn to Scuba Dive

◇ Participate in community activities

◇ Have lots of fun on the water



TSC



Thunderbird Sailing Club Officers



Commodore: Sam Tiffany

Vice-Comm: Ed & Doris

Rear-Comm: Kerry Knowles

Secretary: Stephanie Nguyen

Treasurer: Dave Craigie

Fleet Captain : Vernon Green

Past-Comm: Ted Strueli

What is Thunderbird Sailing Club

The Thunderbird Sailing Club is a non-profit corporation established in 1969 and is affiliated with the United States Sailing Association and Central States Sailing Association.

Membership is open to anyone of good moral character interested in sailing and water safety. Boat ownership is not required.

The club sponsors a full racing schedule of long distance and short course races, night races and fun races. A favorite end-of-season event is the Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta, started in 1983.

There is a strong current of volun-

teerism in the club. Whether you are a complete novice or a dedicated racer, you will find helping hands and good advice. We have 12 US Sailing certified sailing instructors and one instructor trainer. Many of our members have raced in regional regattas, and several in national events. The cruising group has sent members to Lake Texoma, the Gulf Coast, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, and Chesapeake Bay. And should you need it, the club's collective wisdom on boat repair, rigging, launching, marinas, etc., is extensive. TSC is also proud to sponsor Sea Scout Ship 5790.



Two boats crossing during the Hiram Douglas Regatta 2009