



Mainsheet

April 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

Dear TSC members and friends,

Good thing we had a Fumblers April Fool Cruise instead of waiting for the shivering shake-down of last week-end. The April Fool Cruise was a par two. I only forgot to undo one dock line leaving the slip and only dropped one boat hook overboard, but only after retrieving one priceless hat for Kerry Knowles with the late boat hook. There were a few surprises, but none more than the than the gusty winds. By the forecast, we would have expected to motor about. Seven club boats looked great on the water. Early birds included Mike and Teresa Galoob, Pat and Chad Cox with crew, Kerry Knowles with his hat, Les Cummings, Roger Elliott, Dave Craigie with friends from Canada, Barbara Schindler with crew Marilyn Friend and Doris Shoemaker, Phil and Diane Moershel, and myself with Jim and Bea Waller.

Saturday and Sunday April 14 and 15 will be the Dogwood Ragatta. This is a CSSA sanctioned event. I hope all of you will participate on the water or as very important support help. It takes a lot of effort to put on a ragatta, but with everyone's contribution, it is a really fun week-end. Karen Thurston is our very able Regatta Chairperson. Long range forecast looks good for sunshine and mild temperatures. We'll know about the Oklahoma wind on Saturday at race time.

Our next TSC membership meeting is Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Charles Maupin will present his film, *Liquid Wind*. Sounds interesting.

See you there!
Mary Anne

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Note: The TSC and BoatHouse are sharing this PO Box.

Paul Reynolds: 2007 T-bird Jr. Sailing Team Update

The Thunderbird Junior Team is alive and soon to be sailing. We have had a couple inquiries and should hit the water in late April, tentatively the 28th. We will sail most weekends for 3 hours. The cost is a nominal \$35 per season. We may travel to a local regatta or across the lake for a camp-out.



Ray Koop above and Michelle Reynolds below at
Windycrest Sailing Club.



Karen Thurston and I will provide the Certified Instructor presence, on alternate weekends. Certainly there will be times when we will beg the Club for assistance. If you know a 9-13 year old who would like to learn about racing or hone their skills please contact Karen (329-5551) or Paul Reynolds(292-5364).

Treasurer: *Dave Craigie*

Greetings Sailors,

It is sailing time again and we should all come out and support the Dogwood Race on April 14th and the 15th.

If you do not own a boat, or if you are like me and your boat is just not in the water, this would be a great time to crew on someone else's boat.

If racing doesn't interest you, please come out and help on shore with one of the many other behind-the-scenes-jobs that make the day so perfect. Why not enjoy a day at the lake and support the TSC.

DUES....DUES...DUES

Sadly, there are still some who have not paid their 2007 TSC dues. Please, your support is needed, both and monetarily and through volunteerism.

Call me if you have not received one of the dues notices that I have sent. I want to help.

Balance on 3-1-07		\$6099.14
Checks written	\$1383.00-	
Deposits	<u>458.00</u>	925.00-
Balance 4-1-07		5174.14

Thanks. David

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Birthdays for April

If your Apr birthday isn't listed, please update your information with Dave Craigie. Thanks

Lorrie Sylvester	4/15
Cheri Elliott	4/19
Keith Campbell	4/20
Brian Crittenden	4/24
Nita Trotter	4/26
Jim Kasbohm	4/29

Happy birthday to all!

Ted Streuli: Webmaster!

When you have time please check out thunderbirdsailingclub.org.

Ted has given the TSC homepage a terrific new look and he encourages input from all TSC members.

I'm sure there's a good story behind the photo below with Mary Anne, Ted, and paddles on a sailboat!



Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

April program It's movie night at the BoatHouse!

Filmmaker Charles Maupin will show and discuss his 2004 documentary, *Liquid Wind*, at the April 21 meeting. Bring out your friends and neighbors!!

An intense look at the kite boarding and wind surfing phenomenon on Lake Hefner, the film includes musical contributions from Oklahoma artists Grey, Jon Carrube, Chris Stephens, Brad Davis, Mary Catherine Reynolds, and Louise Goldberg. Maupin interviewed top Oklahoma wind surfers and kite boarders, weather experts, and those responsible for bringing this extreme water sport to Lake Hefner.

Co-Founder of the Central Oklahoma Board sailing Association, Bruce Robertson, assists City Manager, Jim Couch, in explaining how wind surfing and kite boarding began at Lake Hefner.

German Director Michael Knof makes a cameo appearance when his son, Lewis Lindenberg, is injured in a kite boarding accident. Lindenberg explains how he crashed into the rocks surrounding Lake Hefner, sustaining injuries to his hip, knees, and pelvis. KFOR Meteorologist Mike Morgan explains the geographical and meteorological conditions that must exist for great wind surfing on Lake Hefner.

All the music featured in *Liquid Wind* is the work of Oklahoma's local musicians. The techno stylings of Chris Stephens and Brad Davis have 9 songs featured in *Liquid Wind* that are heard throughout the documentary. Jon Carrube's "Long Day" was recorded specifically for the documentary at Champagne Studios, and is featured for one of two music videos in the documentary. Grey's track "Joyous Occasion", a psychedelic favorite on mp3.com, is the featured song of the second music video piece. Mary Catherine Reynolds and Louise Goldberg contribute the track, "Mourning Dove" featured in a section focusing on the family and female wind surfers.



Upcoming programs

Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Executive Director Hardy Watkins will present the June 16 program and will talk about state parks, boating, water sports and the significance of sailing events such as this year's Santana 20 nationals at Lake Keystone to the state's tourism industry.

The May program isn't yet confirmed, but watch the Web site for details.

Web site update

The sailing club Web site has received a bit of a make-over. There's a sailing news feed on the front page, as well as a block with current temperature, wind speed, chance of rain and barometric pressure for the lake. The inside pages have been updated with navigation bars and most of the content has been updated for this year. My hope is that we'll get more use out of the site, both as a method of communication among members and as a marketing tool. As we progress, watch for additional upgrades and interactive features, such as online forms for regatta entries and sailing class registrations.

TSC e-mail addresses available

If you're stuck with a cumbersome e-mail address and would like to use the TSC domain, just let me know. I can set up you@thunderbirdsailingclub.org in a matter of minutes and any e-mail sent to that address will automatically forward to your existing e-mail account. If you'd like to have one, drop a note to: ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org and I'll set it up.



Thanks for 5 terrific years at the BoatHouse!

Just a brief note to thank you and your organization for your support on behalf of the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation and the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

On April 6, 2007, we celebrated 5 years operating the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse. During this time you and other volunteers and contributors have provided the following and much more at the BoatHouse:

- Over 12,000 hours of volunteer support
- Over \$250,000 in donations and gifts-in-kind since the LTEF was formed 10 years ago
- Sailing classes to over 150 children and 300 adults
- Fishing trips to some 150 handicapped children through the Catch a Special Thrill events
- Boating safety courses to over 200 clients
- Instruction for Girl Scout sailing merit badges
- Instruction for Boy Scout sailing merit badges
- JetSmart Personal Water Craft classes
- Vessel safety checks
- U.S. Sailing Instructor Trainer classes
- U.S. Sailing Level One Sailing Instructor classes
- BoatHouse is a U.S. Sailing Certified Keelboat School
- BoatHouse is a U.S. Sailing Certified Level One Small boat Sailing School
- OU NROTC sailing classes
- Host for the T-bird Jr. Sailing Team
- First Aid and CPR courses to over 75 clients
- Host for Central States Sailing Assoc. annual meeting
- West Marine Fun Regattas for nearly 200 children
- Host to over 100 local and CSSA affiliated/sanctioned sailing events
- Host to Norman Sail and Power Squadron classes and events
- Host to Norman Sea Scout Ship #5790 meetings and events
- Annual Host for the Lake Thunderbird Lake Sweep
- Host to monthly Thunderbird Sailing Club meetings and events
- Host to Oklahoma Lake Ranger training
- Cincom Sailorship Scholarships offered for the Kids Sailing Camps
- PFD Loaner Program (Boat/US)

These are but a few of the projects and events held at or sponsored by the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, the LTEF, and its partners; Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Sooner Sailing Club, Thunderbird Jr. Sailing Club, Norman Sea Scout Ship, Norman Sail and Power Squadron, Oklahoma City Sail and Power Squadron, West Marine, Hobie Fleet #63, Heart of Oklahoma American Red Cross, Boat/US, OU NROTC, and the BoatHouse Managing Partner, the Thunderbird Sailing Club.

We hope you will continue your support as we look forward to the next 5 years. Thanks to you and many others we are proud to report that the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse is accomplishing its mission and is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished through private and public partnerships.

WE PLAN TO CELEBRATE OUR 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THIS FALL AT THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY ON LABOR DAY, 2007 AND WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT CLOSER TO LABOR DAY!

In grateful appreciation,
Roger Elliott, President LTEF

Canadian visitors find Lake Thunderbird to have soft water

A big **THANK YOU !!!** to everyone who made my Canadian Trailer/Sailing friends welcome during their visit to the TSC and Lake Thunderbird. They had been wintering in Florida in their RV and were roaming around the country when they found themselves close enough to Oklahoma to pay a visit. Never having been here, they were greeted with two days of glorious rain and then two more days of absolutely positively wonderful Oklahoma spring weather.

Their final day was on Sunday a few weeks ago when Mary Anne asked everyone to come on down to the lake and shake the cobwebs out of their sails. Joyce and I had the privilege of catching a ride on Enya with our Canadian guests and to say that they were impressed was putting it mildly. Imagine finding water to sail on in early April where you didn't have to dodge the icebergs that were floating around. They said it was absolutely the best day they had had this winter and most likely will set the tempo for the rest of their sailing season.

So...to say that I was proud to be a member of the TSC and be able to impress my friends like I did is an understatement. Thanks to all. David & Joyce



Cap'n Dave on the helm with Nevaida and Jim Howe from Levac, Ontario Ca. and Joyce enjoying the sailing trip on Lake Thunderbird.



David, enjoying the pulpit on the Enya.

Photo Section



Can you match the descriptions with the pics?

1. No, It's not a meat slicer
2. Hell's Angels guy
3. The gay Parisian
4. Corbett holds court
5. Terry gets a cup from Mary Anne
6. Row, row, row your boat
7. Waving goodbye
8. Boat name meaning cheerfulness, readiness, promptness, willingness, liveliness, etc..
9. The boat with a white mast
10. Rick Gibbons and Mary Anne
11. Corbett gets flagged

Oye Miami '07
by Rick Eager

With the extremely cold weather we've had this winter, it was a pleasure to book tickets for the Miami Boat Show. With the consistent cold temperatures, I eagerly awaited the warm weather of south Florida.

On February fifteenth I had a 6:30 flight out of Oklahoma City flying into Houston, then onto Palm Beach International. When I left my home in Norman, there was ice and snow on the ground and I slipped and slid all the way to the airport.

When I got on the plane we were late leaving because the plane had to be deiced... scary thought. When I got to Houston it was cold... only thirty six degrees and as it turned out, Palm Beach wasn't much warmer. Everyone was walking around with heavy coats.

I thought then... I'm in trouble! Everybody was complaining it was so cold. It was fifty eight degrees and they got no sympathy from me. The Boat Show started in the morning and it was only going to be sixty degrees in Miami, but it didn't matter... I was going SAILING!!!

The next morning my sister, who came down from Michigan, my dad, his best buddy Doctor Bill, and myself climbed into dad's car and headed south for Miami. This has been a tradition for us for several years now as well as our annual Cuban breakfast in Miami.

When got out of the car in Miami and it was cold near the water at Biscayne Bay. We walk over to our favorite Cuban restaurant and realized it was too cold to eat outside near the water... a first! It has never been this cold this time of year.

While I enjoyed my cup of Cuban coffee, I couldn't help noticing all the hustle and bustle over at the marina as the all vendors prepared for the opening of the show. I looked at my watch as I blotted my lips from what was a good Cuban breakfast and realized it was time for the show to open.

As we made our way through the crowd at Bayside Mall toward Miami Marina, the Boat Shows entrance, I decided to walk over toward the sea wall and enjoy the view of Biscayne Bay. As I did, I looked down and noticed some shadows in the water.

As I looked closer, I realized I was looking at some manatees. They came nearer to the sea wall and poked their heads up through the water and we looked eye to eye. They're such docile, playful and beautiful creatures.

There were three of them about six feet long and in very good condition... no prop scars across their backs. After a few moments we had a large crowd gathered as people got out of line to watch them. It wasn't long though and they were gone as quickly as they came.

Once inside... it was Boat Show time! Island Packet had a nice display... as always! They had their new forty one trawler and their motor sailor... the same boat just with a rig. These boats seemed to be getting all the attention.

I had seen them in the magazines and thought I'd give them a look see. I boarded her at the rear transom and the first thing I noticed was the way she was rigged. They had designed all the rigging to be in one place and all handled by one winch.

This was a pretty neat idea... except it was too far away from the wheel which is inside. The cabin layout was very straight forward and roomy. This would be a very comfortable boat in heavy seas... hey it's an Island Packet!!!

The trawler version is the same boat without the rig and thirty thousand dollars less. The boat overall looked to be very well built and had the traditional beige colored hull. The rest of the fleet was present as well and looked good floating at the dock.

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lina had a few new models out this year and the one I most wanted to see was the new 309 which is the replacement for my 30. When I stepped onboard I noticed a glass looking splash guard between the galley sink and the forward settee.

The boat still had the pretty much same traditional layout as my boat, yet it felt a just a pinch bigger somehow. After reviewing the specs, not only is it almost a foot longer, but it's also wider. It has more wood in it than it did just a few years earlier.

Somewhere between my boat (an 1988 model) and somewhere in the early nineties Catalina started using less and less wood. This boat looked nice... almost on the plush side. For it's size, this is the boat for the buck.

I think Catalina will sell a bunch of them and repeat a tradition that began in the mid seventies with my model. I'm not sure how many hulls were built between 1975 and 2006, but I'm sure it has been the backbone that built Catalina and will continue to do so.

And now... drum roll please... it's time to get out on the water! I hooked up with a new Hunter 36. It had all the latest electronics, gadgets and cool stuff. The skipper was an ex corporate refugee saved from the corporate world of high finance.

He said he was proud to be living on his boat at below poverty level and proud not to need any help from crew as he walked around the boat with a GPS controlled auto pilot. We motored in the channel as the wheel continually made adjustments as we went along.

It was cold that day as we left Bayside/Miamarina. I was wearing a Polo sweater with a tee shirt underneath and we had a nice fifteen to twenty mile an hour breeze... it was SWEET! We had a nice heel and got good speed that morning.

At one point dad said... "We got a dorsal fin... SHARK!" As I looked... it was gone. Then suddenly off the bow we had a Dolphin running with the boat. He seemed to love playing in the wake as the bow cut the water.

I tried to get a picture of him, but he was quicker than me. Between the Dolphin and the manatees, the water seemed to be alive with life that day. It almost seems a bit mystical and magical to see some of God's creation having as much fun as myself.

I really had a great time as you can tell. I had a good visit with my Parents who live in the Palm Beach area during the winter and can't wait to do it again next year. Until then, keep it off the sand bars and I'll see you out on the water and around the boathouse!



Several manatees frolic around the seawall



The Miami Skyline hard on starboard tack!

Next Meeting!

Sat. 6 PM April 21 at the BoatHouse
Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!

Guest Speaker!

Charles Maupin, Oklahoma Filmmaker

Come see and discuss his 2007 documentary
 "Liquid Wind"

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Meet your 2007 TSC officers!

On the left are the 2007 TSC officers: From the left, Phil Moershel, Fleet Captain; Tim Agin, Secretary; Kerry Knowles, Rear Commodore; David Craigie, Treasurer; Mary Anne Secrist, Commodore; Corbett Brown, Past-Commodore; and Ted Streuli, Vice-Commodore.

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