



Mainsheet

August 2008

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Phil Moershel*

Thundersailors

July has been way busy. The kids camp run by Corbett was a fantastic experience for 15 kids, including my granddaughter Eleanor. Camp was followed by a junior regatta run by Paul Reynolds and a cast of thousands. The turnout from the club to host this regatta was fantastic. Thanks to all and every one who helped make the regatta a success. I must boast that Eleanor took second place in the green fleet!

We had a great raft up in July to watch the sunset and moon rise. Diane, Poon and I had a fantastic moonlight sail after the raft up. The food and company at the raft up was great as usual and we all got a on the water tour of Orville's ketch.

This month's meeting we will do things a little different with food on shore starting at 6:00 rather than out on a raftup. We will adjourn the potluck at 7:45 and those inclined to sail can catch the sunset and moonrise at around 8:15.

In the next few weeks Mike Klatt will be heading a class for the Navy ROTC. Rick Shaw will be conducting a keelboat class. Please give them a hand when they call for volunteers.

CAST will be coming up on September 13. I will Skipper the pontoon boat with a couple of kids. CAST is always an incredibly rewarding event, so be sure to come out to help. (see article on Page 3)

Pirate day is coming! Be sure to start working on your costumes and pirate talk. The party should be great on September 20th. Swashbuckling will be encouraged!

Arrr ye Swabbies, see you all on the 16th

Phil

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August 18 through 23

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Experienced sailors needed, as well as helpers, safety-boat operators, BH security too!

Our largest class of the year!



Any time you can help us is appreciated, especially Wed/Thursday 8/20-8/21

Vice Commodore: Ted Streuli

Wow – our ranks are growing by leaps and bounds (or is that reaches and runs?). By a very informal count, we've had 18 new members join so far this year as individual, student or family members. That's 18 separate memberships – it doesn't include family members.

Considering that the year has five more months to go and that our goal was to increase membership by 10 percent – six new members – the results to date a truly astounding.

Please help our new members feel welcome and get involved in our many activities. Our newest members include **Tim and Elsbeth Dowd**, who sail *Gaviota*, a Flying Junior; **Kathy Glover** and family; keelboat student **Gary Wells**; **Richard and Paige Beevers**, who sail *Red Water Dancer*, a Santana 525; keelboat student **Robby Frantz**; small boat student **Bobby Smith**; student member **Paul Lore**, who sails *Kristianne*, a Laser II; **Jason Wells**, who bought the Catalina 22 *Termoil*; and **Sam and Sheryl Tiffany**, who sail a Flying Scot.

Invite a new member to sail with you or invite a friend to enjoy a first sail. And when you see a sailor at the marina, invite them to join in the fun. There are many sailboat owners who would enjoy our club and just need a simple introduction from a friendly face.

Make sure to save Sept. 20 on the calendar for Pirate Day. We'll have a costume contest, food, drink, music, sailing games and some theatrical sword fighting. Fun for all!

[Check out the TSC Online Store!](#)

Be sure to check out the new online TSC store. Hosted through Cafe Press, our new shop offers on-demand customized items including T-shirts, coffee mugs, hats, bibs, note cards, even doggy T-shirts! A Thunderbird Sailing Club burgee design and a TSC signal flag design are available now, but different designs will be available on different items and they'll rotate often, so keep checking back.

Right now there's a link on the home page of our club Web site and soon there will be a link in the navigation bar at the top or bottom of each page. To return, just click on the burgee. You can also go directly to our store at <http://www.cafepress.com/sailingclub>. The club makes a small profit on each purchase.

If you have a request or idea for designs or merchandise, contact ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org.

Acting Treasurer: Doris Shoemaker

I finally was able to spend and deposit some of TSC's monies. After I got the terms right (debit and a credit) it was fairly easy to add up or.....subtract from. I will give you only rough estimate. It is difficult to work without a ledger, no bank statements, and how the money in the Pay Pal account got there. We have an estimated balance (some \$1,500 may be BH class fees from Pay Pal?) of \$5,495.00 .

The Fun Regatta was costly because the attendance was lower than expected. We had a surplus of food, drinks, and medals and trophies. I know the extra drinks (pop and water) will be used for other events and if we have another "fun" event we can use the medals. One member made the suggestion to keep the fun regatta separate from the CSSA Junior Race. That is a good idea. Our fun regatta should be family oriented and get the local kids and families involved and introduced to the club. Members volunteering that day had so many hats to wear there was little time to visit with the guests or to be as hospitable as we could have been. Registration was a bit hectic. Too much information needed: which event did you want to enter ...CSSA member or club member or none of the above, land activities or racing, which meal plan to you want to purchase ,etc. Fredrica and Karen did a good job keeping the line moving but the parents were a little awed, especially those with several kids to enter .

That's all for now.....I will be glad when Dave returns home so he can straighten things out correctly. I need to go back to work to rest !!!!!

Ed. Note: Dave was on his way back 8/2, thanks Doris for filling in for Dave again this year!

Birthdays for Aug/Sep

If your birthday isn't listed, please update your information with Dave Craigie (Welcome back Dave).

Aug

Betsey Streuli	8/05	Barbara Boren	8/15
Sheryl Brackett	8/21	Rick Eager	8/28

Sep

Marilyn Friend	9/01	Wayne Lively	9/6
Mary Anne Secrist	9/13	Robert Anderson	9/22
Angela Kasbohm	9/23	Larry Hamilton	9/29
Ray Psikal	9/30		

We are missing lots of birthdays, please send them to David!

FLEET CAPTAIN: *Paul Reynolds*

Thanks to one and all for the huge contributions of your valuable time and energy, potluck items, and especially the buckets of sweat needed to pull off the 2008 CSSA Jr. Regatta #4 and the TSC Fun Regatta. It was a very hot day with a great breeze that swung almost 90 degrees west.

We had 15 kids racing, with 4 of those in the novice Green fleet, 7 in the Red Opti fleet, 3 Lasers and one Sunfish. Three cheers for the kids who sailed our prams: Jake Boulter (2 kid's camps), Eleanor Schrems (Commodore's granddaughter and just-completed 1st kid's camp), and Cordell Glover (3 kid's camps)!!! Christian Swinhart competed in the Red fleet, using a BoatHouse Opti, and Raymond Glover heroically slogged through with a sinking Sunfish (my fault entirely). On the Green Fleet committee boat, Frank Lawler, myself, Kathy Glover, and Jessi Mckenna were ably assisted by Cate Boulter who passionately exhorted her brother and the rest of the fleet to their best performance but firmly declined the helm herself; "... no I don't think so".

The results are posted on the web site at <http://thunderbirdsailingclub.org/2008%20CSSA%20Jr.pdf> Especially notable were the 3 Nelson boys from Chandler LTYC, near Dallas, who took two 1sts and a 3rd between them.

The onshore and waterfront events formed the Fun Regatta and were magnificently choreographed by Karen Thurston and Ted Streuli.

Please be sure to bow and clap the next time you see the following volunteers: PRO John Potts, Scorer Fredrica Cotrell, Phil Moershel, Mary Anne Secrist, Jim Waller, Vernon Greene, Alva Brockus, Doris and EdShoemaker-Dewberry, Karen Melgren, Kerry Knowles, Pat and Chad Cox, Mike Klatt, Brian Swinhart, Te Woei Poon, Frank Lawler, Altus Boren, Cheryl and Bill Brackett, and Barbara Schindler. Very likely I have missed several. Thanks especially to Doris and Fredrica for sewing up new extra-large numeral pennants, and to Karen M., Doris, Mary Anne and Fredrica for coming out Friday night to prepare and waterproof all those lunches. Pat Cox was our savior again with the brisket. Les Cummings of course laid the groundwork in previous years by developing the relationship with West Marine that provided so many of the prizes this year. We can again thank West Marine, even in their absence.

I would also like to mention the grant from the National Water Safety Congress which provided the floatation bags to make Christian's Opti not only safe but legal per Opti class rules.

Finally, thanks very much to Academy Sports and Outdoors which donated ten \$10 gift certificates.

Cast for Kids

Saturday, September 13, 2008

The seventh annual CAST for Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, September 13 at the BoatHouse.

We will have the large tent set up on Thursday evening just north of the BoatHouse as usual and this will be overseen by Asst. Park Manager, Terry Gibson. On Friday we will begin to deliver tables, chairs, ice, rods/reels, tackle boxes, drinks, and some food items. We need help cooking, serving, setting up, registration, etc.,etc. starting at 6am on Saturday morning. The fishermen start arriving around 6:30 and the kids around 8am. They leave on their fishing trip at 9am and return around 11:30 for lunch. We start cooking around 10.

We are awaiting a response from Homeland Foods regarding the food donation again, but have already had several of our usual donors commit to supporting the event again.

For our new members, this event is sponsored nationally by the CAST for Kids Foundation and locally by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Oklahoma Dept. of Tourism and Recreation, the LTEF, and BoatHouse.

We usually have around 30 handicapped children from central Oklahoma attend and a like number of local fishermen with their boats. The kids are provided with a morning fishing trip, a new rod/reel, bait, tackle, tackle-box, T-shirt, hat, a plaque, and everyone gets a delicious lunch. Ron Stahl usually serves as MC for the awards following lunch.

We have some 35 donors and sponsors that cover the \$1,500-\$2,000 in expenses and another \$1,000 or so in gifts in kind. For example, the tent alone costs nearly \$700 to rent. We will need someone to use the Wellcraft this year to take one of the children fishing, so if you are a fisherman/woman without a boat, let us know. We would also like for someone to take some of kids out on the TSC Pontoon boat too. This boat is good for children in wheelchairs.

The LTEF raises the funds and makes the requests for gifts-in-kind for the event and pays for all the local out of pocket expenses. We hope you can lend a hand!

Susan Hendon, T-bird Manager Chad Cox, LTEF
Terry Gibson, T-bird Asst. Mgr. Les Cummings, LTEF
Jeff Tompkins, U. S. BOR

July Kids' Sailing Camp Report

The July Kid's Sailing Camp was another huge success thanks to the efforts of the hard working volunteers who gave their time. For the second camp in a row we had 15 students enrolled, many of who were repeat campers.

We had good weather for most of the week with several days of good winds, one day of very light wind, and two days with heavy air that gave the kids a chance to practice their capsize drill. We also spent part of the time kayaking and rowing which the kids really enjoyed. We did have thunder one afternoon which made us bring everyone inside, but we managed with indoor activities until things cleared up.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Phil Moershel, Paul Reynolds, and Altus Boren for their help. Phil was there every day of the camp, the first to arrive and the last to leave. Paul was there five of the six days and Altus four of the six. The hard work them and the other volunteers that helped is what makes these camps possible. Also helping during the week were:

Rick Eager, , Barbara Schindler, Tei Woei Poon, , Karen Thurston, Les Cummings, Rod, Horton, Mary Anne Secrist, and Jerry Lojka.

I would also like to single out one of the campers for special recognition. Raymond Glover has attended the camp three times now and has become a very proficient sailor. He was there every day helping the younger kids rig their boats, recover capsized boats, and provided on the water coaching to the less experienced. We hope to have Ray return next year in a Junior Camp Counselor capacity.

On Saturday Les Cummings in the Wellcraft and Rick Eager in his Cat 30 took parents and siblings out to watch the kids sail. We express our appreciation to all the volunteers for making this a such a successful class. Thanks again for everyone's help and enjoy the photos below.

Captain Corbett Brown, Primary Instructor



VOLUNTEERS MAKE JUNIOR REGATTA SUCCESSFUL

More than 25 volunteers joined to make the Junior Regatta a fun time for the kids and grown-ups as well. Paul Reynolds as Regatta Chair, headed up the planning and kept us all focused.

Registration was handled by Fredrica Cottrell and Doris "the Dew" Shoemaker. Doris and Fredrica also made new class and fleet flags for the race starts. Trophies and prizes were arranged by Paul, Karen Thurston, and Karen Mellgren.

Yours truly took on food management with the help of rear commodore Kerry Knowles and Karen Mellgren. Special thanks to Karen for daily consultation. Pat Cox really took the pressure off by handling the brisket. (This time we had electric knives to slice.) The Friday evening prep crew, a.k.a. MA, Fredrica, Doris, and Karen made up the sack lunches. Among food contributors were Cheryl Brackett, Alva Brockus, Karen Thurston, Doris Shoemaker, Fredrica Cottrell, Pat Cox, Karen Mellgren, Barbara Schindler, Lori Sylvester, and Diane Moershel. Kitchen helpers included Ed Shoemaker, Cheryl Brackett, Barbara Schindler, Pat Cox, Karen Mellgren.

Karen Thurston was in charge of shore activities. Ted Streuli and son Raymond helped out.

John Potts served as Principal Race Officer. It is always a learning experience to assist a real PRO like John. Commodore Phil Moershel operated the committee boat. Assisting with time, score, horn, and flags were Alva, Mary Anne, Fredrica, and Vernon. Paul Reynolds managed the novice fleet races assisted by Frank Lawler and others.

The heat and hydration needs out on the water were well served by four safety boats manned by Jim Waller, Altus Boren, Kerry Knowles, Chad Cox, Mike Klatt, Brian Swinhart, Andy Wetland, and Te Woei Poon.

All of the above also did countless jobs with waterfront duties, race prep, boat launching, site management, and clean up. Thanks to Kerry for enabling the air conditioning with new fuses. And we extend our appreciation to Academy Sports for donating \$100 in gift-cards for the event. Please keep Academy Sports in mind with shopping for boat supplies or any outdoor clothing or supplies.

It's almost a hazard to attempt to name all those involved. Please accept my apology if you were missed and let me know. Thanks to Pam McKenna for her photos below of the on/near-shore activities.

Mary Anne Secrist
Past Commodore



CSSA Kid's Regatta #4 Results

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse

July 26, 2008

Jr. Circuit Regatta # 4 July 26, 2008 Thunderbird Sailing CSSA REGATTA SCOREBOARD Club

FLEET	CLUB	SAIL #	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	4th Race	5th Race	Total Points	Final Standings
GREEN (VANGUARD PRAM)									
Jake Boulter	TSC	2	3	1	1	—	—	5	1st
Eleanor Schrems	TSC	1	1	2	3	—	—	6	2nd
Cordell Glover	TSC	4	4	3	2	—	—	9	3rd
Al Miller	TSC	8	2	4	4	—	—	10	4th
RED (OPTI)									
Geoffrey Nelson	ChandlerLTYC	15757	1	1	1	1	1	4	1st
Monica Aughtry	OCBC	9307	3	2	2	2	3	9	2nd
Zachary Nelson	ChandlerLTYC	15744	5	3	5	3	2	13	3rd
Cooper Pierce	NSA	7395	RAF 8	3	3	4	4	14	4th
Kelly Cole	OCBC	10327	4	4	4	6	5	17	5th
JT Long	WSA	13294	6	6	6	5	6	23	6th
Christian Swinhart	TSC	38	7	7	7	7	DNS 8	28	7th
LASER									
Stephen Nelson	ChandlerLTYC	186546	1	1	1	1	1	4	1st
Sean Davidson	OCBC	175897	2	2	2	2	2	8	2nd
Warren Wright	OCBC	105354	3	3	DNS 4	DNS 4	DNS 4	14	3rd
SUNFISH									
Raymond Glover	TSC	—	1	1	DNS 2	DNS 2	DNS 2	6	1st

Thanks for everyone's help! See photos on next page

From Registration, PRO duties, safetyboat operators, food prep, etc.etc. the TSC did a terrific job for the CSSA Kids Regatta in July

Thank you!
The photos were provided by Mary Anne Secrist and Fredrica Cottrell.



NROTC Class Announcement

The second half of August means hot weather and crowded streets as OU students return to Norman for another school year. Included in that group will be the incoming freshman of the Navy ROTC (NROTC) program. For the past several years, the BoatHouse has been providing sail training for NROTC midshipmen. Last year's class of 30 enrolled students was a record size for the BoatHouse. The large class size and accelerated schedule was a tremendous undertaking for the BoatHouse, requiring a lot of volunteers. Not only does the NROTC class generate a significant portion of the BoatHouse's annual income, but it is a privilege to be able to provide a service to the next generation of Navy and Marine Corp officers.

This year's class will be August 18-23, Monday through Saturday. Monday and Tuesday will be a mix of classroom presentations and hands-on practice (rigging, knot tying, etc.) on campus at the Armory, from 4:30p to 8:30p each day. After that, the students will be split into two groups for their on-the-water training at the BoatHouse. Class will be 4:00p – 9:00p on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 10:30a – 3:30p on Saturday. The BoatHouse sessions will require the most help, particularly Wednesday and Thursday.

If you can help with the class, please contact Mike Klatt: mdklatt@ou.edu; 325-8870 (W); 579-5644



OU NROTC STUDENTS 8/14/2007
Principal Instructor: Mike Klatt



Cap'n Wade Murphy & crew aboard the Skipjack Rebecca Ruark on Sunday July 27, '08



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Remember when? July 2001
Pam Bradford and team creating the beautiful
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***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.



TSC Kids Regatta

7/26/08

On and near-shore event results

Swimming Race

- 1st Amanda Risenhoover
- 2nd Ellie Thurston
- 3rd Gehrig Thurston

Kayak Race

- 1st Gehrig Thurston
- 2nd Ellie Thurston
- 3rd Amanda Risenhoover

Canoe Race

- 1st Amanda Risenhoover
- 2nd Gehrig Thurston
- 3rd Brayden Swinhart

Raingutter Regatta

- 1st Cordell Glover
- 2nd Gehrig Thurston
- 3rd Ellie Thurston

Swim Relay Race--Winning Team

Cate Boulter
Ellie Thurston
Aimee Isaac
Cordell Glover
Kristin Smith

Sandcastle Prizes went to Raymond Streuli and Kristin Smith

Thanks for everyone's help and for all the terrific kids who participated!

Karen Thurston
Ted Streuli

See photos on page 7

***Next Meeting:
Saturday August 16 at 6PM***

***No guest speaker this month, come on out
and enjoy the good food, good friends and
an evening sail and raft-up.***

Please, Bring a dish to share !



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Your 2008 officers! From the left, Kerry Knowles, Rear Commodore, Phil Moershel, Commodore, Mary Anne Secrist, Past-Commodore, Ted Streuli, Vice-Commodore, Corbett Brown, Past-Past Commodore, Dave Craigie, Treasurer, Fredrica Cottrell, Secretary, Paul Reynolds, Fleet Captain, and Les Cummings Mainsheet Editor.

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