



# Mainsheet

January 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

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**Commodore:** *Mary Anne Secrist*

Happy New Year!

The New Year's Day BoatHouse luncheon was delicious and well attended. The sunshine and light breezes were pleasant and reassuring that the "other world" is still there anytime the effort is extended. Sailors taking boats out were Richard Beaver, Mike Galoob, Phil Morschel (and Dave Craigie and friend Bill from Trailer Sailors), and yours truly. The year goes by fast, so the Board is anxious to develop a calendar of events that will keep you inspired.

We will have cruising as well as racing events. The racing schedule is more or less a plan to show up at the same time. The competition is very relaxed and the focus is fun and skill building. Racing requires maneuvers that you just don't do when you're lulling under the sun or stars. If you don't have a boat, crewing is a great opportunity to sail and learn from other experienced sailors. An enthusiastic Board has some fun ideas you won't want to miss.

Cruise - Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it return in roughly the same condition as they set out.

Looking forward to sharing lots of good times this year.

Note: Please forward any updates to your membership information to our Treasurer, David Craigie, as follows:

## **Membership Information**

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

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

**President, LTEF:** *Roger Elliott*

Well another year has slipped by and we will soon celebrate our 5 year anniversary in the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

It just doesn't seem possible that time has slipped by so quickly. However, when we review the impressive list of accomplishments over the past 5 years there will be lots of volunteers that would remind us that its actually been over 10 years. And, of course, they would be correct as the LTEF 501©(3) non-profit application to the IRS was submitted in April of 1997. The original officers for the purpose of the LTEF application were TSC members Walter Hedrick, President, Howard Haines, Vice-President, and Connie Divine, Secretary, all still very active LTEF board members.

Actually, the idea for the BoatHouse came about in 1995 when the TSC celebrated its 25th anniversary. With several of the Charter members at the celebration, each said they only wish they had built a facility at the lake for the TSC and its membership. This response along with the terrific support of Connie Divine, the TSC Commodore and her officers, was enough to start the ball rolling. Within months we had met with representatives from the State and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and were given the approval to move forward with plans for the proposed sailing center realizing that we would have to raise all funds from private sources.

However, we must remember that during the several years of fund-raising and planning lots of activities were on-going at the proposed location. TSC meetings were being held during the summer months, classes were being taught, and a great deal of planning was underway leading up to groundbreaking in early 2001.

We hope to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the BH in April and ask that all our TSC members attend this special event!

### Treasurer: *Dave Craigie*

Greetings Sailors and Happy New Year. Summer will be here soon.

I have never been to the Province of Newfoundland but I am told that it is breathtaking. Perhaps I will go there someday, but for now I will have to be content with using something that is unique to the Newfie's; their time zone.

Now, why would someone in Oklahoma be interested in the Newfoundland Time Zone (NT)? For starters, they are 1½ hours ahead of the folks in the Eastern Time Zone, and 2½ hours ahead of me in OK. Yes, you read that correct. There is an extra half hour in there that is unique to anywhere else in North America, or perhaps the world. It came about a long time ago and if you are interested in the particulars, Google the NF time zone and read all about it.

Again, of what interest is this to me? Well, as I write this on the eve of a new year and I think of staying up until midnight just to wish a Happy 2007 to my first rate first mate, I think of how hard it is getting to stay up to that hour now that I am approaching the ripe old age of Social Security. Suddenly the NT time is looking awfully good. So, this year I will be celebrating New Year's Newfie style and at 9:30 pm sharp I will lift a toast to the New Year. Thank You Newfoundland for standing your ground and keeping your unique time zone.

**YOUR TSC DUES:** A big **Thank You** to those who have taken the time to pay their annual dues. However, we still have a large number of well meaning members who have not paid their dues at this time. Please, take the time today to pay this pittance. The good that it does will far outstrip the guilt you have by delaying. We need your support!!

If you are a **former TSC member** and you are interested in becoming an active and supporting member again, please contact me and find out what is needed.

If you are a **current TSC member** and you do not wish to renew your membership, please contact me.

If you know someone that would like to be a **new TSC member**, please contact me, or any officer for a membership application. And, Remember: A smooth sea never produced a skillful sailor!

### Birthdays for January and February 2007.

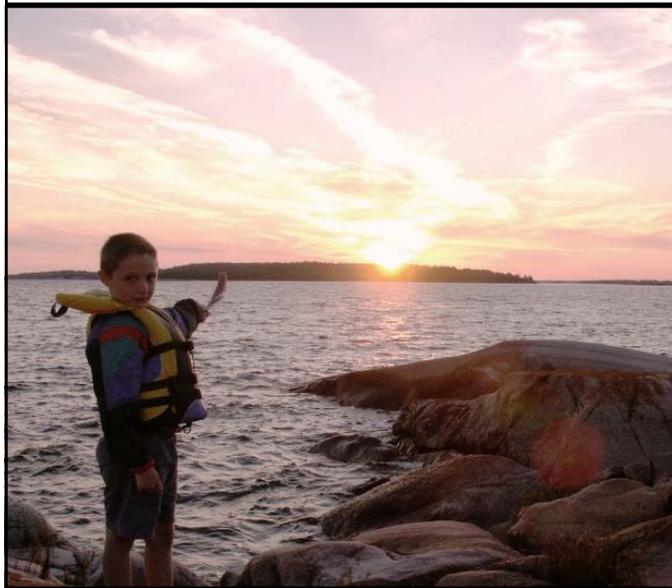
If your Jan/Feb birthday isn't listed, please update your information with Dave Craigie. Thanks

#### January:

Wanda Lively	1/1
Karen Mellgren	1/2
Mary Doezema	1/3
Connie Divine	1/4
Rita Hendricks	1/9
David Craigie	1/10
Judy Vaughn	1/12
Howard Haines	1/15
Roger Elliott	1/17
Alina Ford	1/23
Dorrie Trent	1/25
Laura Hamilton	1/26
Reggie Frank	1/26
WalterHedrick	1/30

#### February:

Virginia Fitzpatrick	2/5
Gray Graham	2/8
Glenda Anderson	2/9
Liz Hedrick	2/13
David Hendricks	2/20
Florence McCann	2/23
Fabiola Spens	2/25



Jonathan, grandson of David and Joyce Craigie, points out another beautiful sunset on the North Channel. Jonathan sailed with his grandparents during the summer of 2006. He has become quite an accomplished sailor in his own right. Note the PFD, safety first!

**Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli***

Longtime Lake Thunderbird State Park Ranger Terry Gibson, who was recently promoted to assistant manager of the park, will present the program at our Jan. 20 meeting.

Gibson will discuss park plans for 2007 and, of course, the water level. Come prepared with questions, he'll be happy to answer them.

Hopefully we'll have some fun with meeting programs over the next 10 months. I've contacted the owners of the aptly-named Sailing Horse winery, located on the shore of Lake Eufala, about presenting a short wine tasting seminar one month and giving us recommendations for those all-important cruising varietals. One of our friends from West Marine may be dropping by to tell us about the new must-have toys for the upcoming season and we might spice up a meeting with a cooking demonstration of cruising cuisine and sailing snacks. And cooking demonstrations mean samples!

An attorney who can discuss boating law, liability and insurance; a veterinarian to talk about sailing with pets; some tips on better sailing photography and some Oklahoma sailing history are also penciled into the log.

None are yet confirmed except Terry, so I'm anxious for suggestions and to hear preferences. Toss a line to [ted@tedstreuli.com](mailto:ted@tedstreuli.com).

**Recent Photos from Lake Hefner**

*Taken by:*

*Jennifer Pitts, Journal Record*

And we think we have low water at Thunderbird. The following photos were taken recently by award winning Chief Photographer, Ms. Jennifer Pitts of the Journal Record.

Lake Hefner was completed in 1947 and consists of some 2,500 acres. Average depth is 29' and deepest point is 94'. Three billion gallons of water will be released from Canton Lake next month which will raise the water level 3 feet.



Note the "NO WAKE" sign in the photo above.



# Fleet Captain 2006: Kerry Knowles



## Hiram Douglas Regatta Results November 5, 2006

Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta Results 2006

Name	Club	Boat	Sail #	Cor'd/Fin Time
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**Spinnaker Fleet:**

Daryl & Sally Daniel	WSC	M-20 Scow	437	201.36
Phil Moershel	TSC	Santana 20	163	210.39
Paul Reynolds	TSC	San Juan 21	2007	219.74
Bill Etchieson	TSC	F-28R	124	230.95

**Non-Spinnaker:**

Daniel Camp	COSA	San Juan 21	2276	180.60
Walt Hedrick	TSC	Mirage 28C	31196	182.63
Mike Galoob	TSC	Starwind 19	3444	205.60
Mary Anne Secrist	TSC	Catalina 22	8024	211.84
Kery Knowles	TSC	S2 9.2	7	228.82
Corbett Brown	TSC	Catalina 22	8624	Withdraw



Daniel Camp from Central Oklahoma Sailing Association went home with the Big Traveling Trophy.  
 Good Job Dan Camp! We also thank Daryl and Sally Daniel for coming down from the WSC!  
 We thank John Potts our PRO for this year's well-run regatta! Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Mike Klatt and Jim Waller praying for more wind aboard the "Oh Yeah"

Skipper Phil Moershel and Crew receives 2nd Place Spinnaker Trophy

Our PRO plants some serious kissy-face on one of our lucky competitors



Walt Hedrick receives 2nd Place Non-Spinnaker

Dan Camp & Crew receives 1st Place Non-Spinnaker

Dan Camp & Crew receives the Hiram Douglas Trophy

Ted Streuli receives 1st place in the Chili Cook-Off!!



The TSC thanks the following for their support!

The logo for Nichols Marine features the word "NICHOLS" in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the word "MARINE" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font with dots between the letters. The text is set against a white background with a blue wavy border at the bottom, all contained within a blue gradient rectangular frame.

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The logo for West Marine features a stylized white "W" icon on the left, followed by the words "West Marine" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the slogan "We make boating more fun!" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, with the word "fun" underlined.

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**Next Meeting!**

**Sat. January 20 6 PM at the BoatHouse**  
**Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!**

**Guest Speaker!**

**Terry Gibson, Asst. T-bird Park Mgr.**  
**and a true friend of the TSC and LTEF**

**2007 Executive Committee**

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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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