



Mainsheet

July 2008

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Phil Moershel*

Hello Thundersailors:

I guess that every one had a good time at the last raft up/club meeting. The food was sure good! It was great to have Adela back from Austin for the raft up. Thanks to skippers Barbara, Ted, Mary Anne, Mike, Paul and Kerry for getting the fleet out. The moonrise was too late for us to enjoy, but at the next raft up we should be able to have a moon lit sail as well.

You all may have seen some chatter about EPA issuing permits for controlling pollution from smaller boats in the various sailing magazines. Regardless of how you feel about government regulation etcetera, the practices the EPA will promote or require with the permit are sound. Some of what EPA is proposing will help forestall the colonization of Thunderbird by the zebra mussel. The zebra mussel are in several Oklahoma lakes and love to crust up submerged hard substrates like outboard motors and boat bottoms. They will also affect the drinking water intake. EPA is also promoting controls for fuels spills and eliminating use of phosphate detergents for cleaning boats. We can all easily understand the cumulative effect on the lake aquatic life and our drinking water from fuel spills. The phosphate detergent in combination with all the sources of phosphorus from Norman lawn fertilizers and animal waste in the runoff grow algae the makes the water taste bad and our boat bottoms look like putting greens. If you want more information on practices/requirements the EPA is promoting go to: http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=350

We all need to thank Les Cummings for running the kids camp and Mike Klatt for running a small boat sailing class in June. Please turn out to help with Corbett Brown's kid's class in July. Remember these classes are the future of sailing and essential for our club!

Remember folks we are a sailing club so lets get out on the water!

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United States Sailing & Central States Sailing Association

P.O. Box 1652

Norman, Oklahoma 73070

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

Kids' Sailing Camp



WE

NEED

YOU!

July Camp:

July 7 through 12

Call Corbett at 447-4974

OR email at cb8197@att.com

9am to 2pm Mon-Sat.

**No experience necessary, we need
helpers, boat operators, BH
security, and sailors too!**



Any time
you can
help is ap-
preciated
especially
on Saturday

Vice Commodore: Ted Streuli

Please help greet our newest club members!

Liane and Kevin Ozmun joined June 25. Their son, Michael, was in our first Start Sailing Smart camp, which Les Cummings taught in June. You might recognize Liane, who is the daughter of member Reggie Frank.

Also joining the club are all of Michael Klatt's adult small boat students. The board voted to include a free associate membership for the remainder of the year for all adults taking a small boat or keelboat class. There are nine new sailors in the current session; please make them feel welcome.

I'm discovering this year just how easy it is to grow membership. As I was walking through Little River Marina recently I saw a man scrubbing the red off his mainsail. I stopped and asked if he'd like to come out and race with us that afternoon. He declined, but it led to a discussion about our club. It turned out he's been to our Web site and had some interest in our activities, but he didn't know any of us or who to ask. As luck would have it he has not one boat in the marina – he has three! It was Father's Day 2006 when Les Cummings took 10 minutes to chat with me as I was cleaning my just-purchased boat. He was friendly and helpful and he invited me to join the club – an invitation I was glad to accept. Had that not occurred, I'm not certain I'd be sailing today. We just posted a Catalina 22 for sale on the club Web site. It's owned by a man who learned to sail at Lake Hefner about the same time I did, bought the boat from an OCBC member, and has been letting it collect spiders and bird droppings in the city marina ever since. Someone needed to get that new sailor involved in a club!

We will never have to struggle to find enough volunteers to run our classes and participate in our races if we grow club membership. And all we have to do to grow the club is invite new friends to join us in our favorite activity.

Please invite a new member to go out on your boat for the July raft-up. Invite someone you barely know to go for their first sail. Invite everyone on your block to Pirate Day.

We will never have to raise funds if instead we raise friends!

How to get new members? [Just ask them!!](#)

Acting Treasurer: Doris Shoemaker

No news is good news.....we haven't spent any money since Dave left three weeks ago.....we haven't taken in any money since I have taken over the treasury duties. I guess I must hustle if I want to assume this position much longer. I guess I could buy some gasoline, but then we might be broke in no time. I know in 91 days I must select prizes for the Pirate Day best dressed (or worse) pirate costume----mates can start sucking up early to me if they want to. So the balance remains at the May 16th bank statement reading of \$4832.58 unless someone gives me a June bank statement ????

Doris Shoemaker

PS: I had a great time working the youth sailing class last week.... so volunteer for Corbett's class, it is certainly a rewarding *adventure*.



Birthdays for July/Aug
If your birthday isn't listed, please update your information with Dave Craigie or Doris Shoemaker.

July			
Doris Shoemaker	7/03	Les Cummings	7/17
Chad Cox	7/20	Ed Shoemaker	7/20
Michael Galoob	7/27	Teresa Galoob	7/27
Patrick McCain	7/31		
Aug			
Betsey Streuli	8/05	Barbara Boren	8/15
Sheryl Brackett	8/21	Rick Eager	8/28

FLEET CAPTAIN: *Paul Reynolds*

“This isn’t racing, it’s sunbathing” - Te Woei Poon, Great Pumpkin

Last Sunday’s race stunk, at least for me - not only did I have to start the outboard before reaching the leeward mark, I had to watch Phil cross the finish line half a course in front of me. I don’t know how he and Alva did it – hardly a breath of wind and he marched steadily around the marks, always going in the right direction, while I drifted and cursed, wheeling and spinning in Slow-Mo.

Many thanks to Mary Anne who took up RC duties, after her motor wouldn’t start, and Jim Waller for his much appreciated service on the committee boat. Ted Streuli and crew on Seascape managed to keep the boat moving despite a hanging spreader. Alacrity, with Barb Schindler, Corbett Brown, and Marilyn Friend. had a little trouble at the start but the new genoa looked smashing. Thanks to all for braving the incinerating sun and more speedboat chop then you can believe.

The Commodore’s Cup Series scores are included in this edition. It might interest you to read the Deed of Gift and the method of scoring; you may be wondering why, in the last race, you received the same number of points as did Incipient, who is currently on Lake Huron. It just ain’t fair. But don’t stay up worrying – some of the “best minds in the Club” are working on this exciting problem. **Ed. Note: We will include the CC scores next month.**

The next scheduled CC races are:

Sun Sept. 7 1:30 p.m. [Commodore’s Cup](#)

Sun Nov. 2 10 a.m. [Hiram Douglas Regatta](#)

How about Wednesday evening races on July 16th and 30th?

Paul Reynolds

Fleet Captain

Junior Sailing Program –Thunderbird Junior Sailing Team

There is a Jr. program this year. Come out and train for the Jr. Regatta July 26, or come out for boat rides and fun.

Here are the remaining dates and same-day Thunderbird Sailing Club events. All are Saturdays:

June 28: During adult sailing class, 10:00AM

July 12: Last day of 2nd Kid’s camp, 2:00 PM

July 19: Full-moon raft-up, big-boat rides 5 or 6:00PM. Bring the family.

July 26: TSC Fun/CSSA Junior Regatta #4 There will be a novice fleet and more-experienced fleet, as well as on-shore and near-shore events for non-sailing siblings and friends.

Sept. 20: Pirate Day, of course.

Karen Thurston and/or I will be doing the coaching and supervision, as well as Commodores Phil Moershel and Mary-Anne Secrist. The Jr. Sailing Team is now a benefit of Club membership, and if not currently a Club member you may join as an Associate member to let your kids participate.

Past Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

Raft-Up or Towing Practice?

About 26 members and guests "gathered" on the water for the first raft-up of 2008. What would we do without wind and friends? A friendly tow aided a few boats to join the fun before sunset. Once set up the pictures confirm fun and food. The water was wonderful for the swimmers; the kayak was the most reliable of the vessels. And then there was the post-tow, but that’s another story.



Corbett:
The commodore asks that his boat be used to store your KEG at the next raft-up!

June Kids Sailing Camp



The 2008 OMRF Foundation Scholars with TSC member Dr. Tim Mather aboard the Enya for an evening sailing trip. At the helm is Dr. Julie Angle of Medford, Ok.

Photo by Les Cummings

June Kids' Sailing Camp Report

Thanks to a terrific cadre of volunteers who put in over 300 hours during the June 9-14 camp, we had another great Kids Sailing Camp. With 15 kids the class was the largest held yet, and included 4 students from last year who wanted to attend yet again. If you didn't get out to help, please try to do so for the July Kids Camp.

The weather did not cooperate very well with storms and rain all day on Monday the 9th and winds approaching 20-30 kts were the norm through Thursday. Thank heaven that the LTEF board made the decision to build the BoatHouse in the cove at Indian Point. With the protection afforded the cove from the strong south winds the class was able to get through the preliminary training allowing the kids to be ready for the crossing of Lake Thunderbird on Friday and Saturday when the winds were just perfect from the SE.

The June Kids' Sailing Camp volunteers were:

Marilyn Friend	Rick Eager	Doris Shoemaker-
Barbara Schindler	Paul Reynolds	Roger Elliott
Tei Woei Poon	Kerry Knowles	Mike Klatt
Reggie Frank	Barbara Cummings	Andy Wiles

It was wonderful to have three safety boats running great. The Zodiac, having been tuned up over the winter could not have performed better and along with the Hargis fishing boat and the Carolina Skiff, we were well served. Of course, we still had the Wellcraft that was available just in case! *And let's give the National Water Safety Congress a big THANK YOU for providing grant funds for flotation bags and sails for the Opti Prams!*

On Saturday Rick Eager brought his beautiful Cat 30 the INXS over to the BoatHouse dock and took a boat load of parents and siblings out to watch the kids sail across the lake and back. We express our appreciation to all the volunteers for making this a such a successful class. We thank Dave Craigie too for repairing the electrical service at the BoatHouse dock, it was great to be able to keep my boat's a/c working last week.

Please help Corbett out for the July Kids Camp scheduled for July 7-12. By all accounts, this will be another full class. Finally, it is great to report that we have two of the June kids who are interested in volunteering their services next year for the June camp.

Thanks again for everyone's help and enjoy the photos below and the photos of the students on the next page!

Captain Les Cummings, Primary Instructor



**HELP WANTED – Call Paul to sign up
CSSA Jr. Regatta #4 and TSC Fun Regatta Sat. July 26**

Regatta Chair: **Paul**

Registration: 1. **Fredrica**

2. **Doris**

Trophies and Prizes: 1. **Mary Anne**

2. **Karen M.**

3. **Kerry**

Food: 1. Person-in-charge:

Mary Anne

2. Buy and pick-up breakfast and lunch _____

3. (on site at BH) _____

4. (on site at BH) _____

5. Make lunches: **Karen M.**

6. Pot-luck sign-up: _____

8. Ice, bevs, supplies: **Kerry**

7. Kitchen Dinnertime: **Ed S.**

Equipment checklist (prior to race)

1. **Paul**

2. **Doris and Fredrica, flags**

Harbor Master. Boat launch and retrieve

1. **Phil , also set up canopy**

2. **Paul**

3. _____

Onshore & Near-shore Activities

Waterfnt Safety/ "In-Charge" **Karen T.**

Kayak race **Ted**

Sailing _____

Rain gutter regatta **Ted and Kerry**

Clean-up crew

BoatHouse 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Boatyard 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Paul

Race Committee

Principal Race Officer: _____

Operator: Phil M.

Sounder: Alva

Scorer: **Fredrica**

Timer/assistant scorer: **Mary Anne**

Signaler (flags): _____

Wind Reader/Line Sighter/Spotter/boat hand: _____

Mark Boat - Kingfisher

1. **Jim Waller**

2. _____

Safety Boat - Wellcraft

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Safety boat -Zodiac

1. _____

2. _____

Judge Boat - C. skiff

1. Judge: _____

2. Operator

Paul's phone is 250-2093 (cell) email is reynpa@sbcglobal.net

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Secretary: Fredrica Cottrell

Present: Phil Moershel, Karen Mellgren, Kerry Knowles, Mary Anne Secrist, Paul Reynolds, Fredrica Cottrell, Ted Streuli, Doris Dewberry

Paul Reynolds gave an update on the progress of the CSSA Junior Regatta #4 and TCS Fun Regatta to be held on July 26, 2008 at 8 a.m. As of the meeting a pro and judge are still needed. Kerry Knowles with the assistance of Mary Anne Secrist will be responsible for the trophies. There will be five fleets with first, second and third place trophies. Everyone will receive a participation award. Meals are free for competitors, \$3.00 will be charged for lunch and \$5.00 for dinner.

Paul Reynolds has a sign up sheet for volunteers. Mary Anne Secrist volunteer to head the food committee. A call list is needed for the pot luck dinner. Brisket is planned for the meat. Karen Thurston is in charge of shore activities. The canopy will be set up to provide shade. Buckets, shovels, and shore water toys are needed.

A fan boat or reporter boat is planned for the regatta. A new course board is needed for the committee boat. Doris Dewberry and Fredrica Cottrell will make larger number flags.

The July meeting will be another raft-up.

September 20, 2008 is Pirate Day. It will be open to everyone. Ted Streuli volunteer to be Captain Pirate. Doris Dewberry will be in charge of prizes for best costumes.

The Jr. Fleet is a Thunderbird Sailing Club responsibility. Parents of the Jr. fleet will be eligible for a \$25.00 associate membership.

The next board meeting will be at 4:30 before the July meeting on July 19, 2008.

Remember when? 4/13/2001

Photo by Les Cummings



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.

SAT. JULY 26 CSSA Junior Regatta #4 and TSC 'Fun' Regatta SAT. JULY 26

TSC has an exciting opportunity to host the 4th CSSA Junior Regatta on July 26th at the BoatHouse. We are also incorporating the TSC FUN REGATTA with onshore and near-shore activities, such as a rain gutter regatta, kayak races, and sailboat rides which will be available for non-competing children. The potential is 35-40 racing competitors, **plus** family members and siblings not to mention **our own** "kids" from TSC families and "kids" who have participated in our Sailing Smart Kids Camps.

This is a one day action packed event! Volunteers are very much a part of this event to ensure safety on all fronts. There is food prep for lunch and set-up for dinner, safety boats, and the big clean-up after the event. Please donate your time to ensure a safe event by responding to our fleet captain, Paul Reynolds (par2058@yahoo.com or 405-292-5364). See you there! Karen

CSSA Junior Regatta No. 4 & TSC "Fun Regatta"

Thunderbird Sailing Club , Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Norman, OK July 26, 2008

RULES. The regatta shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of each class concerned (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.

CLASSES. Optimist, Vanguard Prams, Sunfish, Laser (Full and Radial), and Club 420. All classes are "bring your own boat," with the exception of Optimists and Vanguard Prams provided by the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.

ELIGIBILITY. Open to all persons who do not turn 19 years of age during this calendar year. Optimists are sailed in two fleets: Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors; and Red Fleet: Optimist. Maximum Skipper age in Optimist fleets is 15. CSSA Membership is required, but membership in a class organization is not.

REGISTRATION. Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the registration form found at <http://www.cssasailing.org/> to: Paul Reynolds, 332 Emelyn St., Norman, OK, 73071, or par2058@yahoo.com

Registration at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, July 26 between 8:30am and 10:00am. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services.

ENTRY FEE. Pre-registration Fee is \$15 if received by July 19. After this date, the fee is \$25. Fees include all meals for participants. Dinner will be provided. Meal tickets are available for non-competitors.

TSC FUN REGATTA. Onshore and near-shore activities, such as a rain gutter regatta, kayak races, and sailboat rides will be available for non-competing children.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be provided at the registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the CSSA website.

SKIPPER'S MEETING. 10:00 am, Saturday, July 26 at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

RACES. Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, 5 races are scheduled. If 5 races are complete, there will be a throw out race for scoring purposes. No race will be started after 1700.

LIFE JACKETS/PFD'S. All competitors shall be required to wear PFD's at all times while on the water. PFD's shall be worn outside all clothing.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, July 26

0830-1000	Registration at the Club	1000	Skipper's Meeting
1055	Warning Signal for the first race, other races to follow		
Lunch will be served between races		Dinner and Awards Presentation one (1) hour after last race	
No warning signal for a race will be given after 1700			

TROPHY PRESENTATION. All contestants will get participation awards. All Classes, except for Opti Green, will be award trophies as follows: 3-11 boats: 3 trophies, 15 boats: 4 trophies, 19 boats: 5 trophies, etc. The Opti Green Class has no trophies, but all will receive participation awards.**FURTHER INFORMATION.** Contact Paul Reynolds at 405-292-5364, par2058@yahoo.com **DIRECTIONS to CLUB:** <http://thunderbirdsailingclub.org/index.htm>

***Next Meeting:
Saturday July 18 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 !



2008 Executive Committee

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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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