



Mainsheet

June 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

TSC Members and Friends

Summer is here and sailing is easy, in between 40 MPH winds and thunderstorms that is. Ahhh, Oklahoma!

June events are well under way. I missed the June 3 Commodore's Cup race for my Dad's 90th birthday, but understand it was a beautiful day. The pictures and race results at www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org and in this Mainsheet indicate a fun afternoon. The spinnaker times look awfully close!

By our monthly meeting the first adult class will be completed under the direction of Mike Klatt and his band of volunteers. Weather is always a challenge to plan around. Great job Mike!

The Kids Camp starts June 18-23. The youth events are the heart of the BoatHouse mission as well as personally rewarding. I hope you will contact Chad Cox at chadwick.cox@cox.net to let him know you can lend a hand.

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS Saturday, JUNE 16, 6:00 at the BoatHouse. Hardy Watkins, Executive Director of the [Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department](#) will present the program. Bring a dish to share and your friends. Roger and Les will be cooking some delicious chicken breasts and we'll have burgers too. So bring your side dishes and we'll provide the meat.

Phone numbers you should know.

◇ BH Management/LTEF	447-4974
◇ BoatHouse Cell	990-5171
◇ Lake Patrol	425-2143
◇ Cleveland Co. Sheriff	321-8600
◇ TBird Park office	364-7634
◇ Little River Marine office:	364-8335
cell:	823-5077

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P.O. Box 1652

Norman, Oklahoma 73070

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

Secretary: *Tim Agin*
May Meeting Highlights

Board Members Present:

Mary Anne Secrist

Ted Streuli

Tim Agin

David Craigie

Kerry Knowles

Karen Mellgren

- Start planning for 4th of July Parade of Lights. Decorate your boat and sail it around the lake showing off.
- Get your costumes ready and brush up on your navigation skills for Sept. "Take Back the Lake Day" will have a Pirate Theme this year. Bring towels.
- Get those times in for Commodore's Cup races if you haven't already. Can't name the winners without the times.
- Christmas Party this year might include "Live" music rather than the usual "dead" stuff. Let the club officer's know of any ideas you have for the party.

Membership Information

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

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or

405-613-7774

Annual OMRF Fleming Scholar Dinner & Sail

For the past 7 years we have been taking the OMRF Fleming Scholars sailing on Lake Thunderbird during their summer internship at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

We will host the scholars again on June 20, Wednesday evening 6PM at the BoatHouse. OMRF provides the dinner and refreshments and we provide the BoatHouse and as many sailboats as we can get. This year will be even more special as we will have



Dr. Stephen Prescott and his wife Susan along with Chip and Suzy Morgan, OMRF's President and Senior VP/Chief Operating Officer respectively.

The scholars are from all over Oklahoma and are the top science students in the state having to go through a rigorous selection process where they compete with several hundred applicants

for the twelve summer scholarships. **Please let Les know if you can help by taking some of the kids/mentors on your boat. Dinner and refreshments will be provided for everyone. Call Les at 823-2342.**

The photo above was taken at the 2006 Fleming Dinner and Sailing trip. Bet you didn't know the prams could hold 17 students!

Birthdays for June

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

- Ted Streuli** 6/01
- Gus Shaver** 6/09
- JB Messer** 6/14
- Jim Shinn** 6/19
- Fredrica Cottrell** 6/22
- J. C."Chris" Luppens** 6/30

Happy Birthday to all!

2007 Regattas, meetings, cruises, events!

Sat	June 9	6 p.m.	Full Moon Raft-up
Sat	June 16	6 p.m.	Club Meeting Program: Hardy Watkins, Dept of Tourism
Sat	July 7	6 p.m.	Full Moon Raft-up
Sat	July 21	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sun	Aug 5	1:30 p.m	Commodore's Cup
Sat	Aug 18	6 p.m.	Club Meeting Program: Santana 20 Nationals
Sun	Sept. 9	1:30 p.m	Commodore's Cup
Sat	Sept. 15	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sat	Oct. 6	10 a.m.	Layton Regatta
Sat	Oct. 20	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sun	Nov. 4	10 a.m.	Hiram Douglas Regatta
Sat	Nov. 17	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sat	Dec. 8	6 p.m.	Holiday Party Trophy presentations, new officer installation

Grants and BH Projects: Roger Elliott, LTEF

The LTEF is pleased to report that Les has been successful with two recent grant applications. The first is from the Norman Community Foundation's Ann Zarrow Fund that will fund \$300 for the CAST for Kids project. The second grant is from the Oklahoma Initiative Fund from the Communities Fund of Oklahoma for \$1,000 for the Library upgrade project.

We hope to move forward on the Library remodel this summer. This will require the old metal cabinets to be removed, sold, or disposed of. We also ask that any personal items in the library be removed to provide more room for construction. We may need another auction?

Below is a photo of Kerry Knowles making sure that Karen



Mellgren is holding the new storage cabinet in the restroom perfectly level. Obviously she's quite experienced at helping while having a diet Pepsi in the other hand :-)

Thanks Kerry and Karen

Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

June meeting program

We're looking forward to having Hardy Watkins, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, present the program at our June 16 club meeting.



Watkins was appointed in March of 2006 by the Tourism and Recreation Commission, after serving one year as President and CEO of the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce.

Watkins had served with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department from November 2002 to April 2005. He was originally appointed as Director of the Travel and Tourism Division, and was responsible for coordination of marketing, advertising, industry relations and other Travel and Tourism Division activities, as well as the day to day operations of the agency.

Prior to joining the Tourism and Recreation Department, Watkins was owner's representative for the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Memorial Center Museum, and coordinated all activities related to the construction, completion and opening. Representing the Memorial Trust and Foundation, Watkins facilitated an on-time and within-budget completion of the outdoor symbolic memorial and Memorial Center Museum.

A native Oklahoman, Watkins is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a major in journalism. He is married to Kari Watkins, who along with their son Ford and daughter Caroline, reside in Edmond.

Web site updates

The Web site is updated with club news regularly, as well as photos and race results. Weather conditions, including wind speed, barometric pressure and chances of precipitation are updated continually, as is the section of sailing news from ISAF. Have a look at the photo gallery to see shots from the June 3 Commodore's Cup race.

We're now tracking Web site traffic through Google Analytics, so we know how people are finding the

site, what they're looking at, how long they're staying and if it's their first visit. The search engines are slowly getting around to crawling the site; a Google search for "sailing lessons Oklahoma" still has us on page seven, but on Yahoo! we're at the top of page one. Google will catch up soon, which should significantly increase our exposure

Marketing notes

In addition to the new Web site, there are some (free) classified ads running in *Tinker Take Off* and *The Journal Record* for the learn-to-sail camps. Emily Jerman (the newest *Seascope* crewmember and now a True Believer that I really do own the slowest boat ever manufactured) wrote a piece about the camps for the *Gazette*. We're also working on a marketing plan for 2008 to more heavily promote the learn-to-sail programs, which in turn will help grow club membership.

Finally

As you read this, I'm off sailing *No Answer II*, a 33-foot Hunter, somewhere in the Atlantic near Daytona Beach. Feel free to ask me about my first coastal sail upon my return. See you at the June 16 meeting!

West Marine Fun Regatta: Sat. July 21

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse is one of 4 nationally sponsored Kid's Sailing Regattas this year. The others are: Baltimore County Sailing Center in Maryland, and the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and Santa Cruz Yacht Club both in California. So we are in some excellent company! There will also be a Boy Scout Cardboard Boat Regatta at the site that morning.

- ◇ When: July 21
- ◇ For: Kids 8-18
- ◇ Fee: \$10
- ◇ Fleets: Vanguard Prams
- ◇ Optimist Prams/Red and Green
- ◇ Sunfish
- ◇ Other centerboard
- ◇ On-shore and near shore events:
Rowing, Kayaking, RC Sailing, Rain-gutter-sailing

Dinner served, each child gets a T-shirt and prizes will be given out for winners of all events.

Kid's Sailing Camps '07 Redux

Chad Cox

The seventh year of Sailing Smart, our sailing camp for 9-13 year olds, begins this summer. Yes, they predate the BoatHouse. The first year the students had to use a porta-potty located in the boatyard. There was no air conditioner, just fans. But then, we still do not use the air-conditioning except for the last day awards ceremony. To start with we had a sad collection of boats. We still have an old collection of Sun Fish-type boats but a better collection than when we started thanks to several donors. We have had prams for only a few years and what a difference they have made. Our collection of safety boats are equally superior to what we started with. The kids were great to start with and continue to be. They just don't realize how much better the camp environment is now as opposed to the earlier camps.

I have launched my usual effort to publicize the camps. The primary method is to include our flyers in the folders distributed by the schools to the elementary grades. This year about 4,300 will be sent home in these folders in Norman, Little Axe, Noble and some schools in Moore. The yield has been dropping off. Last year, we finished with seven kids each in the 2 camps, down from the usual twelve.

We owe a big thanks to **Sooner Copy Center** (corner of Jenkins and Boyd) for their help in producing these flyers. Last year they donated their services and this year they have given us a special rate. If you have copy needs I recommend them. The copy center is run by the owners, Phil and Leigh Vincent and they are most helpful. Most copy jobs can be done when brought in but an order like the flyers takes a few hours.

Remember the dates for the 2 camps for this summer are June 18-23 and July 9-14 and volunteers are needed. Volunteers work from 8:30 AM to about 3 PM all days but even shorter periods are helpful.

If you can possibly help let me know at 329-8860 or chadwick.cox@cox.net.

2006 TSC "Uncle Donnie" Award Presented

The annual Uncle Donnie award is in memory of Capt. Donnie Cummings, who along with his wife Jo Anne, were hosts during the TSC's Chesapeake Bay cruise in 1995. Uncle Donnie and Jo Anne were most hospitable during the trip to Tilghman Island and the day spent on his crabbing boat, "Megan's Tuition," will long be remembered.

The year 2000 saw the passing of Uncle Donnie, along with his wonderful sense of humor and his desire to help his fellow man. These traits were all duly noted, along with the TSC's annual Uncle Donnie Award, in his eulogy. Several hundred people were in attendance at his funeral service, which spoke volumes about Donnie and Jo Ann.

This year, the award went to two unsung heroes who continue to support the goals of the Thunderbird Sailing Club, the BoatHouse, and the LTEF. The original concept of this award was also to recognize the cruisers among us and this year we do just that.

It seems at each of the TSC meetings that our winners are able to attend that they share photos and experiences of the most recent cruise they have been on or talk about the upcoming cruise they are preparing for. They do a significant amount of bareboat sail cruising as well as aboard cruise ships. In addition they have supported the LTEF, TSC, and BoatHouse financially and have provided their runabout as safetyboat and markboat for more regattas and classes than I can possibly count.

We were honored to present the Uncle Donnie award for the year 2006 to two long-time members who are always willing to help when called upon:

David and Rita Hendricks!

Presented by Les Cummings, May 19, 2006, Lake Thunderbird Boathouse

Former winners of the Uncle Donnie are: '95 Mark Wilson, '96 Frank Lawler, '97 Roger Elliott, '98 Dave and Joyce Craigie, '99 Paul Reynolds, 2000 Cheri Elliott and Barbara Cummings, '01 Chad and Pat Cox, '02 Phil Moershel, '03' Howard Haines, '04' Vesta Gettys, '05' Karen Mellgren and Kerry Knowles.

**Help Is Still Needed!!!
Kid's Sailing Camps
June 18-23 and July 9-14**

Please contact Les Cummings if you can volunteer a few hours or a day or more during the June camp. No experience is necessary and instruction will be provided. Help rig boats, drive safety boats, provide BH security, move equipment from the boatyard to shore and back, lots of tasks for everyone.

The camps start on Monday morning 6/18 at 9am til 2PM each day and run through Saturday. The final day is really special as the students rig their boats and show their parents/grand-parents/siblings, etc. how they can sail across the lake and back! We usually have a few large boats to take the relatives out for those special close up photographs.

These camps are special as they introduce kids to our wonderful sport and the fees help keep the utilities and insurance paid.

Les can be reached at 823-2342 or Chad Cox at 329-8860. Chad will need help for the July Kids Camp from July 9 thru July 14.

Chad is taking the reservations for the class and taking the names of those who can volunteer. Please call Chad at 329-8860.

**David and Rita Hendricks
Receiving the Uncle Donnie award
from TSC Past Commodore, Les Cummings**



BoatHouse Cleanup Day

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The LTEF and BoatHouse Management committee extends its appreciation to all the good folks that came out to help clean up the BoatHouse after a long winter hiatus.

We thank the following for helping in the BoatHouse, BoatYard, or both!

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| JESUS SALAS | DAVE CRAIGIE |
| ROG ELLIOTT | POON |
| ED and DORIS SHOEMAKER | |
| KAREN, GEHRIG, ELLIE THURSTON | |
| MIKE KLATT | KERRY KNOWLES |
| KAREN MELLGREN | TIM AGIN |
| ALTUS BOREN | PAUL REYNOLDS |
| LES CUMMINGS | |

We also appreciated the delicious luncheon provided by Rick Shaw and prepared by Doris Shoemaker, and cooked and served by Lee Smith and Marie Pils of the Sea Scouts. Great Job!!!

Photos below:



NOTICE OF RACE



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Host Lake: Lake Thunderbird,
Norman, Oklahoma

Date: Saturday • July 21, 2007

Time: *Check-in 8:30—10AM
for Sailing Regatta
*Check in Noon for Near Shore
Events

Place: Lake Thunderbird Boat-House
Thunderbird State Park
Norman, Oklahoma

You Need:

- ✓ A boat or borrow one from the BoatHouse
- ✓ PFD
- ✓ Wading shoes
- ✓ Sunscreen!—(sunscreen packets provided by West Marine)
- ✓ Signed releases!
- ✓ \$10 Registration fee

You Get:

- ✓ Saturday racing
- ✓ Sailing Clinic
- ✓ West Marine T-shirt, Gifts, and Prizes
- ✓ Continental breakfast and dinner
- ✓ On water, near water, on land events
- ✓ Rowing, RC sailing, Raingutter sailing
- ✓ **and Fun, Fun, Fun!**

Fleets:

- Optimist
- Sunfish
- Opti green fleet
- Sunfish
- Other Centerboard

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 8-18!

Parents welcome! Volunteers welcome! Spectator boats available!

For information visit www.lakethunderbirdboathouse.org, call Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse at (405) 447-4974 or Les Cummings • phone: 405-341-2382 • email: Les-Cummings@omrf.org

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Commodore's Regatta Results

June 3, 2007

Results provided by Fleet Captain and RC Phil Moershel

Photos by Ted Streuli and Les Cummings

Congratulations to Dave Craigie and Phil Moershel and their crews!

Skipper	Class	Beaufort Number (BN)	Elapsed Time (ET)Minutes	Wind Handicap (HC)	Corrected Time (CT)	Place
Dave Craigie	Non-Spinnaker	3-4	171	92.8	184.27	1
Teresa Galoob	Non-Spinnaker	3-4	215	106.3	202.26	2
Les and Roger	Non-Spinnaker	3-4	186.25	85.1	218.86	3
Barbara Schindler	Non-Spinnaker	3-4	220	96.3	228.45	4
Ted Streuli	Non-Spinnaker	3-4	260	97.3	267.21	5
Phillip Moershel	Spinnaker	3-4	148	90.2	164.08	1
Paul Reynolds	Spinnaker	3-4	157.28	95	165.56	2



Next Meeting!**Sat. 6 PM, June 16 at the BoatHouse****Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!****Guest Speaker!****Hardy Watkins, Executive Director
Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation****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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