



Mainsheet

June 2008

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Phil Moershel*

Thundersailors:

It is a sad day with the passing of the West Marine store in Oklahoma City. I wish the best for that crew and their future endeavors. It is also now jet ski season with idiots mindlessly zooming around the lake. These are the reasons why Thunderbird Sailing Club and the BoatHouse sailing classes are so important. Without classes to keep a critical mass of sailors we will just be a curiosity for the jet skis to buzz and surely won't have the luxury of a local store for our critical needs. The sailing classes are full and instructors need help; be sure to turn out.

Lets take back the lake on Saturday, June 21. The monthly program will be an evening sail and raft up at dark. Bring goodies to share and rendezvous at the BoatHouse at 6:30 pm for a skippers meeting, sailing instructions and to take on passengers. In case of high winds or thunderstorms we should meet at the BoatHouse in the usual fashion for food and fellowship. If you have questions on Saturday June 21 as to whether we are sailing call me at 208-1532.

Many thanks to Paul, Fredrica and their crew for putting together the Commodores Cup race on Sunday, June 1. I had the joy of sailing with my 10 year old granddaughter. Eleanor is now pumped for more racing and the July Kids Camp. At the CC race we may not have sailed all that fast, but we sure did look good. See you all out on the water!

Editors note: I'd like to add my comment regarding Bob Haeslet's OKC West Marine Store. They have been very supportive of our programs from day one, including funding of several grants and their annual support of the West Marine Fun Regatta. Thank you West Marine, Bob Haeslet and all the West Marine crew! Your excellent services, products, and support of our programs will be greatly missed. Please remember, you can continue to order your West Marine products online at www.westmarine.com.

Welcome new member: Felix Aquino!

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P.O. Box 1652

Norman, Oklahoma 73070

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

Kids' Sailing Camps



WE

NEED

YOU!

June Camp: 14 Students!

June 9 through 14

Call Les at 823-2342

les-cummings@omrf.org

July Camp:

July 7 through 12

Call Corbett at 447-4974

cb8917@att.com

Note: The dates in April Mainsheet for the
June class had typo.

9am to 2pm Mon-Sat.

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

Any time you can help is appreciated!

Vice Commodore: Ted Streuli

Membership is rising like the tide!

Be sure to welcome Bill Etchieson back to the club if you haven't already as well as our newest member, Felix Aquino. Felix has a little sailing experience but does not own a boat at the moment, so he's looking for opportunities to crew. He's the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Oklahoma City Community College and a recent Oklahoma City transplant from Fresno, Calif. He hails originally from New York, as you might guess by his accent.

Felix was among our guests May 21 when we took about 25 members of this year's Leadership Oklahoma City class for a Wednesday evening sail. Many thanks to the skippers and crew who helped with that event: Mike and Teresa Galoob, Les Cummings, Dave Craigie, Paul Reynolds, Mary Ann Secrist, Bill Etchieson, Jerry Lojka, Karen Thurston and Rick Eager. We've received much positive feedback from that event and have at least two passengers from that evening considering lessons and/or membership. Even more importantly, they'll be spreading the word about what a fine evening they had with the Thunderbird Sailing Club, how nice our facility is and how enjoyable sailing can be. And that's just the kind of thing that leads to club growth. We reached our membership growth goal for the year in less than five months; keep up the good work!

Both our June and July meetings will be sailing events and excellent opportunities to invite a guest – perhaps someone who has never sailed.

The June 21 meeting takes place just three days after the full moon and one day after the summer solstice, so we'll have plenty of daylight followed by plenty of moonlight – truly a midsummer night's dream.

Bring goodies to share and rendezvous at the boat house at 6:30 p.m. for a skippers' meeting, sailing instructions and to take on passengers. In case of high winds or thunderstorms we'll meet in the usual fashion for food and fellowship.

If you have questions on Saturday June 21 as to whether we are sailing call Commodore Phil Moershel at (405) 208-1532.

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

Treasurer: Dave Craigie

Greetings Sailors,

As I get ready to walk out the door for the summer, I want to thank everyone for their well wishes over the last eighteen months as Joyce went through some yucky medical stuff. Now that she has been officially declared a "Survivor," we are going to make up for the time we lost last summer and head out to northern climes for the summer. By the time that you read this we should already have "Incipient" in Canadian waters and we will not return until early August.

In my absence, **Doris Shoemaker** will be handling the financial affairs. Please contact her directly if you have any questions, or money that you want to spend, or deposit. Her contact information is 579 -7374 or email at ddewsail@aol.com.

Other than the medical stuff with Joyce last summer, I really had an enjoyable time helping out at the Boat-House with classes, cleaning details and all the other good stuff that makes the TSC the great place to be that it is. On top of all that, I took to racing more than usual last summer and waltzed away with the Commodore's cup. For a died-in-the-wool trailer/sailing cruiser, I took that as quite an honor. Good luck to the summer racers and may the better sailor win this year.

There was no activity in the treasury last month, so the balance is the same as in May, \$3,810.24. Hopefully Doris can get the balance built up for us over the summer.

Fair Winds, David

Birthdays for June and July

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

June

Ted Streuli	6/01	Gus Shaver	6/09
JB Messer	6/14	Fredrica Cottrell	6/22
Cheryl Shaw	6/28	JC "Chris" Luppens	6/30

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		

FLEET CAPTAIN: Paul Reynolds

The last couple of races have been a blast, for me, both on the course and on the committee boat. On Wednesday evening, May 28, we had a very nice little race with 5 boats - great sailing Bill E., Phil M., Mary Anne, and Vernon Green on his Nacra 5.2.

My apologies for the funny rabbit starts. Thank you Poon for great crewing on Great Pumpkin. It was really a beautiful evening with an unusually southeast but gentle and constant breeze of about 5-7 mph. Weekdays may make a lot of sense, with very little traffic - I didn't notice a single jet ski.

Last Sunday June 1, saw 8 boats at the start. I would especially like to recognize Rod Horton for getting out there and 'doing it' in his Santana 25. Glad to have you with us!

From the vantage point of the committee boat we had a couple of beautiful starts. Poon and his two guests, Fredrica, myself, and the incredibly active and able seaman Jim Waller ran the committee boat, which, launched in a great rush, to say the least, ran superbly enough to let us set a couple marks and arrive back at the dock in time for the Skipper's meeting. We met back at the BoatHouse afterwards to light a surprise birthday cake for Ted, brought down by his wife Betsey and young son.

By the way, no one seemed to have caught my huge error, or at least was kind enough to stay silent, handing out trophies willy-nilly after the race, while completely forgetting to divide you up into spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. So take

a look at the standings for the actual results.

The remaining Commodore Cup races currently on the calendar are below. I would like to hold several more Wednesday night races before the summer is out, so stay tuned. By the way please look at the CC regatta Deed of Gift <http://thunderbirdsailingclub.org/commodorescupdog.htm> , to understand how the scoring works out.

- Sun June 22 2 p.m. [Commodore's Cup](#)
- Sun Sept. 7 1:30 p.m. [Commodore's Cup](#)
- Sun Nov. 2 10 a.m. [Hiram Douglas Regatta](#)

Paul Reynolds, Fleet Captain



Mary Anne's crew, Doris Shoemaker and Phil Trotter, on May 28, having earned their ration of grog.

Great to see Phil sailing on his favorite boat, the Cat 22! Photo by MAS.

2008 COMMODORE'S CUP SERIES RESULTS

2008 Commodore's Cup Scheduled Races		April 19-20	4-May	28-May	1-Jun
NON-SPINNAKER					
Warren. Fitzpatrick SF	88640	1	DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9
Chad Cox C22	12964	2	2	DNS 9	2
Mike Galoob SWN 19	3444	3	1	DNS 9	1
Mary Anne Secrist C22	8024	4	4	1	3
Barbara Schindler C22	8624	5	3	DNS 9	DNS 9
Ted Streuli MCG25		DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9
Dave Craigie HTR26		DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9
Rod Horton S25		DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9	4
SPINNAKER					
Phil Moershel S20	163	1	DNS 5	3	1
Paul Reynolds SJ21	2007	2	DNS 5	2	DNS 5
Bill Etchieson F28R	124	DNS 5	DNS 5	1	2
Walt Hedrick "b&p"	18	DNS 5	DNS 5	DNS	DNS 5
Vernon Green (non-qual.) N5.2	1499			no times	

LTEF Grants Report: Roger Elliot

Its terrific that we continue to receive grants for the Foundation. Les has reported two new grants have been funded this past month with more in the queue.

The first grant was for \$750 earmarked for the Kids Sailing Camps. These are the Cincom Sailorship Scholarships that have been funded now for some 5 years. Tom Nies, CEO of Cincinnati based Cincom Systems is a well-known supporter of children's programs that help develop kids both mentally and physically. Les has known Tom for over 20 years as a provider of computer database software systems.

In addition to the Cincom Sailorship Scholarships, Les has been successful in getting a terrific grant funded by the National Water Safety Congress. The NWSC is a national organization that promotes education for safety of recreational water activities both internationally and throughout the U.S. by addressing water related accidents and drownings. More information can be found at www.watersafetycongress.org. NWSC president, Mr. Arlyn Hendricks, of Ponca City, Oklahoma has been at the BoatHouse several times to present safety awards to the BoatHouse, Dr. Howard Haines, David Shumake, and most recently, Jerry Lojka. The \$1,257.60 grant was funded to provide new Bi-radial cut IODA Opti race sails as well as 18 new flotation bags for the Optis. Arlyn is going to try to get down to the Kids Sailing Camp this summer. If you do meet him, be sure to express your thanks for his continuing interest and support of our programs.

Finally, we thank Vice-commodore, Ted Streuli, for redesigning the www.ltef.org website. We will be adding up-to-date information in the coming weeks and months including the audited financials prepared by Mr. Larry Pace, CPA of Norman, Oklahoma.

Please make your tax-deductible gifts to LTEF, PO Box 1756, Norman, OK. 73070. Thank you for your continuing support.

2008 Dogwood Regatta Report

The 2008 Dogwood Regatta started smoothly with light and fluky winds on Saturday. Frequent wind shifts and an incredible near-shore hole at the leeward mark made for frequent place changes and tight maneuvering. The pile-up at the leeward mark was quite comical for some observers. Sunday brought much higher winds and at least two near-disastrous broaches. I, for one, shipped many gallons over the rail. IV MacNamara was not so fortunate, as half the lake found its way into his cabin. Great work on the safety boat by Justin, Orville, Dave H. and Courtney Schoelen averted disaster, assisted by Les, Roger, and Jim on the mark boat. Special thanks to Justin for bringing his own ski boat, it gave us the needed muscle to wrestle a sinking boat to the dock. The new Wellcraft was also handy, powerful enough to handle an ample crew in high winds.

The best thing about a regatta like this is the visiting sailors who haul their boats many to miles make it happen: the McNamaras and Britt Williams from Windcrest Sailing Club, Neal and Nancy Barkley from Perry Yacht Club, the Whites from Walnut Valley Sailing Club, John Barnett and Dan Camp of the Oklahoma City Boat Club, Art Caples of COSA, Carlos Saavedra from Plano, and our own Warren Fitzpatrick, and all their crew. The second best thing is that we didn't get our butts kicked this year – I personally witnessed the Commodore dance a jig in the parking lot exclaiming "I beat Britt, I beat Britt!"

Congratulations, Phil on second place in the Santana 20 fleet. Warren took first in the Handicap fleet, and Chad second. I was pumped to get a second in the San Juan 21 Fleet – thank you Poon! Some tantalizing results have come out of the Dogwood and the Club race last Sunday – Chad and the Galoobs are now TIED for first in the Commodore's Cup series.

Holding a regatta such as this takes a great deal of volunteer commitment. Let's hear it for the race committee: especially Janie Davis as Principal Race Officer; Fredrica Cotrell, Scorer; Altus Boren; Barbara Boren; Karen Mellgren; Kerry Knowles; and Janie's guest Bonnie. Everyone helped with the dinner by putting together a super potluck; Pat Cox found a great deal on some excellent brisket. Thanks also to my wonderful mate Lorrie Sylvester, and Ed Shoemaker, Joyce and Dave Craigie, Karen and Kerry for help with the food. Teresa Galoob did a very nice trophy design.

Mary Anne, Warren, Kerry and Karen all showed up Friday to check out the pontoon boat, help launch a visitor's boat and begin registration. Fredrica and Dave continued with registration in the morning. Justin Tuck, Phil Moershel, Chad Cox, Jerry Lojka, Jim Waller, Les Cummings, and Roger Elliot all worked hard to ready the boats and assist visitors. Ted Streuli posted some great photos. To all I've missed: many thanks. WHAT A GREAT TEAM!

Paul Reynolds,
Fleet Captain

Ed Note: See 2008 Dogwood scoring on next page.

CSSA REGATTA SCOREBOARD

DOGWOOD REGATTA APRIL 19-20, 2008

	CLUB	CLASS	SAIL #	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	4th Race	5th Race	Total Points	Final Standings
HANDICAP FLEET										
Warren.										
Fitzpatrick Carlos	TSC	SF	88640	1	1	1	2	1	6	1st
Saavedra		SF	79696	2	2	2	1	2	9	2nd
Chad Cox	TSC	C22	12964	4	3	3	4	3	17	3rd
Mike Galoob	TSC	SWN 19	3444	3	4	4	3	7	21	4th
Mary Anne Secrist	TSC	C22	8024	5	5	5	7	7	29	5th
Barbara Schindler	TSC	C22	8624	6	6	6	7	7	32	6th
SANTANA 20 FLEET										
Britt Williams										
	WSC		920	1	1	3	1	1	7	1st
Phil Moershel	TSC		163	4	3	2	2	2	13	2nd
IV McNamara	WSC		925	2	2	1	5	5	15	3rd
John Barnett	OCBC		472	3	4	4	3	3	17	4th
SAN JUAN 21 FLEET										
Neal										
Barkley	PYC		2384	1	2	2	6	1	12	1st
Paul Reynolds	TSC		2007	3	1	1	6	3	14	2nd
Dan Camp	OCBC		2276	4	5	3	1	4	17	3rd
Art Caples	COSA		2069	2	3	4	6	2	17	4th
Ron White	WVSC		2137	6	4	5	2	5	22	5th

Before



After



Secretary: Fredrica Cottrell

Board Meeting

May 17, 2008

Present: Karen Mellgren, Kerry Knowles, Mary Anne Secrist, Paul Reynolds, Fredrica Cottrell

The CSSA Jr. Regatta and the former West Marine Fun Regatta will be combined and called the CSSA Junior Regatta #4 and TCS Fun Regatta. The Regattas will be July 26, 2008 at 8 a.m.

Paul Reynolds has a sign up sheet for volunteers.
Mary Anne Secrist volunteer to head the food committee.

It was also suggested that the club use the same person/business to obtain trophies as this will eliminate set up charges.

A Commodore's Cup Race will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:30-7:00 pm

Guest and new member present was Felix Aquino.

THANKS WEST MARINE

Bob Haeslet and Crew!



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.

CSSA Junior Regatta #4 and TSC 'Fun' Regatta

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 June 21 at 6PM***

***No guest speaker this month, come on out
and enjoy the good food and maybe an
evening sail.***

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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