



Mainsheet

March 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

Sailing season is almost here. Plans are gearing up for the Dogwood Regatta, April 14 and 15. Karen Thurston has stepped forward as the Regatta Chair for this year's event. Let's hope for good weather and fair winds. [See page 5 for the Notice of Race!](#)

We'll have a fun cruise on April 1st to kick off the year. A shake down prep race for the Dogwood is scheduled for April 7. All races will start at 1:30pm unless otherwise indicated. The rest of the 2007 Commodore Cup schedule is as follows:

- May 20: Commodore's Cup (CC) starts
- June 10: CC race
- July 15: CC race
- Aug 12: CC race
- Sep 16: CC race
- Oct 7: Layton Match Races
- Oct 14: Finals for the Commodore's Cup

Another work party will be scheduled. March will be getting boats, including the Committee Boat, ship-shape for the classes and events. These are great opportunities to learn how "the pros" do it.

Much appreciation goes to Ted Streuli for taking over the maintenance of the LTEF, BoatHouse, and TSC websites. You can check out our March program on wine tasting on the TSC site. Thanks Ted. <http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org/>

March 17 is the next TSC membership meeting at the BoatHouse at 6:00pm. Don't forget to wear green and bring an Irish covered dish to share. Drinks provided.

The Exec Board will meet at 4:30pm. The membership is welcome to keep an eye on us. Now the important question is, when will the wine tasting start????

Happy Sailing!

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

President, LTEF: *Roger Elliott*

Well, sailing season is right around the corner! I'm very excited about the coming season and the excitement is already building with the new TSC officers and its membership.

The first phase of BoatHouse upgrade is underway thanks to Kerry Knowles. He and helpers, Jesus Salas and Ed Shoemaker, worked on the installation of the new storage cabinets in the men's and ladies' rooms, these should be completed by the next TSC meeting.

Following this project, Kerry will head up the installation project of storage cabinets on the south, north and west walls of the library. This upgrade will help organize the library, make it more useful, and more visually appealing to our members and visitors.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the LTEF board approved moving the Endowment to the Norman Community Foundation which is part of the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma. We have transferred the entire Dave Shumake Endowment consisting of some \$14,500 to a managed investment account and as such the LTEF received an immediate grant of \$5,000 that will be posted to our interest/income generating account. We hope these funds will generate a \$1,000 or more annually which can be used for additional BoatHouse and program upgrades or reinvested back in the Endowment. As you know, our policy is to move 10% of all unrestricted gifts to the Endowment. Thank you for your support!

Membership Information

If any of your membership information has changed or if additional TSC membership information is needed, please contact:

David Craigie

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Treasurer: *Dave Craigie*



Greetings.

The daffodils are in full bloom and the Redbuds will be soon. Spring will be here soon and time for the sailing season.

Currently the TSC checking account has a balance of \$6099.14. The TSC board has approved up to \$2,000 for a major refit of the TSC's committee boat the "Jerry L." The items include but are not limited to:

- Exhaust Gasket Replacement
- Engine Tune-up
- Purchase and install new steering cables
- Repair hydraulic tilt-mechanism
- Purchase and install new shifting cables

We hope to also replace the carpet deck and seating of the Jerry L. and may need some help when we take on these projects.

If you have not renewed your membership, please send it now.

Thanks. David



Birthdays for March/April

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

"March"

Paul Reynolds	3/14
Rachel Agin	3/18
Ann Luppens	3/19
J. Alva Brockus	3/19
John Ford	3/20
Barbara Cummings	3/21
Catherine Morin	3/21

"April"

Lorrie Sylvester	4/15
Cheri Elliott	4/19
Keith Campbell	4/20
Brian Crittenden	4/24
Nita Trotter	4/26
Jim Kasbohm	4/29

Happy Birthday to all!

Ted Streuli: Webmaster!

Three cheers for Ted Streuli, as he has graciously accepted the duties of Webmaster for the TSC/LTEF and BoatHouse websites. He's already starting to get them updated and there's sure many more updates to come in the future.

We also take our collective hats off to Chad Cox for handling these duties the past year or so and of course, to Bill Etchieson for hosting the sites for several years on his personal webserver at his home.

These websites are very important to all three organizations and keeping them up-to-date is the responsibility of all. Please forward your suggestions and information to Ted Streuli via his email address at ted@tedstreuli.com

www.tsc.org

www.ltef.org

www.lakethunderbirdboathouse.org

Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

Rick Gibbens, owner of the aptly-named Sailing Horse Winery will present the March 17 program.

Rick and his wife, Debi, have always been the unconventional couple, so it was no surprise when they left the city and became agripreneurs. Their hard work, a fancy for folly and a commitment to low-impact farming gave birth to Sailing Horse.

Regular demonstrations of best practices (farming, winemaking and sheepherding) gives visitors a first-hand exposure to a balanced and diversified farming model. Rick and Deborah show that even former city folks can embrace the challenges of 'going rural' with a sense of adventure and humor. Rick says they have recently unveiled two wines which represent two important qualities of the Sailing Horse personality:

Artussee, a semi-sweet red wine is named for the historic rural community where the vineyards are located. Currently, the only remaining use of this name is by the Artussee Indian Baptist Church located a mile north of Sailing Horse. This wine is a tribute to those who originally settled and farmed the lands as Rick and Debi strive to continue their stewardship "with respect for the land and efforts of pioneers who made this a great agricultural nation." and *Bo Peep*, a sweet white wine, highlights the diversity of the farm, which also hosts a naturally-raised Katahdin sheep flock.

Sailing Horse's entire inaugural wine list represents favorite historical, natural, cultural and legendary dimensions of eastern Oklahoma. The rest of the list Rick will be discussing and pouring from includes:

- ◇ *Chief*, a bold and dry Norton Cynthiana
- ◇ *Red Tractor*, a tribute to the farmer, a sweet table wine with a blackberry aroma and native grapevine characteristics
- ◇ *Dunes*, a dry Oklahoma Riesling, represents the sandy shores of Lake Eufaula accented by a soothing Viognier finish
- ◇ *Splash!* A refreshing semi-sweet wine, releases mild pear and apricot aromas with peaches and honey in the body, splashing you with a spicy undertone
- ◇ *Belle Starr Blush*, a wild yet feminine outlaw that portrays a fruity blush with an attitude. Semi-sweet and light bodied, Belle Starr demonstrates the versatility for many pleasing pairings.

Of course it's no accident that Sailing Horse is on the

shores of Lake Eufala or carries that particular name; Rick's a sailor too, so he'll have some specific recommendations for what to pack in the ice chest for those summer evening cruises.

COMING IN APRIL:

The April meeting will feature award-winning independent filmmaker Charles Maupin, who will show and discuss his documentary, *Liquid Wind*. The 2004 film is about the struggle to legitimize – and legalize – the sports of windsurfing and kiteboarding on Lake Hefner. Rumor has it that the film might even contain a little bit of special, bonus footage just for TSC. See below.



Note: If you have ideas or suggestions for future programs, please let me know.

Ted

BoatHouse Cups
For Sale! \$2.50 Each



BoatHouse workday!

Paul Reynolds expresses his appreciation for all the help at the BoatHouse workday held on Sunday afternoon, February 25.

We thank the following for their help:

**Teresa Galoob
Mike Galoob
Barbara Schindler
Ed Shoemaker
Jesus Salas
Mary Anne Secrist
Kerry Knowles
Paul Reynolds
Les Cummings**

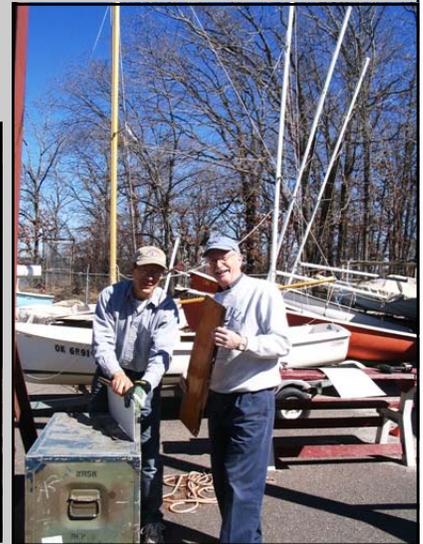


Teresa (pictured) and Mike Galoob worked on the trailer

Photos by Commodore: Mary Anne Secrist



Kerry Knowles, Ed Shoemaker and Jesus Salas installed the new restroom storage cabinets.



Paul Reynolds and helper Les Cummings worked on the Widgeon.

Thunderbird Sailing Club Presents



Dogwood Regatta



A two day Regatta, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 - 15, 2007

**A CSSA Sanctioned Event
Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Norman, Oklahoma**

FLEETS: All keelboat, centerboard, and multihull classes are welcome. Four or more boats of the same class make a one-design class; otherwise spinnaker, non-spinnaker, centerboard, and multihull handicap fleets. A boat entering as a member of a one-design class shall conform to class rules.

HANDICAPPING AND SCORING: Boats not competing as one-design classes shall be grouped as fleets and handicapped according to the current *US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick* with wind and correction factors. Low point scoring.

RULES: The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, and CSSA Sailing Instructions with supplemental Local Appendix.

TROPHIES: One trophy for four boat fleets; 2 for 8; 3 for 12; 4 for 16 or more.

FACILITIES: Ramp at Sailboat Point for centerboard and daggerboard boats and some fixed keelboats. Ramps for fixed keelboats ½ mile west or 1 mile north of marina. Courtesy docks adjacent to ramps.

Schedule:

Friday April 13

Registration 1700-2000

Saturday April 14

Registration, coffee, juice, donuts 0800-1000

Competitors' meeting 1045

Harbor gun (approx.) 1120

Warning Signal, 1st start (approx.) 1200

Warning signals for later races ASAP after previous finish.

Refreshments and supper 1800

Sunday April 15

Coffee, juice, donuts 0700

Harbor gun (approx) 0830

Warning signal 1st start 0900

Warning signals for later races ASAP after previous finish

No race will be started after 1200

Trophy presentation (approx) 1400

Five races Scheduled !

DIRECTIONS: From the North: I-35 south to I-40, then east to Choctaw Road exit; Choctaw Road south to Alameda Street; east on Alameda to Lake Thunderbird State Park and until the road starts to enter the lake. Turn left (north) to the Regatta site, which will be the first right (east).

From the South: I-35 north to State Highway 9, then east on S.H. 9 to 84th Avenue; north on 84th Ave. to Alameda Street; east on Alameda to Lake Thunderbird State Park and until the road starts to enter the lake. Turn left (north) to the Regatta site, which will be the first right (east).

STATE LAW requires that all boats have a copy of their registration aboard. Information: Karen Thurston, Regatta Chair (405) 401-8454 or email karen_thurston@cox.net

COST:

Skipper and boat-\$22.00--Crew-\$5.00 each. Skipper must be a member of CSSA or of their local Regional Sailing Association. The \$10 membership may be purchased at the regatta. Skippers who are members of US Sailing will receive a \$2 deduction.

Next Meeting! Wine Tasting**Sat. 6 PM March. 17 at the BoatHouse****Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!****Guest Speakers!****Rick and Debi Gibbons*****Owners: Sailing Horse Winery*****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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