



Mainsheet

May 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

Commodore: *Mary Anne Secrist*

THE LAKE IS UP !!!

Pool elevation of 1038.69 feet means Sailboat Point dock is floating and the ramp is under water. The sandy beaches are gone and water is up to vegetation. We'll have to get used to boat wake and water traffic again.

Events of the season are under way. April saw the April Fool Cruise, the Dogwood, and a keelboat class. Upcoming events include a June 4-10 Adult Centerboard class and a June 18-23 Kids Camp. Notices of the Sailing Smart Camps for kids will be in the Norman Transcript, Gazette, Metro Family, and The Oklahoman.

The May TSC membership meeting will be Saturday, May 19 at 6:00 pm at the BoatHouse. Bring a dish to share and a friend. See you there.

Membership

Want to know how to build TSC's membership?

It's very easy!

Simply "ASK" your boating friends

to join us!

Membership Information

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

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

A T-bird Update or The "Lake" Also Rises

It's been quite interesting watching the lake level over the past couple months and in particular the past week.

Back in early March the lake level was approximately 1031 and compared with the normal 1039, it was some 8 feet below normal. By the end of March the water level had risen to over 1033 with a high CFS (cubic feet per second of inflow) of 3300 on March 30.

April was very dry with only a 2 inch increase during the month and a high of only 250 CFS on the 17th.

May is another story. Starting with a level of 1033.4 feet we are at 1038.50 at noon on May 10.

Interesting statistics from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website reflect the following:

On May 7 the water rose some two feet with a high inflow of some 9,000 CFS. This means that some 4,041,000 gallons of water per second were pouring into the lake at one time. During that one day over 4 billion gallons of water came into the lake.

On May 8 the inflow had fallen to a low of approximately 2,300 CFS when the rains began again. The highest inflow on the 8th was approximately 8500 CFS and by the end of the day the lake had risen another 2 feet now at a level of 1036, only three feet below normal.

At the time this article was written at noon on May 10, the level was at 1038.5 only 6 inches from normal. This is what can happen when we have some 4.5+ inches of rain in the 256 square mile drainage area that feeds the Lake. Hopefully, we'll be at or over 1039 by the time this Mainsheet goes to press.

Treasurer: Dave Craigie

Greetings Sailors,
 The weather was nasty but for those who showed up, it was a great talk-about-sailing get together for the Dogwood. "Smooth seas never make skillful sailors," but even the first day of the Dogwood was a bit too much for small boats. With the high winds and the frigid temperatures a wise decision by the race pro was pure wisdom. I was not eager to jump in a safety boat and get soaking wet. The reward was a spectacular day on Sunday; just could have used a little more wind. Chicken one day and feathers the next. By the way, entry fees did cover all expenses!

DUES....DUES...DUES

Sadly, there are still some who have not paid their 2007 TSC dues. Please, your support is needed, both physical and monetary. Call me if you have not received one of the dues notices that I have sent. I want to help.

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| Balance on 4-1-07 | | \$5,174.14 |
| Checks written | \$550.12- | |
| Deposits | <u>308.30+</u> | |
| Balance 5-1-07 | | <u>4,932.32</u> |
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See you on the water.

Thanks. David

Birthdays for May-June

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

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| Bill Spens | 5/01 |
| Tim Agin | 5/03 |
| Bill Brackett | 5/04 |
| Rick Shaw | 5/09 |
| Cleo Haines | 5/13 |
| George Morin | 5/17 |
| Kathy Anderson | 5/22 |
| 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 |

2007 Regattas, meetings, cruises, events!

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| Sat | May 19 | 6 p.m. | Club Meeting |
| Sun | June 3 | 1 p.m. | Commodore's Cup |
| 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. | West Marine Regatta/Club Mtg. |
| Sun | Aug 5 | 1 p.m. | Commodore's Cup |
| Sat | Aug 18 | 6 p.m. | Club Meeting |
| Sun | Sept. 9 | 1 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 |

May '07 Keelboat Class—Update

Rick Shaw, Primary Instructor for the first keelboat class of '07 reports that the class is nearly complete. A couple final sailing trips and we will have 5 new keelboat sailors ready to try out their new skills.



The Enya, with co-instructor Phil Moershel and yours truly aboard, was used to take Gretchen, Charles and Rod out to learn needed skills for tacking, gybing, anchoring, shortening

sail, leaving the dock, returning, etc.etc. Phil and I were impressed with their interest and desire to learn and how quickly they picked up the needed skills. Photo from left: Gretchen Nicholson, Phil Moershel, Rod Horton (at the wheel), and Charles Attaway are shown sailing along on port tack. Janet Blake and Lori Roberts, not shown in the photo, are in the class as well. Photo by: Les Cummings

Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

Fellow sailors,

The re-designed Web site is up and running and down to a single known minor glitch or two. You'll see some entirely new functions on the navigation bar and some established ones that have been consolidated.

On the front page, the left column leads with a weather module from The Weather Channel that includes temperature, barometric pressure and, wind speed and precipitation. Click the 10-Day Forecast link to plan in advance or click the hour-by-hour link to see how a particular day is expected to play out. That's especially handy for days that might have light air in the morning but gales or storms in the afternoon, or it can help you plan to sail at 1 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.

Just below the weather is a link to the lake's water level, which we've been watching rise like crazy this week. Yippee! As of May 11, it was less than 2/10ths of an inch shy of normal. The last time it was that high was in April 2005.

At the bottom of the left column is a news feed from IASF. It has links to news of major sailing events around the world, including the America's Cup and Luis Vuitton Cup.

The right-side panel is frequently updated with club news and information about upcoming events. It's the place to go for last minute updates, such as the re-scheduling of a race, an added event, a time change, etc. Inside the site there are still pages for regatta details, better organized photo galleries, learn-to-sail information, membership information and contact information. New sections include a page of links to sailing-related sites. Those mostly consist of my own bookmarks and I'll be happy to add any you'd like to see there. At the moment, they include boat and equipment sites, links to clubs and organizations, publications and a few fun spots. I'll update them as I discover new sailing places on the Web that might be worth a visit.

Finally, there's now a section of boats wanted and boats for sale. For the time being, anyone can add a listing and a photo by sending the information to me – just please let me know when it's sold so I can remove the ad. I just added, for example, a Capri 14.2 daysailer that's in OKC and the owner's open to a trade. There's also a couple looking for a used Laser. Take a look – you might make a connection.

The burgee on the left side of the navigation bar will take you back to the home page when you click on it. At the bottom of each page is a set of links to our affiliates' Web sites: the BoatHouse, LTEF, Sea Scouts and OU Sailing Club.

The Web site is meant to serve two purposes: It will hopefully become the primary means of communication for the club and the main resource for finding information on upcoming events. It should also be a marketing tool that will help people find us, whether they want to learn to sail, join our club, or invite us to their regatta. Your own e-mail address is available through the club's domain, too. I can set up anyone to be you@thunderbirdsailingclub.org quite easily and any e-mail sent to that address will immediately forward to your existing e-mail account. It's especially handy if you're stuck with an cumbersome address like twstreuli1961@ok.state.us.gov or something. ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org is a lot easier for people to remember. And it's kind of fun!

Watch the Web site – I'll post details about the May meeting program shortly.

Announcements!

Santana 20 Nationals at Windycrest:

Britt Williams at Windycrest has extended an invitation for us to attend the Santana 20 nationals June 18-22 at Lake Keystone. Britt will be our August program and will talk about what they did to prepare, how it went, what they learned, how it benefited the club and what they'd do differently if they do it again.

Interested in purchasing a new Santana, or Sabot?

A husband and wife last year started a sailboat dealership out of their home. They named the business Marina. They're Lake Keystone sailors, and their motive was to buy a Santana 20 for themselves for this year's nationals. Alas, there were no dealers in the area, so they became a dealer and sold themselves the boat. It gave them access to a bunch of other manufacturers besides the Santana/Sabot people. They can get Harken, Hydro-Hoist, Lewmar, all kinds of things ... And they're selling them well below regular retail. Their markup on a new S-20, for example, is less than \$400. It's more of a hobby than a business and they're not in a hurry to advertise, but they'll pass those deals along to TSC members if they identify themselves as members of our club.

More info at: www.lakekeystone.net

Kid's Sailing Camps '07

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 boat-yard. 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.

A few photos from 2006 events!



**Help 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.

**2006 BoatHouse
Volunteer Poster being completed**

The new poster, recognizing the terrific people who help keep the BoatHouse and its programs going, will be completed and installed by the next meeting.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped put in over 2,500 hours last year at the BoatHouse. We also take this opportunity to thank Jesus Salas who is on the BoatHouse Management Committee for documenting the hours as they were reported to him.

If you volunteered for one or more of our classes or community events and your name is not on the poster, we apologize. We have done everything we can to encourage our volunteers and event chairpersons to report the time and names. Please be sure someone records your volunteer time when you help! Thank you!

**Sea Scout Ship #5790
now has a Catalina 25!**

The Skipper of Sea Scout Ship #5790 reports that the ship has taken ownership of a late 70's Catalina 25 sloop. The boat is being refurbished at this time and Skipper Rick Shaw asks for any help you might be able to offer.

According to Rick, *"the boat is a 1978 model and we got it from Bill Green at OCBC. I've known him for a while and we both have new Thunderbirds. Odd connection wouldn't you say? The motor was extra, and we paid \$500 for it and I believe it is a 7.5hp with a long shaft. It is in the container. Also a pretty good deal. Jerry is very excited as it has a pop-top so he can stand up inside a cabin for a change. The boat only has a main, jib and genoa. But I guess that will be enough. I have to rewire the masthead lights.*

We are excited about it and will be putting a new bottom on it and getting it into the water soon. We are inviting any TSC members to help with the ship and sail with us as a volunteer. Plus we can use some help redoing the bottom and getting the boat into shape. "

Call Skipper Rick at 405-306-8597 if you have any free time.

See photos below taken by Rick!



Next Meeting!***Sat. 6 PM, May 19 at the BoatHouse*****Bring your friends and a favorite dish to share!****Check the TSC Website soon for more information on the May 19 program!****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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