



# Mainsheet

November 2007

Thunderbird Sailing Club

[www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org](http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org)

**Commodore:** *Mary Anne Secrist*

## TSC Members and Friends

The Hiram Douglas Regatta on November 3rd was a great success. Two fleets combined for 19 registered boats. It was sunny and pleasantly warm with the foliage surrounding the lake in fall colors. Principal Race Officer, Phil Trotter, gave us a fantastic course taking full advantage of downwind runs. Congratulations to former TSC member Bill Etchieson for winning the Spinnaker Fleet and Hiram Regatta traveling trophy.

The Chili Cook-Off after the Hiram hit the spot. The winning chili was not only tasty, but voted best looking and most savory finish by our distinguished judges Paul Reynolds, and his crew Yen and Thye. Each chili has it's distinct classic quality; it was a tough assignment to choose. Phil Moershel may not have won the race, but he trophied first place for his chili.

The BH Clean-up and BoatYard Party accomplished a lot. It also proved a gorgeous day to be out at the lake. Thanks to all who came to help: Chad Cox, Dave Craigie, Phil Moershel, Mike Klatt, Theresa and Mike Galoob, Paul Reynolds, Jerry Lojka, Kerry Knowles, Fredrica Cottrell, Barbara Schindler, Marilyn Friend, Dave Jewett, Ed Shoemaker, Karen Thurston, and myself.

TSC membership at the October meeting elected new officers for 2008. They are:  
Phil Moershel, Commodore  
Ted Streuli, Vice Commodore  
Kerry Knowles, Rear Commodore  
Paul Reynolds, Fleet Captain  
Fredrica Cottrell, Secretary  
Dave Craigie, Treasurer

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

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and Mary Anne Secrist, Past Commodore

We were pleased to have Arlyn Hendricks, President of the National Water Safety Congress join us at the October TSC meeting. He presented Jerry Lojka with an award for Outstanding Leadership in promotion of water safety. I should know better than to suggest to Jerry that we throw firecrackers at each other's boats on New Year's Day. Good thing I have been surrounded with wise counsel this year.

**We will have the BoatHouse Wish List tree at the November meeting. You will have an opportunity to select an item to donate to the BH and bring it to the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 8. Remember NO monthly meeting December 17.**

The next TSC meeting is Sat. Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.: Britt Williams and Steve Snyder of the Windycrest Sailing Club at Lake Keystone will discuss the experience their club had this summer hosting the [Santana 20 National Championships](#), including what went right and what they'd do differently next time. Bring a dish to share and a friend. Drinks provided. See you there!

## 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 Marina office: | 364-8335 |
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| ◇ T-bird Ranger               | 360-3572 |

**Vice-Commodore: Ted Streuli**

We have two terrific meetings planned to finish out 2007. At the Nov. 17 gathering we'll have an opportunity to hear from Britt Williams and Steve Snyder of the Windycrest Sailing Club at Lake Keystone. The club hosted this year's Santana 20 national championship regatta in June and Williams and Snyder will tell us what they learned – what went right, what went wrong, what was fun and what they'd do differently next time. We'll learn where and how they raised money, too.

A national event can create a lot of interest in the sport, the venue and the club that hosts the regatta. The 2008 Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta will be hosted by Fleet 30, the Grapevine Yacht Club in north Texas. Eighty-one C-22s raced at the 1988 nationals at Grapevine. Texas clubs had the national in 2002 (Galveston) and 2005 (Canyon) as well, but that's been all the recent Region 8 activity. It would take just five participating boats to make a fleet and get in the running for the next national championship held in this part of the country if the club was interested in such an event.

**On Dec. 8 it's our annual Holiday Party, always a crowded, fun event that includes annual awards and the installation of the 2008 officers, so be sure to save the date.**

The club Web site could use photos from the 2007 Layton Regatta; if you have any, please e-mail them to [ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org](mailto:ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org). People look for those photos, it turns out. The Web site's two highest traffic days in the past 30 were the Mondays following the Layton and Hiram. The photo gallery is the most popular destination on the site after the home page, followed closely by the events page, then boats for sale and the Mainsheet.

Programs for 2008 are already booked through April and one of them is a beer tasting with an Oklahoma brewery! We'll also learn about the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and Riverfest in the first quarter of the year.

**Treasurer: Dave Craigie**

Greetings Sailors,

A wonderful sailing season was capped off early this month with final race of the season; the Hiram Douglas. Even though I am not much of a racer, I did race and I did enjoy the camaraderie of being on the water with others and having a wonderful sail. But my heart still lies as a cruiser. Joyce and I are both looking forward to next summer and the plans that are already in the works.

For those that were able to renew their membership on line and pay through Pay Pal, Thank You. If you are a little timid for paying for things on line, not to fear. You have a lot of company, including yours truly. So, the old fashioned paper renewal notices are in the mail and you should have yours as you read this. If not, please get in touch with me and I will get you one.

If you have not tried to pay your dues on line and would like to, simply go to the club web site [WWW.ThunderbirdSailingClub.org](http://WWW.ThunderbirdSailingClub.org) Click on the membership button and follow the instructions. You can also pay your CSSA dues, US Sailing membership and donate some of your children's inheritance to the LTEF. It will make you feel warm and fuzzy all over for being so generous.

Thank You in advance for all that you do and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to call me personally.

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| Balance on 9-1-07 |           | \$4010.38 |
| Checks written    | \$1610.13 |           |
| Deposits          | \$0       |           |

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|-----------------|--|-----------|
| Balance 10-1-07 |  | \$2400.25 |
|-----------------|--|-----------|

See you on the water.

Thanks, David

**REMEMBER, DEC 8, HOLIDAY PARTY!!**

## Welcome TSC's newest members!

### Rod Horton

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Also, Please welcome back to the Landry's who have been living in Texas and have returned to Oklahoma and TSC

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A hearty WELCOME to our new members!  
REMEMBER, DECEMBER 8, HOLIDAY PARTY!



From Pat Ehler's log aboard the Jubilee heading down the Intra-coastal Waterway on November 12.

Red Nun 36 in Norfolk Harbor is rather famous, as far as navigation marks go... it marks Mile 0 on the Intra-coastal Waterway. From here, simply turn right, and you are on your way.

We started our day at 4 am. We didn't really mean to. The alarm was set for 4:30 in hopes of leaving Norfolk

around 5:00, but Jake's stop watch alarm somehow managed to go off around 3:15 and in our drowsiness, we never actually checked a clock... until we were underway.

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By sunrise the waterway was quite crowded. Given the narrow channel, it looked like a boat parade. Coast guard boats were out in force... turns out a cruise ship was taking on water a few miles ahead of us. See photos [attached](#).

We're anchored in Northeastern North Carolina in Broad Creek, just north of Albemarle Sound... about mile 60 of the 1,100 miles between Norfolk and Miami on the ICW. At 6-7 miles per hour, that's a lot of distance to cover. Fortunately, the weather outlook is good - back up to 60 by the weekend - and there are lots of interesting place at which we look forward to stopping along the way.

As for now, the captain is sleeping... shhh.



## **Jerry Lojka Receives Prestigious Safety Award From the National Water Safety Congress**

Mr. Arlyn Hendricks, President of the National Water Safety Congress presented TSC member Jerry Lojka with its 2007 Region IV Safety Award. Only one of these awards are given in each of the six regions nationally. Jerry was presented the award for Region IV that consists of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana which is represented by Regional VP, Alan Bland of Farmington, New Mexico. We were honored to have Arlyn and his lovely wife, Sharon visit with us again. This is the fourth time Arlyn has presented awards to the BoatHouse or one of its volunteers. NWSC awards were presented previously to The Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse Consortium, Dave Shumake, and Howard Haines.

### Following are excerpts from Jerry's Letter of Nomination:

Jerry Lojka has been involved with the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse for over six years. His involvement has ranged from volunteer sweat-equity laborer helping to build the facility to more recently as a Certified Sailing Instructor and having instructor credentials through the American Heart Association to teach First Aid, CPR (Infant and Adult) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Jerry has worked with the BoatHouse, and several of the BoatHouse partners (Thunderbird Sailing Club, Sea Scout Ship #5790, Norman Sail and Power Squadron, and the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation) to help raise funds to purchase the Phillips HeartStart FRX AED unit now in operation at the BoatHouse and he also teaches the CPR/FirstAid/AED certification classes a requirement for all BoatHouse instructors. Jerry has been involved as an adult leader in Sea Scout Ship #5790 since its inception 8 years ago. He has been successful in having several Sea Scouts and their adult leaders certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED each year. In addition he always stresses the importance of water safety and as a result of his training, no serious accidents or incidents have occurred with these young adults. He has also served as safety officer for the Sea Scouts for several off-shore Florida and Caribbean cruises.

In addition, Jerry has served the Thunderbird Sailing Club for nearly 10 years as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Fleet Captain, some offices for more than one year. While serving in these capacities, Jerry has also continued his volunteer commitment on the BoatHouse Management Committee most recently as the Yard and Landscape Committee Chair, which means that he cuts the grass each week during the summer season. Jerry is very dependable, pleasant to work with and the consummate volunteer, meaning that when he says he will perform a job, you can rest assured that it will not only be done, but it will be done 'right'.

Jerry has received numerous awards from the Midwest City Fire Department as well as the Thunderbird Sailing Club for his volunteer work. He serves as Public Relations Officer for the Midwest City Fire Department and is on TV and Radio frequently with public service announcements concerning fire safety. Over the last 7 years, through his activities at the BoatHouse, some 5,000+ clients have been made safer boaters and have been taught in a safe environment thanks to Jerry Lojka.

It is my honor to nominate Mr. Jerry Lojka for a regional award from the National Water Safety Congress.

Note: The letter of nomination was written by a member of the Thunderbird Sailing Club.

Photos taken at the 2007 Hiram Douglas

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\$50 full, \$25 Associate and \$15 Student. See Treasurer's message on Page 2  
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**Membership Information**

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

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Registration and Skippers Meeting Barbara and Alva handling the necessary paperwork above and Dave Craigie registering Phil Moershel while Barbara checks his credentials with security. Bottom photo show Phil Trotter, PRO, going over the race diagram with the participants.



## DEVON DISCOVERY ARRIVES

The first of three 65' LOA Oklahoma River Ferry Boats have been delivered from Scaranano Boat Building, Inc. located in Albany, New York. The boats are fabricated with a 1/4" aluminum hull and composite deck and superstructure to eliminate extra weight.

They are designed to carry up to 49 passengers and include a large Genset for electrical service, two flatpanel TVs with DVD players, tables and seating in a covered area, and, of course, heat and air. The boats also have an ADA compliant head and all the latest in navigation gear. The boats are powered by two 165 hp John Deere diesel engines with a top speed in excess of 15 knots. The other two boats are being constructed now with both being ready for spring 2008 service on the Oklahoma River.

Hornblower Marine (the operating company) personnel are interviewing for CG captains and crew. If interested, contact Mike Lomax at Oklahoma River Cruises at 297-2522. Mike Bennett, training coordinator, is in town now meeting with prospective captains and crew.



## 2007 Hiram Douglas Regatta Results

**Kudos to Phil Trotter and his crew including safety/mark boat operators for running a terrific race and a picture perfect November day. More information may be found in the Commodore's article on page one.**

**Nineteen boats registered for the 2007 edition of the Hiram Douglas and everyone had a terrific time except for our Commodore who had a slight problem with her tiller.**

**Thanks to everyone who participated and/or helped out in any way to make this another great TSC event! Don't forget Holiday Party 12/8.**

| Boat Type   | Skipper           | Class                | Sail# | Dec     | BN #   | Corrected time | Place |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Corsair 28R | Bill Etchieson    | 7 Spinnaker          | 124   | 125.75  | 0.665  | 189.0977       | 1     |
| Santana 20  | Britt Williams    | 4 Spinnaker          | 920   | 173.47  | 0.902  | 192.3171       | 2     |
| Santana 20  | I.V. McNamara     | 8 Spinnaker          | 925   | 177.35  | 0.902  | 196.6186       | 3     |
| Santana 20  | Jim Blakewell     | 9 Spinnaker          | 597   | 179.85  | 0.902  | 199.3902       |       |
| Santana 20  | Bob Heaslet       | 1 Spinnaker          | 929   | 182.5   | 0.902  | 202.3282       |       |
| San Juan    | Paul Reynolds     | 6 Spinnaker          | 2007  | 192.45  | 0.95   | 202.5789       |       |
| Mirage 28   | Walt Hedrick      | 3 Spinnaker          | 18    | 166     | 0.819  | 202.6862       |       |
| Santana 20  | Phil Moershel     | 5 Spinnaker          | 163   | 185     | 0.902  | 205.0998       |       |
| Melges 24   | Shawn Cina        | 10 Spinnaker         | 610   | 143.73  | 0.689  | 208.6067       |       |
| Flying Scot | Brad Hickman      | 2 Spinnaker          | 2184  | 221.17  | 0.905  | 244.3867       |       |
| Star        | Darrel L. Daniel  | Non-<br>18 Spinnaker | 5720  | 149.3   | 0.833  | 179.2317       | 1     |
| San Juan 21 | Daniel Camp       | Non-<br>12 Spinnaker | 2276  | 181.48  | 0.9595 | 189.1402       | 2     |
| S2 6.9      | Martin Radloff    | Non-<br>15 Spinnaker | 93    | 176.65  | 0.901  | 196.0599       | 3     |
| Hunter 26   | David Craigie     | Non-<br>14 Spinnaker | H-26  | 190.87  | 0.928  | 205.6789       |       |
| Catalina 22 | Chadwick Cox      | Non-<br>16 Spinnaker | 12964 | 199.6   | 0.963  | 207.269        |       |
| Starwind 19 | Theresa Galoob    | Non-<br>17 Spinnaker | 3444  | 236.48  | 1.063  | 222.4647       |       |
| Santana 25  | Rod Horton        | Non-<br>13 Spinnaker | 27    | 250.98  | 0.919  | 273.1012       |       |
| MacGregor   | Ted Streuli       | Non-<br>11 Spinnaker | DNS   |         | 0 DNS  | #VALUE!        |       |
| Catalina 22 | Maryanne Seacrest | Non-<br>19 Spinnaker | 8024  | #VALUE! | WD     | #VALUE!        |       |

***Saturday, November 17, 2007  
6PM at the BoatHouse***

Britt Williams and Steve Snyder of the Windycrest Sailing Club will discuss their recent national regatta.

***Bring a dish please!***



### 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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