

Vice-Commodore: *Ted Streuli*

I.V. McNamara and Britt Williams will present our November program. The two Santana 20 sailors also plan to compete in the Hiram Douglas Regatta two weeks prior, so they'll be familiar faces. More importantly, though, they were instrumental in bringing this year's Santana 20 national championships to Windycrest Sailing Club on Lake Keystone. We'll get a chance to pick their brains about what went right, what went wrong and what they'd do differently next time around.

There's a chance the we might want to host a national event someday ourselves – from a marketing standpoint it's the kind of thing that can certainly build interest in the club and local sailing in general. The Catalina 22 nationals are due back in the middle of the country in five years, and we might be able to round up enough boats to register a fleet, which would be the first step in getting the nationals to our lake.

We've set up a Pay Pal account, which will allow the club to accept credit card payments for everything from dues to race entry fees, learn-to-sail classes and T-shirts. From a marketing perspective it's an excellent tool as we'll be able to put registration and membership forms online and collect payment immediately. Since a significant portion of our Web site traffic comes from people searching for a place to learn sailing skills, allowing them to sign up as soon as they find us should help bolster enrollment. And bigger classes mean more new members and a more active club in all respects. We'll also be able to e-mail dues statements with a link for immediate payment, lessening some of our treasurer's collection woes. If you still owe dues for 2007, head over to paypal.com. The account email is ted@thunderbirdsailingclub.org.

We'll also be adding more features to the Web site soon, including a section for people wanting to crew and skippers needing a hand to find one another. Our boats for sale page is drawing a highest percentage of hits after those looking for sailing lessons, so if you know of anyone who has a boat for sale, have them send me a photo and the details. It's a great way to build non-member traffic on the site and get them acquainted with us. Speaking of crew, I'm looking for anyone who wants to sail in the Lakewood Yacht Club's Harvest Moon Regatta from Galveston to Port Aransas October 25-27. I have opportunities to write a feature story about the event, but I can't do that if I don't sail in it.

Continued:

The folks at Lakewood are trying to help, but if anyone here would like to trailer down, just say the word. A boat from Oklahoma would open up the possibility of other publications using the story. And we'd have fun. Check out the regatta Web site here: <http://www.harvestmoonregatta.com>

Fair winds!

Ted

LTEF NEWS

HELP!

Roger Elliott, President

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Please come out to the 2007 CAST for Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday morning, September 22. We need help cooking, setting up, and serving the some 150+ kids, siblings, parents, and volunteers.

The event kicks off at 8am with registration and at 9am the kids will be heading out on the lake for a morning fishing trip.

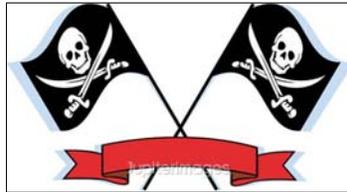
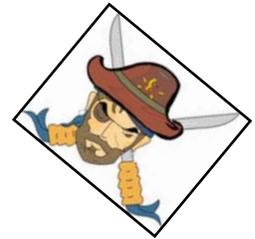
While they are fishing, luncheon is prepared under the auspices of Chef Roger Elliott. We have been notified that Homeland Stores will provide the food this year. They have purchased the two Albertson Stores in Norman. We thank Homeland for their support!

Please come out and experience a wonderful event while helping these terrific kids to an unforgettable day on the water and at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse. Lunch at 11:30ish and then awards, over by 2PM.

Finally, be sure to check out page 5 of this Mainsheet. The LTEF has taken another major step forward by creating the Dave Shumake Scholarship program. We are very pleased to announce the first recipient is non other that Mr. Lee Smith who has been a Kid's Camp Student, Sea Scout, instructor, mentor, and terrific BH volunteer!



Thunderbird Sailing Club
 Invites you to:
PIRATES DAY PARTY
 Saturday, September 15, 2007

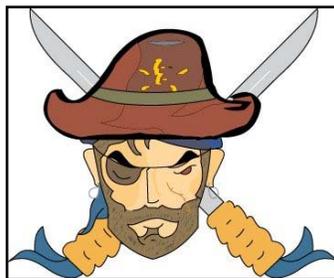


Arrrrrrrrrrrr.....you ready to plant your timbers on deck for a spell and catch a bounty o' pirate tungs, Matz? Don your do-rag, Tri corn hat, eye patch or sword. 'Cause a well dressed pirate will be highly rewarded! "Pirattitude" you bildge munky!!

I'll not take no for an answer and anyone causing trouble will find his ribs parted by a blade o' cold steel!

Now listen up at 1600 hours (4:00 pm) Outdoor festivities will commence with swash-buckling water balloon fights & other tests of he-manly & she-womanly skills. Come prepared to winor else!

Grub and Grog at 1800 hours (6:00 pm) followed by Pirate tungs and Maritime songs from the band "The Rum Fellows" out on the lawn from 6:30- 9:30 or until you are horizontal. Slackers will be keelhauled and mutineers will be.....well.....hung!



Bring a dish (not a wench) to share. Chicken, hot dogs, fish and drinks will be provided. Bring also, lawn chairs, blankets. Info: thunderbirdsailingclub.org/

August/September Happy Birthdays!

Marilyn Friend	9/01
Wayne Lively	9/06
Mary Anne Secrist	9/13
Kerry Knowles	9/17
Robert Anderson	9/22
Angela Kasbohm	9/23
Larry Hamilton	9/29
Ray Psikal	9/30
Ryan Doezema	10/15
Joyce Craigie	10/19
Warren Fitzpatrick	10/23
Greg McKinzey	10/25
Gene Vrenick	10/25
Barbara Schindler	10/28
Pat Cox	10/29

If your Sep/Oct Birthday is missing from this list please contact Dave Craigie at:

incipient@msn.com

or by phone at:

741-2555

Treasurer: Dave Craigie

Greetings Sailors,

For those who have missed out on some of the most glorious nights ever to anchor out on Lake Thunderbird, let me tell you that this last weekend was wonderful. On Saturday night the stars were as bright as they get for this area and although the moon was not full, it lit up the sky in a brilliant white. My grandson Jonathan and I lay on the fore deck for a good while, long past my bed time, and his too, looking at all this and I wondered why we are alone and no one to share this with. And no biting bugs either. Perhaps someone will care to join us sometime and get more use out of their boat then just a daysailor. Call me if I can ever answer any questions.

Balance on 8-1-07		\$4940.89
Checks written	\$58.00	
Deposits	none	
Balance 8-1-07		\$4882.89

See you on the water.

The 2007 CAST for Kids Fishing Derby for handicapped children will be held on Saturday September 22 at the BoatHouse. This is one of the best community events held at the BH on an annual basis. Please come out and lend a hand, help recruit a fisherman and boat, or donate a financial gift to help cover expenses. If information is needed, please contact Les Cummings (823-2342) or Chad Cox (329-8860).

**2007 Regattas, meetings, cruises, events!
September thru Nov 4 (Hiram)**

Sun	Sept. 9	1:30 p.m	Commodore's Cup
Sat	Sept. 15	6 p.m.	Pirate Day - Arrrrgh! No meeting program
Sat	Sept. 22	10 a.m.	C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing derby
Sat	Sept. 29	Evening	Jr. Sailing Team picnic/ campout
Sun	Oct. 7	10 a.m.	Layton Regatta
Sat	Oct. 20	6 p.m.	Club Meeting
Sun	Nov. 4	10 a.m.	Hiram Douglas Regatta

Lee Smith presented the first Dave Shumake Scholarship Award

On Monday, September 3, at the annual Volunteers Day at the BoatHouse, Mr. Lee Smith was presented the first Dave Shumake Scholarship Award by the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation.

The criteria for recipients are as follow:

- ◇ The scholarship would be a one time award of \$500.
- ◇ The scholarship would be awarded at the discretion of the of the BOD of the LTEF
- ◇ Any LTEF board member or BoatHouse affiliate member may nominate a candidate.
- ◇ The LTEF BOD would make the final selection.
- ◇ The minimum qualifications of the candidate would be:
 - ◇ A member of a BoatHouse affiliate
 - ◇ Demonstration of the volunteering spirit
 - ◇ Promotion of boating safety
 - ◇ Enrollment in an institution of higher education

Following is an excerpt from the nomination of Lee as the first recipient of the Dave Shumake Scholarship:

“I have always been amazed at Lee’s generosity, willing to help, and friendly demeanor. He has always been willing to help in any way he can for our classes, regattas, and community events. Just recently, at the 2007 West Marine Fun Regatta, he came to me and offered his help in any way, which I was more than willing to accept.

His father Hal, and Mom Becki have both been helpful over the years for both the BoatHouse and the Sea Scouts. His sister Laura has been a student and volunteer too.

It is terrific to see a young person like Lee develop not only excellent sailing, teaching, and mentoring skills, but the more important lifelong goals of learning and service to community.

Dave Shumake would, I’m sure, be pleased to have Mr. Lee Smith be the first Dave Shumake Scholarship recipient.”

Following are photos taken at the presentation.

Les, Lee, and Roger (LTEF Pres.)

Rick, Les, Lee, Becki (Lee’s mom), and Roger



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

The annual Labor Day Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse Volunteer Appreciation Day is getting bigger and better each year! Thanks to the LTEF for sponsoring this event, we had between 60-70 people during the afternoon's festivities.

The burgers and dogs prepared by Chef Roge' were delicious and all the terrific side dishes provided by the participants really hit the spot. Thanks to everyone!!!

A highlight of this year's event was the presentation of the first Dave Shumake Scholarship to Mr. Lee Smith. Please see more on Page 5.

The famous or infamous McDonald's Cup Regatta was held again and it was great having some of the Sailing Camp kids participate. Congrats to Fabiola's sailing team!

Following are a few photos from this year's event:



<h1>2007</h1>	JERRY LAYTON REGATTA <i>Sunday, October 7</i>	<h1>2007</h1>
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The 15th Annual Jerry Layton Regatta will be held at 10am Sunday, October 7, 2007. Our usual format is to enlist 5 Catalina 22's, 5 TSC experienced skippers, and 15 crew. The crew members do not need to be experienced and this format gives new sailors a chance to participate in racing in a fun and learning environment. The skippers race on a different boat each race and the crew stays aboard the same boat. Fundraiser for our committee boat and fees are \$25 to skipper and \$15 to crew. Contact Les Cummings at 823-2342 or at les-cummings@omrf.org. We do expect everyone to show up or call me asap.

Thus far we have signed up the following: We will take add'l names in case of no-shows.

<u>Skippers:</u> Kerry Knowles Mary Anne Secrist Frank Lawler Phil Moershel Ted Streuli	<u>Crew:</u> Glede Holman Sea Scout 1 Sea Scout 2 Tim Agin Jim Waller Brian Swinhart (Christian Swinhart)	John Ford Barbara Schindler John Knight Jim Waller Paul Reynolds	<u>Boats:</u> Alacrity Whimsy Oh Yeah OKC Sea Scout TBA
		<u>RC:</u> Les Cummings Dave Craigie, Fredrica Cottrell	

Photos from the summer of 2007!

West Marine
Fun Regatta
“At the mark”

July 2007

Skippers jockeying for position at the start.

Photo supplied by Paul Reynolds

“Incipient” Moored off
the BoatHouse
verandah

July 2007

Dave Craigie and granddaughter Ashley

Photo supplied by Dave Craigie



