



# Mainsheet

October 6th, 2014

## Near-term TSC Calendar:

**Oct 18: Club Meeting**

**Oct 25: Boathouse  
Workday**

**November 2: Hiram  
Douglas Regatta &  
Chili Cookoff (Daylight  
Savings Time Begins)**

**November 15: Club  
Meeting**

**December 13: Club  
Meeting and Holiday  
Party**



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## **The Thunderbird Sailing Club Monthly Newsletter**

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**Note: Both TSC and Boathouse share this P.O. Box.**



## **Commodore's Column:**

### **Bylaws and a Strategic Plan**

At our September meeting, we combined business with potluck and program pleasure; David Craigie did an excellent job sharing his summer adventures on the Erie Canal and boating trip to New York City, and the membership passed the TSC Board-recommended bylaw revisions. We had emailed the proposed revisions to all members the week prior to our vote and meeting. After some discussion, the members who were present unanimously passed the proposed revisions. The results will be posted on the TSC website in the next few weeks:

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

Another piece of administrative business that we are planning is to revisit the TSC and Boathouse strategic plan. The last time the club looked at a mission statement and made a strategic plan was in 2000-01. Sure, the TSC and Boathouse could continue to operate well enough as is, but periodic updates more closely align our efforts to our intentions. We are planning our Strategic Planning meeting on November 9th, Sunday afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM. Any member who is interested in attending is welcome to participate. Past Commodore Ted Streuli will facilitate the meeting.



**Jim Eller,  
Commodore**

# Fleet Captain's Corner



## Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta

*A one day Regatta, Sunday, November 2, 2014*

*A distance race, 10 - 18 miles*

*Lake Thunderbird Boathouse, Norman, Oklahoma*



**CLASSES:** All boats 18 feet length on deck or greater are welcome. Other boats may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Chair; please inquire. Boats shall register in either Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker handicap fleets with handicapping being the current US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick with wind correction factors.

**RULES:** The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, and CSSA Sailing Instructions with supplemental Local Appendix.

**TROPHIES:** Trophies will be presented to 1st - 3rd in each fleet. The traveling Trophy will be presented to the Skipper and Crew of the boat with the lowest corrected time in the largest fleet.

**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 dock is at the Boathouse.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**08:30: Registration, coffee, donuts**

**10:30: Registration ends**

**10:45: Competitors' Meeting**

**11:20: Harbor Gun**

**11:50: Warning Signal 1st start for Distance Race**

**16:40: Refreshments: chili and sides, beverages & warm building**

**17:00: Trophy presentation**

**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 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue; north on 84<sup>th</sup> 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).

**INFORMATION:** Phil Moershel, Regatta Chair (405) 208-1532 or email [phil@moershel.com](mailto:phil@moershel.com)

### **COST:**

**\$17.00 for Skipper and Boat**

**\$ -2.00 for US SAILING Member (+ \$10.00 if not yet member of CSSA)**

**\$ 5.00 for each crew member**

**NO Charge for after race warm-up (or cool-off)**

**STATE LAW requires that all boats have a copy of their registration onboard.**

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## Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta



# Chili Cook Off,

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Lake Thunderbird Boathouse, Norman, Oklahoma

**CLASSES:** All chili (with or without beans) are welcome. Cooks shall register in either Bean or Non-Bean handicap pots with handicapping using the current TSC Sailing Hotmouth Yardstick heat correction factors.

**RULES:** The cook-off will be governed by the Fleet Captain and whatever judges volunteer to taste the best chili the club has to offer.

**TROPHIES:** Trophies will be presented to the best chilies.

**FACILITIES:** Chili should be hot and ready for judging by 1600.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**08:30: Registration, coffee, donuts**

**10:30: Registration ends**

**16:00: Chili Judging**

**16:40: Refreshments: chili and sides, beverages, & warm building**

**17:00: Trophy presentation**



**DIRECTIONS:** The best chili cooks already know the way!

**INFORMATION:** Phil Moershel, Regatta Chair (405) 208-1532 or email [phil@moershel.com](mailto:phil@moershel.com)

### **COST:**

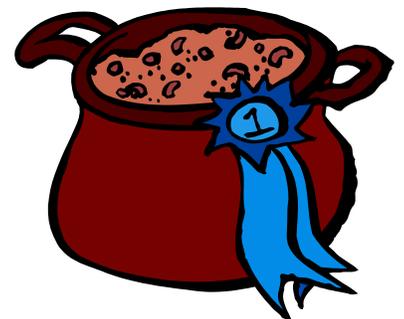
**\$1.00 for cook and chili**

**\$ -1.00 for TSC Member.**

**NO Charge for after race warm-up (or cool-off)**

**STATE LAW requires that all chilies have a copy of their registration aboard.**

Please let me know if you will be bringing chili. Cornbread, cheese, salad and brownies are also appreciated.



Phil Moershall,  
Fleet Captain

# Work Day at the Boathouse

**October 25th 9 AM to 1 PM.**

There is always plenty of clean up and getting ready for the Hiram Douglas regatta to do, as well as winterizing some of our boats and property. Please, plan to come out and lend a hand keeping our place looking good.

TSC Board and the Boathouse Committee

## Boathouse Committee

Jim Waller and I will take over the helm of the Boathouse Committee: I as chair and Jim as treasurer. We encourage TSC members to join us on this committee. A complete guide to the responsibilities of the Boathouse Committee and meeting dates will follow in the next *Mainsheet*.

Barbara Schindler

## Next TSC Meeting and Potluck (Oct 18th)

Hi all! It's Fall!

Halloween is just around the corner! Join us for the seasonal turn, a few fun tricks, and some treats too! Wear your favorite, or any Thunderbird Sailing Club Shirt – the oldest shirt in the room wins a prize!! (Of course we'll need some knowledgeable judges!) Let's strut our history – Wear your TSC shirts!



**Meal: (6:30)** We have a special treat – BBQ provided by Greg and Susie Snyder!! Brisket and other meats, buns will be provided. Our club will provide beverages and accoutrements as usual. Please bring a yummy item to share. See the alphabet guide below for your contribution:

a-g desserts  
h-m baked/other beans  
n-s coleslaw/potato salad  
t-z appetizers/fruit

**Program (7:00)** Racing in the Caribbean, with James Anderson. We'll not be on Lake Thunderbird for a while, friends!

Hope to see you all Saturday, Oct. 18th! Thanks to Greg and Susie Snyder for the victuals, and to James Anderson for what will be a neat program!

Bringing up the Rear,  
Lorrie Sylvester, Rear Commodore

## Treasurer and Membership Secretary

We are coming to my favorite season in Oklahoma: Fall. More specifically, late September and October is my favorite time of year. With moderate temperatures and little chance of nasty weather, it is a great time for a day at the lake and a night on the hook. If you have never spent a night on the water and you want to, please get in touch with me. I may be able to arrange just such an occasion.



### TSC Membership Directory – Electronic pdf version

The new TSC Membership Directory has been published and has been made available to all members. We also are offering an electronic version in a pdf, suitable for keeping on your phone or other portable device. This version is available to anyone who sends me a request by e-mail to: [incipient@msn.com](mailto:incipient@msn.com).

### Welcome New Members to TSC

We were privileged to have several new member join in the past few months. Please welcome aboard **Roger and Linda Monroe** as FULL members of TSC. They live in Newalla and dabble a little in the canvas business, by appointment. They sail their Catalina 25, *Dream Weaver* out of Little River Marina. Give them a hail at the next meeting or when you see them on the lake. [Imccanvas@hotmail.com](mailto:Imccanvas@hotmail.com); (405) 812-4564

Please welcome aboard too the five latest graduates of Skipper Rick's Keel Boat Class. They have been awarded a Complimentary Associate Membership for the next year and it is hoped that they will become active members and soon join as full members.

#### Membership Information

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

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Thanks and I will see you on the water, 😊

David

## Sea Scout Ship 5790 needs help!

During the past year the ship has lost many of the crew to other activities. This leaves many openings. Get involved with the Thunderbird Sailing Club's only youth group. We have the boats and an established program. We are currently sailing the Catalina 27 & 25. Please contact Skipper Rick Shaw at (405) 306-8597 if you know anyone who would like to come out on a Saturday from 10am-2pm to learn more about our ship.



## Happy Birthday!

...to the following TSC members! If you would like to help your friend celebrate their birthday, find their contact info in your TSC Membership Directory, which itself lists TSC members' birthday dates.

If your birthday is not included, it is probably because you did not share that information with your Treasurer/Membership Secretary. If you want to share your special day, please contact me at: [Incipient@msn.com](mailto:Incipient@msn.com) or phone: 405-613-7774.

Thanks,  
David

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
5 Jim Eller	3 Pam Landry
8 Mike Klatt	15 John Potts
12 Frank Lawler	11 Patsy Crittenden
13 Jeannie Himes	24 Paul Carter
15 Ryan Doezema	25 Sandra Messer
19 Joyce Craigie	
19 Matthew Collier	
23 Warren Fitzpatrick	
23 Jill Simmons	
28 Barbara Schindler	
29 Pat Cox	

**TSC Long-Range Schedule (Subject to change) Please send all official schedule changes to TSC Secretary Mike Devenitch at (405) 895-7278 or [sentrymike@yahoo.com](mailto:sentrymike@yahoo.com) & [thunderbirdmainsheet@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdmainsheet@gmail.com)**

### Current as of October 5th, 2014

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