



# Mainsheet

Feb 9th, 2015

## Near-term TSC Calendar:

Feb 14: 21st Annual  
Mardi Gras Parade  
Downtown Norman, 7 to  
8:30 pm

Feb 21: TSC Mtg & Pot-  
luck (Wild Care)

Mar 14: TSC Mtg & Pot-  
luck

Mar 28: Spring Central  
Regional Symposium

Apr 6 (Tentative): Week-  
ly Racing Begins

Apr TBD: Work Day



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

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Central States Sailing Association

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Note: Both TSC and BoatHouse share this P.O. Box.



## **Commodore's Column:**

Boats and more boats

Greg has the first new boat for 2015.

Another boat into the racing fleet! At least six boats were added to the fleet in 2014. We are already off to a good start for 2015; but we need to add another 6 boats to beat the 2014 stat. At the next meeting, I'll try to award TSC burgees for each of the boats added to the fleet last year. Alas, my boat is still out of the water. The Dreadnought is waiting for yet more nice days so that I can finish grinding blisters and apply several coats of barrier coat to keep the pox from returning. If it ain't one thing....

There have been some beautiful days for sailing this last month. Many thanks to Rick for getting me out for great sail this last month. Winter days are some of the best for sailing because there are no ski boats and no jet skis. If you're lucky, you might see an eagle. (I saw one soar past the Boat House last month).

There's lots of stuff in the works for TSC. The Leukemia cup is a biggie! Please see James' bit about the Cup (p 4). This could turn into a great event. US Sailing is having a symposium at the boat house in March. Each of our instructors and officers should consider attending. There is a Keel boat class in April. A "Messabout" day is planned for May that will focus on wooden boat builders. GODSA and sailing classes are coming up in June and July and then we still have the weekly Commodore's Cup races, raft-ups and family sail days through the summer and fall. Whew.

Many thanks to our outgoing *Mainsheet* Newsletter Editor. He has put up with tardy input from many of the officers (mostly me) and cobbled together each month a wonderful newsletter for the past year. Again, Many thanks to Matt Maupin.

Many thanks to our incoming Newsletter editor! Without any arm twisting Chad Cox volunteered to take on this task.

Be sure to come to the February 21st meeting for great food and fellowship.

See you all then,

Phil Moershel  
Commodore





**Happy Chinese New Year of the Goat!**

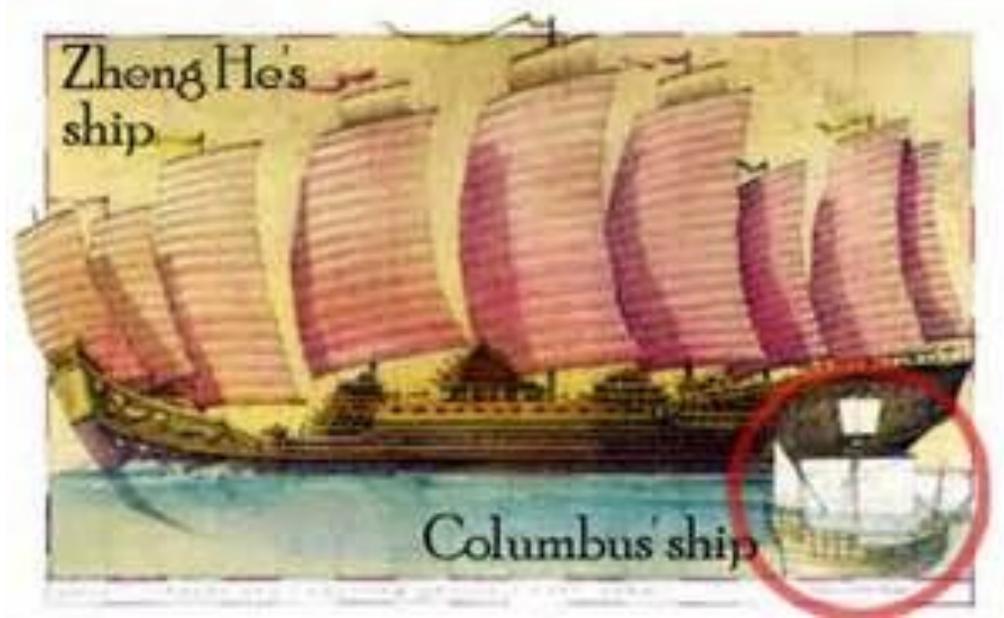
**TSC Meeting and PotLuck  
February 21, 2015**

**Program:** Wild Care Foundation, from Noble, OK

**Food (Potluck starts at 6:30):** Bring your favorite *Chinese Dish or Takeout*, or other tasty treats if Chinese isn't your thing! As usual, the club will provide beverages, utensils, plates/bowls, etc. Alphabetically-oriented folks, see below:

- a-g: main dish (soups, noodles, etc.)
- h-m: veggies (hot and cold)
- n-s: appetizers/fruit
- t-z: desserts/breads

***Wishing you all Peace, Joy, Health, & Happiness in this Year of the Goat!***



## Are You On facebook?

If you are on facebook, then “like” Thunderbird Sailing Club. If you “like” it, then when a member posts on our facebook Page, you will get notified. There are times when leaders post announcements on facebook that don’t go out in other formats. There are almost always pictures posted after fun Thunderbird Sailing Club events. If you put “Thunderbird Sailing Club” in the search on facebook, it will take you to our facebook page. There you can hit the “like” button. It will also give you the choice of whether you want to receive notices about posts on our page. If you want TSC news, say yes to notices.

Copy this entire link into your web browser address line:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thunderbird-Sailing-Club/270287718081>

Jim Eller

Past Commodore

## Sea Scout Ship 5790



Skipper Kenna Green, from OKC Ship 131, presented Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training. Attending were Skipper Glendon Sanders from Eufaula Ship 1701, and crewmembers from both ships.



Eric, Riana, and JB sailing the Catalina 27 during a recent breezily-cool Sea Scout Saturday.

## Brand New Regatta: Leukemia Cup

Hello TSC Members!

James here to give you some heads-up on a new regatta that we are bringing to our club! We are teaming up with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to host the Leukemia Cup Regatta! It will be held, June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

This regatta is held at a number of sailing clubs and organizations around the country to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for research to help find cures and help those with Cancer. This is a very worthy cause and a great regatta! This is what TSC is all about, doing charitable events and having fun doing it! But to make this regatta happen, we need help from you. We will be looking for volunteers to help in various activities. We hope to have a number of visiting sailors as well as our own sailors racing. Also, we will be looking for boat operators for the chase boats and the launch boat that will shuttle the racers to and from their boats. We will need people to help with the concessions and a number of other events we have planned for the regatta. But most importantly, FUND RAISING FOR THE CAUSE!!!!

We are at the first stage in organizing this event and I will have more details a little later in the month. This will also be one of the topics we will talk about at our February Pot Luck meeting. We plan to have live entertainment, great food and other fun things for everyone to enjoy!

So if this sounds like something that you would like to be a part of, we welcome your input and contribution no matter how big or small. Every little bit helps. The feeling of giving is the best feeling there is!!!

Cheers!!!

James Anderson 

## A Fond Farewell

Dear *Mainsheet* readership,

As many of you know, this will be the last issue of the *Mainsheet* with me as editor. Thanks so much for your help and support! Chadwick Cox will be kindly relieving me commencing immediately. Please afford him the same kindness and support that you graciously extended to me. Getting each issue out is truly a team effort, with the various contributors submitting their informative copy in a timely fashion. Please continue to submit copy to the same address as always: [thunderbirdmainsheet@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdmainsheet@gmail.com). I'll be turning-over this account to Chadwick immediately, so if you need to email me something personally, please use my address: [maupinmatt@hotmail.com](mailto:maupinmatt@hotmail.com).

Also, please be patient with some impending format changes; Chadwick will be producing each issue in Microsoft Word instead of Publisher (which has more robust formatting options and tools). So the appearance will be necessarily different henceforth.

Godspeed!

Matt Maupin



## 2015 Spring Central Regional Symposium

### AGENDA

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00 AM • 4:00 PM

*Hosted by:*

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse  
1312 Boathouse Road • Norman, OK 73026

### EVENT OVERVIEW

The Regional Symposiums provide an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programs within a specific region of the United States. All are welcome including those from community sailing programs, commercial schools, yacht clubs, high school/college racing teams, sailing instructors, or interested individuals from other organizations (sailing specific or not).

The event is offered in a roundtable format designed for productive exchanges between participants. US Sailing will provide the moderator to facilitate discussion and offer a national perspective on several of the issues that face our industry. The subjects listed below serve as starting points for addressing a myriad of topics to be discussed. The event is free for US Sailing members and \$10 for non-members. Lunch is included.

Please register in advance at: <http://www.ussailing.org/events/symposium-and-meetings/regional-symposiums/>

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **1000-1030: Welcomes and Introductions**

*Welcome:* Rick Shaw, Regional Training Coordinator, Lake Thunderbird Boathouse

*Opening Remarks & Introductions:* US Sailing Moderator (TBD)

#### **1030-1200: Topic #1: Training Programs**

US Sailing Instructor certifications are continuing to evolve and are creating additional more specific courses that will better suit the needs of the training industry. During this session we will discuss the programs that US Sailing is currently developing and utilizing for small boat sailing, keelboat programs, powerboat training, and windsurfing instruction. This includes the Small Boat Levels 2 and 3 as well as the Junior Big Boat Program and Sailing Counselor. We will also discuss the types of training that organizations provide "in house" to ensure that they have the most prepared staff possible.

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**1200-1245: Networking lunch sponsored by:**



**1245-1415: Topic #2: Volunteers & Staff Management**

US Sailing recognizes the importance of volunteers. Volunteer involvement is absolutely necessary in supporting learn to sail programs, helping with events, administration, maintenance, or serving on race committees. During this segment, we will discuss various aspects of enlisting good volunteers, and how to manage them effectively. We will also discuss staffing roles and performance recognition. Managing staff effectively is essential in a program's success.

**1445-1500: Break**

**1500- 1530: Topic #3: Youth and Adult Sailing, Beyond Regattas**

For many junior sailors, there is pressure to compete once they reach a certain age or skill level. During the Sailing Leadership Forum, the presentation "Junior Sailing: Beyond Regattas" discussed the decline in sailing participation as these young sailors transition through their teenage years. During this discussion, we will address why junior sailors are leaving the sport, how to keep them interested and involved in sailing. We will also cover the types of US Sailing programs being offered and how to reach a broader audience including families, adults, women sailing programs, and young professionals.

**1530-1600: Wrap Up**

The US Sailing Moderator will lead a review of the day's topics, list the important points, and ask for additional input.

**1600-1830: Social Networking Opportunity**

Please join us to complete a brief evaluation of the symposium and US Sailing's role in the Central Region. Refreshments will be provided by the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

**Nearby Hotel Information:**

Quality Inn  
2841 Classen Blvd.  
Norman, OK  
888-978-6493

**Host event contact:** Rick Shaw, [shaw9939@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shaw9939@sbcglobal.net), 405-306-8597

## Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Greetings Thunder Sailors,

### **Renewing your TSC membership for the coming year**

Renewals have been sent out. Please let me know if you did not receive yours. Kindly respond as soon as possible so that I can compile the necessary information for our 2015 TSC Membership Directory. The \$\$ amount for our dues is still the same; the same it has been for years. I hope that we can keep it that way in the future.



### **Complimentary Associate Members:**

If you are a member that has a Complimentary Associate Membership because of your participation in a boating class or you had a child in a summer kids' camp, please read this...

You were given a complimentary associate membership for a year and then given the option to renew and continue your support of TSC in a proactive way. We would really like for you to continue your membership. However, if this is not the right time for you, could you kindly drop me a line and let me know. Just a simple message by e-mail would do. I just hate to remove you from the membership list until I personally hear from you. If I do not hear from you soon, I will with regret, have to remove your name from our rolls. Thanks.

#### Membership Information

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

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### **US Sailing Renewals:**

We are currently members of the US Sailing Member Partner Program. They offer a 20% discount on memberships. If you are interested, please get in touch with me and I will send you the information you need.

Thanks for all your support!

See you on the water!

David 😊

## 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

### February

2 Deresa Claybrook  
5 Virginia Fitzpatrick  
7 John Miller  
8 Gray Graham  
12 Karen Rieger  
13 Liz Hedrick  
13 Brenda Shinn  
15 Sue Kendrick  
20 David Hendricks  
20 Tracy Stevens  
24 Kristen MacGorman

### March

6 Kellie Corey  
8 Mike Devenitch  
13 Bea Waller  
13 Camisa Stewart  
14 Paul Reynolds  
15 Jacques Landry  
17 Kyle Blackwood  
19 Ann Luppens  
19 J. Alva Brockus  
19 Cindy Wood  
21 Catherine Morin  
24 Phil DeBerry  
27 Emily Schuster  
27 Hadley Jerman  
30 Roger Monroe

**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)**

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Apr 18: TSC Mtg & Potluck

Apr 24 - 25: (Tentative) Keelboat Class Cont.

Apr TBD: Learn to Race

May TBD: Sail Thunderbird Day

May 16: TSC Mtg & Potluck

Jun 6 - 7: Leukemia Cup Regatta

Jun 15 - 19: Kid's Sailing Camp Session I

Jun 18: Mtg & Potluck

Jul 6 - 10: Kid's Sailing Camp Session II

Jul TBD: Raft-up

Jul TBD: Intermediate Sailing Class

Jul TBD: Centerboard Racing

Jul 18: TSC Mtg & Potluck

Aug 15: TSC Mtg & Potluck

Aug TBD: North Channel Sail

Sep 26: CAST for Kids