



MAINSHEET

Thunderbird Sailing Club

April 2018

Norman, Oklahoma

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April is an exciting month for our sailing Club. Commodore's Cup weekly races, preparing for regattas, kid's sailing classes, not to mention the monthly membership meeting. April is a time for sailing adventures!

In the March BoatHouse Management Committee meeting we were advised that a sign will soon be placed on the deck restricting glass containers to the BoatHouse area. This is a State requirement of our lease agreement which necessitates full compliance of all users of the BoatHouse facility. Also, protective helmets are being ordered for Kids Sailing Classes to enhance safety and minimize injury from an uncontrolled boom.

Another great potluck with an Irish theme was enjoyed by all who attended the March membership meeting. Thanks to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for their presentation on Lake Water Quality Concerns. Rebecca did an outstanding job of explaining "Sensitive Water Supplies" and how Lake Thunderbird fits into that classification. Josh and Sheila Sieber from the keelboat class and Susie and Grey Snider, Susie is Park Manager, were in attendance.

Phil Moershel and his brother will be leaving soon for a sailing adventure to visit the Bahamas, the paradise of Bermuda and the volcanic Azores on a month long series of tacks, jibes and runs. Their journey will be aboard the Hummingbird a 60' expedition sailing yacht. The adventure is a working one designed to improve sailing skills and training including celestial navigation using a sextant. I'm sure we will be treated to a detail account of their sailing adventure during a subsequent membership meeting.

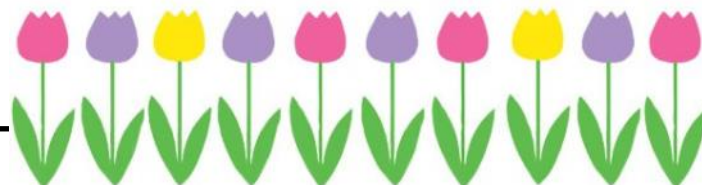
Jerry Lojka has considerable experience chartering sailing adventures through several yacht chartering companies but BVI Yacht Charters is his favorite "because the sailing is easy, there are plenty of beaches and restaurants to visit, diving and snorkeling are close by, the anchorages are easy to access and the choice of boats is extensive." He reports "The Moorings is huge and all the boats are new. The down side to that is that they are also the most expensive. I have chartered through BVI Yacht Charters 6 times (going again in June) and I have had no problems with them and they are half the price of the Moorings. Provisioning is easy since the harbor is across the street from a major grocery store. We always stay aboard the night we return from the charter so we can catch an early flight the next day without the hassle of moving from the boat to a hotel and it's cheaper than a hotel. I advise visiting a BVI website to see all the things you can do while you are there. If you are reticent about chartering the first time, captains are available to go with you for a few hours or days if you like. The captain will decide when or if you are ready to solo and you can drop them at any landing on any island and they will be picked up by their company boat. They run \$175 for two hours, minimum. I haven't been in 5 years and we are chartering a 39 foot cat this time so I am requesting a captain for two hours for my peace of mind even though they will accept my resume'. I have chartered out of Miami but I did not enjoy Elliott Bay; it is too shallow and the bugs were terrible."

Speaking of sailing adventures I received an email from Captain Ray Williamson owner of Maine Windjammer Cruises. If you're interested in a schooner sailing vacation along Maine's beautiful coast visit their website at www.mainewindjammercruises.com.

Also, in the email bag, Duncan McBride, Commodore of Tsa-La-Gi Yacht Club invites everyone from TSC to sail in their Dogwood Regatta. The event will take place April 21st and 22nd. Interested; e-mail Duncan at duncan.mcbride747@cox.net or call 918-809-4018 for advance registration, class, and meals information.

We have an added treat, contingent on clear skies, after the April meeting. Bring your telescope or binoculars for a spectacular viewing of the Lyrid meteor shower. And don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to share your sailing adventures at the April 21 Membership meeting.

"Sail to live, sail for adventure."



Thunder Ice Regatta Results



**Most Intense
Lake Freeze
Over in recent
memory, cre-
ates great Ice-
sailing oppor-
tunity.**

Global warming is a hoax with record cold and ice on Lake Thunderbird . February 29 2018 was a bluebird day for iceboating racing but a cold one. The weather provided the skippers with plenty of wind from the west at 16 to 22 mph. Wind at the windward mark was noticeably lighter than the leeward mark which made for some challenging tacks to windward and very exciting down wind runs to the finish line. “This year has been absolutely amazing for ice boating because of the lack of snow. And then, when it does snow, we’ve had rain afterward, which then wets out the snow and levels out the ice. We’ve had that happen time and time again since before Christmas. Shining in the morning sun, the frozen surface of Thunderbird Lake was like glass, reflecting the blue sky and fluffy white clouds overhead. The ice, polished smooth by recent rains, was an ice boater’s paradise.

PRO Regor Toille set a course with about a one mile leg, and proceeded to run a great regatta under challenging conditions. The winds for the day were generally light with most races in the 3-8 mph range. The ice was hard and fairly smooth white snow ice. 17 boats showed up to play with sailors from 6 states and a group that drove down from Nova Scotia (AKA the great white north). Four classes were competing for the coveted championship trophies. Four races were run for the 2 DN classes and three for the Skeeters and J14s until the wind shifted and started producing steady 25+ mph winds late in the day. A big thanks has to go to the race officials Cary Bowls for flagging and announcing, Fred and Rick C. and Mikey Flatt for scoring, and Lorie Stallone for the great behind the scenes organization that many skippers do not see. Without these people we could not have had the great day we all experienced.

February 29 2018 Lake Thunderbird. Thunder Ice Regatta Results

J-14

Skipper	Sail #	R1	R2	R3	Tot	Pos
Paul R. Wrap	152	2	1	1	4	1
Jim Chaphand	21	1	2	3	6	2
Annemarie T. Sircaes	12	3	3	2	8	3

DN- Gold and Silver

Skipper	Sail #	R1	R2	R3	Tot	Pos
Jim Highwater	500	2	1	1	4	1
Les Redhen	5333	1	7	4	12	2
Shady Gray	5347	3	4	8	15	3
Boris Blueberry	374	5	5	6	16	4
Craig Davies	5286	6	2	10	18	5



17th year of Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse Sailing Camps

Two Kids Sailing Camps will be held again this year in June. The dates are June 4-8 with **Jerry Lojka** as principal instructor and June 18-22 with **Phil Moershel** as principal instructor. The June 4-8 camp is nearly filled already!

We will need YOUR help this year, experience is not necessary! Classes are held from 9am until 3pm with an hour for lunch. PLEASE try to help us as it provides additional security at the BoatHouse and for the children on the water. Bring your PFD and lunch.

With over 2,000 flyers being distributed by **Altus Boren** and **Barbara Schindler** for the Little Axe, Noble and Norman Public Schools, we expect all Kids Classes to be filled!

Paul Reynolds will be Principal Instructor for the Intermediate Camp from June 28-30, same hours. He will need help as well as **Mary Anne Secrist**, principal instructor for the Adult (14 and up) Small Boat Sailing Class scheduled on July 10-14, primarily in the evenings.

PLEASE LEND A HAND!

Above is **Abbie Pudlo**, daughter of TSC members, **Amy and Jason Pudlo!**

2018 Thunderbird Sailing Club Leukemia Cup Regatta June 2nd & 3rd, 2018

Let's have 100% TSC Member participation in this fund raising event. You can join a boat as a crew member and fund raiser. You can support a member who is fund raising. You can campaign your boat and fund raise... You can offer an auction item...Or you can simply fund raise on you own.

The LLS people set up this method:

Send an email to Laura Cooper - laura.cooper@lls.org

State you are with TSC and want a fundraising page. Include name, email address, phone number for personal page. Also include Team/Boat name if on a team or boat, if you are sailing. Laura will create your page and send you back an email with link to your page.

NOTE From your Mainsheet Editor: For over twenty years I road my bike during the MS 150 bike rides. Each year I raised about \$300 and other years as much as \$500 for MS. I loved the rides and each year I road with the name of someone I knew living with MS. I would ask friends and neighbors to contribute. I would walk my neighborhood with a clipboard and take pledges or checks. It was a great way to get to know the neighbors. I would tap friends at church and I would put a web link on my Facebook Page to encourage generosity and contributions toward my MS fund raising efforts. I believe in charity and generosity. My arthritis began to make long distance cycling increasingly painful, until I reached the point where my doctor strongly recommended that I stop riding bikes more than very short distances. I miss riding more than words can express, but I have found a new passion, sailing. I love to sail as much as I used to love riding. And, I have been looking for something to replace my MS funding raising that also ties to my hobby. Then along came our Sailing Club's support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It feels like a really good match for me and for our Sailing Club. It only seems fitting that I continue to use my abilities and gifts to help others and to find a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Now I fund raise with friends who have Leukemia or Lymphoma in mind.

I am hoping that more and more of our TSC members will choose to be a fund raiser. If you are on the Race Committee Boat, you can still fund raise. If you are not even attending, you can still fund raise. People have money and they want it to do good in the world, but they don't always know where to contribute or they may have the longing and never get around to donating. If you ask your friends and neighbors, it raises people's awareness of our Sailing Club and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's good works, and it helps your friends feel better about themselves. Please, contribute to a member who is fund raising, or contribute an item to the auction, or fund raise yourself. It will be good for you.

LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA CUP Update!!

62 Days/8 Hours/20 Minutes/10 Seconds

Thunderbird Sailing Club Presents



Leukemia Cup Regatta



June 2 & 3, 2018

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Norman, Oklahoma

CLASSES: All keelboat, and multihull classes are welcome. Boats shall register in either Multihull, Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker classes. Three or more boats of the same class pre-registered may constitute a one design class. All boats shall conform to class rules. The primary helmsman of a boat must be a current member of Central States Sailing Association or of another US SAILING Regional Sailing Association if that helmsman resides outside the CSSA Region or a TSC recognized sailing club.

REGATTA FORMAT: This is a 2-day mixed format regatta. One day will be devoted to a long-distance race and the other day to buoy racing (3 races). The race committee will decide at its sole discretion which format will be raced first. In case of a tie within a class for the regatta, the tie-breaker will go to the lowest scoring boat in that class for the long-distance race.

RULES: The race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, and CSSA Sailing Instructions with supplemental Local Appendix.

SCORING: The PHRF TOT scoring system will be used for keel classes and Portsmouth for Multihull. The Low Point System noted in RRS Appendix A will apply. One race completed shall constitute a regatta. RRS rule A2 is amended; no throw-outs will be allowed.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be presented to 1st - 3rd in each Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, and pre-registered one design fleet.

FACILITIES: Ramps for all boats are 1 mile north or ½ mile south of Little River Marina. Courtesy docks are adjacent to the BoatHouse. Beach launching is available at the BoatHouse.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping is allowed at Lake Thunderbird State Park. <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.4386> Camping is NOT permitted on the BoatHouse grounds. Showers and toilets are available at the BoatHouse. There are numerous hotels in the Norman area.

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 84th Avenue; north on 84th 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). [Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse: 1312 Indian Point Rd, Norman, OK 73026.](#)

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&ll=35.238732,-97.237834&spn=0.004443,0.009645&t=h&z=17>

FEES: \$75.00 suggested registration for Skipper and Boat/ \$100.00 after May 31, 2018

No charge for after race entertainment

All net proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

REGISTRATION: April 1 – May 31 Please complete registration on-line at

<http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org/racing/leukemia-cup-regatta/>

After May 31 registration may be completed at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, June 1, 2 & 3.

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

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INFORMATION: Phil Moershel..... 405 208-1532 phil@moershel.com

Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 2 & 3, 2018

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Norman, Oklahoma

SCHEDULE:

Friday June 1

18:00 – 20:00 Launching and registration

Saturday June 2,

08:30 Registration, coffee, donuts

10:30 Registration ends

10:45 Competitors' Meeting

11:20 Harbor Gun

11:50 Warning Signal 1st start

Warning signals for subsequent races ASAP after previous finish

17:00 Refreshments: Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, beverages and live entertainment

Sunday June 3

10:00 Competitors' Meeting

10:30 Harbor Gun

11:00 Warning Signal 1st start of Distance race

17:00 Trophy presentation

Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 2 & 3, 2018

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, Norman, Oklahoma

Regatta Entry Form

Skipper's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Boat Class: _____ Sail Number: _____

Boat Name: _____ Home Club: _____

CIRCLE ONE: I wish to enter as a member of the

SPINNAKER NON-SPINNAKER MULTIHULL ONE DESIGN fleet

I certify that my boat conforms to the (above) Class rules as to sails, spars, hull measurements, propulsion, and all other class rules: Yes___ No___

LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT: In consideration of my registration in the regatta, and recognizing the risks associated with the sport of sailing, the undersigned hereby waives all claims for personal injury and property damage and hereby releases the Thunderbird Sailing Club, and their directors, officers, members, employees, and the regatta volunteers and sponsors, of and from any and all claims, including those of negligence and gross negligence, which I or my crew might have, arising out of my participation in the regatta and all activities relating thereto.

Skipper's Signature: _____ Date _____

Regatta entry fee: \$75.00 registration for Skipper and Boat/ \$100.00 (after May 31)	\$
Total	\$

Make checks payable to Thunderbird Sailing Club

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The Fleet Captain Says—About Racing

Jim Waller

2018 Commodore's Cup Racing

If you are expecting to participate in the 2018 Commodore's Cup Racing, please take a few minutes to look at the Deed Of Gift. It's located on www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org. Look about half way down the left edge menu that is on most of the pages.

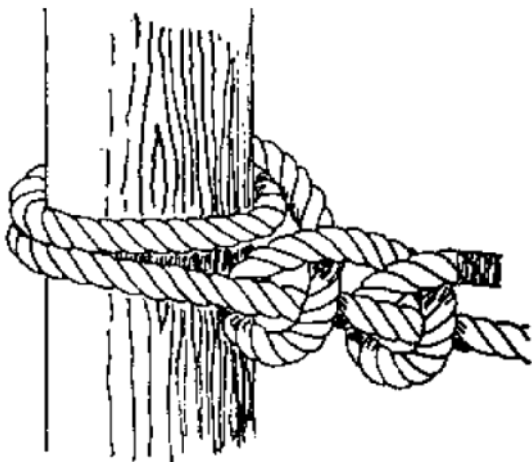
The Deed of Gift specifies that the competition is open to club members in good standing. Two fleets are available: Cruising and Spinnaker. You will be asked to state in which fleet you are racing at the beginning of the year to help with the score keeping. Please notice that those who do not race are scored as finishing after those who did race. That is, showing up for the races is important if you want a shot at the trophy.

Racing has begun with our first race taking place, last March 21st. We will race every Wednesday, depending on weather, until some time into late October.

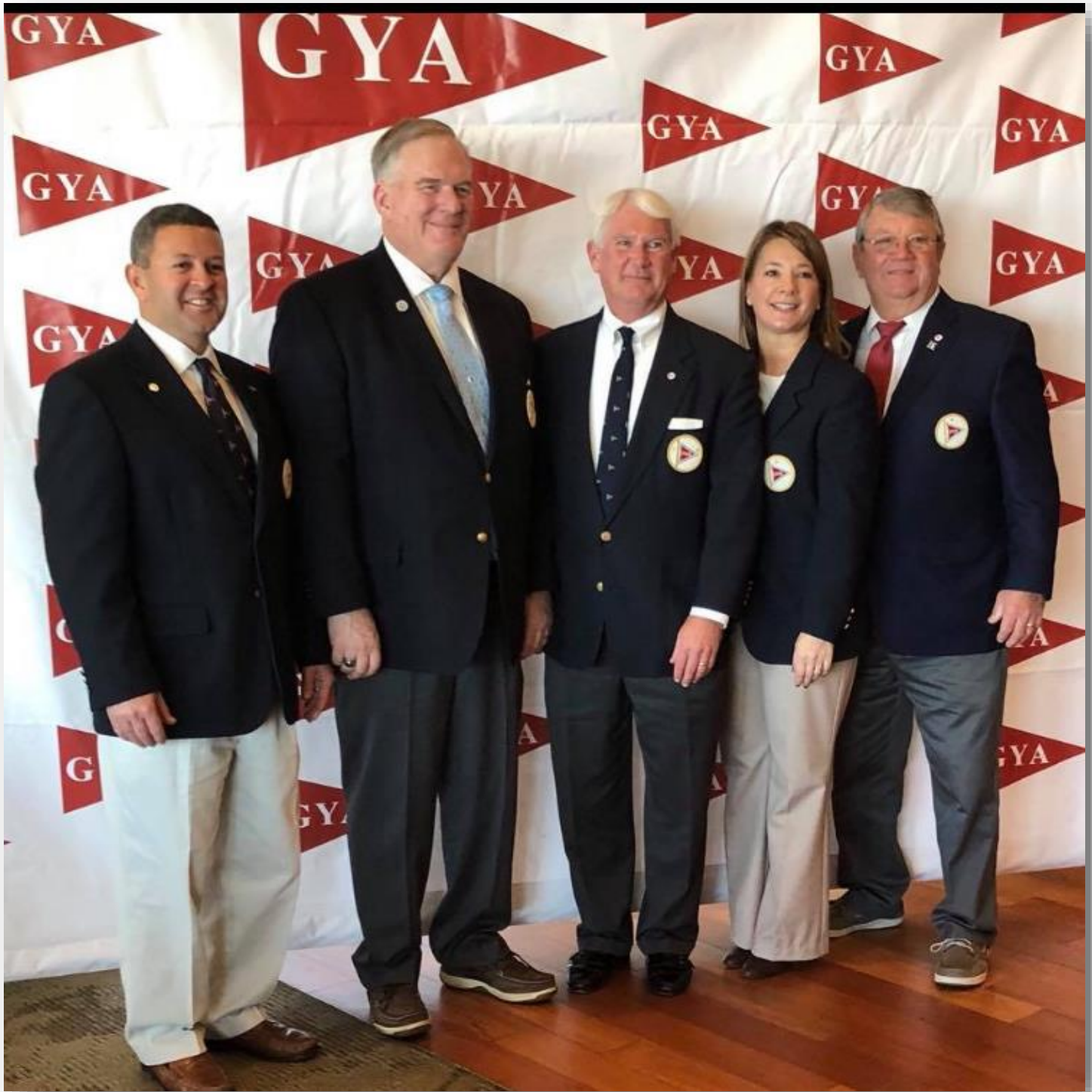
All communications will be via text message. If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the message list, send a text to Jim Waller at 580-320-1551.

A poll has been run on whether racing is preferred on Tuesday or Wednesday night. The results were 1 vote for Tuesday, 8 for Wednesday and 6 don't care. Racing will be on Wednesday night for 2018.

The **round turn and two half hitches** is a [hitch](#) used to secure the end of a [rope](#) to a fixed object. The name refers to the components used to form the [knot](#): a [round turn](#) wraps the rope around the object (completely encircling it) and the two [half hitches](#) secure the end around the standing part. Variations of this hitch can be made with differing numbers of turns and half-hitches; an example is illustrated below.



**Know
Your
Knots**



Congratulations to Chris Luppens!

Chris Luppens, second from the left is a longtime TSC member, and was elected Commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association for the year 2018 at the GYA board meeting held at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans on January 14. A U.S. Sailing National Judge, Chris, along with his wife Ann, will visit the TSC in 2019. Chris will serve as Principal Race Officer, hopefully for the Leukemia Cup. We wish Chris and Ann a very successful year leading the prestigious Gulf Yachting Association and look forward to their visit in 2019!

TSC Potluck and Programs

April 21st Theme: Spring Has Sprung

Program: Let the Racing Begin

Fredric Cottrell – Committee boat or “Staying High and Dry.”

Jim Waller – Race start or “Drum rolls, Flags, and Horns.”

Kerry Knowles – Right of way or “The Bigger Boat Rules.”

Mary Anne Secrist - Mark rules or “What Do We Do Now!”

Highlights of sailboat racing essentials. After clean up we'll retire to the dock, weather permitting, for spectacular viewing of the Lyrid meteor shower. Beverages in cans and sippy cups only. Bring a jacket and telescope if you have one.

6pm gathering

6:30pm program

8pm clean up

Potluck: a-g desserts/breads; h-m main dishes; n-s vegies ; t-z appetizers/fruit



We had a great time last month with our St. Patrick's theme, Irish beer and beautiful decorations, thanks to David Gray. Our keynote speaker, Rebecca Nascimento pictured below, told us lots about our Lake water quality. It was fine presentation and a wonderful evening.



Highlights from the TSC Board Meeting on 2-17-18

Lorrie Sylvester, Secretary

(Lorrie is down with an illness and not able to send this month's report)



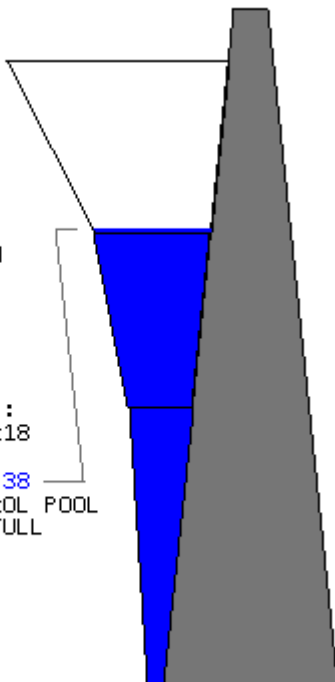
Shamrockers Out Practicing

Our TSC Boat Access Membership group continued to move forward with the sailing season getting into full swing. This group of ten has created its own access calendar, check in and out lists and now has four of its ten members certified to take the boat out. One member, David Tran, has taken the Keelboat Class and will soon be out on the boat too. In this picture, Jim Waller is offering an orientation and practice session for Michael Klatt and Hadley Jerman, also Shamrock members. Thanks, Jim for doing these orientation sessions and good luck to our TSC Shamrockers!

ELEVATION AT THE TOP OF THE FLOOD CONTROL POOL :
1049.40 FT

NORMAL ELEV. AT THE TOP OF THE CONSERVATION POOL :
1039.00 FT

MOST CURRENT :
DATE: 28MAR18
TIME: 1400
ELEV: 1039.38
FLOOD CONTROL POOL IS 2.87% FULL



Current Level on Lake Thunderbird



Commodore Jim Chapman demonstrating what a dry year on the lake looks like.

From your Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Fredrica Cottrell

New Members:

We are pleased to have new members join the club.

Please welcome:

Gary and Jeanna Miller	405-202-2160
357 Millbrook	garycmiller@cox.net
Norman OK 73072	Jeannamiller@cox.net

2018 TSC Membership Directory:

You should have received your copy of the new membership directory via email. If you did not receive, or are have corrections to the Directory, please let me know.

Renewing your TSC membership:

For those who have responded with your annual renewal payment, Thank You!

However, for those who have yet to send theirs in, it is very disappointing to go to my mailbox and find nothing there. It has been slow going for membership renewals this year and I am hoping that if you are among those who have yet to return yours, that you will consider doing so. We really need your support. Thanks!!!

If you have not received your renewal, or perhaps misplaced yours, please get in touch with me.

Thank you for all your support J

Delinquent TSC Membership Renewals

It is never too late to renew your membership. Sadly, I still have several members who have not renewed their memberships for the current year. This makes it difficult to keep our budget goals and it makes my volunteer job harder having to personally remind you. If you have not taken care of the current year's renewal, please do so now. We really need you and we desperately need your financial support.

Membership Information	Thunderbird Sailing Club Membership:
If any of your membership information has changed, please contact:	Regular Members: \$99 per year
Fredrica Cottrell 3704 Ives Way Norman, OK 73072 405-760-2894 facottrell@att.net	Associate Members: \$50 per year
	Student Members \$25 per year



2018 BoatHouse Schedule

If changes need to be made to this schedule, Contact Jim Eller wjimmellr@gmail.com

April

- 8th Noon OU Sailing Club at Noon
- 14th (All Day) Park Clean Up Day
- 15th Noon OU Sailing Club
- 21st 6-8pm TSC Monthly potluck, meeting and Potluck
- 22nd Noon OU Sailing Club
- 28th 10-2pm ESL Sailing Day – all boats are welcome
- 28th 7-10pm Raftup and Moonlight party
- 29th Noon OU Sailing Club

May

- 12th (times to be announced) Work Day
- 19th 6-8pm TSC Monthly potluck, meeting and program
- 20th Noon OU Sailing Club
- 21st 10:30am Veterans – boating and lunch
- 26th 7-10pm Raft Up
- 27th Noon OU Sailing Club

June

- 2nd & 3rd Leukemia Cup
- 4th to 18th Kids Sailing Camp #1
- 16th 6-8pm TSC Monthly potluck, meeting and program
- 18th to 22nd Kids Sailing Camp #2
- 28th to 30th Kids Intermediate Sailing Camp
- 30th 7-10pm Raft Up in Clear Creek Café Cove

Recurring Events: Wednesday Commodore's Cup Regattas starting April 4th at 6:30pm

OKC Tri Club: swims Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting in April.

NOTE: We also have a new Google Calendar for our BoatHouse activities. Here is the link <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=thunderbirdsailingclub%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our members. Please, do send along best wishes to our members. You can do so with Facebook, Text, email or a caring phone call. See contact information in our TSC directory.



April Birthdays

Kathy Lawler 7-Apr (recently deceased)

Nathan Boren 8-Apr

Helene Miller 12-Apr

Lauren Gibson 14-Apr

Lorrie Sylvester-Reynolds 15-Apr

James Anderson 19-Apr

Cheri Elliott 19-Apr

Keith Campbell 20-Apr

John Mork 24-Apr

Nita Trotter 26-Apr

Jim Kasbohm 29-Apr



TSC 2018 Board

Note: Jim Madsen was not available at the time this picture was taken. Hopefully we will get a picture of the entire Board and post it in future editions of the Mainsheet.

Raft Up April 28th 7-10pm

Join in the first raft up of this year's sailing season, weather permitting. It's a great party on the water. Bring food and beverages to share. Meet up in the cove near the Clear Bay Café. The pontoon boat will be there, leaving the BoatHouse Doc about 6:30pm. So, come to the BoatHouse, have a great full moon boat ride and a great party. Hope to see you there.

