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Mainsheet

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Thunderbird Sailing Club
An Oklahoma Chartered Corporation Affiliated with
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Commodore Roger Elliott

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday season. The holiday party was a great success, the decorations were excellent and, as always, the food was superb. Thanks to the out-going bridge for the great party. To usher in 2004, the TSC enjoyed a wonderful day on January 1. The turnout was one of the largest for this annual event. Again, the food was out of sight and the weather was great. By mid afternoon the temperature was in the mid 60's, the sun was shining and a 8-10 knot breeze filled in from the south. At least six club boats were sailing that afternoon.

The incoming bridge wishes to take this great start to 2004 and use it as a theme for this next year. That is to come together as a club and have fun on and off the water. Our fleet captain, Bill Etchieson is putting together a racing program that will be exciting with something for every one of all interests and skill levels. Non-racers will have several events in which to participate as well. Our Rear Commodore, Karen Thurston has come up with several excellent and fun ideas for get-togethers on land. Finally, our Vice Commodore, Les Cummings is working on a program list that will be entertaining and educational, starting with our guest speaker at this month's meeting.

The Thunderbird Sailing Club membership has worked very hard in the past building and educating and will continue to do so in the future. This bridge is dedicated to providing opportunities to work, teach and have fun. We welcome input from all the membership to make 2004 a rewarding and enjoyable year for TSC. Best Wishes for 2004.

Vice Commodore Les Cummings

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holidays. With weather in the upper 60's and 70's we saw quite a few sailboats on the lake during the final week or two of December. It was great having nearly 50 people at the annual New Year's Day celebration at the Boat-House. The food was excellent as usual and we thank all who came out and especially those that brought the delicious dishes to share with their friends.

We plan to have a series of speakers throughout the year that will be of interest to our membership and we express our thanks to Altus Boren for his hard work and success putting together the programs for last year. If you have a suggestion for a speaker/program for the coming year, please let me know.

Please come to the Friday, January 16, 7PM



membership meeting. In addition to the annual awards presentations we will have Mr. Ralph McCalmont, Interim Director of Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation as our guest speaker. Please bring your favorite snack or dessert.

Ralph McCalmont

CSSA REPRESENTATIVE *Karen Mellgern*

The Annual CSSA meeting at the Boathouse on Nov. 1st brought forth lots of good ideas, discussion and expanded committees. I will just mention a few here:

- A new 2004 CSSA handbook and directory of members to be distributed to all who join before Feb. 1. By laws, policies, officers and directors, committee chairpersons, information on member clubs, and the annual calendar are to be included. *Membership forms on the CSSA website: cssasailing.org – download and mail form and fees to Ben Sanders.*
 - Junior committee expanded and great ideas about allowing coaching for beginners, holding clinics at Jr. events, and making Jr. venues more inviting, friendly and fun.
 - “Circuit” newsletter editor retired. Anyone at TSC interested in taking over, please step forward and get in touch with me!
 - Gene Hale of Grand Lake will form a committee of interested sailors to upgrade our PHRF system and determine those interested in pursuing formation of current CSSA PHRF fleet.
 - Jr. Sailing instructions to be included on the CSSA website.
 - Thunderbird Sailing Club - CSSA calendar events or 2004:
1. March 6 – North U seminar on “Sailing Tactics”
 2. April 24-25 – Dogwood Regatta
 3. July 17 – Centerboard Regatta
 4. July 31-Aug. 1- West Marine Fun Regatta
 5. November 7 – Hiram Douglas Regatta

Remember to join CSSA before February 1st to be able to receive your new CSSA Handbook and directory!!!

A big thank you for delicious lasagna made by Pat Cox and served to the CSSA Board and it Directors by Cheri Elliott, Jerry Lojka and Karen Thurston!!!

TSC 2004 Racing Schedule

March 06, 2004	North U Tactics Seminar
March 20, 2004	Race Committee Workshop (Learn how to be a club RC)
April 03, 2004 1:00 pm	Shakedown Race (Get the cobwebs out, and prepare for the Dogwood)
April 24-25, 2004	Dogwood Regatta (Race one in the cup series)
May 02, 2004 1:00 pm	Club Race (Race two in the cup series)
June 05, 2004 1:00 pm	Club Race (Race three in the cup series)
June 19, 2004 1:00 pm	720 Race (Fun Day)
July 03, 2004 7:00 pm	Night Race/Cruise
July 17, 2004	CSSA Centerboard Regatta
July 31-August 1 2004	West Marine Fun Regatta (Junior Event)
August 8, 2004 1:00 pm	Club Race (Race four in the cup series)
August 21, 2004	Sail In Movie Night (Following TSC Club Meeting)
September 5, 2004	Club Race (Race five in the cup series)
September 6, 2004	McDonalds Cup
September 18, 2004	Crazy Cruise (Fun Day)
October 3, 2004	Jerry Layton Memorial Regatta
November 7, 2004	Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta (Race six in the cup series)

**TSC Annual Dues are payable now!
\$50 full, \$25 Associate and \$15 Student.**

Racing Sailors!

Coming up on March 6, Saturday, is the **North U. seminar** held at the BoatHouse, this one being on Racing Tactics and given by the same speaker as last year, Andrew Kerr. You can register by e-mailing or calling Francine Wainer

(<Fran@northu.northsails.com>, 800-347-2457; 203-245-0727) or accessing www.northu.com.



**LAKE THUNDERBIRD
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**
Chad Cox, President

Here's hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our Christmas party was a fun affair although not with a large turnout. One addition that was great was Karen Thursten's BoatHouse gift tree. Not only were there many gifts donated from people that had selected ornaments from the tree at the regular TSC meeting but other ornaments were taken at the party. A really nice way for us to supply the BoatHouse with needed items. If you would like a letter specifying your gift for tax purposes, please let me or Connie Divine know.

If you did not have a chance to select a gift ornament but would like to help, there are more suggestions left on the tree. Our matching funds are still in effect as well. With the electrical work, the dock repairs and a host of other miscellaneous projects our LTEF operating budget has taken a big hit.

We all need to thank Janie Davis for her generous gift of her inflatable for a safety boat for the BoatHouse. The motor is a jet style so that the prop is housed and protects rescues. This was a much needed addition to the equipment needed for our classes. We also need to thank Larry Anderson for donating a Coronado 15.

The Annual New Year's Day outing was great with close to 50 TSC and other consortium members attending the festivities at the BH. Thanks to Rick Shaw and the Sea Scouts, Paul Reynolds, Gray and Dorrie Graham, and Roger Elliott for bringing their boats over to take folks out for a sail.

Sarkeys Foundation Workshops

FINANCIALS WORKSHOP: January 14.

BOARD ACADEMY: Two half-day sessions, 1pm-5pm on January 21 and February 18 at the Sarkeys Foundation Conference Center in Norman.

Further information, call Tonya Ricks, 405/364-3703. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.sarkeys.org and faxed to 405/364-8191.

Are We There Yet?

Submitted by Karen Thurston

What do four obsessed sailors, a truck full of gear for any weather condition, and a full tank of gas bring to mind? ROAD TRIP! The weekend before Thanksgiving, Bill Etchieson, Jerry Lojka, Warren Fitzpatrick, and I traveled to Houston, TX to race in the Turkey Regatta hosted by the Houston Yacht Club. After packing up Bill's Klingon Warship known as a Corsair Trimaran, we headed to Texas to race against other Trimarans in a one-design fleet. The first day of racing on Galveston Bay taught us that steering through six-foot waves six feet apart with a 25 mile an hour wind is a bit different than our usual conditions on Lake Thunderbird. To appreciate the skill of tacking in these conditions, you need to imagine an obstacle course of stairs and trampolines being raised and lowered by five feet as four people are darting across. Oh, and don't forget the 50 feet of varying lines grabbing your legs determined not to let you pass without tripping. If this isn't enough, add a fireman's hose aimed at your face being repeatedly turned off and on at full blast. And then you hear in a calm voice from your beloved skipper (no offense intended, Bill), "Sheet in just a bit more." I never thought I would have to hold my breath to avoid drowning while giving the winch handle "a few more clicks".

Despite withdrawing due to an impending squall line, we tied for third place. We consider ourselves very lucky that the boat still has all its parts (well, almost). Some of the catastrophes that the other competitors experienced were a blown out spinnaker, ripped mainsail, and an ama that filled with water and started sinking the boat. After pulling the boat and packing it away in a torrential rainstorm (giving us an opportunity to rinse the rigging with fresh water—you have to look for the silver lining in everything), we got on the road in time to experience a 30 degree drop in temperature.

We all learned a great deal during this trip (one of the most important was the importance of at least one person remembering to pack a towel!). Compared to the other more experienced Bay sailors, we may not be "there yet", but we have already started planning the next chance for experience. I guess it is better to try than stay home wishing you had; and, as a friend once told me, you can't get far on bare poles. All I can say is that you know you are "hooked" when with the same breath you state that you can't wait until the next race and, "Can someone pass me the Ibuprofen?"

BoatHouse Management & Programs Howard Haines, Chair

BEGINNING WITH A PRODUCTIVE work party on Saturday, November 8, the final two months of 2003 were wonderfully busy, particularly considering the BoatHouse is supposed to be 'off-season'.

***November ***

The Board of CSSA met at the BoatHouse, Saturday, November 1. The principal object of the meeting was to establish the 2004 schedule of CSSA. This was done with TSC hosting several events. The next day was the Hiram Douglas Regatta.

A productive November 8 work party is detailed on the TSC website. A second work party, better termed a 'mini-work party', involving four stalwarts where winterizing of a few boats was accomplished and the Jr. NROTC Flying Juniors, stored up in the Park maintenance yard, were moved to the BoatHouse yard was Nov 22.

Leaders and members of Ship 5790 conducted a membership drive, termed a 'First Nighter' the evenings of November 17 and 18 at the Norman Public Library. Additional efforts to attract members are planned for the near future. In case you are not aware, Sea Scouting is part of Explorer Scouting and as such is meant for teenagers, is coeducational, does not require previous Scouting experience and focuses on a central activity, of course, in Sea Scouting, boating and sailing. Should you know of teenagers who might be interested in Ship 5790 have them contact Rick Shaw, 366-4656 or RSHAW@email.usps.gov

The week of November 10, workers with OKC Electric installed much needed improvements in the BoatHouse's electrical service. There are outlets at the dock, in the big storage container and in the boatyard. These will be wonderfully useful for driving power tools, compressors, air pumps, electrical implements in general. Also installed was lighting inside the large storage container. Plus there is now a flood light, illuminating the boatyard when on, at the peak of the building's roof on the south side. Finally, a feature that greatly benefits access to the air ducts and fans in the attic is lighting up there. Funds for the improvements were provided by the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation. Along with this work by professionals, I must include the replacement of several motion-sensitive lamps on the roof eaves of the building accomplished by the BoatHouse regulars, Roger Elliott and Les Cummings.

In the near future the dock will be strengthened by the addition of pencils to the other two corners of the outermost platform. A bid for this work has been accepted and the work funded by the LTEF.

***December ***

A delightful month of holiday parties by most of the consortium organizations including TSC. Too, there was a particularly fine New Year's Day observance attended by some fifty persons. Not all partying though in December:

- Jerry Lojka conducted an American Heart Association class on first aid, CPR & AED on the 13th with Bill Brackett, Chad Cox, Kerry Knowles, Karen Thurston, and myself participating.
- Harbor Master Phil Moershel spent one whole Saturday cleaning and reorganizing the Con-X storage shed.
- A truly excellent addition to the BoatHouse boat inventory was the donation of a rigid bottom inflatable by longtime BoatHouse benefactor & TSC member Janie Davis.
- Also donated were a Coronado 15 and an air compressor.
- Installation of TV antennae by Les Cummings and Roger Elliott.
- Last on this list but first in importance are the many useful and valuable items donated to the BoatHouse by TSC members at the Holiday Party.

The BoatHouse project represents many positive features -- the pursuit of lofty goals, the enrichment of boating in central Oklahoma and lots more. All of us can be proud and happy having pulled off a fine 2003 and looking forward to an even better 2004. But, one thing the BoatHouse is not, ...is self-propelled! It doesn't run itself. Despite this being the off-season, administrative groups have met regularly and will continue to do so.

- Boathouse Management Committee met November 8
- Programs and Publicity met November 24 & December 15 and will meet January 12.
- Finance and Budget subcommittee also met November 24

I am still seeking talented folks for BoatHouse committee work. In response to earlier requests for help, Phil Moershel and Karen Thurston consented to serve with Barbara Schindler and Chad Cox on the Finances & Budget subcommittee. David Shumake, whom most of you know as an avid member of the Sail & Power Squadron will serve with Jerry Lojka and Phil Dame on the Insurance and Risk Management subcommittee. The following groups still need able members.

BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE. Roger Elliott chairs this centrally important group responsible for the repair and upkeep of the building, dock and grounds.

HARBOR MASTER. Phil Moershel heads this equally important group which sees after the boatyard and fleet.

PLANNING & PUBLICITY. I chair this group which plans, promotes and coordinates the classes, camps and events of the BoatHouse.

(See Programs & Publicity on page 7)

TSC Commodores Cup '04

2004 promises to be a very exciting year for TSC racers. The Race Protest and Measurement (RPM) committee has already meet once, and a schedule has been created. We've tried to make sure to include something for everyone. We have purely racing events, and we have a series of "Fun" events. I would like to encourage everyone in the club to take part in these "Fun" events. Included in the "Fun" events will be the re-introduction of the famed "McDonalds Cup". Our hope is that we can bring more enjoyment to the club for everyone.

For those of you interested in the 2004 Commodores Cup, we have made a couple of changes to how this series will be run. First of all, racing will be open to everyone in the club, but in order to be eligible for the Commodores Cup you have to register for the cup at the beginning of the season. So here are the requirements:

1. Everyone participating in the series must pay their yearly Racing Fee of \$25.00 for the season, or \$10.00 per race. This money is used to cover the TSC regatta insurance.
2. Anyone participating in the Cup must register for the Cup. To do so, please fill out the included registration form and return it to the fleet captain as soon as possible.
3. Everyone registering for the Cup will draw a racing date. Race committee duties on that date will become that their responsibility. Trading of dates is allowed, and you may ask for help in running the races.
4. Each skipper participating in the Cup must declare a fleet (spinnaker or non-spinnaker) for the season. This is the fleet they will be competing in for all races in the series.

In addition to the above requirements, we have also decided on a few procedures to be used for the series.

1. We will use a set of Sailing Instructions (SI (s))that has been put together for the series. These SI(s) specify how the races are to be run. These SI(s) will be posted on the web site by the first of April.
2. The SI(s) specify starting times and areas for the races to be held in. Therefore we will not hold a skippers meeting before the racing. Each boat is to check in with the Committee boat prior to the first race of the day.
3. When multiple races are held on a given day, the aggregate score of that day's racing will be used in the calculation of the points for the Commodores Cup.

As I said earlier we have also planned some fun events. Which we hope everyone will enjoy. Some of the events we have planned are:

- 720 race
- Night cruise/race
- Sail In Movie Night (Bring the family)
- McDonalds Cup
- Crazy Cruise

We hope to see each of you out there with us this year.

2004 Commodores Cup Registration

Skippers Name: _____

Fleet: Spinnaker _____ Non-Spinnaker _____ Centerboard _____ Multihull _____

Boat Make: _____ Model: _____

Sail Number: _____

Holiday Happenings



Roger Elliott aboard *Enya* hosts Pat and Helen Morrison of the Norman Sail and Power Squadron and Corbett and Beth Brown of the Thunderbird Sailing Club.



Former TSC Commodore, Marilyn Friend enjoys the Annual New Year's Day Sail aboard *Enya*.



Gary and Dorrie Graham aboard their beautiful Seidelman 25



The Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse decked out for the holidays!

(Programs & Publicity from page 4)

PARTNER ORGANIZATION AND VOLUNTEER LIAISON. Presently there are nine BoatHouse organizations with a collective membership of some 100 families. This year the Mngt Comm. will do more to encourage and involve these partners. This newly formed subcommittee will function to reach out, relate, develop letters of understanding and otherwise encourage consortium members in the use of the BoatHouse facility.

SCHEDULING. Karen Mellgren and I have done this work in the past and we need help. Choosing optimal dates for BoatHouse events is far from simply looking for open slots on the calendar. Avoiding conflict with activities of other boating organizations, is, by itself, a problem. Now add the city, university, football/basketball and cultural schedules and you begin to see the challenge!

I hope you'll join the 2004 BoatHouse management team. No doubt about it! 2004 will be the best year yet for the BoatHouse. Let me hear from you (447-4974 or hhaines@ou.edu).

US SAILING's 2004 *National Sailing Program Symposium*

Oakland, CA, Jan. 28 through February 1, 2004. The Symposium is the premier event for sailing education in the United States, including presentations and networking with the very best people and resources in sailing instruction, program design and operation, equipment and more. From pros to beginners, The Symposium offers networking at its best in a relaxed and supportive environment. Fee, \$150.00. Travel grants are also available to community sailing programs to help attendees defray some of the expense of attending The Symposium. Contact Pam Benjamin at NSPS@ussailing.org or 401-683-0800 for more details on travel grants. For more information on The Symposium event details, including online registration and the agenda, visit www.ussailing.org/training/nsps/2004/index.htm.

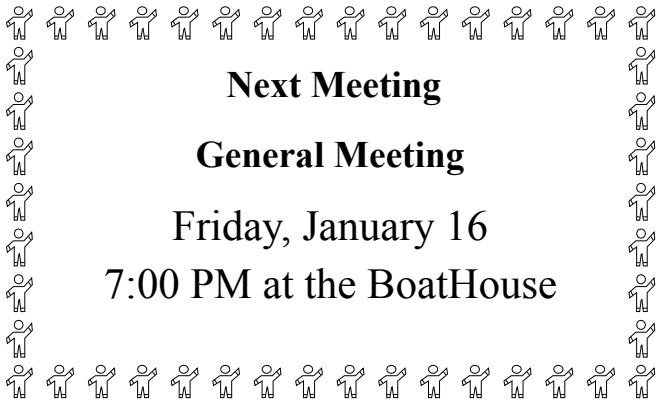
Boat Drinks in St. Pete



The Mainsheet staff recently attended the SailExpo in St. Petersburg, FL. Left, Jill LeVan, retired Mainsheet Advertising Director, is looking stylish in her TSC t-shirt aboard an Island Packet 485. It could be yours for a sail away price of \$630,000. After the show closed for the night, we joined 800 of our best friends for the annual Cruisers Party hosted by Bob Bitchin of *Latitudes and Attitudes* magazine. Free beer, free pizza, a steel band and the unexpected treat of a total lunar eclipse over Tampa Bay. It doesn't get much better than that!

Calendar

Date	Day & Time	Event and place
Jan 16	Friday, 7:00 PM	TSC General Meeting, BoatHouse
Mar 6	Saturday	North U Seminar on Racing Tactics, BoatHouse



Next Meeting
General Meeting
 Friday, January 16
 7:00 PM at the BoatHouse

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Commodore Roger Elliott

Thunderbird Sailing Club's largest one design fleet will not be sailing in the upcoming Dogwood Regatta. No this is not a protest or boycott of the Dogwood. Our largest one design fleet is the Victoria made by the Thunder Tiger Yacht Company. This boat comes in kit form which is completed by the owner-skipper. Yes, I am talking about a model, radio controlled boat. Under the expert tutelage of master boat builder Bill Etchieson, three Victorias were recently assembled at the BoatHouse bring the club fleet to at least six boats. Phil Dame, Les Cummings and I spent three Saturdays in February following the detailed directions of not the instructions booklet that was provided by the Thunder Tiger, but those of Master Builder Bill. Mr. Etchieson has a great deal of practical knowledge regarding the assembly of the boat that improves its performance and seaworthiness.

These boats are raced all over the world. In fact, there is a very active fleet in Yukon, Ok that has races two or more times a month. Phil Dame has agreed to serve as fleet captain for the TSC RC fleet and will host a club regatta at his housing addition's pond. Some of the boats will also be available for demonstration/teaching purposes as well. If you think you might be interested in RC sailing, I suggest you talk to any of the above people for more information. Also check out our web site for more information on the Victoria and RC sailing in general. For about \$150 you too could be sailing a brand new one design yacht.

Vice Commodore Les Cummings

What a great crowd at our last TSC meeting! We had a very interesting speaker, Mr. Fred Landefeld of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Fred provided a nice history lesson regarding Oklahoma and various projects developed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. He also confirmed that Oklahoma has more miles of man-made shoreline than any state in the U.S. We appreciate Fred's support of the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse project.

In addition to Fred's fine presentation and interesting question and answer session, the members expressed their congratulations to **Howard Haines** for being awarded the Marty Luray award from the Community Sailing Council of the United States Sailing Association. Howard was again most gracious and said he was pleased to accept the award on behalf of all the volunteers and organizations involved with the BoatHouse.

Please plan to attend the TSC Membership meeting on Friday, March 19 at 7PM.



Rep. Bill Nations
House District 44

Representative Bill Nations will speak on the early days of the Thunderbird Sailing Club and Lake Thunderbird and the wonderful sport of sailing. Bill has been an active sailor for some 40 years including many off-shore trips and Olympic Trials in the Soling Class. He has been a member of the TSC in the past and continues to serve as

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"Oye...Miami!"

By Rick Eager

It was a beautiful morning of Friday the 13th as the local temperature surged toward the predicted 75 degrees. The sky's were sunny with a slight breeze as I sat with Larry and Laura Hamilton, dinning on our Cuban breakfast at Bayside. The view from our table was incredible as I eat my Cuban bread, looking out over the water, only two steps from our table.

From our vantage point, we could see most of the Sailboats at Miamimarina as they floated at their custom made docks. We could see the Brokers and Vendors preparing for the 63rd annual Miami International Strictly Sail & Boat Show. A quick note, Bayside and Miamimarina have been in several movies and have been used in several Miami Vice episodes.

The big Catamaran sailboats (36 feet & up) floated in front of us as Larry stood there staring at them and said...WOW! I told him that if we wanted a demo ride on a sailboat, I knew where to go and needed to get down their the second the gates opened. Everyone's eyes lit up...A RIDE...FOR FREE...BISCAYNE BAY? We were the first crew out and later found upon our return, the demo ride book was full for the day.

I hadn't even finished my breakfast when I looked down at my watch and noticed it was 9:45 am. With the show opening at 10:00 am, I knew we had better get moving. As we entered, everyone's enthusiasm was high, entering through the Vendor tent. Everything you could have ever wanted or had seen in a magazine was right there in front of you. We felt like kids in a candy store.

I reminded everyone...The DEMO RIDE! We walked through the tent like power walkers through the crowd, trying not to stare. We were the first ones at the demo area as we smiled at each other, signing our waver paperwork. The Sailboat was a Hunter HC50 racer, graciously provided by Richard Clary, the owner of La Vida Starships, a Hunter dealer in Lewisville Texas.

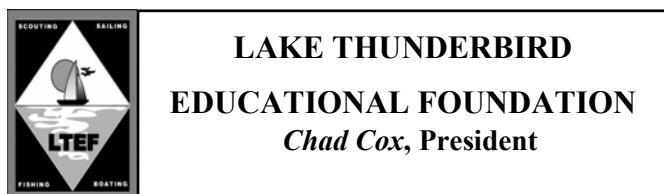


Close Call in Miami!!

I have been attending the Miami Boat/Sail Only Show for a number of years now and Richard and I met at the Dallas Boat Show (worth attending). Richard calls me his Boat Show Groupie. He is a great guy, the fact that I think so may be why I spent most of the demo ride at the helm (sorry Larry). As we prepared for the departure, Larry began taking the pictures as Laura smiled.

As we left the harbor at Bayside and took a left, heading north up the Intracoastal Waterway. We came to the first Bridge (the Port of Miami train bridge) which was open and went through it. The next bridge was fixed as everyone gasped as we barely cleared it (see the photo) then, turned east at Dodge Island, heading out for open water.

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**LAKE THUNDERBIRD
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Chad Cox, President

In case you have not noticed in Howard's list of upcoming events for the BoatHouse, we will be offering the same number of sailing classes that we did last year. Obviously, we will need a similar number of volunteers to present these classes. I find that working for these classes is very self rewarding. The kid camps are especially so. These camps are during the day so many of you will not be able to participate but the adult classes are in the evening. Hopefully, some of you that have not helped in teaching before will come find out how much fun it is.

For those that have joined in teaching we have a program for volunteers using the dinghies at special events. While this program has not been employed that often, we hope more of our volunteers will take advantage of this. To that end, we will have volunteers schedule their own events.

Do you have any ideas that might help encourage more people to volunteer to teach the sailing classes? We would like to make volunteering as enjoyable as possible. Actually, that is our goal for all volunteer projects at the BoatHouse. Last year, there was an Appreciation Day for all consortium members that was a very enjoyable event. Let me know if you would like to see more events like this.

Les thought it would be good to bring everyone up-to-date with the fundraising efforts of the LTEF. The audit for 2003 is being completed now and will be available on request.

Last year due to the downturn in the economy local charitable organizations who have been supportive in the past were not accepting grant requests. However, the LTEF raised approx \$13,000 with over half coming from individual gifts from LTEF board members. We are very pleased with the financial support from the board and the donations from several other TSC members. These gifts have enabled the BoatHouse to afford necessary INSURANCE and continued improvements such as:

1. Electrical service to the dock, boatyard, and storage container

2. Lighting installed in the attic
3. Small marquee installed by the BH front door
4. The LTEF Endowment initially funded by LTEF Board Attorney Dave Shumake now has over \$6,000.
5. Funds are available and a contract has been let to make needed improvements to the dock this spring.

The following is a sampling of recent gifts:

1. 1982 Ford F150 pickup truck (Ed and Jeanne Fowler of Arcadia)
2. Hardbottom Zodiac inflatable safety boat (Janie Davis)
3. A Coronado 15 from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson of Perry
4. A beautiful podium at the BH from Kerry Knowles
5. TV antenna from Dan Cagle
6. Donation of 36 adult (90lb +) lifejackets from BoatUS
7. Many needed items for the BH and programs as part of the BH Christmas Tree gift program developed by Karen Thurston
8. Some \$500 in maintenance/boating items from West Marine
9. Five motion detection lights from Heath-Zenith
10. Help from the State Park to remove the metal fence posts in the lake south of the dock making shore access much safer.
11. Funds to provide scholarships for disadvantaged children and books for children taking our sailing classes from Tom Nies, CEO Cincom Systems, Cincinnati Ohio.

Your financial gifts, your gifts in kind, and your volunteer hours are making the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse known throughout the U.S. Please consider joining the *LTEF MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM* this year that will double your gift and help all the consortium programs! Finally, we are pleased to announce the addition of Janie Davis to the LTEF board, Welcome Aboard Janie!

YES, WE DO NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



BoatHouse Management & Programs Howard Haines, Chair

2004 BOATHOUSE Classes
For details call 447-4974

February at the BoatHouse

A new group, the Radio Controlled Sailboaters, met informally at the BoatHouse several times during the month. Norman Sail & Power initiated a Boat Smart class during the month with meetings at Norris Marine. On the 21st the faculty of the OU Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering department has a workshop. Rick Shaw presented an informative and humorous program to the professors on boating safety and PFDs.

Coming Events (See Calendar for specifics)

March starts off with a bang! The North U. seminar on racing tactics, March 6, will improve the racing skills of some thirty persons. The next afternoon, the 7th, and two weeks later, Harbor Master Phil Moershel will be heading up task groups to prep the teaching dinghies for the season. On Saturday the 13th the CG Auxiliary begins their Boating Safety series. Fleet Captain Bill Etchieson will lead a workshop on Race Committee work on Saturday, March 20.

Very important and interesting is the Oklahoma Lake Sweep on March 27. Corbett Brown has detailed the event elsewhere in this Mainsheet.

Business Items

The 2004 class schedule is shown in this Mainsheet. Workparties, special events, e.g., West Marine Fun Regatta and CAST are also in the offing. Let me encourage you to volunteer for these activities. Volunteering is the 'currency' by which members of BoatHouse consortium organizations justify their use of the facility. The classes are the revenue generating events of the BoatHouse and all these events and activities serve the mission of the BoatHouse. Besides, volunteers are entitled to use the boats in BoatHouse events as a partial recompense for their time and effort.

Please ...choose a spot and let me know (hhaines@ou.edu or 447-4974).

*** Meetings***

The Programs and Publicity group met last on February 9 and will meet Monday, March 9 at 515 Macy St, 7PM. All are welcomed to attend.

- **Boat Smart (Norman Sail & Power Squad). Monday evenings beginning February 16 and extending through March 8. 7PM at Norris Marine. Last mtg at BHouse**
- **Cruise Planning (Norman Sail & Power Squad). Monday evenings beginning March 22 and extending through May 3. 7PM at the BoatHouse**
- Level-1 Sailing Instructor. May 6-9. BoatHouse.
- Beginning Sailing for NROTC midshipmen and officer candidates. Late afternoon, early evening sessions. May 8-12.
- Basic Keelboat. May 20, 22 and May 27, 29.
- Camp Councilor Workshop. June 3-4. Prepping of young people to assist with Sailing Smart day camps.
- Beginning Sailing for adults : after work meetings and all day Sat. June 7-12 & 14
- Sailing Smart Daycamp #1. June 21-26. Ages 9-13. Morning and early afternoon sessions.
- Sailing Smart Daycamp #2. July 5-10. Ages 9-13. Morning and early afternoon sessions.
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- Basic Keelboat. Sept 9, 11 and Sept 16, 18.

Two TO DO items: 1) Let non-sailor friends know of these opportunities to join the sport. 2) choose where you'd like to volunteer.

Lake Sweep Date Set

The Thunderbird Sailing Club has agreed to participate in this years Oklahoma Lake Sweep by providing the Boathouse as a base of operations for the Lake Thunderbird Lake Sweep on March 27th, 2004. The event organizers expect 100 – 200 volunteers from Oklahoma University as part of the “Big Event” and another 30 – 50 individual volunteers. The Boathouse will be used for registration of volunteers, distribution of supplies, and location to provide lunch for the volunteers following the Lake Sweep. The TSC will need volunteers from the club to help out with this effort. The Lake Sweep will begin at 9:00 am so we will need people to open the Boathouse and help with registration at 7:30 am. The OU volunteers will provide their own lunch but the Lake Sweep is providing lunch for the individual volunteers. Food will be provided by the event organizers, but we will need volunteers to help cook the lunch and clean up after the event is over. Cooking will start at about 11:30 am and we expect to be done with everything by 3:00 pm. Following is the Oklahoma Water Resource Board press release for this event:

Volunteers will comb the shores of Lake Thunderbird on Saturday, March 27, as part of Oklahoma Lake Sweep, a beautification effort held each year at various state lakes of particular recreational importance. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this volunteer-driven event, which begins at 9 a.m. at the Thunderbird Boat House and concludes at noon.

“Typically, more than 100 volunteers have responded to Lake Sweep’s appeal for beautification in the metropolitan Oklahoma City area,” says Juli Ridgway, President of the Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association, which co-sponsors Lake Sweep. “More importantly though, I think it is the fostering of pride and public awareness, accentuating the recreational and related benefits of Oklahoma’s reservoirs and municipal lakes, that draw citizens to Lake Sweep.” Ridgway is also an Environmental Specialist at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), another sponsor of the event.

Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves, a trash pick-up stick, insect repellent, sunscreen, and bottled water. A hot dog lunch will be provided by sponsors of Oklahoma Lake Sweep, which include the

OWRB, Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association, Thunderbird Sailing Club, Thunderbird State Park, and Country Boy Market.

For more information or to volunteer for either Oklahoma Lake Sweep, contact Juli Ridgway at 405-530-8800.

Update From the World Wide Web.

Some of you may have noticed that the club website has a new look. I have put a great deal of effort into the site recently, in an attempt to make the site more useful to the club and it’s members.

One very important point to consider regarding the use of our new website is advertising. The board has agreed to join a couple of affiliate programs (West Marine and SailNet) which will place ads on our site. What does this mean to you, and to the club? It means you will now see advertising for these vendors on our home page. If you should click on one of these links, and purchase something from one of these vendors, the club will get a commission from the sale. That’s right, you can shop for boat parts, and make money for the club at the same time.

The new site has other interesting and useful features as well. There is a much improved photo gallery (look for the slide show option). All news articles that are posted to the site will be stored in an online archive, and can be retrieved at any time. You will also find that the new search function will search through these articles. Those of you that like night sailing should pay particular attention to the new moon phase icon on the home page.

Please take the survey found on the main menu, and give us some feedback on the new site.

Bill Etchieson, TSC Webmaster

Racing Sailors!

Coming up on March 6, Saturday, is the **North U. seminar** held at the BoatHouse, this one being on Racing Tactics and given by the same speaker as last year, Andrew Kerr. You can register by e-mailing or calling Francine Wainer <Fran@northu.northsails.com>, 800-347-2457; 203-245-0727) or accessing www.northu.com.

FLEET CAPTAIN *Bill Etchieson*

**“Gentlemen Start your engines”.....or
should I say Hoist your sails?**

That’s right, sailing season is fast approaching. We have lots of fun activities lined up for this year. Please take a few moments to review the calendar in this issue of the main-sheet. Hopefully everyone will find something of interest.

This years season will kick off on March 20th at 1:00 PM with a Race Committee workshop. We will be going over the basics of running a race. The objective being to answer questions, and build confidence for those of us that will be running club races this year. If you have any interest in racing, this workshop is for you. Please come out, and bring your questions.

April 3rd will be our initial race of the season. This will be the perfect opportunity to get those kinks worked out before the Dogwood. So come out and help us shake out the cob webs, and get the racing season started of righ.

Planning for the Dogwood regatta is well underway. We have most of the details covered, but as you guessed it’s time to start asking for your help. The help we need most is for club members to participate in the regatta. Please put this regatta on your schedule. We want to see lots of club boats on the starting line. If however, racing isn’t your cup of tea, please come out and help support this event.

Don’t forget to turn in your racing fees before the first race. Also please let me know if you plan to participate in the 2004 Commodore’s Cup. So far we’ve got two entries, and I’m reserving a spot for you.

2004 Racing Calendar

March 20 1:00	Race Committee Workshop
April 3 1:00	Shakedown Race
April 24-25	Dogwood Regatta
May 2	Club Race
June 5	Club Race
June 19	720 race/ Fun Day
July 17 – 18	CSSA Centerboard Regatta
July 31 – August 1	West Marine Fun Regatta
August 8	Club Race
August 21	Sail In Movie Night
September 5	Club Race
September 6	McDonalds Cup
September 18	Crazy Cruise
October 3	Jerry Layton Memorial Regatta
November 7	Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta

REAR COMMODORE *Karen Thurston*

It was nice to see such a large crowd at last month’s meeting. I want to thank everyone for their wonderful dishes; we had a wide variety of chocolate desserts to complement the chili and cornbread. Yum! Don’t forget to mark your calendar for March’s meeting on Friday the 19th at 7:00p.m. to hear our guest speaker Bill Nations.

Did I just say “March”?! Wow, spring is almost here...that means the Dogwood is around the corner. Our Fleet Captain, Bill Etchieson, is planning a wonderful event, and we hope to see you on April 24th and 25th. If you need a little practice to get your boat tuned and to remember what line does what (Bill, could we please get a color other than white with red flakes?!), come out to TSC’s Shakedown race on April 3rd.

Quotable:

“The meek shall inherit the earth;
The brave will get the oceans...”
-author unknown

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Honorary Chair of the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation.

Come out and meet Bill, and bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. See you on Friday, March 19 at 7PM, and please bring a friend!

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As we approached the first huge cruise ship, we were waved off by the Coast Guard, who apparently were assigned to protect them from any terrorist activity. Our crew member Rick was less than jazzed and I won't repeat what he had said, only to say he was not happy. There was some truth to what he said though, everyone on our boat smelled of sun block and dressed accordingly. We were way too happy. Did we look like Terrorists?

I brought the boat about, it handled nicely as Rick handled the sheets for the headsail. Back underway and through the bridges, south on the Intracoastal Waterway, heading for Biscayne Bay. Yee Ha! She handles better than my ole' Porsche, on the water anyway! Everyone was smiling as a

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nice breeze pushed us forward on a reach toward the Bay, past the beautiful skyscrapers of downtown Miami.

Rick kept one eye on the sail trim through the window in the bimini and one eye on the depth as we had a nine foot draft. He taught me how to properly keep the boat perfectly in the channel. At one point, we had an oil tanker barge baring down on us (they have the right of way). As I moved over, still in the channel, we bumped the bottom a few times bringing her about.

I would have liked to have made it out to Stiltsville, but it wasn't in the cards. We were out of time and turned around in front of the fixed bridge at Key Biscayne. We were out about an hour and a half to two hours. She was a wonderful boat that sailed very fast and handled very well for a fifty footer. Thanks again Richard and Rick for the demo ride!

The rest of the show was great, but the demo ride was the high point for me. We visited with

Chuck Paine, the designer of the new Cabo Rico 42, who I talked nice to and was one of the lucky ones to receive a Cabo Rico hat. The owner of the company was also present. The Sailboats are made in Costa Rica, with their World Headquarters in Fort Lauderdale. The build quality is bar none!

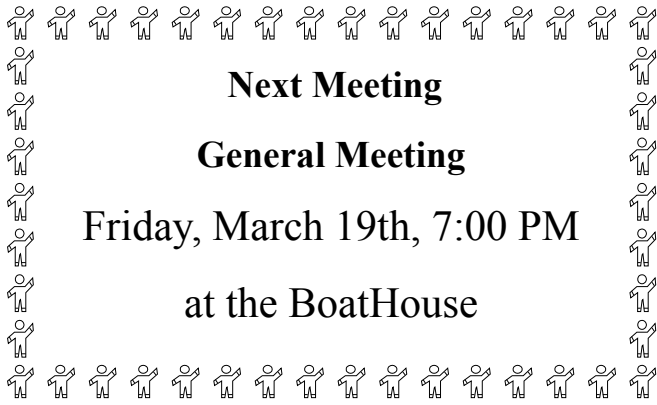
I could go on and on about the displays at Catalina, Beneteau, C&C and Hunter and some of the higher end Boats like Island Packet, Hylas and Hinkley. The Vendors from all the major marine manufacturers of hardware, furlers, hatches, diesels, etc., were all there. I could go on and on, but that would be another series of articles. The Convention Center was another whole day.

To see everything, you would need a week. I usually buy a two day ticket and do the Sail Only Show the first day, then the Convention Center the second day. They provide transportation from one venue to another. There is an additional brokerage area for used boats and another for large powerboats all on the water. As Larry said...A good time was had but all! See yeah on the water!



Calendar

Date	Day & Time	Event and place—at BoatHouse unless noted otherwise
March 6	Saturday, All Day	North U. Racing Tactics Seminar
March 7	Sunday, 1:00 PM	Boat Rigging, prepping workparty
March 8	Monday, 7:00 PM	Programs & Publicity Group, 515 Macy, Norman
March 19	Friday, 7:00 PM	TSC General Meeting
March 20	Saturday, 1:00 PM	TSC Race Committee Workshop
March 25	Thursday, 6:00 PM	LTEF Board, Family Medical Center, OUHSC
March 27	Saturday, 9:00 AM	Oklahoma Lake Sweep
April 5	Monday, 6:30 PM	TSC Executive Committee, Family Medical Center, OUHSC
April 10	Saturday, All Day	Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Classes
April 16	Friday, 7:00 PM	TSC General Meeting



Next Meeting
General Meeting
 Friday, March 19th, 7:00 PM
 at the BoatHouse

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Mainsheet

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Commodore Roger Elliott

Vice Commodore Les Cummings

Come out and enjoy the lake.

Bring a side dish to share, have a Hot Dog and a Hamburger and enjoy an Evening Sail.

The TCS is moving into its summer schedule starting with the June 19th meeting. As you will note this is a Saturday. The starting time will be 6:00 pm. The agenda will include Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Drinks provided by the club. There will be some short announcements and then the program will be an Evening Sail. The "720" fun race scheduled the morning of June 19th has been canceled.

Another schedule change of note is the night race scheduled for July 3rd has been moved to July 2nd. This is a Friday night and a full moon. Also it is anticipated that there will be less holiday traffic on the lake that evening.

Both of the above events are fun events that we hope many will attend. If you do not have a boat or your boat is not equipped to sail at night, come anyway. You will be welcome to ride on another boat. You will enjoy good food, good company and good sailing.

The TSC extends its appreciation to Lt. Bob Sanders for being our featured speaker at the May TSC membership meeting. We were pleased to hear of the new boating safety initiative in Oklahoma and the interest being shown to encourage boating education for all boaters.

The May meeting was the final educational program in the TSC spring educational series and we thank Ralph McCalmont, Fred Landefeld, Bill Nations, Neal Engleman, and Bob Sanders for their interesting presentations over the past five months.

Starting in June, we will have our meetings on the third Saturday of each month through August. The meetings will start at 6PM, be very short, and hopefully end with some pleasant evening sailing.

Finally, please invite your friends and acquaintances to our summer meetings, who knows maybe we can recruit some new members!



WEST MARINE FUN REGATTA

- When:** Saturday July 31 and Sunday Aug. 1
8AM-7PM SATURDAY AND 9AM-NOON SUNDAY
- Where:** Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse
- What:** Weekend of Fun events for all kids 8-18
- Competitive sailing with on-water coaching
NOR will be sent to CSSA member clubs
 - Radio Controlled sailing
 - Rain Gutter sailing
 - Rowing
 - PFD swimming
 - Life-ring safety toss
 - Others to be announced
 - Boat rides (sail and power)
- Cost:** \$10 per participant
- Includes:** Events
T-shirt for first 100 registered
Prizes
Saturday evening dinner and beach party
Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday
Lunch snack on Sunday
- \$5 per non-participant for Saturday Dinner**

Any profit after expenses will go to support the BoatHouse

We will need lots of volunteers for this event, please plan to help.

AND, PLEASE remember WEST MARINE for all your boating needs!

Mainsheet Editor *George LeVan*

This doesn't have anything to do with sailing other than it happened on a lake. Last month Jill and I went to my bazillionth high school reunion from Culver Military Academy (can't you tell by my military bearing?) on beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee in Indiana. Nine of us rented, sight unseen, a lake cottage for the weekend and the one we got was roomy but suffering from deferred maintenance. In other words, the place was a dump.

The first night we were sleeping away about 4 AM when we heard a commotion in the hall, coming from one of my roommates my senior year, Bill and his wife Renee. He knocked on the door and said, "George, I need your help. I think there is some sort of creature in our room." It seems that Renee was awakened by some scratching in the ceiling, then all of a sudden the

ceiling gave way and a momma raccoon and 4 of her babies fell from the sky, hitting the end of their bed. Needless to say, Bill and Renee bailed out of the room immediately.

We opened the door to see momma climbing up the curtains back through the hole in the ceiling, and under the covers on the floor at the foot of the bed, little masked faces were looking out at us. We closed off the room and at first light contacted the rental agent who sent Ranger Mike over to patch the ceiling and remove our uninvited guests.

It certainly made for a memorable reunion and all weekend all sorts of random people came by to see the scene of the crime, and I suppose to help themselves to our beer supply. So next time you are spending the night on your boat and you have to deal with spiders or wasps, just remember that things could be worse.



**LAKE THUNDERBIRD
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**
Chad Cox, President

FLEET CAPTAIN *Bill Etchison*

Everyone by now should know that we support the everyday running of the BoatHouse by our sailing classes. Other expenses are covered by LTEF contributions. This year the sail classes started with a good NROTC class. As of now, the first adult class will not have enough students to have the class. Even then, not enough volunteers were forthcoming to support the class but perhaps they could have been persuaded to serve if the class had filled. We will have the two kid camps because there are enough kids registered for those. Hopefully, volunteers will rise up or there could be a budget short fall for the year.

Since I last reported that we had a truck and Catalina 22 donated, we have received a sunfish and a FJ. Dr Reichlin from the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation donated a very nice boat that has been well taken care of. The FJ is a loaner from the NROTC that can be used in our sail classes without our having to pay for the registration fee.

The truck sold for \$500 but the Catalina needs to be cleaned on the inside before it is put up for sale. Any volunteers for policing the boat?

The picnic event to mark the donation of the smoker by Ron and Kathy Crabtree was another enjoyable time for the picnickers. The weather was great. We dined on the verandah and watched the parade of Memorial Day boats running up and down the lake. Those of you that did not come out missed a very good time. Even Roger Elliot, Les Cummings and Phil Dame added to the boat parade by sailing their radio controlled sail boats. Be sure to join us at the next picnic or miss out on the fun.

The racing season is off to a good start. We are having 5 - 6 boats show up at each event on a consistent basis. This is a great start towards rebuilding the TSC racing program. However there's still room on the starting line for more boats. I would like to invite each of you to participate in at least one club event this year. If you don't want to race your own boat then please let me know. I'm sure I can find a boat for you to "Ride Along" on. Of course you might be asked to trim a jib, or call wind shifts.

We have a couple of changes to this year's calendar that everyone should be aware of. The first change is the 720 race scheduled for June 19th. Due to a scheduling conflict, I will be out of town that day. There fore we have elected to change this to an evening sail which will follow the general meeting that evening. Please join Roger and Les for what I'm sure will be a great evening. For those of you that are new to the club please understand that this is much more of a cruise than it is a race event.

The next change to the calendar is the July 3rd Night race. After much discussion we have concluded that the lake traffic is likely to be fairly heavy that evening. Therefore we have decided to move the night race to Friday July 2nd at 8:00. You'll have the rest of the three day weekend to recover from the late night. Let me again stress that this event is as much or more a cruise than it is a race. Please come out and join us. If you don't have lights, please let me know I have one extra set of battery powered lights, or I can find another boat for you to go on.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water.

BoatHouse Management & Programs Howard Haines, Chair

Recall that my word processor was defunct this time last month. Consequently I have lot to report this month. If you are a '1st sentence of the paragraph type speed reader' the upshot of what follows is that the BoatHouse is a 'happening' place and you need to call me and volunteer for one or more the activities being offered by the by the place.

****April and May at the BoatHouse****

Besides the regularly scheduled meetings at the BoatHouse there were two task groups (April 10 and 30), the first resulting in boat repair, installation of a front gate in the verandah, parking stripes being painted and dock repair while the second was a Volunteers and Instructors orientation. Of course everyone recalls the Dogwood regatta in late April but, in addition, the BoatHouse was headquarters for the Hobie Divisional regatta a week earlier.

Early in May was the first class of the season, the special one for the OU Naval ROTC unit. Fourteen midshipmen and officer candidates taught by thirteen mentors and instructors from this club and the Sooner Sail Club. The class is described fully on the club and BoatHouse websites. Following closely was an U.S. Sailing Level-1 instructor class presented by Rick Shaw to 7 out-of-town instructor candidates.

Partner organizations Norman Sail & Power Squadron and USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 16-6 joined forces May 15 and 22 to do boat safety checks and present a 'Boating Safely' class.

*****Business*****

Lots of great donations to the BoatHouse in recent weeks.

- These are listed and described in the LTEF column of this Mainsheet. It is gratifying that donors recognize the BoatHouse as a worth recipient of their gifts.
- Doug Hamilton on behalf of Norman Sail & Power Squadron mowed the lawn of the facility during May and Les Cummings did the same in April. Many thanks to these guys. Phil Trotter, acting in behalf of Hobie Fleet 63, will mow in June.
- Kerry Knowles and Rob Crabtree. Kerry constructed the beautiful podium seen in the conference room and Rob designed and constructed the new BBQ smoker that graces the BoatHouse now.
- Chad Cox and Bill Brackett recently helped the skipper of the Jr. NROTC unit in Claremore to load up and transfer three of the four Flying Juniors. The fourth FJ will remain with the BoatHouse.
- The June adult sailing class was cancelled for lack of enrollment. The three folks who'd expressed interest in the class all received one-on-one tutoring from BoatHouse instructors, Corbett Brown, Jody Watson and

Vesta Gettys.

Classes and events are shown in this Mainsheet. Please volunteer to help with the classes and camps and or the special occasions. Volunteering is the 'currency' by which members of BoatHouse consortium organizations justify their use of the facility. The classes are the revenue generating events of the BoatHouse and all these events and activities serve the mission of the BoatHouse. Besides, volunteers are entitled to use the boats in BoatHouse events as a partial recompense for their time and effort.

Please ...choose a spot and let me know (hhaines@ou.edu or 447-4974).

2004 BOATHOUSE Classes & Events

For details call 447-4974 or click on
www.lakethunderbirdboathouse.org

- Sailing Smart Daycamp #1. June 21-26. Ages 9-13. Morning and early afternoon sessions.
- Sailing Smart Daycamp #2. July 5-10. Ages 9-13. Morning and early afternoon sessions.
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- West Marine Fun Regatta. July 31-Aug 1. A wonderful event for youngsters.
- Adaptive Sports Recreation Festival. August 29. Sports opportunities for physically challenged persons.
- Beginning Sailing for adults : after work meetings and all day Sat. August 2-7 & 9
- Beginning Sailing for NROTC midshipmen and officer candidates. Late afternoon, early evening sessions. Aug 16-22.
- Basic Keelboat. Sept 9, 11and Sept 16, 18.
- Catch a Special Thrill. Sept 25. *Fishathon* for physically challenged youngsters.

*TSC Members! Two **TO DO** items:* 1) Let non-sailor friends know of these opportunities to join the sport. 2) choose where you'd like to volunteer.



And speaking of West Marine!

Not only are they sponsoring the terrific West Marine Fun Regatta on July 31 and August 1 but they have just funded a \$1,000 gifts-in-kind grant as follows:

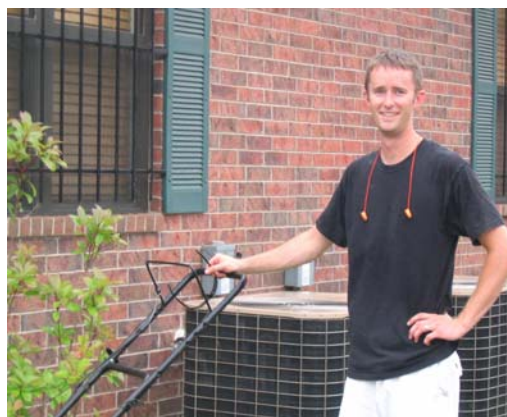
- A set of 4 XL yellow racing markers and a 12v air pump
- A set of 4 mushroom anchors weighing 15lb each
- Five 75' 3/8" poly anchor lines
- 4 Kid's sailing PFD vests
- 10 Kid's Runabout PFDs, 5 for 30-50lb and 5 for 50-90 lb.
- 2 spools of Hi-Brite line for Optimist prams
- 4 race/labels/flag decals

We express our appreciation to West Marine and Ms. Ella Henson our grants and donations contact replacing Ms. Susan Altmann who has literally sailed off into the sunset to live her dream of the cruising life. We wish Susan all the best including fair winds and following seas!

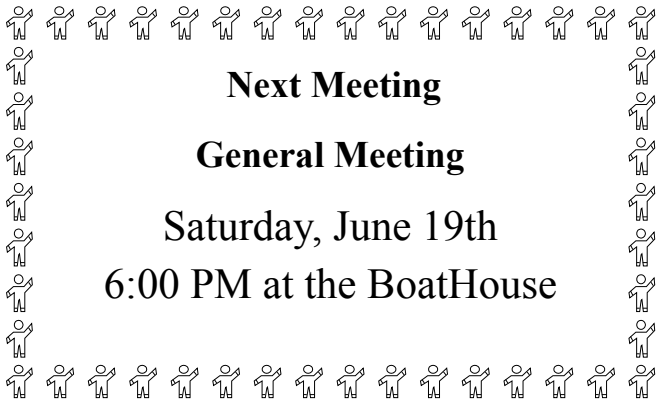
Please remember West Marine for your boating needs!

Thank you, Doug and Sarah Hamilton !

The BoatHouse consortium expresses its appreciation to Doug and Sarah for cutting the grass at the BoatHouse during the month of May. Sarah is a petroleum geology grad student at OU and is working as an intern at Devon Energy Corp. Doug is a Lt. in the USAF and an E-3 copilot. No children, but a beautiful golden retriever named Sadie who enjoys her time at the lake as well. The Hamiltons are members of the Norman Sail and Power Squadron.



<h1>Calendar</h1>		
Date	Day & Time	Event and place (at the BoatHouse unless noted)
June 19	Saturday, 6:00 PM	TSC General Meeting and evening sail
July 2	Friday, 8:00 PM	Night Race and Cruise
Jul 31-Aug 1	Saturday, Sunday	West Marine Fun Regatta



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General Meeting
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