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# Mainsheet

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An Oklahoma Chartered Corporation Affiliated with  
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There just seems to be so much going on in the world of sailing! On a global scope (literally) a new world record for circumnavigation was set by a woman on a trimaran...that will get a girl thinking!

Regionally, I continue to travel and compete with the girls on the "road to the Rolex"—the women's national championship. Come watch us (and many others) in May (18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) at the North American Championships held right here in OKC on Lake Hefner.

And then locally, right here in our own backyard, er, boatyard are six new beautiful Prams so shiny it is obvious our kids' camps have not been held yet. Not only will these be an asset to our camps but also to our Junior Team. These boats will be christened on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. A fleet of 12 youth boats is definitely something to be proud of—please be a part of this celebration! In addition to this, we add the planning and preparation for the Dogwood Regatta. My, aren't we a busy group?

Now that the clocks have sprung forward (even if our sleep schedules haven't), you know you are getting close to nights being warm enough to sail without packing your closet in your sail bag. This means one thing...time to check your running lights!

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## Boats For Sale

Take a look at <http://www.lakethunderbirdboathouse.org/>,  
Boats for Sale

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The Thunderbird Sailing Club was fortunate to have Robb Gray, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, as our speaker for the March meeting. Robb provided a fun and interesting program about the many diverse opportunities for recreation in the state of Oklahoma. His energetic style and enthusiastic presentation helped showcase the many activities that Oklahoma has to offer. Robb also showed the club a preview of several television adds that the Tourism and Recreation Department will soon begin showing in Oklahoma and neighboring states. If you don't believe that Oklahoma is a great state to live in, just spend a few minutes with Robb. You'll come away proud and excited to live in Oklahoma.



*(See Vice Commodore on page 2)*

A hearty Welcome aboard to New  
Members

Rick and Jodi Loftin



*(Vice Commodore from page 1)*

The program for April will be a workshop for instructors and volunteers for the sailing camps, classes and Junior Sailing program. All Boathouse Consortium members are invited to attend this seminar. This will be a round-table discussion of instructing & volunteering at the Boathouse with emphasis on sailing classes and youth camps. It will give you an idea of what the schedule is like and what resources by way of notes, syllabi etc. are available. Also, we'll talk about the new programs of '05, ie, Saturday hours, and a weekend course. Please plan to attend this meeting. As usual this will be a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share. The meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

**Treasurer Dave Craigie**

Summer is on it's way and there appears to be a full calendar of events at the Boat House. No need to have a boring summer when there is soooo much to do.

Thanks again to everyone that has paid their dues. I have sent out second notices to those that have still not responded and I am waiting on several at this time. I was told to remind members that we need their dues to help buy more beer. But that is not true and I refuse to twist your arm that way. ☺ But dues money is what keeps the wheels of the TSC greased and keeps the doors open for all. If you have not paid your dues, won't you kindly get in touch with me soon? It will make my job easier and make budget planning for the next year more feasible. Thanks again and be patient; the oaks and hickories are budding and it will soon be summer.

Balance as of 3/1/05	\$6273.69
3/4/05 Ck # 1421CSSA Race Proceeds \$56.20-\$5Cr	6222.49
\$51.20	
3/4/05 Deposit Dues receipts	260.00
 Balance as of 2/28/05	 \$2482.49

**YOU AND YOURS ARE INVITED!**

**VANGUARD PRAM FLEET CHRISTENING CEREMONY**

*Sunday, May 1 PM at the BoatHouse*

*The LTEF board invites all sponsors, donors, and members of the BoatHouse consortium organizations to attend the christening and launching ceremony of our new Vanguard Pram Sailing Fleet on **Sunday afternoon, May 1, at the BoatHouse.** The event will begin at 1PM and should be completed by 2PM.*

*We express our appreciation to the sponsors who have made this purchase possible:*

*Phil Dame, Rick Mallinson, John Perri, and David Shumake*

*and we also thank the following donors:*

*Joevan and Cristi Bullard  
B. Michael Carroll  
Terry Greenwood  
Howard and Cleo Haines  
David and Rita Hendricks  
Dr. Tom Kimball  
Chris and Jenny Lee  
George and Jill LeVan  
Paul Reynolds  
Rebecca Ura-neck*

*We also express our appreciation to the Reynolds family, including Paul, Michael, Michelle, and Stan as well as Howard Haines, Glede Holman, and Kerry Knowles for helping to build the new boat racks. Finally, we thank Ms. Gus Shaver and Roger Elliott for their help to install the names on the boats.*

*Hope to see you at the BoatHouse on Sunday May 1 at 1PM.*

*Respectfully,  
Les Cummings, LTEF Fundraising Chair*

## BoatHouse Management & Programs Howard Haines, Chair

**Greetings!** Don't be alarmed! .. This is not a selective service draft letter. Rather, it is my attempt to staff the various educational and public service activities the BoatHouse is part of this coming season. Again this month the *Mainsheet* is carrying the table of these activities with a request for volunteer help. Please make a spot in your busy schedules to help with one or more of these events. Thanks.

*"2004 Volunteers. The folks that made things happen in 2004"* is at least close to the headline of the beautiful poster hung in the northwest corner of the BoatHouse conference room and that recognizes the crew from 2004. Take a look when you are next in the BoatHouse. All it took to be named on that poster was to be a volunteer during a BoatHouse sponsored event.

There are 102 great people named on the poster. This out of a total BoatHouse consortium membership of some 150-175. A very good ratio! But, let's see what we can do about enlarging the poster for 2005 to accommodate the names of every single member of the BoatHouse organizations. Of course this column is a report to the TSC membership, so you'll be interested to know that of the total, forty-severn were members of TSC.

*The active season of the BoatHouse has begun.* Saturday, April 2, the Lake Sweep saw some 125 persons involved in doing what they could to clean up the shoreline and environs. This Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10 are devoted to the CSSA/TSC Dogwood Regatta.

Please see the announcements by Vice Commodore Corbett Brown concerning the Safety Boat Workshop and the Volunteers/Instructors Briefing & Orientation. Both will be Saturday, April 16. The Safety Boat workshop at 3:30 PM and the Briefing & Orientation as part of the TSC meeting at 6:PM.

### *Recent events.*

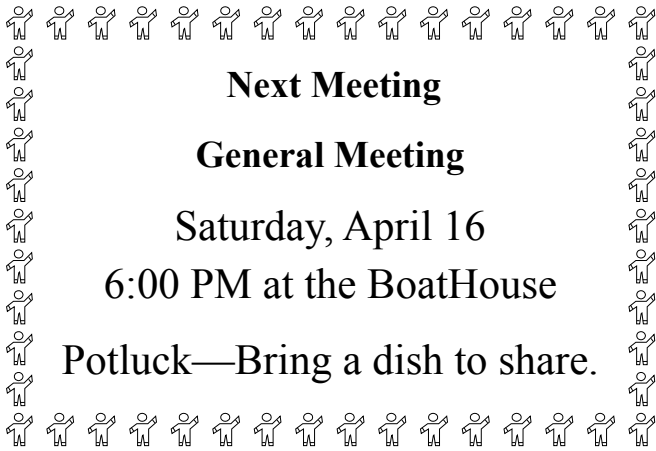
- ◆ April 4, Management Committee met to finalize preparations for the busy season.
- ◆ March 21, Programs & Publicity met.
- ◆ The six Vanguard Prams were received and will be used this summer.
- ◆ Enrollment in the Sailing Camps is underway. Chad Cox distributed several thousand fliers to local schools and interested parents are responding.



The new Vanguard Prams



Gus Shaver installing the name on *Dulcinea*



**Next Meeting**

**General Meeting**

Saturday, April 16

6:00 PM at the BoatHouse

Potluck—Bring a dish to share.

**2005 Executive Committee**

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