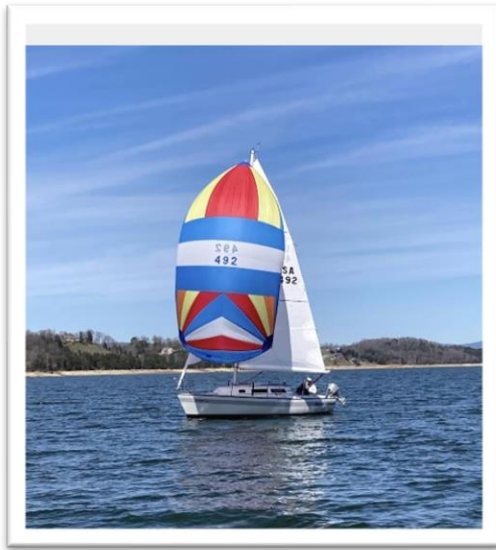


CLSC “Light & Variable”

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Sierra Hotel

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Commodore’s Cockpit by Mike Gibson



CLSC members,

The spring series racing is in full swing, with loads of excitement and fun. We had eleven boats start in the Wyss distance race and are hoping for more participation from members for the 2024 Commodores Cup Regatta.

I encourage all members to participate in the races, sail your own boat or crew on another boat. Come out and join the fun!

Fair winds.

Mike Gibson, Commodore

- Women Sailors -

by Isaac Moody

It's a great time for women in sailing! In recent news, Cole Brauer became the first American woman to circumnavigate the world in a sailboat nonstop singlehanded as she finished second in the Global Solo Challenge race. In 2023, Kristen Nueschafer became the first woman to win Golden Globe Race nonstop singlehanded.

On Netflix you can watch 'True Spirit,' a movie based on the singlehanded circumnavigation done by 16-year old Jessica Watson. On YouTube you can watch solo female sailors Lauren Landers and the Wind Hippie Holly Martin live their best lives.

And at Cherokee Lake Sailing Club, there is no shortage of female crew members. In the Wyss Memorial Race, we had no less than 5 out of 11 total boats with female crew members, the youngest of which was my daughter at age 12 (*Shoutout to Mia!*). Cat's Pajamas and Axios, who both podiumed in their respective divisions were crewed predominantly by females.

It is a great time to be a woman in the world of sailing, and if you are looking for crew for the next race, don't underestimate what a woman can accomplish on a sailboat.



(Artwork was captured by Isaac's son, Isaiah, during the recent race. Isaiah is regular crew on Axios.)

Racing and Reflection Remarks



by Greg Boggs

RACING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

The club has now experienced the first two races of this year's Spring Series. The first race which was a triangle had ten boats start and was made up of spinnaker class boats and non-spinnaker class boats. The non-spinnaker class was well represented as was the spinnaker class. The second race was the long distance Wyss race. Eleven boats started the race and seven boats finished.

Both Whiskey Thief and Skye Boat had to withdraw due to both skippers having previous engagements scheduled. Both those boats were in excellent position when they had to withdraw. I think that the addition of the non-spinnaker class has proven to be a big success. We are seeing more boats on the line along with greater competition.

Our Vice Commodore, Chuck Bowers, has taken over the reins of computing the scores with coaching from Brian McLernan. Chuck has gotten the handle of the program and we are seeing the results being posted quickly. My many thanks go to Mike Gibson and Tony Goetter for starting the races.

It is my hope that we see more boats come out to the starting line and compete in the remaining six races in the Spring Series. The next race will be the two-day Commodore's Cup which is made up of several short races. The final finish points from the races run will dictate the overall finishes for the Commodore's Cup event.

The club has made a great start for the series and I look forward to seeing the excitement and competition grow. It is not too late to enter the series and have fun competing with your fellow sailors. We have also been enjoying great social gatherings post races along with wonderful eats. Please slip the dock lines of your boats and come play with us!



Sailing Programs and Events



by Isaac Moody

Race Recap

Race One of the 2024 spring series: Axios is coming from behind on course 2A. We had good wind to Millers Rock, but going to the second weather mark, we find ourselves in light air. I decided I wasn't going to make the same mistakes I made during the Shakedown Sail.

When we got to the boat ramp gate, we decided we would jibe through it just like we did during the Shakedown Sail, my crew knew exactly what to do and what to expect. Practice is valuable, practice around other boats is even more valuable.

The Shakedown Sail was an outstanding success that was well attended, and it seems the boats that participated actually did have an upper hand in race one.

The next event on the schedule is the Cinco De Mayo after party following the race on May 4th.

EDUCATION AND RULES



By Greg Boggs

I am writing this article while still crying in my beer. You see, I am lamenting my performance in the last race, Wyss Memorial Race. I violated my primary principles on the second leg of the race and threw away not one position, but TWO! It is my hope that the rest of the skippers racing in this series will gain some insight to my actions, and AVOID Methem.

Sierra Hotel and Hired Gun rounded the top mark together. Sierra Hotel initially went to the right of the course towards the beach

and Hired Gun continued down the rumb line (*direct course to the finish*). We both continued on our courses basically pretty even.

Sierra Hotel tacked and barely crossed Hired Gun on starboard tack. Hired Gun continued its course. The wind picked up a little and backed. Sierra Hotel continued to the left side of the course and Hired Gun followed somewhat further back due to having done a sail change. Sierra Hotel tacked back and went to the far right side of the course. Hired Gun continued along the left side of the course.

It was at this point that Hired Gun (*I, the skipper*) broke one of my cardinal rules. Do not leave the competition and or fail to cover them, unless I had a VERY good reason to do so. I had no such reason. I was just so comfortable where I was so kept on going. For Sierra Hotel (*and for that matter the rest of the fleet*) sailing on the right side of the course, the wind picked up and became variable sometimes to the extreme. Hired Gun sailing on the left side of the course experienced winds which were also variable. At this point, Hired Gun had to tack away from the beach due to a wind change and sailed into the doldrums of the middle of the lake. Violation number two! I have found that light air on the lake, especially when the water is cold and the sun is out ,that the wind tends to be along the shorelines (*on shore breezes*).

Sierra Hotel and the rest of the fleet on the right side of the course rolled over us and we looked to be in dire straights. Which we were. Sierra Hotel skunked us and finished well ahead of us. The rest of the fleet grouped together and at the finish. Cat's Pajamas also crossed in front of us, with Lucy crossing right behind us along with

Beets Me. At the turning mark, Sierra Hotel and Hired Gun had a sizable lead over the rest of the fleet. At the end, Hired Gun had lost almost all of it.

Yes, I broke at least two of my primary rules; however, I had also made another mistake as well. I broke another of my rules. On the second leg Hired Gun made two sail changes. I almost always do not have the crew perform a maneuver that we had not practiced which can be fraught with perils. It proved to be the case.

In conclusion, (1) cover your competition unless you have a very good reason not to. (2) Go where the wind is most likely to be once you have some history of the lake. And (3) practice challenging maneuvers before trying them on the race course.

It is my hope that this article will be of assistance to the rest of my fellow sailors in the races yet to come. Yes, we all make mistakes. We don't always read the wind correctly (*by the way the wind did everything opposite to what the forecast was*). There is little excuse to not practice problematic maneuvers prior to trying them on the race course. Failing to adhere to at least three basic principles is a prescription for disaster. I look forward to seeing all of you at the starting line for the next races.

Good luck, and safe sailing!

Telltales - by Bettye Boggs



Wyss Long Distance Memorial Race

When Kirk Wyss passed in 2015, the board at that time changed the spring long distance event to the Kirk Wyss Memorial Distance Race. This year's race marked the 34th running of the Wyss. In all those years, Kirk won the race himself three times. Podium finishers are presented with forest green caps (*Prime Time's hull color*) and that tradition has been continued ever since.

This year's event on Saturday was an anomaly on the race course. Given the the projected wind direction and a 4 knot breeze at the start of the race, the race committee selected the 8.6 mile course to Panthar Creek rounding the islands to port. With inconsistent winds throughout the windward leg and Sierra Hotel choosing a path to the left of the mark and having to sail through the islands to make the port rounding, several boats were converging at the windward mark.

Then the fun began. Spinnaker boats expecting to hoist a shoot for the downwind leg were surprised when the wind gods began laughing. We were again on the wind. However, that did not last and the point of sail changed throughout the second leg. Fortunately for the boats that followed Sierra Hotel hugging the right side of the course, they found the wind! The finish was very interesting as Sierra Hotel took the first place finish followed by Cat's Pajamas. Hired Gun,

Lucy and Beets Me were cloistered together for the next finishes.

With 11 boats on the line, we were pleased to see the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes equally divided. There is now some fierce competition going on within the newly created Non-Spinnaker class with six boats on the line. The talk back at the pavilion is that *“War is now on!”*

Congratulations on the Top Finishers!



1st Place Spinnaker & Fleet



2nd Place Spinnaker



3rd Place Spinnaker



1st Place
Non-Spinnaker



2nd Place
Non-Spinnaker



3rd Place Non-Spinnaker

Racing Opportunities

Boats Looking for Crew:

Beets Me – Chuck Bowers, 860-961-4560
Cat's Pajamas – Brian McLernan, 340-514-0355
Catalina 22 – Carey Hickey, 865-385-3709
Hired Gun – Greg Boggs, 985-788-5623
Shenanigans – Bernie Dail, 865-312-4147
Skye Boat – Luke Osborne, 850-333-0643

Sailors Interested in Crewing:

Ryan Finney, rafincorporated@yahoo.com
Nick Shoemaker, nick@fiddleharpa.com

If you would like to crew or if you are looking for crew, please let me know and I will add you to our crew list. (bettyeboggs@bellsouth.net)

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