

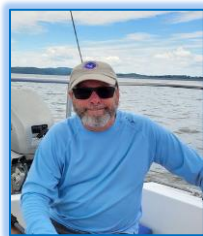
CLSC "Light & Variable"

December, 2024



***Merry Christmas to All &
Smooth Sailing into the New Year!***

Commodore's Cockpit by Mike Gibson



CLSC Members,

Another great year of sailing on Cherokee Lake is wrapping up and before you know it the annual meeting in January will be upon us.

I would like to recognize and thank Bettye for all her hard work and efforts keeping the club in order. The Vice Commodore and Committee Officers have also worked diligently throughout

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the season. A big “Thank You” for accepting these positions and committing your time to the club. All have done an excellent job.

I hope to see all members at the CLSC Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 11th. Kindly consider your participation in the committees and volunteering with the club for the upcoming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Fair winds,
Mike Gibson, Commodore**

Annual General Membership Meeting

Our annual general membership meeting is
Saturday, January 11th. Mark your calendar and
come out to participate in the decision-making process as we
address the direction of the club for the following year.

Election of Club Officers will take place
as well as information from **Committee Chair Reports**.

We have a number of items to be addressed and voted on
by the general membership. We would like for you
to be there and participate in the process.

(The place and time of the meeting to be announced.)

Racing Reflections and Remarks



by Greg Boggs

END OF THE YEAR RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

The race season has come to an end along with the Christmas Awards Party. This year we had great competition in both Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. It is my hope that we will see more boats on the water competing next year. It is with sadness that the club champion, Brian McLernan, with 100 wins on Cherokee Lake, is retiring from the sport and his boat Cat's Pajamas is on the market. We will miss racing with him.

In the past, I have volunteered along with several other experienced racers to go out with other boats and work with their skippers and crew to tune up their boats. When I started racing, I was fortunate to have several very experienced racers sail with me as mentors. The experience and learning I received from these sailors helped me immeasurably to improve my racing placements. I, and others, were committed to "*pay our dues*" and help other racers improve their racing experience. Unfortunately, we never received any requests to train with any of the boats in our fleet. The offer still stands for the upcoming season.

I was approached by a member to host a sailing/racing classroom clinic. I would certainly welcome the opportunity to do so providing we have enough class entries. Depending upon the makeup of the class, I would tailor it to the level of the participants. In the event that I have a number of sailors with disparate experience levels, I would consider hosting two classes to meet their individual needs. In the beginning of the new year, I am going to have the club secretary put out a questionnaire regarding the interest in having these classes. It is my intention to have other instructors as well who will instruct in areas where they excel.

I look forward to seeing the interest in sailing/racing classes, and hope that there will be enough interest in them to hold classes. I enjoy competing out on the water, and when we have more competitive boats out there to duel with, the more fun it is. It has always been a great pleasure to meet after the race at the pavilion to discuss tactics, as well as the fun kidding each other on how we did. The bottom line is the camaraderie we experience both on the water and afterwards.



Programs and Events *by Isaac Moody*



Christmas Party 2024!

What a night we had this past weekend as the club celebrated the Christmas Season at Holston's Restaurant and also presented the annual awards for this past year!

First and foremost, we want to thank Kendra and Jackie for spearheading the event. Their decorations were inspiring of the season, and Jackie's individual cheesecakes in nautical cups were a big hit. They also provided a nautical themed sheet cake to everyone's liking. It is always fun to shop for everyone for the Christmas drawings. Isaac did a great job with this and everyone enjoyed the gifts they received.



The recipient of the 2024 Beauchamp Award was our commodore, Mike Gibson. Mike has led the club and is always there with projects to improve our sailing experiences such as the gin pole, the relocation of our

signage at the entrance to our dock, pavilion improvements such as pressure washing in the spring, and the sprucing up of the benches to our picnic tables – just to mention a few of his contributions! We also thank Mike for leading the club this past year with his tempered manner.

The recipient of the 2024 Cleo Award for Outstanding Crew Member was Tony Goetter. Tony has consistently crewed on Sierra Hotel for a number of years and he has also pitched in with running our races. Unfortunately, Tony was out of town and could not be with us.



It was with great pleasure that we presented Brian McLernan with recognition of his 100 wins that he accomplished on Cherokee Lake with his J-24's, Shenanigans & Cat's Pajamas. He noted at the party that Ron Krammes was aboard with him on his first win on Cherokee Lake. Brian is an excellent sailor who has guided the club for many years and has valuable knowledge and experience to pass along to all of us!



A special treat were the individual gift bags *(filled with Tommy's great humor)* for guests that he and Joyce Smith presented to everyone, along with a sailing game that members can enjoy while they sit around the pavilion.

**"I've Been Talking to Santa
So Here's the Scoop – All You Get
For Christmas is Snowman Poop!"**

(filled with marshmallows)



The 2024 Spring and Fall Series Championship Awards were presented to our Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Fleet Boats. The standings were very close this past year and final places were determined in some of the last races of the season. *(For individual pictures of these presentations, check out our Facebook page!)*



Spring Series Standings:

Spinnaker Class – Hired Gun, Sierra Hotel, Lucy

Non-Spinnaker Class – Polonaise, Beets Me, Axios

Fall Series Standings:

Spinnaker Class – Sierra Hotel, Lucy, Hired Gun

Non-Spinnaker Class – Polonaise, Axios, Beets Me

As we close out the current year and look forward to 2025, my family and I are headed to Key West in search of new nautical adventures. The best to you and yours as we sail into 2025!!!



The Axios Crew!



Education and Rules

by Greg Boggs



***The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
COMING SOON!***



The Racing Rules of Sailing are revised by World Sailing every four years. The new version of the rules will take effect on January 1, 2025, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2028.

US Sailing adds “US Prescriptions” to the racing rules – these are rules that apply only in the United States.

US Sailing will release the mobile app version of The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028, including US Sailing Prescriptions in December, as soon as World Sailing publishes the final version of the rules and its Changes and Corrections document. This version will

again be available at no charge to all US Sailing members. We expect the printed rulebook, in both paper and waterproof formats, to be ready for distribution by US Sail in February.

I strongly recommend your joining US Sailing where you will have all of this information at your fingertips.

Telltale by Bettye Boggs



Opportunities to Share Our Sailing Sport

As we move into the coming year, let us take a look at our CLSC and the future direction of our beloved club in the following year. First and foremost to all of us is the camaraderie that members of Cherokee Lake Sailing club members enjoy. We have fun together and truly enjoy the friendships we have formed. Our common love for sailing is one of the threads that holds this all together. It is expressed in various ways (cruising, racing, raft-ups, etc.) and we need to address all aspects of what the club has to offer.

Having said that, perhaps we need to take a look at our local community and how we can expand what we enjoy to others who may be reluctant on their own to reach out to us. How can we get community exposure in the coming months to attract others into our sport. We have

thrown around some ideas in the past, and we would like to hear from you with avenues that we can approach in the early spring to attract more people into our sailing club.

We have a rigorous racing program which we have found is expanding with our two-class (*spinnaker and non-spinnaker*) competition. Perhaps we have missed the mark in attracting new sailors by offering them sailing opportunities during races. For someone who is not familiar with sailing, there may be some hesitancy with the unknown world of sailing in a racing situation. Isaac has suggested that we approach this in a somewhat different manner. Setting up "*Introduction to Sailing Saturdays*" where we spread the word in the community and then we can offer our boats for an afternoon sail to present what sailing has to offer in a non-competitive way. It may be a good idea to follow that with a get-together social at the pavilion after the on-water experience. We all know that CLSC members know how to have a pavilion party dock experience!!

Let's give this some thought this winter to this, and we would like to hear your suggestions. Think back to how you got into sailing and let's see what we can do to attract others to our dock!

A good time to kick these ideas around will be at the Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 11th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Racing Opportunities



Boats Looking for Crew:

Beets Me – Chuck Bowers, 860-961-4560
Catalina 22 – Carey Hickey, 865-385-3709
Hired Gun – Greg Boggs, 985-788-5623
Lucy – Bernie Dail, 865-312-4147

Sailors Interested in Crewing:

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

*(If you are looking for crew for the coming racing season,
or if you would like to crew to someone's boat,
please let us know and we will post
your requested information.)*



Off Season Sailing Opportunities



Now that our regular racing season is completed, there will be great days for sailing on the lake in the coming months.

A number of our seasoned sailors are offering an opportunity for you to have them come aboard your boat to provide coaching and help with fine-tuning your boats for optimum performance.

Please let me know if you are interested, and we will arrange a time and someone to come aboard with you for a fun and educational day of sailing.

Bettye – bettyeboggs@bellsouth.net – 985-789-0744



- BOATS FOR SALE -

J24 Sailboat - "Cat's Pajamas" - Well Equipped \$4200

Contact Brian McLernan @ 645-214-1305 / brian@saildandridge.com



Boston Whaler Harpoon 5.2 / 17-foot day-sailer with a big enough cockpit and ample storage space to also be a day cruiser. The 5.2 has a self-bailing cockpit that works whether the boat is moving or not, no fill ups when on a mooring. 4hp Mariner outboard motor included rattlesnakeblake@bellsouth.net

PLEASE NOTE THE THE BOGGS' SUNTRACKER WHICH IS CURRENTLY ON THE HOUSEBOAT DOCK, IS NOW "FOR SALE."

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE GREG A CALL AT 985-788-5623.

