

CLSC Light & Variable

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Commodore's Cockpit *by Mike Gibson*



CLSC Members,

Sailing season is right around the corner. It will soon be time to get the boats off the dock and hoist sails.

We have social events happening before the race season kicks off and hope that all members can attend.

Looking forward to warm weather, a fresh breeze.

**Fair Winds,
Mike Gibson, Commodore**

Membership Contact List

Please check the Membership Contact List on the last page. We would like to make sure your contact information is correct.

Also, it is also time to remove names that are not current on our 2024 membership list. If you have not submitted your dues, please do so with the following mailing address. *(Since the newsletter goes out to club members only, this will be the last newsletter if your dues have not been paid for 2024.)*

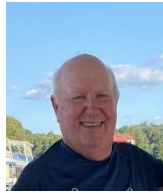
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As you can see in the article below, the club has improved its infrastructure to provide more benefits to its members.



Happy Valentine's Day

Racing Reflections & Remarks



by Greg Boggs

This is my first article since being appointed Race Committee Chairman. There are several changes to our racing program commencing with the 2024 Spring Series. I wanted to illuminate those changes and why they were made. All of the changes were proposed to the 2024 Cherokee Lake Sailing Club Board and unanimously approved.

1. ***Starting time check*** is changed from 30 minutes prior to the start to ***15 minutes prior to the start***. This change will give racers the opportunity to synchronize their watches to the committee boat. The time will be from the time given on smart phones.
2. ***Announcement of the course*** to be sailed has been changed from 5 minutes prior to the start to ***10 minutes prior to the start***. US Sailing rules state the course must be announced at least 5 minutes prior to the start. The change was made to give the early starting boats time to prepare their boats for the course to be sailed. The later starting boats had an extended time advantage compared to the early starting boats.

3. ***Introduction of the Non-Spinnaker Class*** to the race schedule. It has been noted that in the near past, the same three to four top finisher boats were almost always on the podium. Many of the racers who finished further down the standings were not flying spinnakers. When it was asked that the other finishing boats (*other than the regular top boats*) be recognized, it was decided to initiate a Non-Spinnaker Class.

All boats will start according to their rating just as before.

The results will be scored: **Spinnaker Class, Non-Spinnaker Class and Fleet overall.** Awards will be given for each class in the final series standings. For those races where perpetual trophies are presented, a plaque for the winner of each class will be affixed to the trophy. In most cases perpetual trophies are kept in the club house trophy case. Since we do not have a club house, the winners will need to agree to share the trophy for the year.

Boats will need to **notify the race committee at the Series Skippers Meeting as to which class they intend to compete in for that series.** If a boat is not represented at the meeting, then the boat's representative should notify the race committee chairman of their decision prior to the meeting. Failing notification above, the boat's representative shall notify the race committee prior to that boat's first race for the series and prior to the committee boat leaving the dock. Otherwise, that boat will be automatically scored in the Spinnaker Class.

It is the hope of the club board that having a Non-Spinnaker Class will encourage boats that have not joined the racing fleet to race as they will not have to compete against spinnaker flying boats while they choose not to fly a spinnaker.

Sailing Programs and Events *by Isaac Moody*



Show Your Boat Some Love



February 24 – 12:00 to 4:00

The sailing season is quickly approaching and it's time to show your poor and neglected boat that you still love it. February 24th from 12-4 is your chance to do just that!

“Show Your Boat Some Love” is our yearly maintenance day/swap meet and this year it will be better than ever with Tim Scoggins there to do a US Coast Guard inspection on boats to all who are interested.

Want to get rid of old stuff on your boat that doesn't get used anymore? We will have a “swap meet” set up at the pavilion (*anything left in the pavilion will be thrown away*). The official time of the event will be from 12pm-4pm, but who am I to tell you how long you can hang out at the dock?

EDUCATION AND RULES



Change in Race Rule

Article 52

There is an official change in the race rules for the Cherokee Lake Sailing Club starting with the 2024 Spring Series. I covered several in my February Race Committee Report article. In this article, I wanted to explain the Board decision to suspend US Sailing Rules Article 52.

Article 52 states: Manual Power - A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars, and movable appendages shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew.

The ORC and many clubs have suspended this rule or chosen just ignored it noting many boats are equipped with one or more of these modalities, especially newer boats coming from the factories. In these times of limited crew availability, these accessories enable short-handed crews to compete on the race course.

Our club noted that many of our competing boats are very short crewed (*some sailing single handed*) and/or they are crewed by older sailors. Allowing tiller pilots and mechanical devices to raise and lower heavy centerboards/daggerboards, hydraulic backstays, power

assisted winches, etc will not provide a competitive advantage under our rating rules. No more so than boats that use over-sized spinnakers and jibs with no penalty. Our rating system adjusts ratings at the end of each series by evaluating boats and crews due to their performance.

Perhaps allowing the suspension of Article 52 will encourage boats that are not racing due to lack of crew or age and infirmities to come out and compete with the fleet. If nothing else it will allow those boats that are now competing to race unencumbered due to the above restrictions.

*I look forward to seeing all of you at the starting line for the Spring Series.
Good luck, and safe sailing!*



Telltails by Bettye Boggs



New Club Perks!

Your board has been hard at work this past year to bring improvements to our club and to enhance your sailing experiences. One, the club trailer is ready for use, thanks to Mike Masengill's efforts.

Secondly, the gin pole is now in place and many may have seen the pictures of its first usage on our Facebook page. Mike Gibson and Daniel Tarr worked hard at installing it and getting it ready for our use. Next, we have new signage at the marina to create awareness of our sailing club for people visiting and using the marina. We have also secured signage for the pavilion to be used when we are holding functions at the dock.

What we need now is YOU! We hope to see more of our members heading to the dock and enjoying the waters with spring weather just around the corner. If you need any help with your boat or if you would like some of our members to assist you on the water with improving the performance of your boat, please let us know.

Isaac has prepared a social schedule which includes on the water and dockside activities for the coming year. Greg has created a racing schedule to include more Saturday races as many requested and also to provide those not wishing to fly a spinnaker to have their own Non-Spinnaker class this year. There will be finishing places for both Spinnaker Class and Non-Spinnaker Class.

*Please come out and enjoy
one of the most pristine sailing lakes in the area!!!*



Club Trailer



New Signage at Entrance of Marina



Club Gin Pole for Member Use



First Boat To Use the Gin Pole

Tune-Up for Spring Sailing

With warmer days ahead and a retrieval from our record-setting snow this year, we look forward to spring sailing on the lake soon. We have only six weeks until our first race of the spring series.

Several of our seasoned sailors are offering an opportunity for you to have them come aboard to provide coaching and help with fine tuning your boat for optimum performance. Or, if you are new to sailing and would like for someone to go out with you as you become familiar with your new boat, we are here for you.

Please let us know if you are interested and we will arrange and date and time when it is convenient with you. (bettyeboggs@bellsouth.net)

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

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)

- **BOATS FOR SALE** -

S2 6.9 – 1985 with a trailer. Sails include spinnaker. 5 HP outboard. Rent on slip paid until March, 2024. \$6500 (includes paid slip).

OWNER IS NEGOTIABLE AND MOTIVATED TO SELL!

Thomas and Janie Hubbard / 204-097-0379

thms_hubbard@yahoo.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, along with a trailer!

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