

CLSC Light & Variable

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Commodore's Cockpit *by Mike Gibson*



CLSC Members, Happy New Year!

First off, I would like to thank Tony for locating a new meeting space for the club at the Jefferson City Library. This is a big improvement from our last meeting location. Tony and I opted for a late morning

meeting to free up the rest of the day. Please note that NO FOOD is allowed – if you bring a drink water or coffee, remember to be responsible and take your trash with you and dispose of it properly.
Thanks again, Tony!!!

Please plan on attending the meeting. We, as a club, have an opportunity to change our course to be more in line with the survey sent out last year.

This will require all club members' participation. Looking forward to seeing all members at the meeting.

Fair Winds,
Mike Gibson
Vice Commodore

CLSC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend as we chart the course of our club for the following year. We will have announcements concerning upcoming dock activities as well as our focus for socials and our 2024 racing program.

Jefferson City Library, 108 City Center Drive, Jefferson City, TN 37760

The agenda for the meeting will be forwarded to you via email prior to the meeting.

An amendment to our current bylaws will be voted upon at this meeting. For details on this amendment, please see the November newsletter.

Also, we are planning to hold a social gathering for lunch at a local restaurant after the meeting.

Racing Reflections and Remarks



By Brian McLernan

Our Wampeters - Part #2 The CLSC Commodore's Cup

The oldest and most contested of CLSCs trophies, the Commodore's Cup Regatta has been sailed in the spring, every year since 1980, with the exception of 2010. The event and the trophy presented to each winner encompass the full forty-six year history of our club.

Shortly after club founder Charles Harris Armstrong, Jr and the original founding members started the club in September of 1977, the Board of Directors decided that a Cherokee Lake Open Championship Regatta would be a great way to build membership and celebrate the sailing conditions near Black Oak Marina. The plan developed through 1978 and in early 1979, Charter Member, Vic Kaminsky, was commissioned to create a pedestal for the ornate silver ice bucket. The plan was for the plaques, on the front of the pedestal to be engraved with the name of each year's champion. The trophy would then be hung on the wall of the clubhouse trailer until the next year. When the trophy was delivered, the Board decided to add the dedication plaque to honor 1st Commodore Armstrong.



Charles Harris Armstrong

CLSC Club Founder

The first few Commodore's Cup Regattas were conducted in Thistles, the most popular one design class in Tennessee at that time. The only burr under the saddle blanket, as far as CLSC members were concerned, was that the first five Cherokee Lake Championships were won by non-CLSC members.

Beginning in 1986, eligibility for the Cup was restricted to CLSC members and the Cup became emblematic of the Club Championship. From the mid '80s until 1988 the club accepted multiple classes, under the Portsmouth Rule because the club was moving from thistles toward keel boats. The Cup was awarded to the lowest score regardless of class. No one was happy with this system and beginning in 1989, the Ross/Thomas Handicap Rule was adopted and classes were consolidated. Though the regatta was held every year, the plaques were not upgraded and winners were not presented with the Cup.

In 2007, the marina was sold and the land our clubhouse sat on became the site of the present day restaurant. The Commodore's Cup went into storage, in Vic Kaminsky's garage, where it spent the next nine and one-half years.

Brian McLernan competed in and won his first Commodore's Cup in 2014. At the post-race ceremony, Commodore Bill Moorefield explained that although there was a traditional Commodore's Cup Regatta, there was no Commodore's Cup. Brian and several other members argued that if you're conducting a Cup regatta, there should be a Cup!

Commodore Moorefield, who does not believe in the presentation of sailing awards, presented Brian, who had won both the Commodore's and Schrader Cups, with a pottery cup, labeled "The Cup," at the 2014 Christmas party. Making light of our two major regattas galvanized skipper support for presenting actual awards for podium finishers and in late 2015, the Board authorized the

presentation of CLSC windbreakers to Podium finishers in the Commodore's Cup and the establishment of Perpetual Trophies for the Commodore's Cup and Schrader Cup regattas.



Vic Kaminsky remembered that the Original Commodore's Cup was in his garage. He gave it to the Board at the February, 2016, meeting. All the missing names were engraved on the pedestal and the Commodore's Cup Trophy has been presented at the end of each regatta since 2016. All CC winners who had been missed during the garage years, were honored by being presented with and photographed with the trophy. Those pictures have been added to the club archive.





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.

Several 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 informative day of sailing.

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

Sailing Programs and Events *by Isaac Moody*



Upcoming Programs and Events will be addressed at our Annual Membership Meeting on January 20th.

Please plan to attend as we chart our course for the following year!

EDUCATION AND RULES



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Sitting in my cabin at the foot of the Smokies in a chilly 22 degrees, it is hard to imagine but spring is just around the corner. It will not be long until we will all be heading to the dock for sunny sailing experiences on our boats. Here are some **things we can do now to prepare for the long-awaited days of being back on the water.**

- **Condition of the Bottom of the Boat**

With a good bottom paint, all you may have to do is a good scrub on it. Even with good bottom paint, algae will accumulate. The best way is to get someone to go under the boat and give the bottom a good scrubbing (The marina may be offering this service soon). There are several decent brushing systems out there that will do a credible job. Another option is to pull the boat and pressure wash the bottom. If, however, the bottom paint needs to be re-done, the boat needs to be pulled and a fresh coat of bottom paint applied. Obviously, a good hard racing paint should be considered. After applying the paint, it is a good idea to wet sand the bottom with 600 grit wet/dry sand paper to get a burnished surface.

- **Boat Rigging**

The next thing to look at would be the rigging. Is the mast plumb athwartship (*side to side*) and the correct rake for the boat. Is the rig tension correct. There are several ways to check if the rig tension. A tension gauge is a good start. Some will use a halyard and heel the boat 20 degrees to see if the mast stays plumb, and if not re-tune it at the dock. My favorite is to get the best tune possible at the dock then take the boat

out in about ten knots of wind and sailing on both tacks to see if the mast stays plumb. If not, retune it on the water. Remember, tighten the leeward shrouds only on each tack until the mast stays straight on both tacks.

- **Running Rigging**

If I see any lines that show signs of wear or chafe, I usually replace them. The last thing you need is for a halyard or sheet to fail during a race or when you are out for an enjoyable afternoon cruise.

- **Blocks, Tackle, Winches**

This is also a good time to check blocks and tackle for wear or damage. Consider greasing winches making sure they function correctly. Do I have all winch handles. How about extra snatch blocks. Spare lines. What is the condition of all my shackles. Is your battery charged. Do your instruments function properly. A biggie, does the auxiliary engine start and run well. What about the fuel for that engine. Do you need to replace it with fresh fuel.

- **Sails**

It is time (probably past time) to check those sails. Any tears that need to be repaired. Lubricate the hanks if they have them. Lube the mainsail track. If we have a headfoil, do we need to check its condition and lubricate the track. What about the condition of the sails. Probably want to take the boat for a sail and see if the sail shapes are what they should be. If not, do we want to order new sails. Did we think back about another sail that we did not have in inventory but would have come in handy under certain conditions. (*Think Cherokee Lake - drifter sail.*)

- **Confirmation of Crew**

Lastly, and most importantly, is the crew confirmed for the season. If they are, now is the time to get out on the lake and do some practice. We all get rusty over the winter and we want to be sure those spinnaker sets and takedowns go flawlessly. (*Good luck with that!*)

- **Refresh the Rules Book**

Now is the time to break out the rules book (*a current one*) and go over the rules.

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



Telltale by Bettye Boggs



Looking Ahead

As we say good-bye to 2023 and look toward the coming year, I am optimistic and at the same time somewhat concerned about the future of our club. In 2023, we saw an increase in our membership from the previous year, and that was very encouraging considering all the changes taking place in the marina during that period of time.

We have by far the best body of water in the area for sailboat racing and for general pleasure sailing experiences. The width of Cherokee Lake enables us to set interesting and challenging race courses, compared to the narrowness of other lakes in the area. However, we need to get the word out about our little golden gem.

In an effort to do this, we have members such as Tommy Smith and Carey Hickey who have spent time putting laminated flyers regarding our club in the community. To this end, we need your help in continuing to place flyers in areas that would draw attention to our sailing club. I will have some of these for distribution at our upcoming annual meeting.

The club has also contacted the City Manager and Director of Parks and Recreation in Jefferson City to assist with exposure of our club as to the opportunities that our club offers. Any suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Two big accomplishments in 2023 were the reconstruction of our gin pole under the direction of Mike Gibson and Daniel Tarr, the marina manager. Another big plus for our membership, especially those boats without trailers, was the refurbishing of our club trailer. That was done by the efforts of Mike Masengill who provided the labor as well as some of the parts necessary to get the trailer operable.

There are a number of members who have offered to come aboard boats and assist with any feedback you may like in terms of rigging and overall operational performance of your boats to maximize your sailing experience. When you are ready to do this, please let us know and we would be glad to come aboard for a sail with you.

Our 2023 social schedule under the direction Isaac Moody and his first mate, Chantelle, provided us with some fun times, great food and relaxing beverages. They provided us with dock activities, as well as sailing activities on the lake. We appreciate all their efforts in organizing and planning such fun experiences.

Our 2023 racing series was left without a Race Committee Chair. In a dire need to put on our races, Tony Goetter stepped up to the plate as a member of the race committee running the starts of our races and our racing program. This is no easy matter when you are attempting to race your own boat as you call the start and overall operation of a race. Without Tony's doing so, we would not have been able to enjoy our racing series this past year. Our thanks and appreciation to him. Then when we were left without a venue for the annual membership meeting, Tony again volunteered to locate a location as well as setting up a

restaurant afterward for an impromptu lunch.

Now we need your help! Come out and be a part of all of this and help us to grow into one of the most premier sailing clubs in the area. As you can see, you have a very hard-working board who would like to hear from you. What would you like to see take place in 2024?

So where is my concern that I spoke of. It is that we as a club need to get the word out into our communities about our sailing club and we need everyone's help in this endeavor. I often run into people who are not aware of the opportunities that are available through our club. *(I actually carry tri-fold handouts about our club in my car to distribute as I run into interested folks. I will also have these available at the annual meeting.)* It is important that we get the word out that a person does not necessarily have to have a boat to participate in our club. In fact, sailing experience is not necessary. Just a desire to be on the water with a great group of folks who will take them under our wings and teach them the basics of sailing.

Our Annual Membership Meeting is Saturday, January 20th at the Jefferson City Public Library and we hope to see you there.



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!

Greg Boggs / 985-788-5623

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