

CLSC "Light & Variable"

May 2025



***Sierra Hotel
Winner of 2025 Commodore's Cup***

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Commodore's Cockpit by Chuck Bowers



Greetings CLSC,

Thoughts from the Commodore:

First, I want to thank Mike Gibson for hanging the new sign. It appears that the dock will get underway before the sign will blow away.

Thank you to Jackie and Kendra for all you do! The continued effort for social activities and race committee have added another dimension - FUN! We wish Kendra a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Isaac for being the impetus to get the Beer Can races going and achieving the success that they are! I hear there is a Timex race in the works. Let's spend another thousand on our boats to win that watch.

BEETS ME is back. After missing all the Spring Series races until Day Race 2, she came back with a respectable performance. We look to have Polonaise back soon. Get busy, Mike. The more the merrier.

Three more races until our summer hiatus, but I think this summer will be different. We usually go our separate ways until the Fall Series racing starts, but we are finding out there is more to sailing than just racing.

See ya on the dock and on the water!

Chuck Bowers
Commodore

Nautical Décor for Pavilion

The Program and Events Committee is seeking nautical décor decorations to spruce up the pavilion for the upcoming spring season.

If you have some items you would like to donate, you can bring them to the pavilion or contact Jackie Hogan, Chair of Program and Events.

Racing Reflections and Remarks



by Greg Boggs

We finished Day Race Two, and it was a fast and windy race. It certainly gave all of us a good look at what our boats would do in those conditions. We saw gusts well into the 25-knot range. All the boats that started and finished the race were fairly close together in classes.

The Commodore reminded me that following the Spring Series the board is going to make the final decision as to which race program we will sail under. It was decided at the last board meeting that the club would sail under the current Ross Thomas rating system for the Spring Series. Following that, the board considered racing the Fall Series under PHRF rating system or under Ross Thomas rating system with the caveat that all ratings would be restored to the original ratings for all boats. These R/T ratings are predicated on Portsmouth ratings converted to R/T ratings. Failing to find a Portsmouth rating for a boat, a PHRF rating would be converted to R/T rating. The consensus at the time was to seriously consider changing to PHRF for the Fall Series. That having been said, the board needs to make the final decision. My opinion is that the decision needs to be made very shortly after the Spring Series so provisions can be made timely to determine ratings.

Going forward, the Race Committee will have a subcommittee that oversees ratings. This Ratings Committee will be comprised of the Race Committee Chairman and a member of the Spinnaker Class and a member of the Non-Spinnaker Class appointed by the Race Committee Chairman.

This last race saw Beets Me on the starting line and we hope to see Polonaise out soon. Mike is working diligently to get her ready to get back in the water. I am hoping that we will see more boats showing up on the starting line. Lately, we have seen an increased interest in the club. Finally, we wish Kendra a speedy recovery. She and her Committee Boat crew were sorely missed this last race, and we hope to see them back soon.

Programs and Events

by Jackie Hogan

Ahoy, Matey! As the May flowers are blooming, we are heading into the third race of the Spring Series for 2025.

Due to popular demand, we will be hosting a post-race luncheon at the pavilion for the remainder of the Spring Series.

The menus will be announced ahead of each race; side dishes are welcomed but not required. Please join us for some food, fun and fellowship!

The Thursday Beer Can Races will continue as the weather permits, so come on out and enjoy some casual lake time and friendly competition.

We are looking forward to adding tie-up/BBQ events to the schedule as water temperatures continue to rise.

See you on the lake!



2025 Spring Series

May 24	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #3
June 7	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #4
June 21	Saturday	11:00 AM	Spring Series Race #5 (Summer Sailstice)

Education and Rules



by Greg Boggs

An incident occurred during the last race (*Day Race 2*) that should provide a good example for knowing the rules. It will cover Rules 11 and 12. I strongly encourage everyone to become familiar with the rule book, especially since the new rule book is now available.

This situation involved two boats on the same tack following the starting signal. It involved two boats, one being the windward boat and the other the leeward boat. Boat overlap is the basic question and who is the right-of-way boat and who is the burdened boat. An overlap is predicated by the leading boat's 90 degree projection from the centerline of the boat extending from the furthest point of the aft end of the boat.

When boats are on different points of sail on the same tack, it is difficult to determine exactly when an overlap occurs. That being the case, it is usually determined that the boat sailing closer to the wind is considered the leeward boat with right of way. The windward boat must keep clear of the leeward boat once an overlap has occurred (Rule 11). Rule 12 dictates that an overtaking boat must keep clear of the boat ahead until an overlap occurs. Once an overlap has been established, the leeward boat has right of way over the windward boat. The windward boat must keep clear of the leeward boat. The leeward boat must give the windward boat time to keep clear to avoid a collision.

The incident in question came about when two boats were on the same tack well apart. The windward boat was on a point of sail off the wind (*below a beam reach*). The leeward boat was on a close reach. As the two boats approached each other, it was clear that the parallel extension off the windward boat's stern crossed the leeward boat thus establishing an overlap. The leeward boat several times hailed the windward boat advising them to not continue coming down onto leeward boat's course. The windward boat failed to comply causing the leeward boat to abruptly alter course to avoid a collision.

The windward boat was clearly in the wrong, as they did not keep clear of the leeward boat necessitating the leeward boat to take evasive action. Understanding the rules not only prevents protests, it also avoids situations where safety of the boats and crews are concerned. I again strongly encourage all sailors, skippers and crew to become well acquainted with the rules governing our sport. An excellent resource to understanding the rules is: **Dave Perry's Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing**.



Telltales by Bettye Boggs



CLSC New Website

The club website is now up and operating. It can be accessed at cherokeelakesailingclub.com. Take a look at your new website and familiarize yourself with it, as we will be transitioning to the website to post notices, race information, social activities, newsletters, etc. We are also looking at the website as another dimension to attract new sailors to our club. I have actually received several calls this week from people in the area who stated that they did not know that such a club existed on Cherokee Lake.

Another great outreach has been the posting of Cherokee Lake Sailing Club information on the Jefferson County Tourism website - <https://visitjeffersoncountyttn.com/cherokee-lake-sailing-club/>.

Lauren Hurdle and her staff put together a great video of our club and we want to thank them for their effort in assisting us in getting our information into the community. At the June 7th race, they are planning to join us for some more video tapping while riding aboard our boats in the actual race.

As you are in the community, please share our information to prospective boaters who may be interested in our club. The business cards, which we distributed to members last year, is a great way to provide someone with a tangible reminder of the club. The Thursday

night races have become very popular, and it is a great time to bring someone out to experience a fun evening of sailing.

With the new website in place and the Tourism Dept. information about our club, we are seeing increased interest in the club, especially in new requests by people to join our Facebook page. Here's hoping all these efforts will result in new membership for our club and a larger fleet of boats on the starting line.

Racing Opportunities



Boats Looking for Crew:

Beets Me – Chuck Bowers, 860-961-4560

Hired Gun – Greg Boggs, 985-788-5623

Nutmeg – Bob Rhea, 703-801-9496

Lucy – Bernie Dail, 865-312-4147

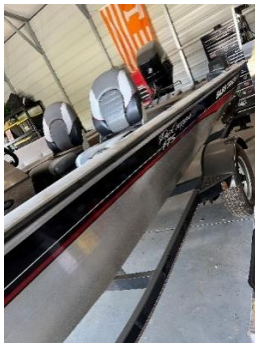
If you are looking for crew or if you would like to crew on someone's boat, please let us know.

- ***BOATS FOR SALE*** -

Bass Tracker Pro Crappie - 175 with Mercury 60 motor.

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Sheryl & Steve Ivey - 951-314-8314



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Greg Boggs – 985-788-5623

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT GREG BOGGS - 985-788-5623.

