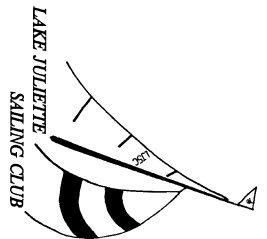


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RUDDER

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From the Editor

Thank you Greg Milani for the great story. I am sorry I was not able to fit it in near Halloween because I felt I had more time sensitive material that needed to be published at the time. I feel like I could fit into either of those character roles down the road sometime.



I am looking forward to the new sailing year like everyone else. I have some vehicle work to do to make sure I will get to the ramps and I still have some touch-up on Anna B to do to begin the new season and of course the yearly maintenance on the trailer is also due. Cherry Blossom is only 6-7 weeks away so I need to get busy with all the work so I can play without trouble.

Each year I ask if anyone would like to take a shot of doing the newsletter. Each year everyone says you are doing a great job. This year some of the planned sailing activities may delay or alter the publication of the RUDDER. We are planning two or three beginning of the month cruises. I plan to be on all of them. Articles like the story submitted last Sep but printed in Feb, by Greg Milani, or by Melise (Dog Island Days) or next month's boat story by John Drawe are what really make the RUDDER a great sailing newsletter. Keep up the good work, it really makes my job of publishing the RUDDER a lot easier.

Bob Horan

MAINSHEET

by: MIRIAM CORBIN



We are on our way to the new millennium!! We are looking forward to it being a fun year with a lot of sailing, cruising and racing and just lazying on the boat.

We enjoyed hosting the after christmas party, the largest turnout yet and the weather wasn't too bad. Everyone did a good job on the covered dishes they brought and the steaks were cooked to perfection by Boston and Joe.

Looks like it's my turn at the helm. Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me, your commodore. With your help, we will strive to make this one of the best years in the lake juliette trailer sailors history.

The new Vice-commodore, Kenny Allen will be a great addition to the board. Secretary, Bob Horan continues to do (records, Rudder, historian and keeping us straight) Treasurer, Jan Dillard keeper of our funds.

Ron katz has volunteered to be chairman of the race committee, thus far John Drawe and joe LaBeause have offered their services to the committee.

Boston will be the cruise director. There is an opportunity and place available for everyone to be involved, so listen for the knock on your door,

with a plea for you to assume a certain job. We have 29 paid members this year todate. This is great. Help increase our membership by introducing someone to sailing.

A lit' about myself: husband, Garland; children Teresa (& David) and Anthony (& Sandy) and four grands. Started sailing in the 60's on a modified 11' Seasnark (foam), then a 20' homebuilt, next an 18' daysailer, then the 25' MacGregor, the 27' Buccaneer and now a 32' Buccaneer, berthed at Tyndall in Panama City. This has been a challaging span. A decade as member of the LJSC. The ordeal of studying for and getting my master mariner license.

January 2, 00, we were on shell inland (in shorts) picking up shells. Spent the week on "Breakaway". This must be a sign of a good boating year.

Quiz time: if you see lights red over green what is this?

See ya at the meeting on Feburay 15.
Think wind.

Miriam

Commodore, Lake Juliette Sailing Club

Nautical Definitions:

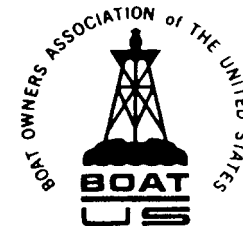
Sailing: The fine are of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.

Passage: Basically a voyage from point A to point B, interrupted by unexpected landfalls or stopovers at point K, point Q, and point Z.

Passenger: A form of movable internal ballast which tends to accumulate on the leeward side of sailboats once sea motions commence.

There was no answer and the old man went inside. To his astonishment the boat was gone! There, where the two of used to sit and drink and talk was a wind bottle with one drink left in it and next to it, the shawl that Lenore used to wear. The old man began to tremble softly., he sat down and looked out to sea. His old eyes swelled up with tears and he raised the bottle.

“Mac,” he said, “Lenore” he said, “This one’s for you”.



Founded in 1966, Boat Owners Association of the United States is the largest organization of recreational boat owners in the nation with over 500,000 members.

Today, the Association provides a vast array of services including representing the interests of boat owners on Capitol Hill; insuring over 4 billion dollars worth of Members' boats; operating the largest on-the-water towing network in the country; and providing discount boating equipment through Mail Order and 45 Marine Centers from coast to coast.

Boat/US publishes the most widely circulated publications for boaters, serves as an educator in marine safety and envirnmental issues, and routinely tests and reports on boating safety equipment and other products.

The Lake Juliette Sailing Club has entered into an co-operative agreement with Boat/US which allows us to join and maintain our Boat/US membership at half price. For those of you that have not been introduced to Boat/US and are interested in joining, please see me (Bob Horan) at the meetings or call me at 912-929-1377, or Bob@Horan.net



very beamy. Every detail said that she was home-made but well-made and with lots of love and pride.

The old man hadn't been down the beach to visit Mac for a few days. Mary had insisted that it was time for him to take care of a few 'Honey-Do's' around the house. Besides, when he and Mac were together he drank too much and what about their other friends?

One day they had driven into town to do some grocery shopping at the market and as they were checking out, Vivian Greer, the cashier and one of the town's most notorious gossippers said, "that will be \$52.50, Mary, and oh by the way did you hear? The mailman found Mr. Farley dead on his front porch yesterday. The doctor said it was a heart attack."

The old man gasped, unable to believe his ears. Mac Dead? It couldn't be. Someone was kidding someone. He ran from the store not even hearing his wife's shouting to stop him. He jumped into his car and drove as fast as he could down the old beach road and skidded to a halt in front of Mac Farley's home. He ran up the walkway as fast as his old legs could carry him and slowly opened the door. He went slowly from room to room calling "Mac, Mac, Dammit Mac where are ya?" But there was no answer, only the sound of the wind and surf. "I know where you are Mac!" he shouted as he looked across the beach at the boathouse.

"You're in the bloody boathouse where you always are!"

He ran across the beach as fast as he could and out the narrow pier that lead to the weathered boathouse. He eased the door open and peered in cautiously.

"Mac, You in here Mack?"

Cherry Blossom Events

Once again, LJSC will host an information booth at Central City Park on the first weekend of the Cherry Blossom Festival. We plan to have the booth manned (womaned) on Friday the 17th of March thru the 19th. Volunteers will answer questions from visitors and will promote LJSC and sailing in Middle Georgia. We will be selling T-shirts and handing out various brochures and information sheets. We hope to have a boat (or boats) on display each day and will be asking for volunteers for this activity at the February meeting.

This year the races will be on Saturday the 25th. of March on Lake Juliette. Racing will start at 13:00 with skippers meeting at 11:30. This will give crews time to get their boat ready and sailing to make the starting line by 13:00 after attending the meeting. Please try to decorate your boat with pink (bows, ribbons, CB Flag, etc.) for this event. The Camp-ground point will be the site for observing the racing, race committee, T-shirt and drink sales. If you cannot sail in this event for some reason, come out and help on the point. Each year, LJSC members that have been on the point, are asked many questions about the race by spectators and it is helpful have quite a few members to help with this. As in the past, this is a Middle Georgia open event and visiting skippers could be there from quite a distance. Please make them feel welcome to our Club event. Trophies will be awarded as soon as the scores are calculated after the last race.

Since this is scheduled on Saturday this year, the cruisers are planning to stay the night on the lake, rafting up for supper or cooking on shore. The race committee plans to leave the turning marks out to allow for use on Sunday for any impromptu racing. There will be a Bass Fisherman Tournament on Sunday that should be ending by 3PM, so keep that in mind when you decide to pull out. The ramp and parking lot will be busy both days but particularly on Sunday morning and late afternoon. The parking lot will be quite full, so if you intend to sail, try to arrive, launch, & pull out with lots of patience. The water level in the lake is still going up and is about 6 to 7 ft deep at the end of the ramp already with the max being 9ft.. We will have plenty of water this year for this event. How long it lasts is another story.

Notices

The February 15thth. Meeting will be held at the **China Gourmet Restaurant** on Arkwright Rd. a short distant north of Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant which is Exit 55A on I 75. Plan to eat at 7PM and the meeting will follow with topics to be discussed, including the Cherry Blossom events, and the 2000 Club Calendar. This will be an important meeting for the Club since it will be the last one before possibly our largest event of the year, the Cherry Blossom Regatta. Come to the meeting so you will have all the details for this event since there will be some changes to the launch time and skipper's meeting location. During this meeting a signup sheet will be passed around for volunteers for the booth at Central City Park and the Campgrounds Point on Lake Juliette for Saturday the 25th. We are still looking for ideas for the design for the T-shirt, so bring the design ideas with you to the meeting.

During the last executive meeting, Boston was selected to head up the Cruising Committee. You will find information on suggested cruises later in this newsletter. If you have additional ideas for cruises please contact him at the meeting or at 390-1433. Let's make this year the best year ever.

Ron Katz has been selected Race Committee for this year. Check out the LJSC Calender of Events to find the proposed racing schedule for this year. Each of the LJSC races have a double * next to it. Those sponsored by other clubs are noted. Again if you have additional ideas for club racing contact Ron at the meetings or at 742-3556, autowizrd@aol.com

besides, where could a 68 year old man go and who would buy any of his second hand dreams? Sometimes in the middle of the night he would partially awaken and imagine her standing on the patio looking out to sea as she had been so fond of doing in the evening for so many years, her self-made shawl waving in the night wind about her elbows. The apparition made him smile until the thought of her awakened him and they she would fade into the moonlight and be gone. It was then that he would go to the place where she stood and cry,. He would not tell his old friend this but it was happening with more frequency these days and he felt that there must be a meaning to it all.

"You know, Lenore and me were going to sail away on this boat when she was finished." Mac said.

"Yes I do Mac, you told me a thousand times."

"Remember the day we laid the keel and all the great lunches she used to bring us."

"Yes I do remember," said the old man. "We never could get much work out of Mary but I'm sure that Lenore loved this boat as much as we do. I'm so sorry that she's not around to see it now that she's almost done."

Mac took another long pull from the bottle and drained it dry, "Me too." He said.

The nightly work on the boat continued, it was mostly the cosmetics now, the trimming and the little things that make a boat special, the curtains, the bedding and the galley and the brass bell. Then one day, there was suddenly nothing left to do. It was finished.

They drank a final bottle of wind and Mac very solemnly painted in sky-blue letters across the bow the name of the boat, 'Lenore'. The stood for a long time and admired the boat. She was 28 feet long and

on the sailboat which was suspended four feet above the surf by three large manila ropes which formed a cradle from the rafters.

The old man sat down beside Mack and pulled the cork from the bottle and took two long swallows that passed quite audibly down his throat and passed it to Mac, who, not to be outdone, chugged at the wine twice as long and to top it off added a long belch.

The surf rolled in under their feet and the old man said "Looks Good"

"What looks good?" growled Mac.

"The boat, Dang It." Said the old man, "You didn't think I was talkin bout you did ya?"

"Yea she's almost finished". Said Mac.

"Where were you last night? I coulda' used a little help hoisting her up".

"I was comin' Mac, I swear I was, but Mary caught me liftin' the wine and started naggin' me to stay home because of the rain and' all and I just couldn't get away."

"That's OK, replied Mac, "At least you've got a wife. All I have is this boat and my pension."

Mack took another ling swig from the bottle and stared out to the open sea with a far away stare that would make you think that he could see clear across the ocean. His own wife of 48 years, Lenore, had passed away two years earlier and now he spent most of his time piddling around in the boat-house. Partly because the main house was too full of memories. There were the yellow curtains she had made that seemed to match the color of the beach so well and there were her paintings and her embroidery that still decorated every part of the house. He did not have the heart to leave and

LJSC Cruising 2000

This year we selected and discussed a number of destinations for Club Cruises. The selected list was made up as a starting point for the schedule. We will try to pool our information and put these events together with enough information that we can make good choices to make these trips trouble free and full of fun. If you have an idea on something before the Memorial Weekend Trip, or later in the year, please let me know. The events listed in the fall are scheduled around holidays and would probably not be easily rescheduled although the destination could be changed depending on towing distances involved.



Our first scheduled destination will be a return trip to the St Johns River and Palatka, the site of the Blue Crab Festival. We hope to all launch at Crystal Cove, which is located about 3 miles North of Palatka off Fla. highway 17. This launch site will put us very close to Palatka and allow us to use Palatka as a base to either, race with the local sailing club, or cruise the St Johns River heading either North or South or both. For those of you that missed the Memorial Weekend Cruise last year, you will want to put it on your schedule this year because it took the honors for 'Best Cruise of 1999'.

The Gulf is once again part of our cruising schedule. With its small tide swings, clear water & numerous launch sites, it is an area that is hard to pass up. The tentative schedule is to be in Panama City for the fireworks of the 4th. of July weekend, and a second trip to Apalachicola in November. The 4th. of July holiday is always hard to plan because it is so hot and wind inland is almost non-existent. Since the 4th. is on a Tuesday this year, that weekend may be a 4 day one that many people will be off work, so Panama City would be a good choice if it is not too hot.

Boston

LJSC 2000 Sailing Calendar

Feb	15 th Feb Club Meeting – China Gourmet 28 th Exec Meeting – J&L Bar-B-Q
Mar	21 th Mar Club Meeting 17 th -19 st Club Display at Central City Park 25 th Cherry Blossom Regatta – Lake Juliette **
Apr	3 Rd . Exec Meeting 15 th . Club Sailing on Lake Juliette 18 th Apr Club Meeting
May	6 Th . – 7 Th . LJSC Rodeo – Lake Juliette ** ??? Sinclair Regatta - OSYC 18 th May Club Meeting 28 th – 31 st Memorial Weekend Cruise
Jun	17 Th . Treasure Hunt – Lake Juliette 18 Th . Fathers Day Race **
July	1 St . – 4 Th . Fourth of July Weekend Cruise – Panama City 18 Th . July Club Meeting
Aug	??? Commodores Cookout
Sept	1 St . – 4 Th . Labor Day Weekend Cruise – Clarks Hill
Oct	7 th . – 9 Th . Cumberland Island Cruise ??? Golden Open
Nov	10 th . – 12 th . Apalachicola Cruise
	Additional events not yet scheduled Moonlightsail

“Dreams Never Die”

(or, a slightly sorta’ a kinda spooky tale)

By Hazardous Greg

After dinner, when his wife Mary wasn’t looking, the old man grabbed a bottle of wine from the cupboard and made his way down the beach toward the boat-house of his long time friend Mac Farley. The waves rolled in and the surf hissed upon the sand and slid away only to return and repeat itself a moment later. The old man stopped for a moment and took a long pull from the bottle and smiled. Mac wouldn’t miss one swallow.

In the fast falling dark the last flight of sea birds flitted over the surf to stop for the night in some pre-ordained place known only to themselves and God, and the old man imagined himself as one of them, traversing the shore to a place known only to himself, himself and old Mac, that is.

The sea-breeze was strong and whipped sand into his face but he pulled his salty old cap over his eyes and continued on. In the distance he could see the light from the kerosene lamp in the boathouse and he knew that Mac was already there.

The old man hurried up his shuffling gait and stepped from the sandy beach onto the walkway and out along the narrow pier to the boathouse.

He knocked on the door and from within, Mac hollered, “Come on in”. The old man opened the door, stepped inside and latched it behind him. “Evenin’ Mac, Hope I ain’t too late”.

“Too late fer what?” growled Mac, not bothering to look up from the painting that he was doing