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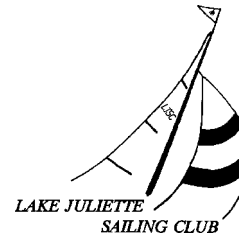
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MAINSHEET

All ye sailors,

As I write this we are busily preparing for the Panama City trip. Its amazing all the little things that must be done and it seems that all of them must be done at the last minute. Buying the extra bolt and wind nut to hold the rudder on, because I know I'm going to drop one in the water. Being sure that the gas can and the extra gas jug is filled up. Will we have enough gas if we get 10 miles off shore and the weather changes? Taking the 5-gallon water jug out and thoroughly cleaning it. Removing the 2 batteries that are tucked away in an impossible position and topping up their charge. Being sure that the maps and directions make it into the car. Packing food and trying to plan meals. Racking my brain trying to remember exactly what it is I've forgotten. Having never gone on one of these trips before just makes the suspense more difficult to bear –what will we forget? I hope that at our June meeting we will be able to report that we had a wonderful time and that it was all worth it. Oh, yes I forget to mention that I've never really been out on the ocean in a small boat so the specter of seasickness hangs over all this.

I think we had a good May meeting, even if it was delayed a week. Our speaker, Dan Breen, did an excellent job of describing a trip he and several others took to Cuba a couple of years ago. Perhaps we will have him back later in the year to give us some tips on racing.

The Father's Day regatta will occur the weekend before our June meeting. As of now, it will be held on Lake Juliette which appears to be full now so it should definitely have enough water in it for the next few weeks. At the meeting we briefly discussed a schedule for the event. As it stands, we will have races on Saturday and Sunday with

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MAINSHEET (Continued)

Captains meetings at 12:00 each day and racing beginning at 1:00. It takes a lot of effort to set up and launch many of our boats so 2 days of activities and an overnight stay seem much more reasonable than rushing around for just 1 day of racing. If you can only make it for one day that's fine, just make an effort to be there. By the way, there is a need for assistance with the racing committee on Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Kenny. (912-953-3390 or kall59@earthlink.net)

I send out emails several times each month as reminders of upcoming events. If you do not get any emails from me, you are not on my list so please send me your email address at kewin89@hotmail.com. I look forward to seeing you at the Father's Day regatta.

Think Wind!

Calvin Smith

EDITOR'S CORNER

With the Mug Race, Melburns Open Regatta, and the Reggae Regatta behind us, my family and I can take a moment and rest. I learned a lot from these races, and look forward to the next couple of months to reflect while preparing for the fall season. I apologize for the Cherry Blossom photos not making it into this issue. My scanner decided to take a vacation. I will get them up on the web site as soon as I can correct the scanner problem. I am also in the process of updating the web site with the past issues of the "Rudder". I have reservations at Lake Juliette camp ground for the Father's Day Race (friday thru sunday). We will be occupying site #10, close to the point. Everyone is welcome to come and fellowship, roast some marshmallows, and relax. Hope to see everyone at the Lake.



Carl

Hey!

This is Ashley! Just thought ya'll might want to hear about our trip to Florida and the Mug Race from someone else's point of view. We started the long drive on Thurs. the 3rd. We got to Crystal Cove about mid-afternoon and set the boat up, then launched *Peace of Heaven*. My boat *Hard Drive* was to be towed down by Paul later on. We motored over to Palatka and got a slip at the Holiday Inn. Friday we went for a quick sail, and found out that Dad's newly built rudder was terrible when there was any wind. Basically, we had two choices: do the Mug Race with a boat that was hardly controllable or not do the Mug Race. Well, for those of you who know Dad, we really only had one choice, to race. We got up early Saturday, untied ourselves from a tangled mess of boats and headed out for the race. From Mom and me's angle the Mug Race was eight hours, six minutes and forty-one miles of leaning out on the rail, holding on for dear life and getting a very sore hind end. From the guy's angle (Ron Katz crewed with Dad) it was hard concentration, sheeting, and steering the boat. Since our rudder was so bad, we had to change the jib three times and reef the main, I believe twice. We finally got through the race and stole a fifth place, of which we were all truly amazed.

The next weekend John Drawe's sailing club, Melbourne, had a race, so we planned to stay with him through the week. We arrived Sunday afternoon and Monday, Mr. John and Mrs. Judy gave us a tour around Sebastian, since Mom had never been. Tuesday was the day I swam with the manatees, and if you were at the last meeting you heard about that. We took a drive out to the Outlet, where the Sebastian River connects to the Atlantic. The water there is such a gorgeous crystal blue color. Well, we were all watching the manatees swim around and play, of which I got tired of doing, so I jumped in with them! Two of them

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swam so close that if I had taken two steps forward I would have bumped into them! The fisherman beside me had already had a manatee come up to him earlier and nudge him, asking him to pet him, but though I was lucky, I wasn't that lucky! I know some of ya'll probably don't believe me, but when they got right up near me I quickly realized that I had dunked my camera in the water one to many times and it didn't work!

The next day, Wednesday we put *Peace of Heaven* into the water again and sailed it around to Melbourne Yacht Club. Thursday we just relaxed by the heated concrete beach (actually a swimming pool) and shot pool for awhile after we got back from getting my boat out of Jacksonville and a detour to Ron John's surf shop which was soooo cool! Friday we launched *Hard Drive* and I sailed her for awhile. There was plenty of wind and dolphins everywhere!!!

Saturday we raced three races with no more than ten knots of wind, perfect for my boat since I have trouble holding her down in more than ten (mom is now crewing with Dad and I am officially racing by myself). That day I took two fifths and one sixth. On Sunday, the races were almost cancelled because there was no wind whatsoever. However, it turned out to be a beautiful day just like Saturday, and we were able to do two races in which I got one more fifth and one more sixth. The races were all very well planned and set up with a barbecue dinner and free sodas afterwards. It was funny to come back in and see all the red, sunburned faces! It turned out that I got fifth overall and Mom, Dad (and Ron) got a third in their class on the other side of the bridge. Mr. John ended up with a third and Mr. Paul, a fourth over all. I learned a lot in those races, one of the most important things is that it isn't always better to follow Mr. John and Mr. Paul around the racecourse, but to follow the guy in the very front! Thank you so much, Paul, for towing *Hard Drive* down there, for helping me in and out of the water and waiting for me!

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You were a big help and a friend. Don't worry, I'll beat you one day!

Mr. John and Mrs. Judy really made us feel at home and gave us a wonderful vacation, though we didn't really have too much time to relax with all the stuff we were doing! The Sebastian River is wonderful for sailing, since Mr. John says that there is never less than ten knots of wind. Which was true! It never stopped blowing! We all had the most wonderful time and I don't think we could have found a better way to spend our vacation! Thank you Mr. John for giving me all the tips for sailing and the help when Dad wasn't there to save me, and thank you Mrs. Judy for the wonderful meals you cooked for us and for showing Mom and I around. I can't wait to come back, Mom and Dad had to drag me away in tears because I had so much fun! If I run away I guess everyone will know where I will be! In Sebastian, Fla. with Mr. John and Mrs. Judy!

2001 Sailing and Event Calendar

June

Sat. - Sun., 16 & 17 Father's Day Race

August

Sat., Sun., 4, 5 Commodore's Cookout &
Moonlight Cruise
Fri.-Mon., 31-Sep. 3 Labor Day Cruise (TBA by Steve
Dillard)

Note: all club races and general sailing events other than weekend cruises will be held at Lake Juliette unless lake level prohibits and/or notice is given to change event location for other reason. Skipper's meeting for club races will be at 12 noon and starts will be at 1 o'clock.

Topside Painting

As of today 5/12/01 I am a marked man. I have committed the biggest sin of boat owners, power and sail, here in the Northeast. I have painted and not varnished the topsides wood on my boat. Some club members may remember my Watkins 23' when I first bought it. (Right out from under Bob Horan) It was blue hull, white deck & cabin, and dark red main hatch slides, bowsprit, & companionway boards. Roger Winn suggested I name the boat Captain America and was going to enter it in the 4th of July Boat Parade on Lake Sinclair. Ronnie Hartley wanted me to name it Miss American Pie, so the once or twice a year I raced the Watkins, the racing fleet (all of them) could pass me and sing "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie" (small wonder I left Georgia).

All that has changed now. Upon my arrival in Marion MA, the Ancient Mariner and his wife, Murial the little mermaid, (My Parents) decided such a patriotic boat would not grace their mooring, plans were set forth for a serious boat make over. My trip up from Georgia, (a story in itself) and being under-employed before I left, resulted in my arriving in Marion MA. very low on funds. So an Awl-grip or Emron 2 part paint job was out of the question. Pettit Easyoxy or Interlux Bright Side one part enamel were also out of the question. The answer to that question came from the Ancient Mariner himself.

My father has always been able to squeeze a nickel and make the buffalo sh,,... 'pass gas'. So when he suggested I look at the paint job on his boat (a Sears Gamefisher used for clamming and gunk-holing. I was impressed, and the boat looked smooth, shiny and very little orange peel. (where the paint takes on that texture) He said that paint job on the boat was going on it's third season and the paint could be bought at any Lowes or Home Depot.

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He said a good friend of his, (who works for Schaefer Marine and is now a good friend of mine,) used the same brand of paint on his Coronado 28' sloop. I was impressed especially after being on that boat. My only question, "Does it come in any other color besides white? Off to Home Depot we went. We passed their marine section and walked to the deck and porch area. Father picked up a color card for "Sherman-Williams floor and deck enamel and handed it to me and said "I like the almond beige."

It was a good thing it was deck paint, because I was floored. "Not on my boat, floor enamel get real" I thought. Father and I squared off to have a real good 'in his face' father and son quality bonding time. Just then a female sales associate (She looked like she was a starting fullback for Green Bay and I swear she would leave a toilet seat up) called my father by first name, and asked if there was a problem and who I was. Eighteen years of law enforcement kicked in and with lightning speed I put my father between me and Broomhilder and said "Just shopping" Her reply in a voice of a baritone prison guard "For What? I said, "Boat paint" She said. "Above or below the water line? I said "above" She said "That's the best" and pointed to the deck enamel. I said "Got dark green?" She said, "Quart or Gallon?" I said, "Gallon" and she picked up a case and pulling out a stock knife, cut open the case in a flick of her wrist, got out a gallon can and put it on the paint shaker all in one motion. She said, "Roll it on, 2 coats, with 24-48 hrs. between them" and turning to my father said "Cliff, need rollers? Get the 3 / \$2.99 ones and don't try to clean them." (She really knows my father.) I was humbled going home, quiet and deep in thought, thinking about how this woman knew my father, but some things are better left unasked. (later that week, I found out, her back yard and my parents back yard abut, and she and my father are work shop buddies. (The daughter or son he did not have at home all those years while I was in

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Georgia) I followed her instructions. (Father showed me, to see that I did) Wet sand, wash, wet sand, wash, wash with acetone, dry, paint, dry 24-48 hrs. Light dry sand, with a plastic sand pad, acetone wash again, paint last coat. They were right, the boat looks great, the only thing I would do differently would be to let the last coat set for a week before putting it in the water. It just gets that much harder.

The color scheme for my Watkins 23' now is dark green hull, copper bottom paint, white deck & cabin, black wood trim. All painted using porch enamel paint. I'll put in for the season by Memorial Day and if the town of Marion gives me trouble, I just say talk to my father, Cliff and his friend.

Boston

Meeting Place

Just a follow-on reminder to all:

I was unable to get Fuddruckers for our June meeting as planned. Turns out there is a Mustang club that has begun meeting there every 3rd Tuesday at 6:45pm so it looks like we will never get Fuddruckers again unless y'all want to start meeting another day...

In its place, I got Piccadilly Cafeteria in the Macon Mall (or what ever they are calling it now) for the 19th at the usual time...

For those of you who went to Panama City, I'm sorry we missed you. I went to the marina on Saturday but no one was to be seen. Being the land-Locked sailor that I am these days, I couldn't go out looking for you either - hope all had a great time. The weather was certainly great enough!!!

Steve

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