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IS IT OR IS IT NOT AN EAGLE'S NEST?

Can you see the outline of a bird?
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NEXT MEETING

July 16, 2002, 7 P.M.

**Ryan's on Northside Dr.
Macon, Georgia**

Chips Ahoy!

With the 4th behind us, our next big event to be thinking about is Labor Day, September 1st weekend. Send your thoughts to Steve Dillard our cruise director, or bring them with you to the next meeting.



And speaking of cruises, we all expect a report from those that went down to Panama City with the Corbins. A few of us that stayed behind enjoyed the day with Lake Tobosoffkee Sailing Club. Tom Wellman (Commodore) and his wife Renee are striving to grow and promote sailing on Lake Tobo. An open invitation has been extended to all Juliette members to join Lake Tobo. functions; also their membership is open. We had a great time at the home of Donna and Mike (members of the sailing club), who live directly across the lake from the Special Olympics site. We enjoyed some great pool time; Mrs. Donna also made some of the best BBQ pork along with other great goodies brought by other guests. Afterward, we all hopped on boats and tied up to the Sailing clubs pontoon boat that Phil had anchored out in the middle of the lake to watch an awesome display of fireworks. Steve Dillard was also seen cruising the lake numerous times in "Money Pit," full of little munchkins.

I have been adding a new item to www.lakejuliettesailingclub.org web site. We now have photo albums with over 150 club related photos. This feature is designed to grow, so bring your photos that you would like to share with others to the meetings, or email them to me in a JPG or TIF format at least 100 DPI. The photos that I receive as hard copy will be returned once I scan them in. At the next meeting,

I will be returning all that I have scanned so far. Be sure to check out the new web feature, and tell a friend.

Speaking of friends, thanks to all of you that have been coming to our meeting/dinner socials. We all had a great treat listening to the adventures of Grace and Calvin's trip on the high seas at the last meeting. If you have not taken the opportunity to join us you are really missing out on some great fellowship before, during, and even after with those that are lingering longer. And remember, bring a friend!

See you on the water,
Carl

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### IS IT OR IS IT NOT AN EAGLE'S NEST?

(Refer to the photo on the cover.)

Jimmy Harrell

Tommy Barker and I were out on Lake Sinclair a few weeks ago when he pointed out a nest on the cross brace of a pair of power poles. We speculated for a while and came to the tentative conclusion that it was a bald eagle nest. We observed several large birds with what we think were white heads circling and occasionally lighting on the nest. Several smaller birds would occasionally stick their heads up so we could see them. The birds and nest were a long ways off for these old eyes to be sure.

The photo leaves a lot to be desired as far as detail is concerned. If someone has a good telephoto lens and camera, I will be glad to take them to the nest for a better photo. Or if you like, check it out on your own. From OSYC it is located about seven miles up the Oconee River channel near the lake shore. Coordinates are N 33 degrees 11.846 minutes, W083 minutes 16.382 minutes. Let me know if you see it and what you think about what it is.

## BLUE WATER SAILING by Grayson Smith

Calvin spoke to you fine members of LJSC at the June meeting. Since I was on my way to Florida to be with my sick mother I missed his words of wisdom and adventure and have been asked to put in my 2 cents worth. We all know one gets what one pays for...

We went from the B.V.I. (the 'in the know' slang for the British Virgin Islands) to Savannah in 2 weeks- 1500+ nautical miles. This is a list of the things I learned on a blue water cruise on a 42-foot sailboat.

1. A yacht this big is a powerful machine. It takes a lot of muscle and sweat to raise the sails, winch the boon over, and trim the sails. This, of course, is made much more of a challenge when the boat moving up and down 6 to 10 feet in an abrupt way.
2. A gimbaleed stove is an absolute necessity in the open sea as are clamps to keep the pots from flying off the shelves when the boat heels.
3. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are just fine when one is too tired to or seasick to eat or cook anything else.
4. Someone has to be on deck at all times on a passage. We had 2 on watch at a time. One to watch and the other to keep him or her awake.
5. Rotating watch every 4 hours 24 hours a day disturbs eating, sleeping, social, and body function times.
6. Dramamine not only calms the stomach but also helps drug a person to sleep.
7. Earplugs are necessary if sleeping off watch is desired. There is a constant cacophony of noise as dishes, pots and pans, and generally everything that is not tied down moves around.

8. The color of the ocean in the Caribbean islands is bright turquoise and crystal clear. It is also mostly quite shallow.
9. The water in the deep blue sea actually is a beautiful deep blue.
10. Sailing hundreds of miles from land all we saw were flying fish. One unlucky fellow came in our cabin hatch, died and stunk up the place before he was found.
11. When one has been rolling at sea for days and then steps on land the rolling continues for almost an equal number of days.
12. When on a long passage one thinks one doesn't smell because everyone smells the same!
13. 'Otto Helm' our auto helm was a very valuable member of the crew. Without him we would have been weaving straw baskets in a quiet hospital at the end of the journey.
14. A chart plotting GPS made us marvel at the skills of seamen that have gone before us without one.
15. When sleeping in a small space one tends to roll first into ones bunk mate and then in turn be rolled onto by him or her.
16. Layers of sun screen applied for days without a bath are not good for the complexion.
17. Joy dish soap makes suds even in salt water.
17. Cold hard U.S. cash is welcomed anywhere in the Caribbean.
18. Forget ideas of romance on trips like this. [Editors Note: I understand from the author that Calvin added this item without the author' knowledge.]
20. We are thankful the Lord went with us on this adventure.

One last thought- if you ever have the chance to make a journey like this, take it! You will quite likely be as physically miserable as we were, and you might even have the opportunity to be quite frightened, but you can always say you did it. The ocean is an awesome place and one grows to have deep understanding of the line 'My boat is so small and the ocean is so big.'

## Preliminary Report on the Fourth of July Cruise

The Rudder editor received a telephone report from Ron Katz on the cruise.

There were four boats in attendance: Ron Katz and J.T.; Miriam and Garland Corbin; Tom and Renee Wellman; Bob, Jean and Linda Horan.

Great raft-up to watch the fireworks.

Ron mistook the darker colored water as an indicator of deep water instead of grass on the bottom and ran aground.

Ron had a trailer tire disintegrate and it took the fender with it. Said that Steve Dillard jinxed him.

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## CALL FOR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

Please take a few minutes and document your sailing related adventures with a few words and photographs and submit them to the Rudder editor for publication. The adventures may or may not be related to club activities but club activities are of special interest to the membership. You can submit your articles and photos to the editor in almost any format: Word, Word Perfect, Word Pad, Notepad, snail mail hard copy, fax or what have you. Here is the addresses:

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Starwind 19 + Harding trailer + Nissan 9HP (I think) motor. Attractive price. Contact David Block, 478 454 1071.

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