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NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2002, 7:00 PM at
Ryan's Steakhouse
Northside Drive
Macon, Georgia

(Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday with some exceptions.)

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Jan Dillard, Treasurer

COMMODORE'S MAINSHEET

It looked as if the cold weather was behind us, I guess not. Thanks so much for all of you that made the effort to come to our February meeting; it was a great turn out. I would also like to apologize again for the lack of seating and quietness; we have made some changes and will not have that problem again. From this point on our club will only schedule a restaurant that has and will give us their private dinning/meeting room. So please make the effort to once again come out on March 12th and enjoy an evening with friends.



Also please spread the word to friends and family about our upcoming Cherry Blossom regatta. It is a great way to start the year off racing and an opportunity to share your love of sailing with others. Maybe you could invite someone to come along on your boat during the race. We could all use the extra rail bait (I mean weight), and if the winds are light you can have someone to converse with or paddle.

On the personal side, I finally got to use my new boat hoist. My daughters first comment was, "Hey dad, it works!" is that confidence or what? But she was right, it works great, with very little effort I can lift 4000lbs and don't have to worry about someone else wanting me to finish so they can use it. Ashley and I have almost finished her new Raider; we are working hard to have it ready for Cherry Blossom. We will be going down to John and Judy's next week to pick up the mast and hardware, and her sails are on the way from Waters Sails in SC.

My congratulation to those members that received trophies for the 2001 racing series. Please encourage your kids and others again this year to get in a boat and experience racing, it is a great way to improve there sailing skills and keep them involved.

See you on or near the water,

Carl

Lake Juliette Sailing Club Annual Cherry Blossom Regatta Lake Juliette March 15 through 17, 2002

All racers and non-racers are invited to come out for a day or weekend of fun and fellowship. There will be three divisions of racers: multi-hulls, day sailors, and cruisers as well as a Special Olympics division. Racers times will be adjusted for boat differences using the Portsmouth system. An announcer will be on hand to explain what is happening on the race course.

This is an open Regatta, meaning that there is no cost to enter or observe the event. However the LJSC will be selling soft drinks and Official Cherry Blossom T-shirts. Free sailboat rides will be available after the races as long as daylight permits.

Directions: From Macon, North on I75. Exit at Riverside Drive, US 23. North on US 23. Cross SR 18 and turn left into camping/ramp area. It's less than 20 miles from Macon.

March 15 and 16 - Campground will be open. Some participants will be camping and others will be staying on their boats and others will be coming for the day.

March 16 - Official Racing Regatta. Trophies will be awarded. Skippers meeting at 1200 hours(noon). Races will begin at 1300 hours.

March 17 - Unofficial fun races and sailboat rides.

Some Rules Regarding Use of the Lake Juliette Area

1. Spectators should enter the campground area and proceed to the covered area on the "Point".
2. Boats and trailers should proceed to the launch area.
3. Parking is free for the spectators. A fee of \$3.00 (to be collected by LJSC representative) may or may not be in force for boat trailers.
4. Boats cannot be left unattended at the lake for any length of time.
5. Boats are not allowed to the right of the point (past the buoys, a no boat zone) at any time.
6. Boat camping is allowed any where on the lake (except as noted in rule #5) with no charge.
7. The docks are for loading and unloading of boats only. Long term parking and overnight camping are not allowed.
8. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Club Race Trophies for 2001 Season

First, second, and third place trophies for three divisions were presented by Kenny Allen at the February LJSC meeting. The three divisions are Day Sailor, Cruiser, and Multi-hull. Kenny had the results from only two races for the past season: Father's Day and Cherry Blossom. Awards were based on the results of these two races. If you are on a race committee for a particular race, be sure that results are given to Kenny and the Rudder Editor so that all races will count toward the Club Trophies for the 2002 season.



Ashley
Saylor
1st Place
Day Sailor



Rene
Ducheneau
2nd Place
Day Sailor



Ron Katz
1st Place
Cruiser



Marcus
Borders
3rd Place
Day Sailor



Phil
Martin
3rd Place
Multi-Hull

Other Winners

Alfredo Daniel, 1st, Multi-Hull
Brian Davis, 2nd, Multi-Hull
Steve Winchester, 2nd, Cruiser
Tom Rogers, 3rd, Cruiser

Racing Rules of Sailing - An Informal Introduction

by Jay Harrell

With any kind of game you want to play, you first need to know the rules and sail boat racing is no different. So you grab a copy of the latest rule book, and discover it's 139 pages of small print about as interesting as reading the tax code, and about as easy to understand as well. Don't give up! It's really not that bad. Actually, there are only a few basic rules that you have to remember so that you can get started and go have a good time racing.

The fundamental rules are easy: help anyone in danger, avoid collisions even if you have the right-of-way, and voluntarily take a penalty when you break a rule.

On the water you need to remember five basic **right-of-way** rules:

1. On **opposite tacks**, port-tack boat must keep clear.
2. On the **same tack**, windward boat or boat clear astern (behind) must keep clear.
3. A boat that is **tacking** must keep clear of other boats.
4. An outside boat must give an overlapped inside boat **room to round a mark**. This does not apply at the starting line, and also not at the windward mark if the two boats are on opposite tacks.
5. A right of way boat must give other boats a reasonable **chance to get out of the way**. In sailing, you aren't allowed to "force" a foul like you can in other sports.

A boat has right-of-way when another boat must keep clear. The phrase "**keep clear**" is pretty important. It means that the right of way boat can sail her course without taking action to avoid you, and in the case of overlapped boats, the leeward boat can turn in either direction without hitting the windward boat. This point actually gets very complicated, but that's enough for now.

Of course, there aren't 139 pages of rules for nothing, but you can get started with just these five and manage to have fun while learning the rest as you go.

So what happens when **someone breaks a rule**? First and foremost, racing sailboats is "self policing". There aren't any umpires on the course and you are expected to follow the rules and admit your fault and take your penalty when you run afoul of someone else, even if they don't complain. The standard **penalty for breaking a rule is called a "720" turn**. That is, two complete 360 degree turns

including two tacks and two gybes. If you **touch a mark**, the penalty is only **one 360** with one tack and one gybe. That's it. Just get out of everyone else's way, do your turns and be on your way. If you see someone else break a rule, you hail the word "protest" and fly a red flag. If they do the required turns, then the incident is considered closed, otherwise the race committee will hold a "protest hearing" to decide the case.

Now that you know the basic rules, there is one more important topic –**the start**. The standard starting sequence now used worldwide is a **five minute countdown** with a specific series of flags and sounds. About a minute or so before the start sequence, the race committee will typically **blow a horn several times to indicate that it's time to start paying attention**. The next signal will be the raising of the "class flag" along with a single horn. The race committee will tell you what this flag looks like at the skippers meeting before the race or in the "sailing instructions" for more formal races. The class flag indicates the exact start of the five minute countdown. When there are exactly four minutes left in the countdown, the race committee will raise the "prep flag" along with a horn blast. The prep flag is a square blue flag with a white square in the middle. When there is exactly one minute left, the committee will lower the prep flag with another single horn blast. At zero, they will lower the class flag and blow the horn again. If you are over the start line early, you have to sail back and cross the line again.

Time left before start	Signal	Flag and sound
5 minutes left	Warning	Class flag raised, one horn
4 minutes left	Preparatory	Prep flag raised (blue), one horn
1 minute left	One-minute	Prep flag lowered, one long horn
Start	Start	Class flag lowered, one horn

And that's it – all you need to know to go have fun racing sailboats. So come on out and join the fun; it's a great way to spend a windy afternoon on the water.

References: Sailing World Feb 2002, the US Sailing Rules Summary Card, and the Racing Rules of Sailing as published by US Sailing.

[Editor's Note: Jay has agreed to provide the Rudder with a series of articles on the Racing Rules of Sailing. If you have specific topics you would like discussed in the articles contact him at Jay.Harrell@riverside.net. Also let him know if you disagree with his interpretations. This and subsequent articles on racing rules will be posted under Racing Rules on the Rudder page]

We've Signed On for Another Big Year with BoatU.S.!

By Bob Horan

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Group Program has proven so popular with members that club officers are renewing our "partnership" for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00-only \$9.50 a year!

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Contact **Bob Horan (478 929-1377)** for a Boat U.S. Membership application. If you are renewing your Boat U.S. Membership, be sure to mention our **Co-op Group # GA 84522S** to get the special \$9.50 rate.

CLUB EVENTS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Mar 12** 7:00 PM, Monthly Club Meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse, Northside Drive, Macon, Georgia
- Mar 16-17** Cherry Blossom Regatta (Club Race #1)
- Mar 14-17** Miami Boat Show - www.sailamerica.com
- Apr 11** Thursday Special Olympic Races begin
- Apr 12-15** B.E.E.R. Cruise, Orange Beach Alabama
- Apr 27-28** OSYC Sinclair Regatta (open)
- May 4- 5** Mug Race, Jacksonville, FL
- May 11** Mothers Day Race (#2). OSYC Sinclair 21 (open)
- May 25** Charleston Cruise
- Jun 15** Fathers Day Race (#3)
- Sep 21** Treasure Hunt
- Oct 5** LJSC Race #4, OSYC Golden Open (open)
- Oct 26** LJSC/OSYC Halloween Regatta (open)
- Nov 16** LJSC Race #5

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 1200 hours and starts will be at 1300 hours.

2002 CALENDAR

A current LJSC calendar for 2002 can be found at the following Web site.
<http://www.riverside.net/LJSC>

The calendar contains OSYC events and other sailing type events which may be of interest to LJSC members. Submit corrections and additions to the Rudder Editor.

Gasparilla Festival Cruise, St. Pete/Tampa FL

Two boats participated in the cruise, Sea Witch and Risk Factor.



Ron, J.T. and Alfredo were on Sea Witch. Steve, Jan and Sean were on Risk Factor. Everyone had a good time and the trip is tentatively on the cruise plan for next year.



LAKE JULIETTE SAILING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Email Address _____

Phone office/Work_____

Boat 1, Brand and Name_____

Boat 2, Brand and Name _____

Boat 3, Brand and Name_____

Current Member Sponsor (New Members)_____

Dues: \$25 per year

Payable to: Lake Juliette Sailing Club

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Milledgeville, GA 31061

Check all that apply.

How can you contribute to the club:

Club Admin

Race Committee

Special Committees

other_____

Events you are interested in:

Fun Races

Cookouts

Handicap Races

Raft ups

Class Races

Beach Parties

Cruises

Social Dinners

Suggestions:

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TO:

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2001 Raider 19. New. Galvanized Trailer. \$4650.

Impulse 21. Trailer. \$3800

Hobie Holder17. Trailer, 4 hp Johnson. \$2400.

Contact Carl Saylor 478 755 1006

4.5 hp Evenrude. Long Shaft, recently reconditioned.

Contact Jimmy Harrell 706 484 1405.

WANTED:

Marine 2 Burner Stove. Contact Bob Horan 478 929 1377.

