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Chef Marcus Borders and His Rocket Cooker

NEXT MEETING

September 16, 7:00 PM

Check the Web for Location of Meeting

<http://www.lakejuliettesailingclub.org> or

<http://www.riverside.net/LJSC>

COMMODORE'S MAINSHEET

Hey all,

This will be a short and sweet note. I am actually writing this from North Carolina. We are in the middle of a family medical emergency. I had to leave school Wednesday and drive an all niter north. I will be back home by the time you read this but Laurie will be staying behind for a while.

Commodores cookout – a great success, 33 people, 10 boats, great food (a big thanks to Chef Marcus, you out did your self) and fellowship time for all.

Monthly meeting – another great time, 35 people, good food, and fellowship. We also had three visitors.

It was decided to go to Lake Martin for Labor Day. Information is posted on the web. We were planning on going, but not sure now due to Laurie's dad's illness.

We passed info at the meeting pertaining to upcoming events and needs of the club, especially Cherry Blossom. Please consider the needs and areas you may help in. We will firm things up at the next meeting and get started putting together another great event. Any thoughts and ideas would be well received.

See you on the water,
Carl



Commodore's Cookout

The Main event was held August 17 at Lake Juliette. Some came on Friday and Stayed through Sunday. Others came for the main event. The club rented several campsites on the point and the group of over 30 gathered in that area for fun and fellowship - swimming, sailing, paddling, generally gabbing and feasting.

Ten boats were on the beach with sailors taking turns going out. The day sailers included four Raiders, one catamaran, one 420 and one Zuma. Two MacGregor cruisers and one kayak rounded out the fleet.

Marcus Borders rolled in this funny looking contraption on wheels. It was cylinder shaped with rounded ends and several protrusions. It was about 8 feet in diameter and 14 feet tall. Before long it had smoke pouring out the cracks and crevices and some of us were waiting for it to take off. Turns out it was a special one of a kind food smoker designed and built by Chef Marcus. He was glad to discuss the theory and operation to any and all.

This brings us to the main event, the cookout and feasting. Marcus did a fantastic job with the meal. Hope we can talk him into catering more of our events. See photos on front cover.

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## Welcome Aboard New Members

Dan & Robin McCrown of Hawkinsville, GA sailing a Crysler 26 and a Hobie 16.

Mike & Linda Nixon of Sharpsburg, GA sailing a Precision named "The Linda Gayle"

## August Meetings

**Cherry Blossom Regatta** - Planning for the CBR has started. Volunteers will be needed for advertising, designing the shirt, signing up sponsors, prizes and awards, race committee, parking, registration, food. The club is considering whether to charge for the event, changing it to a two day event, advertising and increasing the size of the participation.

**Phone Number Change** - Race Committee Chair has a new phone number: 478 953 6060.

**LJSC/OSYC Joint Venture** - Carl is discussing with OSYC the possibility of a joint sailing event. This would be a money making project with profit going to charities.

**Treasurer's Report** - \$1600 in the bank.

**Labor Day Cruise** - Trip to Clarks Hill had to be changed to Lake Martin in Alabama. Water level in Clarks Hill is too low to launch the cruisers. For more information on the Lake Martin Cruise go to <http://www.riverside.net/LJSC>.

**Treasure Hunt** - Scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>. More later.

**Special Olympics Sailing** - Thursday evenings and Friday 10AM to 2PM. Contact Phil Martin.

**Lake Tobesofkee Sailing Club** - LTSC has picnic meetings at Lake Tobe and invites LJSC to attend. It is held on the Thursday following the LJSC monthly meeting. Contact Tom Wellman.

**Cost of Rudder** - Cost of printing and mailing the *Rudder* is now over \$1.00 per issue. Those who had just as soon read the *Rudder* on line were asked to sign up. About half the membership has opted to receive it on line in lieu of snail mail.

**Web Hosting** - It was decided to buy Web hosting for the LJSC site for \$30 per year.

**Calvin Smith** - Calvin had hip replacement surgery on August 20.

**Sean Dillard** - is recuperating from surgery.

## Keeping Clear

Jay Harrell

Right-of-way seems like a pretty obvious phrase: when you have the right-of-way, then other boats must get out of your way. Unfortunately, it's not so easy. The terms "Keep Clear" and "Room" come up over and over again in any discussion of racing rules. So what does it mean to "keep clear" or "give room"?

Simply put, "Keep Clear" means that the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and when two boats are side by side that the right-of-way boat can change course without immediately hitting the keep-clear boat. In other words, if you are the keep-clear boat, you can't get so close that the right-of-way boat has to go around you or can't move without hitting you.

"Room" means enough space to maneuver promptly and cleanly (seamanlike). You aren't giving an inside boat room at a mark if they can't turn or gybe without hitting you or coming too close. On the other hand, if that inside boat does not have right-of-way, they are required to turn quickly and not take up more space than necessary.

That is easy enough until you read rule 16.1 that says, "When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat *room to keep clear*." So you can't just turn and run over someone. Even if you have the right-of-way, you have to give the other boat a reasonable chance to get out of the way.

That's where it gets sticky. Some times a keep-clear boat will sail very close to a right-of-way boat and then claim that they aren't being given room to keep clear. In fact, they already fouled

the right-of-way boat when they got so close in the first place. Likewise, if a keep-clear boat does not respond immediately when a right-of-way boat changes course, but instead waits until the boats are so close that the right-of-way boat has to turn away, then they have fouled the other boat. "Room to keep clear" refers to the space and time available when the right-of-way boat first changes course, not the space left after they have sailed towards you for a while.

The bottom line? Rule 16 does not shift the right-of-way between two boats and it does not give the keep-clear boat the right to hinder a right-of-way boat by sailing too close. It merely gives the burdened boat a reasonable chance to get out of the way. If you are so close that it is not possible for the right-of-way boat to give you room to keep clear, you have probably already fouled them and should do your 720 turns. Likewise, if a right-of-way boat has to first turn away from you in order to give you enough room to turn away from them, then you have forced them to take "avoiding action" and have already fouled them. "Room to keep clear" does not protect you.

And like all good sailing rules, there is one important exception. When a port and starboard boat are crossing each other and are not on a collision course, the starboard (right-of-way) boat is not allowed to turn towards the port boat if the port boat would have to immediately turn to continue keeping clear. In other words, "room to keep clear" is just a little bit bigger when it involves a port and starboard boat crossing paths. The port boat still has to stay out of the way, they just get a little extra time to do it.

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Classified Ads

American Daysailer. 14.5 ft with 3.5 hp Sears motor, 1995. Galvanized trailer, roller furling jib, single reef main, UK flyer. \$3500. Contact Al Pfeifer 478-474-0911.

2001 Raider 19. New. Galvanized Trailer. \$4650. Contact Carl Saylor 478 755 1006

Impulse 21. Trailer. \$3800. Contact Carl Saylor 478 755 1006.

Hobie Holder17. Trailer, 4 hp Johnson. \$2400. Contact Carl Saylor 478 755 1006.

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

1999 Vanguard Laser 2 w/galv road trailer & alum launching dolly. Fast 14.5 ft double-hander w/jib, main, spinnaker, built-in spin launch tube, & trapeze. Garage kept & in excel cond, sailed only 8x on fresh water. Trailer incl mast support, spare tire, swing down caster, & nesting Seitech dolly. \$5620 firm. Colie blade bag, hull cover, & mast-down top cover addit'l \$450. Contact Brian Fischer 478 757 0723

Sailboats Wanted: Donate your Hobie 16's for the Special Olympics Program at Lake Tobesofkee and get a tax writeoff. Contact Phil Martin, 478 751 7363. Will also accept other boats which will be sold and the proceeds used to support the program.