

“But we’re ahead of Ron!”
 “So, slow down!”
 “Are you !&%#+! NUTS?”
 “You’re pinchin’, fall off a little.”
 “What?”
 “I said...”
 “I know, I know. I’ve got it.”
 “Just drive the boat!”
 “I am drivin’ the boat!”
 “Could’ve fooled me!”
 “Oh, shut up!”

Yep! Just your average, typical day at the Lake Juliette Sailing Club races.

It really is a lot of fun and I’ve learned more about sailing from competing than any other nautical activity. (Well, maybe “sailink mit Karl”, but that’s a whole ‘nother story.) That’s what makes sailing such a great activity, you always have more to learn. Racing gives you such a wide and varied “informational palette” to utilize. But, I digress.

It was a great race in spite of any previous allusions to the contrary. I wish that we could have more of them but it takes a lot of time and effort to set up and run a good race and we haven’t been able to talk some poor sucker, I mean some hearty individual into taking up the mantle of Race Committee. Ron and Linda Katz deserve our heartiest congratulations and our sincerest appreciation for stepping up to the plate and putting this one together. Thanks, ya’ll! We appreciate it!

For the results of the race, you’ll have to ask Ron or Linda since I’m still a little fuzzy on details. The most memorable part of the day was after the race. We had “dinner in a gale” on the point. It was hilarious! Right about the time most of us had filled our plates with delicious bar-b-que and related “fixin’s”, we were treated to one of Mother Nature’s finest floor shows. Howling winds, driving rains and no place to hide. A chaotic maelstrom of flying food, utensils and other culinary flotsam and jetsam. We watched in amazement as a loaded platter was hurled across the pavilion to give Tom Barker a below-the-belt bar-b-que, baked bean, brunswick stew and coleslaw sucker-punch. He wore it well! We found out afterward that The Powers That Be had ordered the evacuation of the point due to the severity of the storm. The problem was the messenger, arriving in the midst of the inclement eruption, decided that remaining inside a warm, dry vehicle was the preferred option. At least some of us have good sense. The rest of us just tried to anchor the bulk of the victuals, let the loose end drag and jockey for position so that the wind would blow the food IN the mouth to be simultaneously washed down by 80 mph rainwater. Kinda’ gives a whole new meaning to the term “force-feeding”. The skies cleared up and we cleaned up and a good time was had ruminating on our adventure. Thus began the “Legend of the LJSC Picnic in a Hurricane”. I’m sure it will get better with the telling.

That evening we had a wonderful night sail with Sherry & John, Ron & Linda and the motley crew of the Thera-P. The winds were perfect for one of those “kick back with a good cigar, nudge the tiller occasionally with your toe, tell old sea

stories and gaze at the stars” kind of nights. Life is good.

I don’t know how the Rodeo turned out because, as I mentioned earlier, on Sunday morning as I was bringing coffee to the crew in preparation for the days events I managed to trip and fall on the dock and aggravated a couple of previous spinal injuries. (I did manage to save the coffee!) I have just recently been able to get up and around so I’ve been seriously out of the loop re: Club business. I haven’t received any reports on the various Club functions and activities since the Teresa’s Regatta so this month’s newsletter is a little light. Will try to have more in next month’s issue.

-Gimp

P.S. Thanks for the lovely card, Grayson.

Fourth of July on Lake Sinclair

Jimmy Harrell

Every year just after dark on Independence Day, the Milledgeville Country Club puts on an aerial fireworks display. This show is best seen from the Lake in the vicinity of the dam. There were so many boats on hand this year that it looked like you could walk all the way across stepping from boat to boat. There were several hundred boats, mostly stinkpots but I did see one sailboat, taking in the show. The red and green bowlights and the white stern lights reminded me of Christmas decorations.

Three years ago my grandson, Jacob (5 years old at the time), and I headed for the show in our pontoon boat. About halfway between 441 and the dam, we met Ron and Linda Katz headed in the opposite direction. They thought that the display was going to be near 441. They turned around and we rafted up for a great show and some socializing. My grandson hasn’t been here on July 4th since but still talks about the time we watched the fireworks on the lake.

We were out of town last year and I did not plan to see it this year but Jay and I were at OSYC working on our boats. As it started to get dark, the spectator boats began to gather on the lake. We finished with our boats about the time the show started and we joined Howard Gregory on the point to watch the show. In addition to the event at the Country Club, there were several private displays all along the shore of the lake. It was really impressive and next year I plan to be there in my sailboat, relaxing and watching the show. If others would like to join me we could raft up and make it a club event.

-Jimmy

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Tanzer 22: Sail # 476 center board model, 8hp Johnson custom trailer built for Tanzer, good tires with spare, single handed mast stepping jack, full sail inventory incl. A new 2” whisker pole, sail cover for main, 2 rudders-new and original, extra tiller handle, new 4” cockpit cushions, port-a-potty, compass, lines, life jackets, anchor, fenders and more. This boat is a joy to sail and a proven winner, it loves weather! The boat is located in Ocala, FL. Asking \$6,000.00. **Call Mike Sherlock, Hm-(352) 489-4617, Wk- 1-800-476-6624.**

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Contact Bob Hargrove; Hm. 478-743-8172 – Wk. 478-301-2762 – e-mail; hargrove_rj@mercer.edu.

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