

# The RUDDER

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## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, 19 Oct. '04**

**San Marcos Mexican Restaurant**

**2460 Riverside Dr, Macon, GA**

Room Reserved for 6:00 p.m.

Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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## Minutes of September '04 Meeting

Our Esteemed Commodore, Grand Poobah and all around swell guy, Warren Abrams, led the faithfully committed to order. Warren lamented the fact that due to the antics of the unusually prolific hurricane season; he was detracted from club business because his time was consumed with the removal and disposition of prodigious amounts of arboreal flotsam and jetsam. (Although, these weather events did make for some fantastic sailing!)

Warren called upon the eclectically proficient Bob Horan to give us an update on the Treasure Hunt. It

seems Bob had all the details in hand, down to the weather report and water levels, in his usual inimitable style. Bob doesn't get enough credit for the things he does so well. I'd like to take this opportunity to say "On behalf of the club, thanks, Bob!"

At this point, the meeting was interrupted due to culinary activities. The meeting resumed after the rattle of cutlery and the gnashing of teeth subsided to moderate decibel levels.

Warren Hughes, our unflappable Vice-Commodore was next up for his report, succinctly reported. "Negative report." Warren has obviously taken to heart the credo, first espoused by little Billy Shakespeare, that "Brevity is the soul of wit."

The Secretary's Report was next. I thanked everyone that sent in articles and tidbits of info to be published in this rag as it alleviates the necessity of having to put up with my bloviations. (I can't seem to get the hang of that Shakespeare thing!) I also issued a request (begged) for more items for publication and the procurement of any updated info for the membership database, i.e.; changes in mailing addresses or e-mails, etc.

Next, we breathlessly awaited the report from our Treasurer, the lovely and talented Jan Dillard. Due to her tireless efforts to keep Steve's hands off the petty cash, the club is STILL solvent. Ah, what a gal!

Ron Katz was ordered to stand and deliver the Cruise Report. The gregarious Ron proposed a cruise on Lake Sinclair for the weekend of Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was originally proposed as a 'Halloween Regatta' but Grayson Smith reminded us that the 'Halloween Regatta', an open event at OSYC was already listed in the newsletter for Oct. 30-31. Somebody suggested we call it the 'Halibut Regatta' because we were having it for the 'halibut', (It's a pun, folks) so it is listed in the Rudder as the 'Halibut Regatta' (Those who object to this can flog the Editor at the next meeting.) This all came about because of 'Charlie', 'Francis', 'Ivan', et.al. have pretty much put our cruising schedule through the shredder, along with the great State of Florida. More details should be available by the next meeting on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Ron also gave us a short dissertation on the exploits and progress of the Sea Scout program. Kudos to Ron for his prodigious efforts in this worthy endeavor.

This brought us kicking and screaming into the 'New Business' portion of the meeting. The lovely Grayson Smith allowed as how the details of the Halloween Regatta should be on the OSYC website at [www.OSYC.net](http://www.OSYC.net). She also told the Editor that she would

try to get some info for publication in the next Rudder. Bob Horan brought up some info he had gleaned regarding a T-shirt printer that might prove less political for the next Cherry Blossom Regatta. Bob also solicited suggestions for the possibility of a meal after the Treasure Hunt. This was bandied about for a while but no firm decisions were made.

At this point, the meeting began to degenerate into its usual conversational chaos. I do recall Garland Corbin bemoaning the fact that owning a big boat was not necessarily a good thing. It seems he couldn't load his boat on a trailer and move it out of the way of 2 or 3 hurricanes. I feel for ya, Garland. Hope everything came out O.K...and we all played well together and went home.

Gimp

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### Schedule of Events for 2004 are as follows:

Oct. 23 ..... Halibut Regatta, Lake Sinclair  
 Oct. 30-31 ..... Halloween Regatta, OSYC

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### Dear LJSC Sailors,

You are invited to the Fifth Annual Invitational Halloween Regatta at OSYC on Sat. Oct. 30 and Sun. Oct. 31, 2004. We plan to have costumes, decorations, food, music, prizes, games, a ticket raffle, fellowship, fun, and, of course, sailing.

The captain's meeting on Sat. will be at 12:00 noon, and on Sunday at 10:30. On Sat. night our trustworthy grill will be fired up to roast chicken. Surnames from "A" to "N" are asked to bring salads, vegetables or fruit. Surnames "O to "Z" are asked to bring to-die-for desserts, bread or appetizers. The club will provide beverages. The cost of the evening meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under. This will help defray the cost of food, paper products, charcoal, drinks, etc. Any extra money will be added to our "Galley Fund".

Plan to dress in your funniest, craziest, stupidest, most elegant costume and you might win a prize! Please look high and low through your houses, boats, garages, attics, basements, closets, last year's Christmas gifts, etc. to find items to donate to the Sat. night raffle. No item is too great or small. Last year we had donated nautical treasures, exercise equipment, kitchen and decorating pieces, a music section, toys, clothing, electronics and many other things--large and small. We made over \$500 that has been used to put the flooring in our galley. Now we need walls, cabinets, a sink and other structures. Let's aim to raise \$800! Aren't we glad that a former commodore, Mike Bragg, had the foresight to put a roof in place for the new galley?

Please bring any tables you have, as we will need

extra space for displaying all the expected donations. Also, anyone who would like to help decorate, draw tickets, serve food or clean up, please contact Grayson Smith at 478-474-7695 or at [graysonsmith10@hotmail.com](mailto:graysonsmith10@hotmail.com). You may contact Commodore Dick Mueller at 478-452-8315 or at [ramueller@peachnet.campuscwix.net](mailto:ramueller@peachnet.campuscwix.net) to make dinner reservations by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Halloween Regatta at OSYC.

Grayson Smith

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### "Lettitor" from the Editor:

#### **UP THE DOWN SEGUE**

I've been staring at the computer screen for the whole afternoon waiting to be inspired. I did the same thing yesterday. Writer's Block is an ugly thing, especially when you have a deadline staring you in the face. I wanted to do an article on the Treasure Hunt but I've lost track of most of the pertinent details that I was so sure that I would remember. I do recall we had a great sail. The winds were strong enough to be exciting but not to the point where afterwards I would have to go into the 'put me to bed and give me morphine' mode for a couple days. Sailing with certain critical body parts that have been reassembled with screws, pins, bailing wire and chewing gum kinda gives you a different outlook on what is a good day sailing. I have limped home from some events and asked myself, when I managed to crawl out of bed three days later, "Is this really worth it?" It helps if you've got a good crew.

And speaking of crews, I would be extremely remiss if I did not acknowledge, publicly and unashamedly, that without my understanding, patient and highly competent crew, (Charlie and Killian) I would not be able to enjoy the wonderful experiences to be had playing on blowboats. These gals take up my slack, put up with my rants, make me look competent and generally keep me from having to run widdershins around my elbow to find my posterior. (There's your W word, Grayson. There *will* be a test!) As much as it hurts my southern redneck male ego to admit it, I would not be physically capable of doing it without them. They put up with me even when I ignore their admonitions of 'over-doing-it' and end up toes-up for a few days in extreme pain, which has a tendency to make me an even bigger S.O.B. And they still eagerly jump at every chance to go sailing with me. God, what a crew!

I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge all the help and assistance I have received from others, especially the club members. Since we first started in sailing, around '95 or '96, there have been many individuals who have gone out of their way to give assistance, instruction and encouragement that made it possible for us to hang in there, in spite of my physical

limitations. If left to our own devices, I don't think I would have made it. If I start naming names, I am afraid I would leave someone out and I really would not want to insult anyone due to faulty memory. Aw, hell, I'll do it anyway.

There are a few folks who have gone above and beyond the call and I would like to call them by name. Carl Saylor, whose assistance and advice has been immeasurable, and has always been there for us with a spare block or a strong back. I most appreciate the time he has spent with my kid, teaching and offering opportunities to increase her skills and participate in events that she would otherwise not have access too. Bob Horan, whose encyclopedic knowledge has been eagerly shared and is probably the biggest untapped resource of things nautical in the club. Talking with Bob is always a learning experience and his advice, tips and tricks-of-the-trade have helped us immensely. Jimmy Harrell, who not only gave us advice, encouragement and a willing hand, but, along with Calvin Smith, got me involved in the club in spite of my reservations. The Dillardards, whose assistance and humor have helped us over some rough spots. One of my most prized awards is my 'Trailer Diving Champion' trophy. I keep it in a place of pride on my mantle. And there's Ron Katz, whose proclivity for advice is only eclipsed by his willingness to lend a hand when things go south. So many other members who have looked past the long-haired, tattooed, redneck gimp and focused on an individual with a shared joy in a common interest. I have to mention Ken Wood, who originally peaked my interest in sailing. We go way back to when I first moved to Georgia. Ah, the stories we could tell...but that will have to wait until the statute of limitations run out. And last, but certainly not least, D. Wilson. D got me into this mess and taught me most of what I know about sailing. I've learned a lot from D and we've learned a lot together. Our families have sailed together for so long that we usually don't have to discuss the actual sailing of the boat, we just seem to know what the other crew members are going to do. Someone will take the helm and everyone else just does what needs to be done to trim the boat without any commands or discussion. It's a really neat thing to be a part of.

Since D. Wilson and I went in on that old Cherubini designed 25' Hunter and put it on Lake Sinclair, we've been able to put a lot more time on the water with a lot less pain on my back. It's been real nice being able to go sailing without the pain of having to rig the boat first. They say that sharing a boat with someone is a difficult proposition to pull off, but we haven't had any problems that we couldn't work out. So far it has been a right pleasurable experience and both families have been able to get in a lot more sailing. About the only real problem that's come up is servicing the 'porta-potty'. Charlie still limps a mite in damp weather. Five gallons of brown water in a holding tank falling from about 4 feet gains a lot of momentum.

Having a boat rigged, ready and in the water is great

for its spontaneity aspect. Anybody with an active teenager in high school understands that any long range planning is generally an exercise in futility. We keep a bag packed with a change of clothes, a towel and sunscreen for those spur-of-the-moment trips to the boat that have become an essential part of life for this family. It's amazing what even a short afternoon or evening sail does for your state of mind. With a mind like mine, the importance here cannot be overstressed. I suffer from the 'mind-like-a-steel-trap' syndrome. It was tripped years ago and I am still trying to figure out how to reset the damn fool thing. The therapeutic value of sailing was one of the surprising fringe benefits that have driven me to find ways to do it more often and less painfully.

Another fringe benefit is getting to introduce some of my teenage daughter's friends to the joys of sailing. I get a real kick out of watching the initial confusion morph into the sheer exhilaration that comes from the dawning comprehension that they are moving a 5000 lb. boat gracefully across the water by manipulating a few ropes and playing with air. It's a magical thing, playing with air. I think I'll end this rambling discourse and go play. Looks like it might be a good day for it.

Gimp

### Classified Ads

American Daysailer: 14.5 ft with 3.5hp Sears motor, - 1995. Galvanized trailer, roller-furling jib, single reef main, UK flyer. \$3500.

**Contact Al Pfeifer; 478-474-0911.**

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