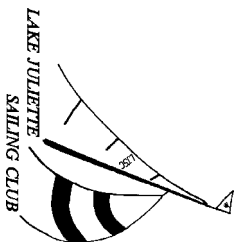


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For those of you think your boat is too small to do any coastal cruising, I have come across some information you may be interested in reading about. In 1968, Hugo Vihlen sailed April Fool, a 6 ft sailboat, across the Atlantic Ocean. It was of course a world record and it took 85 days. He packed water in milk jugs and tied them to the deck, packed food in the cabin and set out from Africa and sailed to Florida. The trip was not without it's setbacks but it was a possible dream.

In 1993 an Englishman named Tom McNally crossed the Atlantic in 5ft 4 1/2 in boat. With his record beat, Hugo Vihlen built a 5ft 4 in. boat named Father's Day and sailed form Newfoundland on september 27 1993. With a hull speed of only 2.3 kts, the 1800 mile took 106 days. His provisions included 25 gallons of water, a watermaker, 75 lbs of liquid food suppliment and some handy health bars and dried fruit. Once again an American holds the record for the smallest boat to sail across the Atlantic. Another hardy individual decided to try for rowing across the Pacific Ocean. He started out from Japan in a 26 foot boat. After encountering 50ft seas and being rolled over more than 2 dozen times he successfully completed the approximately 130 day, 5000 mile expedition.

If this 61 yr old sailor can sail cross the Atlantic in a boat that is shorter than his height, then with some good planning and careful sailing, most of us could enjoy some really good weekend coastal cruising with very little effort. We are entering the season for weekend cruising for our sailing club. If sailing out into the blue water of the Atlantic or the Gulf, seems to be a bit much for you right now, then maybe working your way up, by weekend sailing on the many South East inland lakes may be a good plan. If you cannot make the memorial Weekend Cruise, there is always Clarks Hill Lake in September or maybe an impromptu Club trip to WestPoint Lake or Lake Blackshear. Cruising in the company of your friends in the club can be very rewarding and having their experience close by, can add that extra measure of safety you might need.

Bob Horan

Racing Corner (Cont)

Confederate Memorial Day Race (94 Series)

Skipper	Boat	corr time-1	corr time-2	fin-1	fin-2
Dillard	Catalina 22	21.50	44.26	1	1
Lee	Hunter 20	24.84	44.36	2	2
Corbin	McGregor 25	26.86	48.90	3	3
Duarte	Hunter 23.5	28.26	50.00	4	4
Yeator	Tonic 24	28.94	55.02	5	5
Jester	Spirit 23	29.46	80.85	6	9
Masingale	Spirit 6.5	34.26	71.43	7	8
G. Corbin	Bucanneer 275	38.38	62.35	8	7
Moody	Catalina 22		58.18		6

Daysailors

Cole	Puffer	16.83	38.79	1	1
Embry	Nacra 5.2		86.97		2

First over all.....

Race 1 and 2 - Dave Cole

MAINSHEET:

-By Garland Corbin

HOW AN OBSESSION BEGAN

Where and when did you experience your first sail?? - The happy gurgling as the water slid rapidly past the hull - the heart in throat feeling of a sudden gust of wind that heeled you way over - the feeling of freedom of just the wind and waves - the golden silence of being away from noisy, smelly motors - and the many other indescribable personal feelings of a new and joyful experience!!

We were on a weekend trip to Philip and Lauras' home at the time (late 1960's) in Lake City, Florida. Early Sunday morning he commented on the wind in the trees and said "Let's go sailing"!

I had heard of sailing, along with the "watching the grass grow" jokes, and, "reckon where they're going at such breakneck speed"? I had even seen a few sailboats close-up as I sped by in our fast ski boat - all the while wondering: "Do they ever get anywhere"? How little I really knew about the joy of boating!!

Phil's boat was a 16' sailboard with a large single main'sl. Ocean Pond; a popular nearby lake; was already buzzing with boating and picnicking activities when we arrived. Laura suggested she "take me for my first sail" while Phil B.B.Q.'d our lunch.

I remember wondering - but how will we get back once we blow downwind?? Then I found that you really can sail into the wind. (Almost) Thank you, Laura, for beginning my sailing obsession. It did not happen instantly. Nor at the time did I suspect the addictive seriousness of the sailing bug bite! Since that brief

introduction; my young family (at the time) and I have sailed much of the South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida Coastal waters. Those trips must have been fun for our children; Teresa and Anthony because even now; as adults they eagerly anticipate every opportunity to sail.

As I departed Lake City those many years ago; tied to the top of the station wagon was my "first" sailboat; a 9 foot poly-foam sea-snark! It wasn't much to look at - painted an UGGLY brown; lateen spars; but no sail; with a structural crack across its' mid-section, Phil had long since retired it - but for me; it was THE BEGINNING!

Learning to fiberglass foam was the hardest part. After that was completed; next came a bow covering; complete with splash board to keep water out. Then a stern (poop deck) was added for following seas. Everybody who sailed had 2 sails - so how could I sail with only one? This required a short 18" sprit, an extended mast, and finally I had a REAL SAILBOAT!! Never mind that it now weighed over three times its' original 86 pounds!!

My family and I learned to sail on this re-conditioned "experience" and what a "trip" it has been!!

Share sailing with a friend or relative!

Thought for the Day:

If you want a place in the sun, prepare to put up with a few blisters - Abigail Van Buren

Happy Sailing

Garland

RACING CORNER

The Confederate Memorial Day Races were held April 24th at Lake Juliette. We had nine cruisers, one day sailor and one catamaran competing. At the April 19th meeting, we had discussed having another Down and Back Race Course, but due to the very light air, it was decided to set up a short triangle course near the dam in hopes that steadier winds would prevail.

Due to the lack of daysailors and cats, it was decided to have a one field start. The first race was started at about 1:30 and first across the Finish was Dave Cole in his Puffer. Dave ran the course in 18 min 46 sec. First in the cruiser class was Steve and Jan Dillard's Catalina 22, followed by Bob Lee in his Hunter 20 and Phil Corbin aboard his McGregor 25.

After a short break while the start line was reset, and the second race got underway. Times for the second race were considerably greater due to the very light and shifting breeze. In a 1 in 100 chance, the results for the second race were identical to the first! The Dillards took first, Bob Lee second and Phil Corbin third.

The Race Committee would like to thank Boston for the use of his Sunbird as Committee boat. And, as we discussed, Bob Horan is awarded first place finish points for serving as Race Committee. We are still looking for people to serve as Race Committee for the Mid-May Spring Race May 15th, the Fathers' Day Race June 19th and the other races in the '94 Race Series. Please contact Joe LaBeause at 912-935-2438 if you would like to volunteer. Points equal to a first place finish will be awarded to the Skipper of the Committee boat. Each boat is allowed to serve as Committee boat only once.

If you have any questions or would like to make suggestions for future races, please call me or look me up at the meetings.

Joe LaBeause

NOTICES

The May Meeting will be held the 17th, at 7:00PM at China Palace on Russell Pkwy across from the Parkway Plaza (Kroger) near the corner of Russell and Mood Rd. This will be Buffet at only \$5.50 per person. (David Duarte says, “Don’t eat the red sauce’ it’s real hot !”) Plan to bring something for a White Elephant Bingo. Bring something you no longer want and is not worth too much and is will be a prize.

There has been a change in our calander for May, the Mid May Race has been moved From 15 May to 22 May. We had to change this because a lot of our regular members who would be participating will be in Florida for that weekend. Annother change for May is the Memorial Day weekend 2 day Regatta at lake Sinclair at the Oconee Sailing and Yacht Club has been cancelled because of a conflict with their Y Flyer Fleet.

There is still an oppotunity for those members of the Club who feel like they are being left out because all of the positions of responsibily and authority have been taken. We need a Social Chairman. Just call Garland if you are interested, he will outline the areas of power and responsibility for this position.

Once again it is time for the Memorial Day Cruise. (Panama City) Last year’s expedition was great. A number of lessons were learned and will be applied to this year’s excursion. Fred Veator will again coordinate the trip including the caravan down, entrance to Tyndal AFB, a proposed itinary for the sailing time and suggestions for any shore meals. If you are planning to attend this event, Fred will have a plan drawn up for the meeting on May 17th. The trip will include meeting at Exit 44 (Hiway 96 and I 75)at 5pm on Friday afternoon, sailing out to St. Andrews Sound on Saturday, sailing back to Panama City Sunday afternoon and pulling out Monday afternoon to head

Here are the results of the Cherry Blossom Fun Run which we had on the 27th of March.

Cruisers	Skipper/crew	Time	Corr Time	Finish
Zepher	Patty Veator/Fred	34:26	35:14	1
Calypso	George Jester/John Embry	39:17	40:17	2
Windwalker	David Duarte/Teresa, Dewasi, Joe	37:26	40:25	3
Red Baron	Greg Milani/Dallas, Dave Cole	42:50	43:27	4
Daydreamer	Steve Dillard/Jan	46:10	46:63	5
Lucky Lady	Garland Corbin/Miriam	DNS	DNS	
Clipper MK26	George Lilley	DNS	DNS	
Daysailors				
Hobie 14	Bob Horan/John Drawe	20:28	23:80	1
Mustang	Stan Witherington/Boston	DNF		
Bucanneer 17	Mike Bragg	DNS		

home. Get the details from Fred on the 17th.

There has been a request for charter trip to Savannah or Hilton Head. It could include 3 or 5 couples for a day on a 30 to 35 ft charter boat. A number of our members have sailed both of these ports and with enough interest a couple of boats could be chartered. Think about this interesting idea and come to the next meeting to talk about it.

For those of you who are serious racers, there is a new newsletter devoted entirely to improving your racing skills. It is called Speed and Smarts, and is produced by David Dellenbaugh. Mr Dellenbaugh was the starting helmsman and tactician on America3 during her successful defense of the 1992 America's Cup. The newsletter is packed with hands on tips about boat speed, crew work strategy, tactics, rules and more. Subscription rate is normally \$50 a year but is being offered at \$40 as a charter subscriber. Anyone interested in more info on this offer, ask Bob Horan at the next meeting about it.

The next Exec Meeting is set for Jun 7th at Quincey's

BOAT SHOWS

The early spring boat shows for this year are past but, for those interested, the following are some East Coast boat shows for later this year.

May 13-15 **Annapolis Used Boat Show**, Pier One Marina, MD

Oct 6 - 10 **U.S. Sailboat Show at Annapolis**

Nov 17-20 **Sail St. Petersburg**, (Second Annual) In-the-Water
Sailboat Show & Exposition, Stouffer Vinoy Resort
Marina, St Petersburg Fl.

SchuttleButt (Some fact - Some Rumor)

Bob Horan has finally got a Comptip for his Hobie 18 so he can race in Hobie points regattas. It's just not installed yet He plans to drop his mast off next week at Weathermark on Lake Lanier for this modification.

Fred Veator has come up with a system on his boat that allows him to raise the mast with little or no help. He has added two lines to his mast that attach to his toerail just forward of the mast which keeps his mast from falling sideways and combined with using the trailer winch and a tall mast crutch, the mast comes up very easy and safely. Check out his rig on the ramp if you have been looking for ideas on how to do your mast the easy way.

George and Janis Lilley did not buy a 25ft Clipper Marine as previously reported, it is a 26ft Clipper Marine.

There is a rumor running around that a certain member of the club (one of the executive committee) arrived at the lake without a tiller for his cruising boat. So rather than drive back home, he tied a 2X4 to his rudder and sailed anyway with a tiller not as good as new but sailable. Jury rigging goes back a long way but this has got to be just a rumor, although rumor says pictures were taken just in case of any denial.

Last month's report of Mustangs getting out of shape deserves an update. It seems that the Clubs' only Mustang is now back in shape and raring to give all challengers a run for the cup.

There is still room for more rumors. Got any? Call Scuttlebutt - 929-1377

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For Sale - **Ghost 13'** - Good Sails (Main & Jib, yellow, orange and red), Trailer also in good shape. \$400.00 Stan

Witherington - Winder, GA. - (404) 867-9857

For Sale - Hobie 16 - Has had little use recently, **Cheap price!**

Call John Drawe for info - 935-8208

Editorial by Bob Horan

Most of us by this time in the year have realized that our dreams of sailing every weekend this summer just isn't going to happen. We promised ourselves in Dec. of last year, that if we worked hard in Jan. and Feb. to get all the work done that we had put off for the 8 to 10 months of sailing last year, we could again put in 8 to 10 months of sailing this year. Unfortunately there is always more work to be done that can be finished in the two short months of 'winter'. I have been caught up in this cycle and have realized it is now time to put off all the rest of the work until next Jan. Unfortunately I don't think I could get liberty that often without getting more of the 'chores' finished. It's too bad we have only 24 hours in each day, or that there isn't another month or two in each year so that we could fit in all the fun and maybe most of the work.

Bob