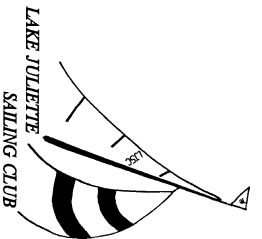


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Commodore's Corner...



The Three R's ... Race'n, Rodeo'n, and Relax'n The weather on Saturday, August the 8th, started out dismal at best. We were quite disappointed that our club's planned rodeo, moonlight cruise, and race week-end might just be a wash. But with the optimism that sailors seem to have an abundance of, we hooked Ebb Tide up and struck out for Lake Sinclair. The sun peeked out a few times on the way up, but mostly it rained all morning. The real diehards in the club started showing up in a couple of hours, and someone remembered to bring the sunshine we had all been waiting on so patiently. Soon we were all rigged and in the water. Ron Katz had set up his rodeo, and secretly held the skipper's meeting. I say secretly because some people didn't make it (me!). I can now (by experience) say that when we have an event, it helps to attend the skipper's meeting ... it may not change the outcome, but at least you know what you should have done! Seriously though, the rodeo was great fun, and was a real test of maneuvering skills in tight quarters. The winds were light and the slalom course was tight. After entering a narrow starting gate, we zig-zagged around five bouys to windward, rounding the weather mark, and returning down the zig-zag course to the gate. When passing through the gate, your time stopped when your boat hit the final mark. Some people were still under the impression (me) that the last mark was to simulate a mooring and we were supposed to wheel around, come up into the wind, stop, and just "kiss" the bouy with the bow of your boat. I found out on this drill (even though it was in error ... remember, I didn't attend the skipper's meeting) that when I'm on the coast, and offered a mooring, I'd best decline and just anchor out. I just can't seem to hit something I'm trying to ... it

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took four attempts to “kiss” the bouy. We had several member boats and two guest boats participate in the rodeo and I can’t remember who won. I do know who came in dead last (yup! me). The weather was again threatening when it was time to sail to the Paradise Restaurant so some chose to sail down US-441, and a few of the brave headed out on the water. We had around 25 members and guests for the evening meal. As on our visits before, we all enjoyed the meal and company. After a few hours, just as it was getting dark, real dark ... because the moon was behind the clouds, we set out for the trip back to OSYC. John Drawe, Boston, and yours truly left Paradise sailing back. After we saw the third or fourth lightning show over the trees, my crew (my Admiral) requested (ordered) that the sails be furled, and we motor back. After tying up to the dock for the night, we all stayed up entirely too late talking about boats, sailing, destinations, nuclear fission, etc. Sunday dawned a clear day, and we had high hopes for good winds for our two “round the bouys” race that the Dillard’s were going to RC. When the gun went off for the first race though, we still had high hopes for wind. Light zephyrs and puffs were the order of the day for the small fleet of dinghys and two cruisers. Seems like zephyrs and puffs are all a Force-5 dinghy needs however, because Bill Hunter zoomed around the course to win the dinghy class. Ron Katz was our competition in the cruiser class and despite it being the first time racing his new boat (San Juan 23), he came in a very respectable second place. We of course finished in our usual place, next to last. At the conclusion of the first race, and after noticing more storm clouds building, we decided to add another “R” to our weekend ... “Retire’n.” We headed to the dock, unrigged, and hauled the boat out just in time to hear the second race being abandoned by the RC due to rain and lightning in the area. Even though the weather put a small damper on the weekend, I’m sure all that participated will agree that we had a ball. I know I did. I look forward to seeing you all at the Treasure Hunt on Sept. 13th. Don’t

about 1.5 hrs before high tide. There was quite a current and it provided some interesting challenges.

If you are planning on going on this cruise, I will act as contact point to answer and questions and to help in keeping track of who and when each boat is planning to sail. I have included a short tide chart for most of the days we would be in the Cumberland Island area. Call or e-mail me if you plan to go on this promising trip.

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Tide Chart for Fernandina Beach

Date	AM	HT	PM	HT	AM	LT	PM	LT
Tues - 29th.	3:04	4.9	13:42	5.5	9:03	0.4	22:04	0.6
Wed.- 30th.	4:04	4.9	16:46	5.6	10:06	0.2	23:01	0.3
Thur - 1st.	5:08	5.2	17:49	5.9	11:09	0	23:56	-0.1
Fri. - 2nd.	6:10	5.6	18:47	6.2	12:09			-0.4
Sat. - 3rd.	7:08	6.1	19:41	6.5	0:49	-0.6	13:07	-0.8
Sun. - 4th.	8:03	6.6	20:33	6.8	1:40	-1	14:02	-1.2
Mon. - 5th.	8:56	7	21:24	6.9	2:30	-1.4	14:55	-1.4
Tues - 6th.	9:48	7.2	22:15	6.8	3:18	-1.7	15:46	-1.6

Tide Correction Tables, in minutes

Location	High	Low
St. Marys Entrance, North Jetty	-36	3
Kings Bay, Navy Base	12	10
SeaCamp Dock	11	15
St Marys Municipal Dock	38	45

Cumberland Island Cruise

This year LJSC is planning it's second cruise to Cumberland Island on South Georgia's coast. The island located at the mouth of the St. Marys River is about 20 miles long and 2 miles wide at most. It was the home of some of our country's most wealthy people. The history of the island is very interesting and because the island is a national park the island is the home of many wild animals including horses and deer that are many times close enough for pictures. This year, interest in making this trip is way up and the expected turnout from LJSC is approx. 5-7 boats.

The launch ramp at St Marys is the best bet. There is ample extended parking for car and trailer. The ramp on the left side of the dock is the steepest and the right side is less steep and requires a tongue extension for any of our boats, but both are smooth and clean at high tide. The launch prep area is good sized and allows for room for a number of boats to get ready for launch. Parking is available on the street and in a parking lot across the street. The area is set up for the many visitors who come to take the ferry over to the island for overnight and extended stays at the campground on the island.

The Island is about 4 miles from the launch ramp. We will be anchoring close to the Sea Camp dock, which is another 2-3 miles north from the St. Marys River. Close attention must be paid to your charts and depth meter to avoid the shoaling around the Sea Camp Dock. The Sea Camp Dock allows for dinghy docking and small boat docking on a, first come, first serve basis. If you have a dinghy, it would be a very helpful accessory for this cruise, especially if it had a motor.

Our schedule for this cruise will be driven by the days we can spend for the trip and the schedule of the tides. Because the weekend we have selected is a full moon weekend, the tide swing for most of the days will be more than 8 Ft. Some of the low tides will be as much as 1.5 feet below mean low tide. We will have to be very careful about launching times, anchoring locations, sailing routes and boat retrieval times. The last time I was down there I pulled out

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miss this one, it's always a lot of fun! We also have the Oconee Springs Cruise on Sept. 19th departing from OSYC. And don't forget our monthly meeting on Sept. 15th! Also, remember to mark your calendars for the Cumberland Island Cruise on the weekend of Oct. 2-4. Finally, I'd like to see some rain fill the river this fall so that Ga. Power can pump some water into Lake Juliette. I miss being able to launch Ebb Tide and spend a quiet weekend on the cleanest, clearest, coolest lake around here. Even though we are scheduling events on Lake Sinclair due to the water level at Lake Juliette, we are and will remain the Lake Juliette Sailing Club.

___Walton Stewart

Lake Juliette Sailing Club

1998 Schedule

Sept	5-7	Labor Day Cruise - Augusta Sailing Club
	13	Treasure Hunt - At OSYC
	15	Meeting, Player's Grill, Hartley Bridge Rd.
	19	Oconee Springs Cruise - OSYC
Oct	2-4	Cumberland Island Cruise
	10-11	Halloween Regatta - Augusta Sailing Club
	17	Golden Open - sponsored by OSYC
	20	Meeting, Macon -
Nov	17	Meeting, year end
Dec	12	Christmas Party - Dillard's

Notices:

The **September 15th.** (Erroneously reported in August RUDDER issue) meeting will be held at the Player's Grill on Hartley Bridge Rd (Exit 47) just south of Macon. It will be at 7PM and the topics to be discussed before and after dinner will be the Treasure Hunt & the Oconee Springs Cruise, the Cumberland Island Cruise, and Planning for the Golden Open. This is a monthly Club meeting and is open to members, guests and anyone interested sailing.

The Club Patches are in and available. Only \$3 each. Jan Dillard should have them available at and the next meeting. John Drawe indicated at the last meeting that there might be Club Burgee's still available. Maybe he will have them at the Sept meeting also.

Boat Show's

17-20 Sep - Newport Boat Show - Newport, RI.

9-12 Oct - United States Sailboat Show - Annapolis, MD.

5-8 Nov - Sail Expo St. Pete, St Petersburg, FL.

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Treasure Hunt 98

Presented by Lake Juliette Sailing Club

Location: Ocone Sailing & Yacht Club - Lake Sinclair

Open to: Members of OSYC & LJSC

Date: 13 September 1998

Time: Hunt will start at 13:00

The hunt will be coordinated by Bob Horan and will be set up to start at 13:00. A skippers meeting is scheduled for Noon and at that time maps and instructions will be made available for the treasure hunters. All participants will look for small peanut butter jars around the lake using the maps & clues supplied. Each jar will have a number in or on it which will correspond to a treasure.

Don't forget to bring the children on this sailing event. They especially enjoy this because they always like surprises, and like to be in the water. Some of the prizes will require getting in the water to retrieve either from shallow water or from on shore. So bring your swim suit, mask and snorkle, small digging tool, towel, telescope and sunblock and be prepared to just have fun.

This hunt is an annual event on the LJSC calender and since Lake Juliette continues to run out of water each year in the fall, we are once again invited to hold it at OSYC. Lake Juliette is way down again this year and because of this many of our members would not be able to launch their boats if it were held at Lake Juliette. This event is open to all members of LJSC and OSYC.

