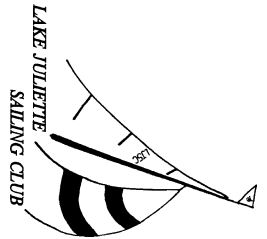


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After Christmas Party/Membership meeting

The weather was perfect, and Garland and Miriam had spent all day making sure everything was ready. As people started arriving Jan Dillard set up a table by the entrance and collected money for yearly dues and steaks. By about 6:30 the charcoal was hot and the steaks were cooking, and being carefully watched by David Block, David Duarte, and Boston. Inside a game of chess was in progress in the hall way, and in the den, John Drawe had loaded a sailing game on the Corbin's computer and I was busy trying to guide my boat toward the finish line after starting off in last place. I made it to 2nd and my daughter Linda tried it next and finished in 1st place. With the steaks done, and the blessing given, we lined up to fill our plates. The food was delicious since most everyone had brought their favorite covered dish. Miriam had picked up the steaks locally and they were great. When it came time for deserts, that table was full also. There were cookies, pound cake, rum cake, coconut cake and cupcakes. A note here about the cupcakes. Melise had decorated each of these with a little sailboat. They were really cute and she expected you to take the sailboat home with you when you finished the dessert. Both Linda and I had one and then forgot our little sailboat on the dining table when we packed up.

After dinner, Walton called for the meeting to start. He thanked everyone for their help during his service as commodore and then proceeded on with the meeting. The votes were counted for the election and the winning votes for Commodore was Steve Dillard, with Miriam getting 'Vice Commodore'. Join in with me in offering them your assistance this year for anything they may need to make this year our greatest yet. One position that has not been filled yet is 'Race Committee'. It involves organizing the races for the year and ensuring each race has all the necessary racing marks, etc. available, and a volunteer for running the committee boat. Call Steve (477-8408) to put your bid in for this prestigious, and very popular position.

Congratulations, Walton for a 1st class job at the helm of the LJSC for 1998.Bob

Editors note: Sorry the Race Committee position is now filled. If you were waiting to volunteer at the February 16th. Meeting, you waited too long.

Commodore's Corner...

Thank all of you for your vote of confidence. As this year's Commodore, I intend to continue and build on the great work of the preceding Commodores.

This year offers some unique challenges, but the operative word is MORE.

The Cherry Blossom Festival Info Booth and Cherry Blossom Regatta are our first big projects of the year. The success of both of these events will require the combined efforts of ALL the club members. At present we are planning a booth at Central City Park the Friday and Saturday before the regatta. If there are enough volunteers, that may be expanded. We plan to have a boat present each day to draw attention to the booth. A flyer to other clubs and sailing groups is in the works.

Ron Katz has volunteered to be the Race Committee Chairman. There are plans for an expanded race schedule that incorporates specialty races, overnigher/cookout races, and races at other clubs. We plan to have 12 races this year, four of which will be overnighers. The club will also incorporate race results from other events (The Golden Open, The Sinclair Regatta) to determine the yearly standings.

The cruising schedule may be expanded also. Destinations that have been suggested range from the Florida Keys to the coast of North Carolina. We'll have to see what time and holidays permit.

The greatest challenge of all is Lake Juliette...will there be water??? And if there is none, can we schedule around it.

Again, thank you for placing your trust in me. I'll be asking for help from all of you.

Stephen

Notices

The February 16th. Meeting will be held at the Chinese Buffet, located at 2010 Riverside, (Corner of Riverside and Engleside, site of the former Shoney's Restaurant) Plan to eat at 7PM and the meeting will follow with topics to be discussed including the Cherry Blossom events, and the 1999 Club Calendar.

During December the level of Lake Juliette had dropped to record lows. The water level was below the curb at the end of the end of the ramp. No one was able to launch their boat unless they backed their trailer across the rocks which protect the ramp's end. Even fishermen with john boats were unable to launch because they could not float their boats. In the last two weeks because of the long rain we had, the pumps have been able to bring the lake level up more than two feet. If we continue to get spring rains and the level of the river stays up, more pumping will be possible and we should have enough water in the lake to sail again. If any of you know of a special dance or spell that would help this situation, please present it at the next meeting.

For the Cherry Blossom events, LJSC intends to participate in two ways. The first is to have a booth at Central City Park which promotes the Club and sailing. The dates for this is approximately 25-27 Feb. which is Thursday thru Saturday. This will require volunteers to man the booth and distribute information about our club and sailing in general. Last year we did this and we had a lot of interest from people coming by. We had a sailboat on display and quite a number of pamphlets and brochures to give out. Everyone that volunteered for this last year said they had a great time talking about sailing with interested visitors. We hope to have a sign up sheet for this at the February 16th. meeting.

The second event scheduled is the Seventh Annual Cherry Blossom Regatta. This event is scheduled to take place on the 28th. of March at Dames Ferry Landing on Lake Juliette. Last year we had a record number of boats come for this event. With the proper planning this year can be even better. Please put this event on your planning calendar and plan to come out with your boat to race and have fun.

with sail boats everywhere. Kind off a long dinghy ride to town but had to make a trip today. Water tank under sink developed lead and had much water under floor and though boat had developed leak. Was glad to find only leaky tank. Will stay in Key West for a while, Don't know about Dry Tortugas, winter winds and storms might makes us take perry.

Capt Fred Veator & Crew

BOAT/U.S.

LJSC is again being offered a Cooperating Group Plan for members who want to belong to BOAT/U.S. at a reduced price. In ordering to be eligible for this We need to have at least 10 members in our club and at least 5 have membership in BOAT/U.S. The officers would have to fill out the necessary paperwork and submit it to BOAT/U.S.

So what do you gain when you join BOAT/U.S.? You save on boating equipment, boat insurance, marine fuel, boat repairs, slip fees, emergency towing and the list goes on. You receive a yearly subscription to BOAT/U.S. Magazine. You also belong to the largest organization related to boating that lobbies in Washington on your behalf. BOAT/U.S. guarantees you will save at least double the cost of your membership if you use your boat and apply your membership benefits.

If 5 or more LJSC members join up with BOAT/U.S. using the cooperating Group Plan the price for yearly membership drops from \$17.00 to \$8.50. If you are now a member Please send me your member number and if you are not but are interested give me a call and I will try to additional information for you about BOAT/U.S. We will have more information about this at the February 16th. Meeting.

away. Later a dive under showed no damage to the bottom of "ZEPHER".

We anchored in Boot Key Harbor along with 160 other boats. A dingy ride ashore will cost you 2.68 to tie up at the dinghy dock, but the guy did give us a ride to the store. Will stay here a couple of days as it is a real nice spot. After 5 nights in Boot Key Harbor, listening to the wind blow, we decided to sail to Bahia Honda State Park. We really liked Boot Key Harbor, a real sailing group, even had a guy in a boat coming around every day to deliver paper, water, pizza or anything you want. Just call him on the radio and he will deliver.

Had a rough night anchored between bridges at the State Park, so next day, went in and got a slip for the night. Real nice park with all the amenities. The wind is blowing in right direction so we left for fast 6 mile ride with wind right over the stern, with only reefed main, sailed 6 knots in rough sea to harbor at New Found Harbor. Have run all the way up to the highway bridge to find some still water, half the boats around us are setting on bottom. A lot of sunk boats left over from Hurricane. After 2 nights in Newfound Harbor, the wind still at 15-20k and seas 3-5 ft. We headed for Boca Chica Inlet and the Navy Yacht Club. "ZEPHER" does good in rough seas & these were some of the roughest, but they were from the stern and with only a reefed main we made 6 knots, so we made short work of the 23 miles to Boca Chica Channel.

Really have a nice Yacht Club with many buoys to tie up to in well protected cove. Had a real nice Super Bowl Party and have made friends with a real neat couple, G.T. & Diane on a bigger boat that have been living aboard for 6 mo.

Hated to leave the safety and good friends at NAS but headed for Key West in same 10-20 Knot, east wind, some wind for 14 days in a row. When we headed up Key West Channel the tide was coming out and waves in and was quite bumpy. Also 2 huge cruise ships one going out and one coming in and us under sail. Almost as bad as the Panama City Jetties at holiday time.

Have anchored behind Fleming Island in a nice little bight,

On the Cover

This month we have Fred Veator's "ZEPHER" resting comfortably in a quiet cove in the Santa Rosa Sound just off the Intercoastal Waterway. It was taken during Fred's 98 spring Gulf Coast cruise. Fred had just retired and decided to take an extended coastal cruise starting at Tyndal AFB and sailing west. After sailing well past Mobile, he and his crew, Helen decided they had gone far enough and turned around and sailed back to meet up with about 6 other boats from the Lake Juliette Sailing Club who were sailing in and around Apalachicola. It was a great reunion since many of us had not seen Fred for months.

Fred is now sailing the Keys (See Part one of his article in this issue) but I want to share with all of you, something Fred received when he retired. It was a picture of a sailboat sailing into the sunset with the following verse.

Twenty years from now, you
will be more disappointed by
the things you didn't do,
than the things you did do. So
throw off the bowlines. Sail
away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your
sails. Explore. Dream.
Discover.

It is time to start the '99 calendar. I have put in a few of the items that have been discussed and are our normal annual spring events. Look it over and come to the February Club meeting with something you want added. We will be putting together a plan for the next couple of meetings, so if there is something you would like to do this year, let me know so we can add it

LJSG 1999 Sailing Calendar

Feb
16th Feb Club Meeting

Mar
16th Mar Club Meeting
25th-27st Club Display at Central City Park
28th Cherry Blossom Regatta – Lake Juliette

Apr
20th Apr Club Meeting

May
18th May Club Meeting
28th – 31st Memorial Weekend Cruise

Additional events asked for by members:

Series Racing
Sailing Rodeo
Moonlight sail
Treasure hunt
Commodore's Cookout
Cruise to: Fernandina Beach / Cumberland Is.
Tampa Bay
Apalachicola
Lake Martin
Panama City
Lake Lanier
Clarks Hill Lake
Overnight cruise and race

From the log of "ZEPHYR"

Winter in the Keys.

Like any trip to the keys, the first day is a long drive down the interstate. Leaving from Helen's house in Jacksonville shortened the trip to about 400 miles.

Trying to avoid some of the heavy traffic of Miami, we got on the Florida Turnpike about 150 miles above Homestead. By the time we got Homestead, we had paid over \$22.00 worth of tolls for 150 miles. Next time I think I'll take I-95.

We put in at John Pennekamp State Park and spent the first night on the trailer at the boat ramp as the park closed at 5:45 PM. We had the place to ourselves until 8 AM next morning. Put "ZEPHER" in at about 10:00 the next morning and motored around to buoy in Largo Sound. It now costs 18.50 per night to tie up to buoy in Largo Sound, but you get to use the Park and the hot showers. We spent a couple of days here waiting for my brother and Roger to come down from New Hampshire in their motor homes. They were going to spend the winter in FL. My brother would drive my van and trailer back to Jacksonville where I had left his car earlier.

We spent a great with my older brother and Roger, as we took them out to a couple of dive sites at Pennekamp. My brother never had been snorkeling before and it was a great day for sailing and snorkeling. Over the years I've not spent much time with my brother, but since we have both retired we have spent a lot more time together and that was one of the most enjoyable days.

Finally the van was gone and the only way we were going to get back to Jacksonville was to sail, but first we would spend a couple of months sailing to Key West and points south. We could not believe how nice the weather was so we sailed the outside" stopping at least once a day to snorkel at a reef, and spending the night behind an island as we continued down the keys. A serious end to the trip almost came on the day we sailed with my brother and Roger. All for people in "ZEPHER" were interested in a kink in the jib and we sailed past a warning marker and ran aground and then was able to sail

