



From the Commodore – September 2009

To All SWSC Sailors:

In case you have not noticed: Fall is here with decent winds on some days and good boat sleeping weather most of the time. Take advantage before it gets too crisp in the mornings.

Also be aware, as they begin to drop the lake, the shallow spots will creep up out of the dark; especially devious is the sand banks right across from harbor town towards the island where the reef markers are off by at least 20 yards. There are other trouble spots on the lake, so be careful out there.

On the other side, the lake is still high enough to be able to get to shore in most of the coves by beaching the boat at the right spot and just stepping off the bow – so come on out and enjoy the fun.

Speaking of fun: we had several races since the last meeting SOTY and others – the detailed results are posted, but 2 races warrant special recognition: The ladies race had 4 boats on the starting line, with minimal wind on a triangular course. Even the sporty and sleek J29 got 'parked' into bob and bake mode after 90 minutes and the race was called with the boats being ranked as they were in place at the time: In first place was Sherie on the J29, followed by Kathleen on Steve Gully's boat (in only her 2nd race ever) followed by Ruth in another fast J24 and by Wanda on her boat. The racing was decent at the beginning but then the wind dropped completely off the lake shortly after the start. The real news however is: no collisions or other mishaps in this usually fierce battle among the ladies have to be reported....

The other special race was the Labor Days Race where we had 8 boats crossing the starting line and first and second place was decided by less than 1/10 of a second on corrected times, with Nik and Wanda taking the prime spot for the first time in their racing career (won't be the last time...), followed by 'Yours truly' (I raced the Apollo). Congrats to all boaters and competitors.

If you came out last Sunday before the race, you saw perhaps a small gathering of sailors at the picnic table near the bathhouse engaged in a discussion. Scott Widmier had called a meeting of the regatta committee to iron out the wrinkles on some race and boat rating issues that had surfaced. The issues were addressed and resolved; the Fleet Captain will have a detailed report of the votes, I am sure.

The next 2 months are packed with on and off the water activities: A SOTY race this weekend, followed by the Southern Fried Food Raft-up, the Pirates Raft-up, the Octoberfest Raft-up, the Fall Cruise over a long weekend and probably more; be sure to check our website for your long range planning or be advised by Joe Carter during the week prior to the event.

We will have a Commodore's Ball preparation meeting, under the guidance of Larry Nix at my house on Sunday Sept 18. (135 Dilbeck Ct, Canton, GA 30115). More details to this event will in an email to all members.

In case you have not come to this conclusion on your own, we have established Nik's place as the official meeting place for all club meetings unless specifically noted otherwise. (there may be one at the lake or at someone's house again for a special occasion...) We will have a pictures, a special plaque with a bell (thanks to Doug Baxter) and other memorabilia mounted on the wall to 'mark out spot'.

A new order of club pennants has been placed and within the next 2 weeks we should receive 15 brand spanking new SWSC burgees – they are still \$25 each. Let me know if you interested in one.

Also be advised of the upcoming nominations for club position and the election of the officers during next months meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2009 – SWSC NEWSLETTER

Last but not least; it is time to say good bye to a 'friend' of the SWSC boat family a boat that was only for a short while amongst all the other white and blue boats in the marina, a boat that wanted to sail but couldn't...Yes it is clear by now we are talking of Tracy and Kathleen's YELLOW Venture Newport that left us, left us with all the party lights attached – 'a beautiful looking boat' for sure, but more than once was it asked: is your Keel down??

It's been sold to the northern section of the lake (we may see it again) and replaced by a fabulous Hunter 25. Congrats to the new owners of a standing headroom sloop with a white hull...
May she R.I.P:



Fair Winds to all
Andy Kohler
Commodore SWSC



August Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Held at Nix Place in Marietta

645 Whitlock Ave., Marietta

- Commodore Andy Kohler called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. He welcomed guests from Colorado. Sue Preece is recovering slowly but surely. Larry Nix described recent accident on his boat. Reading of minutes from the July 9th meeting was waived.

Reports

- Vice Commodore Scott Widmier discussed the Puddle Duck races, a 4 x 8 boat. Invited the racers, 20-30 boats, Sat. 10/10 and Sun., also to our Oktoberfest raft up.
- Fleet Captain Ruth Leber advised us of upcoming races--Bitter End 8/29, Ladies Race 9/5 and Labor Day Regatta 9/6. There are seven more races, three of which points are awarded. Please come out and SAIL, it's not always about the races. Andy Kohler advised that the marina was still cracking down on non-members, but Ruth was on the "up and up" the club will be paying for her launch.
- Membership - Joe Carter advised there were three raft-ups last month, Luau, Adirondack and Italian. One raft-up in August--Mexican. No new members this month. Don Ahrens mother passed away. Robert "webmaster" has links to sailing schools on our website.
- Sea Scouts - Gary Holcombe advised one new member. Scouts will help with Puddle Duck races.

Old Business

- Andy Kohler advised a form was created for non-member underage participation. He was not in favor of minors participating, they should be 18 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

New Business

- Larry Nix advised the Commodores Ball is on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Committees forming and cabins still open.
- Andy Kohler said Sept. club meeting is BIG--do you hear your calling??
- Watch for upcoming cruises: Turtle Rock, Allatoona; trip to Tennessee 9/18-20
- Great Allatoona Cleanup - September 19th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ardythe Ball, Yeoman

Sea Scouts Ship, SouthWinds 100

THE SEA IS OURS!

On September 20th, our Sea Scout Ship will be carrying the SWSC burgee and the ship's Winged Jolly Roger into battle!

We are proud to be representing SouthWinds Sailing Club at the Sea Scouts Atlanta Squadron Commodore's Cup. Our Sea Scouts will be racing in Collegiate 420 sailboats at Lake Lanier Squadron Base. We are entering three teams to race against some of Atlanta's best Sea Scouts sailors. The top place team earns a berth in the Edward Koch Cup Southern Regional regatta in early October, with a chance to go on to the National Edward Koch Cup race to be held at Annapolis Naval Academy in Spring of 2010. We are very excited about the opportunity to race against some of the best, and look forward to bringing home the Commodores Cup prize for SWSC!

On a different note the Atlanta Squadron (with a small assistance of our ship~!) is pleased to announce the addition of the 20 foot RV Gressar offshore rescue boat to the Atlanta Squadron fleet. The new bright orange safety boat will be used for emergency response training as well as a platform for side scan sonar and the new remote rover training. The boat was acquired through the national Sea Scouts "memo of understanding" with maritime industry as donation from the Rollon/Rolloff Corporation ship division.

Gary Holcombe,
Skipper,
Sea Scout Ship,
SouthWinds 100

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Club Meeting	09/10/09 Thu 7:00pm	Niks Place at Whitlock Ave	Club meeting will discuss nominations for upcoming leadership changes.
Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup	09/12/09 Sat 8:00am	Harbor Town Marina	Come out and help clean up the lake.
Toady Norani Ragatta	09/12/09 Sat 11:00am	SOTY Race	Need volunteer committee to run the race.
Watts Bar Cruise	Sat Sep 19, 11am	Watts Bar Tennessee	Out of town cruise
Southern Fried Raft Up	09/19/09 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove - Tracy and Kathleen	Please bring Southern Fried food
Pirates of the Caribbean Raft Up	09/26/09 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove – Steve & Vicki Gully	
Toady Norani Ragatta	10/03/09 Sat 11am	SOTY Race	Need Volunteer - Contact Fleet Captain
Club Meeting	10/08/09 Thu 7pm	Niks Place at Whitlock Ave	
Oktoberfest Raft Up	10/10/09 Sat 7pm	AYC Cove	Please bring German food
Columbus Sails Allatoona Cruise	10/17/09 Sat 7:00pm		
Chili Cook-off	10/24/09 Sat 5pm	At the Point	
Turtle Rock Race	10/24/09 Sat 11am		Need Volunteer
Club Meeting/Commodores Ball	11/07/09 Sat 7:00pm	TBA	

Race Results

Results as of 08/12/09

A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Steve Adams	15.422
Scott Widmier	15.169
Andy Kohler	13.739
Steve Gully	12.576
Robert Forrester	9.214
Gary L. Holcombe	0.673

B Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Jordan Ball	15.143
Bob Ross	9.177
Nick Zaimis & Wanda Williams	6.306
Sea Scouts	4.806
Ruth Leber	3.000
Nils Thompson	1.806
Andy Mils	1.354
James Hammond	0.677
Jeff Lazlo	0.500

Catalina points

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	14.980
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	9.627
Bob Ross	Catalina 28	B	7.775
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	2.860
Nils Thompson	Catalina 22	B	1.483

South Winds Sailing Club Membership Application Form

Complete this application and mail it along with your \$45.00 Annual fee (new members joining after July 1st, \$25.00) to:

South Winds Sailing Club

104 Springwater Trace
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

Member(s) Name: _____

Member(s) Address: _____

Contact Information: _____
Home phone: _____
Office: _____
Other: _____
Email: _____

Current Boat: _____
Length: _____
BoatName: _____
Current Marina: _____

What knowledge or skills can you share or teach other club members:

Boating Interests: Social events Racing
 Crewing Raft Up Events
 Cruising

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Edited by: Robert Forrester