

The Lifted Tack

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A Message From the Commodore

Congratulations to Rick Milberger, our new Dockmaster, for successfully organizing our dock cleaning and sealing project. It looks beautiful. Thanks to the many who participated and will be recognized later. Thanks, also, to Larry Gautney for getting the food and beverages for us. These projects are not only constructive to the club property but also gives us all a chance to commiserate and get to know one another better.

We have several new members this year. I would like to encourage you all to come out to our social events this fall. The dress is always very casual. Keep in mind October 14, the Little America's Cup dinner and the upcoming Annual General Meeting on November 11, which will give new members their first chance to vote. You may not have the slightest idea what or whom you are voting for, but you can watch in amazement how Sailor/Anarchists handle democracy.

MEMO TO ANARCHISTS: Someone has taken it upon themselves to fool with the plumbing again without notifying the First or Second Vice Commodore. This has resulted in the waste of 75,000 gallons of water because someone arbitrarily decided to turn the wrong valve. If you need something on club property, please use the proper protocol and follow the rules. That protects the membership from damage that can be done by an individual who thinks he owns the place!

Joel VerPlank, 9/27/06

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The Vice Commodore's and Dixie Challenge Regattas, 2006

The traveling and promotion that Willson, Bonnie Jenkins and Byron Jamerson have invested these past two years really paid off for the Dixie Challenge regatta in every way. Nine Flying Scots participated from regions as far away as Lake Charles, North Carolina and Tennessee. Thus there were seven visiting FSCT's who acknowledged with gratitude, the royal hospitality they received from the aforementioned, dedicated couple.

Nolan alerted the Buccaneers of Brown's Creek Sailing Club that they would be welcome and four participated in the V-C regatta both in the Open Dinghy and BUC class for which I arranged an individual fleet trophy for the winning boat. John Gywer and Dave Chadwick said they always look forward to a MSSC regatta and appreciate the warm hospitality they receive. Three Buccaneers even were courteous enough to pre-register.

On the domestic side, MSSC had 5 of the 6 cruisers and 2 dinghies amounting to only 33% of the participating yachts. Are we remiss on our internal advertising? Is the timing of our major events inconvenient? Some factor(s) appear to be out of whack with such a low turnout!

The conditions on both Saturday and Sunday typified the heat wave we have endured thus summer; 88-92°F and light winds. Whilst there was enough wind for keeping a boat moving and negligible "holes, the wind we did get was stable for short periods so that for every race, the course had to be modified.

In this regard, the Race Committee, comprising Childs Berry, Bill Musgrove, Alan Wall, Andrew Putman and myself, are deeply grateful to Rick McAdams for lending us his trusty runabout. We could not have been efficient without that capability. I know the club has access to a practical safety boat but it seemed a little intimidating to some of us who regard even a 10 hp motor as a challenge!

The social aspect of the weekend was fantastic and I hope someone else will write about this aspect for the "Lifted Tack" because I am not privy to all the facts. But I can say along with everyone else, that the food, ambience, courtesy of the "vittles crew" and quantity of food for three meals was excellent.

Back to the water, the morning conditions of SE, 6-8mph., degenerated to nothing for the scheduled start of noon. However, by 1300, we had fairly steady 110 degree zephyr 4-5 knots so the fleets were away on a [2 x W-L]. That race took 65 ± 14 minutes with the most uniform fleet racing amongst the Buccaneers (first to last, 1.5 min.) compared with 14 min for the FSCTs.

After a modified Olympic course in 6-7 knots lasting 42 to 46 minutes for the first boat of each fleet, we had a major shift in wind, 5 knots, but expected to die so we called for a single W-L-W which created a bit of a problem since the windward mark was south of the sailing line and a monstrous tow came through cutting the FSCTs into two divisions! That led to the decision for the throw out for those impacted by the tow.

On Saturday evening, it was apparent that Charlie Buller and Kent Irwin were dominating the FSCTs and Dave Chadwick, the Buccaneers.

On Sunday, winds were variable 90 to 130 degrees but still in the 4-5 knot range. After a modified Olympic course, lasting 52 to 60 minutes, we opted for a single W-L-W, which was over in about 25 minutes but gave all the visiting boats time to pull out and de-rig before a nice lunch Bob and Cathy Bucher (and helpers) laid on. The PRO was relieved that there were no protests and all participants sailed very sportsmanlike races.

Results:

Fleet	Skipper	Race No. (* = throw out)					Total	Place
		1	2	3	4	5		
FSCT	C. Buller	1	1	1	1	1*	4	1
	K. Irwin	2	2	2	5*	2	8	2
	W. Jenkins	3	4	3	2	5*	12	3
	T. Clark	4	3	6*	4	4	15	4
	W. Roberson	5	5	5*	3	3	16	5
	J. Locke	6	7	7	7	7*	24	6
	B. Murphy	7	6	7*	6	6	25	7
	B. Jamerson	9	8	10	10	10*	37	8
F. Hauffe	8	10	10	10	10*	38	9	
Cruiser-Spin.	R. Kerl EN	1	2	3	1	1	8	1
	J. Bijvoet X99	2	1	1	2	2	8	2
Cruiser-Non-spin.	R. McAdams OD27	3	3	3	2	1	12	1
	W. Parkhurst S26.9	1	1	2	5	5	14	2
	R. Gillingham S227	2	2	1	5	5	15	3
	Y. Morrissette J80	4	4	4	1	2	15	4
Dinghy	D. Chadwick BUC	1	2	1	1	1	6	1
	R. Scarborough BUC	2	3	2	2	2	11	2
	J. Hull BUC	3	1	5	4	4	15	3
	J. Gwyer BUC	4	4	3	4	4	19	4
	D. Seborg DS	5	6	4	5	5	25	5
	G. Miller 420	6	5	7	6	6	30	6

Submitted: 11 Sept.

Nolan Richards

Notes from the Sail Master

A new storage shed is now located where the old Laser rack used to be. All the race committee and the club boat equipment are now being stored at this new location. This includes sails, rudders, dagger boards, the racing buoys, vacuum, pump out station, bilge pump etc, The gas for the committee boat is being stored in a dock box just out side of this shed.

Please refrain from putting anything but club boat and race committee equipment in this shed. All your BBQ grills, paint, paint brushes, chairs, tables, weed wackers, screws, nuts, bolts, extension cords, chemicals, and the good Lord know what else, continue storing in the old shed.

Is there a member with electrician skills interested in wiring it for lights and power? Please contact me if you'd be willing to take on this little project. 256 767 6610.

Rick McAdams

Help Restore A Boat!

I have recently come upon several sailboats that the owner will donate to MSSC. The problem is that they are in very poor condition. If they were cleaned up properly, one at a time, it is possible that the club could sell them to members or on e-bay. The proceeds from the sale could go directly into our Junior Sailing program and further promotion of the club.

If you would like to participate in this, please call or e-mail me at 256 766 3652 or joel@verplank.com . There is a Pearson 26 there right now that could be put in salable condition by 2 or 3 people in a couple of cleanup sessions.

Joel VerPlank

EXTRA!!! - FLASH REPORT FROM THE TVCC

TVCC 2006. (This is a quick report due to the fact that the deadline for entry into *The Lifted Tack* is also the day this MAJOR regatta ended. Who came up with this idea?)

MSSC put on a great regatta and thanks to all our volunteers. We had 30 boats compete in winds that initially ranged from 5-10 knots to over 20 in the last race.

The first race saw boats start off in light and shifty conditions and then with the wind increasing a barge arrived and plowed through the middle of course on the last downwind leg which resulted in unfortunate luck for two of our boats (VerPlank and Jenkins) nevertheless; both Tommy Glenn and Tom Brown managed to score a bullet and a second respectively in each of their classes and we were in good shape.

The winds picked as expected in the second race and Tom Brown gave us a bullet in his class and John Kiedel and Willson and Bonnie got us two thirds in their classes. Then disaster struck in the third race.

With the wind now at a substantial increase and the starting line shortened, Tom Brown and the Star collided with Jan Bjvoet in the X-99. There is damage and Tom's crew is injured. Tommy Glenn has to retire due to the fact that his boat is full of water. Richards and Jenkins get a one-two in the dinghy fleet.

Overall, MSSC finished a close second to Privateer. Our club's top finishers were Kiedel and Jenkins who each received a third. If Brown and Glenn had been able to race and the barge had not gone through when it did things might have been different or a little closer.

Thanks to our volunteers: Glens (all four of them: Tommy, Barbara, Jane, and Hayden); Sharman and Richard Gillingham, Randy Stout, Byron Jamerson, VerPlanks, Barbara and Frank McCollum and Bonnie. These people did an excellent job representing your club in hosting the 2006 TVCC.

MORE on the collision, the hospital trip and other things in the next edition. I hope I piqued your interest.

Willson

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Notes and Asides from the Editor/Publisher:

First, a current list of those who have agreed to receive *The Lifted Tack* electronically thus saving trees, storage space, copying charges, and postage cost. We now have twenty six readers using electronic delivery.

Gar Bouse	Charlie Anding	Horace Holland	Tom Brown	Tom Cromer	Bill Campbell
Bob Parrish	Jeff Compton	John Glasscock	Tommy Glenn	Bob Stagg	Joel VerPlank
Glenn Miller	Joyce Sellers	Ernie Fite	Larry Gautney	Paul Jacobs	The Milbergers
Andy Keenum	Bill Parkhurst	The Gillinghams	Bob Kuehlthau	Chris McGraw	Bob Bucher
Jerry Ferry	Brett Wood				

Any member who would like to join this group can email: rmparrish3@yahoo.com.

Second, a notification that this issue of *The Lifted Tack* has been put together while the Editor/Publisher is traveling in his motor home in the mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. E-mail, laptop computers, and Wi-Fi internet access have made this possible (I hope!).