

Muscle Shoals Sailing Club

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August 2010 Commodores Lifted Tack Article

Tom Cromer was appointed treasurer for the remaining of 2010 at the July board meeting. Please send all payments and reimbursement requests to him at:

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The finance committee decided to transfer \$22,000 from the MSSC checking account to the "Rainy Day Fund". We couldn't transfer the recommended amount of \$25,000 because the collections of dues and fees are behind schedule. This transfer substantially reduces our bank balance and we'd appreciate it if you would send your late payments in ASAP. Dunning members for past dues is unpleasant for both parties. Please accept my apologies to those who payments were lost in the transition between treasurers and my thanks for helping us correct the records. Also, let me know if you have not received a reimbursement.

The "Rainy Day Fund" was created to help pay our mortgage in case the membership drops. It's controlled by the finance committee consisting of the past three Commodores and cannot be used for the daily operations of the club.

The quarterly payment system was adopted when we voted to raise the dues. Since then, we have found that this system created more work for our treasurer than anticipated and has been part of the problem leading to the resignation of two treasurers in a year. Would the members consider going to a bi annual payment system? I think it would improve our cash flow and help us retain treasurers a little longer.

Good News, the Sailing Seminar resulted in five new families who are very enthusiastic about sailing. Two have already bought boats and the others have been actively sailing our Sunfishes. Many showed up for July's Third Friday Social and had a good time socializing with each other. Ellen will have a list of the new members names in this Lifted Tack. Please look it over and introduce yourself the next time you see someone you don't recognize.

The next Third Friday Social is scheduled for this Friday Aug 20th. Kathy and I will be hosting this event. So old and new member's alike come on out and meet each other.



Rick snapped this lovely sunset shot as Andrew Putnam heads in. There are more pictures on the last page.

The second half of our racing season starts in September with the Hot Scott Regatta on the 4th and 5th. This regatta is open to all Flying Scott skippers. Please contact Wilson Jenkins, the coordinator, for more details.

Next is the Vice Commodores Regatta on Sept. 25th & 26th. Look for more information coming soon from our Vice Commodore Byron Jamerson, the coordinator.

October opens with MSSC hosting the TVCC Regatta on the 9th and 10th. This is the premier regatta of the year. For the new members the Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup pits skippers from several sailing clubs on the Tennessee River to race for individual and club honors. The combined scores from three categories, dingy, cruisers with spinnaker and cruisers non-spinnaker determines the club who goes away with bragging rights. Individual trophies are also awarded for first, second and third place in the three categories.

MSSC used to win this trophy on a regular basis but lately alas, we've been in the running but not wining. The dingy class usually keeps us in the hunt but our cruisers have had their difficulties. We need all skippers interested in racing to turn out for this regatta. . Even if you don't race we need your help and maybe to crew. A work party is scheduled for Sept 2nd to clean the clubhouse and rearrange the boat yard to make room for our guests. So please keep the dates of Sept 2nd, 9th and 10th open. This is the first time we've hosted the TVCC since building the new clubhouse and it is our chance to shine.

The last Regatta of the year is the Little America's Cup on Sept 23rd and 24th. This regatta honors Nolan and Helen Richards, our founding members, who are celebrating they're 80 birthdays this year. More on this event later.

Let's hope the weather cooperates and we can actually sail without wilting in the heat or being blown off the water this fall

Rick McAdams
MSSC Commodore

Sailing Quote:

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

- William A. Ward

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ellen Baird

Minutes of the Muscle Shoals Sailing Club (MSSC) Board Meeting July, 2010

Board Members attending:

Rick McAdams, Ellen Baird, Byron Jamerson, Ray Clemons, Mike Hofmann, Tom Cromer.

Commodore Rick McAdams called the meeting to order at 6:44pm. The meeting was held at the club house.

Treasurer's report:

Board approved Tom Cromers appointment as treasurer till the end of the year. Balance is \$27,500
Delinquent members- Tom is contacting each to member. Tom will be giving a report to the Financial Committee.

1st Vice Commodore's report by Byrom Jamerson:

Organization has begun for the Vice Commodore Regatta scheduled for September 25th and 26th. Gas will be delivered tomorrow and should last into the fall. He will be working on the door lock that has been sticking. Bookings of the club house are going well. There have this month from Liz Scaggs and Brett Wood. New booking include Sunday **August 22nd from 2-4pm** and Don Von Tress party **Saturday September 18th.**

2nd vice Commodore's report by Ray Clemons:

Grate on the drain that leads to the lake was blocked. This caused water to shoot up out of the drain. He will replace grate with one way flap to keep rodents out.

Harbor Master report by Mike Hofmann:

Status of slips- there 2 small slips on A deck. There are three members on the waiting list for a slip.

Fleet Captain- absent

Sail Master- absent

Commodore's report by Rick McAdams:

With the help of Derek Boone the white trailer should be coming back soon.

Marvin Adcock has given MSSC the ownership of the abandoned Hunter 23. Hjalmar Breit has offered \$500.00 plus membership to MSSC for the Hunter 23. Board passed. Rick and Kathy will host the Third Friday Night Social August 20th. Ellen will begin taking pictures of our new members for the board.

Derek Boone is interested being a candidate for Sail Master. Board is still discussing budgeting money for Derek to obtain small boat certification next year. Board is discussing how to best use the money left over from the building fund. Easement progress is still underway.

TVCC update- PRO is Nolan Richards. Steve Blaizer will host the Friday night welcome.

Ken Renfro will cook Saturday night. Ray Clemons is donating a gas grill to MSSC.

The boat yard will need to be rearranged for the boats coming in.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

REPORT OF THE 2010 CONFEDERATE ADMIRAL'S REGATTA

Saturday, May 22 dawned bright, clear and basically windless by the time we wanted to start the races. Several boats went out to test the wind, but returned to wait it out under the shade of the pavilion. Our 47th annual Confederate Admirals Regatta came on the heels of the annual Catalina 22 National Regatta being held at Wheeler Lake. I had hoped to attract several of the Catalina 22 sailors, but only 2 crews made it past the lock to sail at MSSC (one is already a member of MSSC!). After waiting all day for any signs of wind on the water and exhausting all lunch supplies, we abandoned the race and at the proper signal from the Race Committee, we started the party.

The refreshment bar was opened and everybody was ready for an ice cold libation. It was an easy transition as everybody was just sitting around anyway! Drinks quickly progresses to cooking the dinner, which was a Low Country Boil, made famous in South Carolina, and included shrimp, mussels, corn, potatoes and spiced sausage all cooked in a spice brew. As our future supply of gulf raised shrimp is in danger, we enjoyed this catch! The evening's entertainment was provided by "Mojo Risin", a blues band from the Muscle Shoals area that lived up to the quality we've come to expect around here. As a matter of fact, several members came up to make the comment that they thought this band was the best we've ever had. With that in mind, we or I will definitely have them back – I've had a different band each year in the attempt to find one that everybody liked and I think we are there now! To make it even more interesting, one of the band members is a member of MSSC, Andy Keenum (256/740-9575 for information). After a great evening, we retired and prayed for wind.

Sunday, May 23 we started the races on time and had just enough wind to sail 2 races, which were just enough to declare the winners and serve the trophies. The awards were as follows:

- Dingy Fleet:** 1st place: Knox Rogers, sailing a Megabyte
2nd place: Mark van Stolk, Megabyte
3rd place: Joel ver Plank, Flying Scot
- Cruiser Fleet:** 1st place: Frank McCollum, sailing a Beneteau 285
2nd place: Jim Ferrell, Beneteau 265
- Catalina 22 Fleet:**
1st place: Mark Lobo
2nd place: Kevin Baker
3rd place: Tom Cromer

Without the following members, all of this would not be possible, many thanks to:

Kitchen crew: Barbara McCollum, Karen McCullough, JJ Spiller, Barbara Glenn, Chris Francis, Sue Kuehlthau, Ken Renfro, Jane Glenn and myself. **Race Committee:** Tommy Glenn (PRO) and Bob Kuehlthau. **The band "Mojo Risin" consists of:** Shirley Rowell, Skip Skipworth, Andy Keenum, T-Bone Brown and Billy Smart. The acoustical engineering and soundboard was run by MSSC member John Glasscock.

Until I run out, the trophies were silver serving pieces from the Officer's Wardroom from the USS Saratoga (CV-60) aircraft carrier. In parting, I will say that IF we had 4 more boats registering and sold 12 more dinners, we would have broken even on expenses/income. Next year we will plan a dinner party and if a regatta breaks out, that will be OK! For new members or anyone that didn't attend, this is our premier spring/ summer party and you don't have to be involved in the regatta to attend the social party. As far as I'm concerned, a regatta is the excuse to have a party! Put it on your calendar, the next Confederate Admiral's Regatta and evening social party will be Memorial Day weekend 2011.

Once again, thank you to everyone that helped this be the success that it is, I'm sorry if I left anybody's name out of the list. New members need to come out to see how we do things so you can help also, this is a volunteer organization and we need your help.

Steve Blazier, MSSC Confederate Admiral's Regatta coordinator.

EDITORS NOTE:

Ok folks, several months ago I asked for your yummy recipes to put in the Lifted tack to share. The only one to respond so far is Pat Hauffe which I have published in this month's Tack. I know you all have great recipes to offer because I have tasted most of them. So come on, now that the summer rush is winding down. Submit those yummy recipes so I can get them in the Tack. I am fussing at myself as well as I have not put one together either.

Nolan Richards gave us 2 wonderful articles for this edition. The first one is on Boat safety and the other one is a tribute to past MSSC Commodores. Thanks so much. I encourage you all to do the same.

Also, I have included some great pictures that Rick took of Andrew Putnam sailing his 505 Last Sunday Aug.8, 2010 on the last page. One of these is on the cover of this issue. ENJOY!

*Thanks,
Jan*

OVEN JAMBALAYA
serves 8 – 10
From Pat Hauffe

1 lb. Hot smoked sausage links, cut in quarters lengthwise, then diced
1 ½ lbs. Shrimp, raw, peeled and diced
3 chicken breasts or thighs, or combination, diced
2 cups rice, Uncle Ben's Converted, raw
¼ cup green onions, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 stick butter, softened
1 cup beef broth
1 pkg. Lipton onion soup mix
1 15 or 16-ounce Can tomato sauce
salt, pepper, garlic powder, Cajun spice (like Tony Cachere or Emeril's), to taste

Mix all raw ingredients in a large oven container. Bake at 350 degrees, covered, for 1 ½ hours. Stir before serving. Check rice for doneness – may need a bit more time depending on your oven's temperature.

Recipe can be double, tripled, etc. A double recipe fits in a large steaming tray sized aluminum pan.

Below is a list of our NEWEST Members with their contact information. Be sure and take time to send them a note to make them feel welcome.

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Making Sure there is a Future

Personal safety is stressed during MSSC's sailing seminars, in our Sailing Instructions and in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Rules 1.2 and 4.

Many of us may think that because we are working on our boats at a dock, sailing on normally "calm/sedate" waters of Lake Wilson (or Wheeler) we are immune from the danger of "man overboard". That could be a dangerous assumption.

Here are some real life stories that should encourage all of us to be extra careful and to consider, not only the use of PFD's, but also harnesses.

About six months ago, Paul Jones at TPYCC fell off his boat and could not get back either onto his boat or find a way to get to a point at the docks where he could extricate himself. His strength was fast failing. He yelled for help and fortuitously, the Lewis' (of Lewis Electric) were within earshot at that marina and were able, with great difficulty (ever tried lifting a limp body?), fished him out semi-conscious. He recovered at ECM and the Lewis's were awarded Life Saving Medals.

Just last week, a couple sailing off Cliff House, San Francisco, were either both, or consecutively, knocked off or fell off their appropriately reefed for the 25-knot winds. 33 footer, and were both drowned. It will never be known how they fell off; one trying to rescue the other, hit by a jibing boom, but what was known, they were **not** wearing safety harnesses. Safety harnesses are essential in fresh winds for safely moving around, fore and aft on the decks, by progressively clipping onto the lifelines. Their boat was washed up under sail, just below Cliff House.

While we were in New Zealand another similar fatality occurred. A guy, experienced sailor, left Auckland for Napier on the east coast with his cat. So he was "solo". When he became overdue, an air search was sent out looking for him/his yacht. There was no sign of it for several days. Then some yachties did a modeling of the winds and currents and recommended that the search be directed down towards Chatham Islands! The boat was found, complete with a lean cat, shredded sails but no skipper. It is presumed he fell overboard. Had he worn a harness he would have at least be hooked back to his yacht.

My conclusion is; it's just too easy to become complacent, even on Wilson Lake. Therefore I am urging all of us who have "boats with walk-around decking" to, at the minimum, wear a PFD, even when working on the boat at the dock and when out, with winds in excess of 10 knots, have a couple of harnesses aboard and insist that the foredeck crew use them. And by the way, keep your head down during a gybe!

Nolan Richards

Tribute to Past Deceased MSSC Commodores

The enthusiasm, leadership, ability and polite forcefulness in developing team work and volunteerism by our past commodores has, in many instances, set the tone of how well the club prospered, the mentoring resulting in a “good “ sailing season and how our enviable reputation for hospitality echoed around the area.

A diminishing few of us current members of MSSC have information that reflects the diversity of leadership MSSC has enjoyed over the past forty nine years and with a Golden Jubilee in the offing, it could be cogent to document something about our past, deceased commodores.

I propose doing that to the best of my recollection in tabular, rather than narrative form.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commodore</u>	<u>Boat sailed</u>	<u>Profession</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1963	Bob Kibby	Day Sailer	Research Manager	Built first clubhouse Founded Little America's Cup Regatta and trophy
1965	L.T.Hackworth	Sunfish	Purchasing Agent	Took MSSC to the Mallory's, Prince of Wales competitions
1971	Don Freeman	Sunfish	Engineer	Consolidated MSSC at Lock 4 site
1973	George Wilkinson	DS/470	Dye expert	Initiated Lifted Tack Artistic regatta notes
1974	Wally Elliot	S- Coast 21	Engineer	Strong Laser program Increase in members
1980	Horace Bramm	Thistle Capri 30	Obstetrician	Initiated dredging and repair seawall, bonds

Respectfully submitted,
Nolan Richards
21 June 2010

