

# Muscle Shoals Sailing Club

## LIFTED TACK

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## Commodore's Comments

Dear MSSC Members:

The TVCC will be history by the time you receive this and that leaves two major events remaining this year, the Little America's Cup on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and the AGM on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

### AGM

The November AGM is our annual general meeting where we elect board members for 2011. The board rotates with four being elected each year. The following positions are up for election this year.

Commodore: Shall preside at all meetings of MSSC, shall appoint all committees deemed necessary, shall be responsible for public relations, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. **(revised 11/2009)**

Treasurer: Shall have custody of the funds of the Club, and shall report the financial status of the Club at the first regularly scheduled meeting after each election and at other times required by the Commodore. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as pertain to this office

Sail Master: Shall be responsible for the general upgrading of safety and sailing education at MSSC. The Sail Master shall be responsible for the MSSC Sailing Seminar, junior sailing activities, interaction with related organizations, and the promotion of sailing. The Sail Master shall be responsible for the maintenance and safety of club boats and trailers. This officer shall have the power to appoint committees to assist in the performance of these duties. **(revised 11/2009)**

Fleet Captain: Shall be responsible for the organization, conduct, and safety of racing events setting of marks, starting and time records of boats participating in organized races and regattas. Shall enforce rules of U.S. Sailing and arrange compliance with local regulations during MSSC sailing events. Shall have the power to appoint committees to assist in the execution of these duties. Shall be responsible for the upkeep of the committee boat, its facilities and components, and all racing property. Shall prepare and post the annual racing schedule and assign individuals for running the races. Shall submit any required legal notices for events (e.g. notify Coast Guard).



MSSC does not have a nominating committee but relies on members to identify other members they think would be willing to serve on the board for two years.

## CLEANING PROBLEMS

We've rented the clubhouse out to four big events, 75-100 guests, and several smaller ones this summer. This has brought in a little extra income and given the community an opportunity to see our new clubhouse. However, we have discovered some problems with restroom cleanliness and floor maintenance after both club sponsored and private events. So we are suspending renting the clubhouse until the board can review our policies and decide how to address these problems. We may have to hire a cleaning service to ensure the clubhouse is cleaned to every ones satisfaction. It's an additional expense that I'd hoped to avoid but now seems justified. We'll honor the one booking already agreed upon, Nolan Richards on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

## BOAT YARD REORGANIZED

The boat yard has been reorganized into two lines of boats. The least used are on the back row with the more frequency used in the second row. They are angled so the second row is pull through. We'd appreciate it if you would take care parking your boats and keep the line straight. Another big thanks to all who showed up to help get the grounds and clubhouse ready for the TVCC. There were too many to mention by name and I'd probably leave someone out. You all did a whale of a job.

## New chase boat

Please give Floyd Hauffe a big round of applause. He saw a need for a chase boat and found a way to get one by collecting donations, finding a boat to buy and remodeling it . We now have a well-equipped chase/rescue boat. It's already proved useful at the Vice Commodores Regatta. Also a big thanks to those who helped Floyd with their donations.

## Well wishes for a speedy recovery Chris

Chris Frances, our Gatekeeper, is going in for two-knee replacements Oct 14th. She will be out of commission for at least a month. So if you don't see her roaming the grounds, that's why. Chris won't be locking up after you for a while so please lock up when you're the last one out. We wish her the best and pray for a speedy recovery.

Sailing Quote:

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

# LITTLE AMERICA'S CUP REGATTA

HONORING NOLAN AND HELEN RICHARDS

## OCT 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th

### DON'T RACE?

Then join us Saturday evening for a dinner of smothered chicken and music by the

## BLUE NAVIGATORS

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Parkhurst

The Blue Navigators have been described as playing an eclectic assortment of country, blues, jazz, & light gospel. I've heard them before and look forward to hearing them again.

They're good

**HAPPY HOUR WILL START WHEN THE RACERS ARE OFF THE WATER. PLEASE BRING HORS D' OEUVRES TO SHARE. DINNER IS \$10.00 PER PERSON AND SERVED AT 6:30**

We are now taking orders for MSSC "LET'S GO SAILING" tee shirts.

The color will be Denim Blue with white lettering. Sizes small through large will cost. \$12.00 2XX and 3XXX will be \$15.00. Women's scoop and V-neck will be \$15.00. All orders must be prepaid and we need at least 30 to place an order with our supplier. Allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery.

Rick McAdams will be taking the orders

**Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Put it on your calendar.**

**We will be decorating the clubhouse for the Holidays**

**At 1:00 PM an unadorned tree will be waiting for you and your decorations, which will be returned in January. There is no place to store them at the club.**

**A special shout out to all bakers.**

Cookies are needed to help get us in the Christmas Spirit. Please bring your favorite recipe and treat us to some great cookies.

A potluck party that evening would be a great way to start the holidays. But I'd need help to pull that off.

If interested, please call Kathy McAdams at 256 366 2838 or E-mail at [kathypmcadams@comcast.net](mailto:kathypmcadams@comcast.net)

***Editor's note:***

*Still looking for some of those wonderful recipes. If you decide to bake cookies or whatever be sure and bring your recipe and I will put them all together in a special Lifted Tack for the Holidays. Now is the time to share all your wonderful dishes especially with all the cooking everyone will be doing over the holiday season.*

## The Vice Commodore's Regatta 2010

Our Commodore, Rick McAdams, on relatively short notice, assumed the coordination of this year's Vice Commodore's regatta; and did he coordinate!

Jane Glenn's welcoming smile greeted everyone coming in from the teeming rain (Which, despite potentially messing up a weekend of sailing was, in fact welcomed also) to register for the event. We are so grateful and privileged to have Jane repeatedly volunteering to be our registrant which she has done so effectively for probably 40 years + for umpteen regattas. Jane took in \$125 for entry fees and I believe she sold about 40 dinner tickets,

Carol Cole had a mountain of supplies on the counters and in the fridges from which she presented a fantastic and delicious dinner for 40 people. As chief chef, she presented a colorful mixed green salad; baked potatoes, vegetable casserole and pork loin with some secret ingredient that made it linger and be memorable. I have an idea that during the day, the Chief Chef, Carol, had some willing help from Jane, Pat Hauffe, Beth Smith and Michael Broder. On the side, the famished sailors could have bread roll and the sweet tooth was more than satisfied with home made brownies and ice cream!

While most skippers were preparing their boats in this teeming rain, Floyd Hauffe was making the final adjustments to the project he undertook about a year ago; to provide MSSC with a reliable support/safety boat. He brought it up from Bessemer on Friday and it was launched about noon, Saturday. The "MiSS C" (Missy Cee) will serve us well, has a center control pedestal. Good motor, electric winch for the anchor, tubes to hold the signal flag staffs and cleverly attached bumpers all the way around the gunwales so she won't scuff up any boat to which she may side. Floyd found the boat and trailer and has done all the work to restoring it to fully operable condition with an electric winch for the anchor.. A few members made donations so that this acquisition has cost the club nothing to date. There should be a formal acceptance so that the burden of operating "MiSSC" shifts to the Fleet Captain's budget in the future.

My contribution to the commencement of our weekend regatta was to dismiss the rain in time, after about a half hour's postponement, and be able to have some racing in light northeasterly breezes. The race committee team comprised Willson Jenkins, who, in Mako, cruised the course ready to shift marks according to wind shifts, and Glenn Miller on the "Horace Bramm". Glenn is already very knowledgeable in RC procedures so with his counsel and alertness, working the RC duties was both an asset and a pleasure.

We set out marks that gave the flexibility of running windward-leeward (with gate) or triangular courses with the addition of separate starting and finishing lines at the RC boat. This was to provide the flexibility of starting a fleet independently of the status of any other fleet to maximize the use of time (and often, wind). It may have come across as confusing, but I am pleased to say, that everyone understood it. I tried this, as it is my intent to use this modification for the upcoming TVCC event and my conclusion is; it works. There was some apprehension about downwind finishes but having boats downwind of the RC boat still racing, had the potential for confusion so did not seem a good option to me.

The nine boats in two fleets had five races for the event, two Saturday and three Sunday. The NE winds Saturday were 2-9 mph and Sunday, NE, 3-11 plus E at 4-6.

### Results:

Skipper	Boat	Placings on corrected time					Total Points	Rank
		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5		
Mark van Stolk	Megabyte	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
Joel Ver Plank	FSCT	2	3	2	2	3	12	2
Floyd Hauffe	FSCT	3	2	3	3	2	13	3
Dave Seborg	DS	4	4	4	4	4	16	4

Cruisers								
Hayden Glenn	San Juan 24	1	1	1	1	1	5	1
John Conover	MG335	3	2	2	2	2	11	2
Shan Jeffries	J-80	4	4	3	3	3	17	3
Jim Farrell	Beneteau 26.5	2	3	5	5	5	20	4
Tom Brown	Star & M22	DNF		1	Did not qualify in Non-Spinnaker			

Mark Van Stolk sailed extremely well to the extent that were he to be threatened, his competitors needed to be 3 to 10 minutes quicker around the courses. Hayden, "the old man o' the sea", proved to be mighty crafty and steady as he steered his San Juan to five bullets, We were glad to have John Conover come down from Wheeler Yacht Club to swell the ranks of the cruisers. It was Shan Jeffries' first experience at racing his J-80. He said he enjoyed the experience and is resolved to be closer to the start line when the gun goes off. Windward-leeward courses are not conducive to his boat as the radial means he has to sail very shallow angles downwind to maintain boat speed. Joel and Floyd had some close encounters showing the added challenge of sailing in one-design fleets. Actually, Floyd had the best start of the series in one race when he hit the line at the exact second of the gun, very impressive and I hope to be duplicated in the upcoming TVCC. Dave, who invariably manages well single handedly, needs a mate so he can fly his chute off-wind to enhance his boat speed. The Beneteau would have relished higher wind velocities but their chute work was impressive. Tom Brown in his Star with his courageous daughter, covered the first race in the fastest elapsed time but failed to go around the offset mark.

Thus, another Vice Commodore's regatta goes down in our history reasonably successfully, except we do need more participation in these two-day events that are invariably associated with great rapport, fairly reliable winds and memorable dinners.

Nolan Richards  
PRO Sept. 28th 2010

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