

Muscle Shoals Sailing Club

LIFTED TACK

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Ahoy MSSC Members:

YOUR NEW BOARD

The 2010 AGM was held November 13, 2010. The turnout was a little less than usual. I guess some were afraid they might be talked into serving on the board, as several slots were open. Fear not, a few of our braver members stepped forward willing to serve.

Your new Board members for 2011 are:

<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Bill Parkhurst</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Bob Stagg</i>
<i>Fleet Captain</i>	<i>Tom Brown</i>
<i>Sail Master</i>	<i>Derek Boone</i>

The remaining Board members have one more year to serve.

<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Ellen Baird</i>
<i>1st Vice Commodore</i>	<i>Phil Kingsley</i>
<i>2nd Vice Commodore</i>	<i>Ray Clemons</i>
<i>Harbor Master</i>	<i>Mike Hofmann</i>

Jan Clemons has agreed to continue as the Lifted Tack Editor but a **new Entertainment Chair needs to be appointed, as Kathy McAdams will be resigning at the first of the year.**

Please show your appreciation to the members that are willing to serve. Support them by volunteering your time and talents at the Wine and Cheese party and through out 2011.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have a small request to any of you submitting articles for the TACK. If you would please save your articles in MSWord and in the Time New Roman 12 pt Font, It would really help me a lot. I have a shell for the Lifted Tack that I plug everything into and I spend a lot of time having to reformat stuff. If you can't that is fine, I will certainly, as the editor title implies, EDIT the articles. Just a request if possible. Thanks to everyone for their support and help.

Jan Clemons

DECEMBER BILLINGS

We will be sending out your 2011 invoices in December. We're actually on schedule this year, how about that. Please let us know if you plan on making any changes with your membership, slip or land storage arrangements.

"Members may elect to pay their annual dues and fees in either one annual payment due January 1 and late after February 28th or members can pay in quarterly installment rather than all at once. Members who wish to elect the quarterly payments option shall make an election on a form provided with MSSC's annual statement, agreeing to pay the entire amount due to the club for the yearly dues and fees regardless of membership termination, except as otherwise excused by the Board pursuant to article III, Section B (2) and paying a \$15.00 per quarter processing fee. Quarterly payments will be due on January 1, April 1, June 1 and October 1 of each year." That being said, we really appreciate those members who can pay their total dues and fees at the first of the year. It makes budgeting and the treasurers job much easier.

Just a reminder, the membership initiation fee was increased from \$200 to \$300 effective January 1, 2011. This was approved at the 2009 AGM.

CLEANING THE CLUBHOUSE

The board has decided to hire an outside cleaning service to clean the clubhouse once a month. We'll still need to clean up after each event and through out the month.

This decision led to increasing the rental fee from \$100 to \$200 for the first hour. The second hour and all there after will remain at \$50. The cleaning service will also clean after each non-club event. All rentals must be booked at least 2 months in advance and only members can rent the clubhouse.

PLEASE DON'T STORE COMBUSTIBLES IN THE EQUIPMENT ROOM. MANY OF OUR APPLIANCES ARE GAS. GAS FUMES, OPEN FLAMES DUH.

THE PRESSURE WASHER AND GAS CAN FOUND THERE DAY WAS MOVED TO THE BOAT SHED.

NEW WEB PAGE

Glenn Miller, our Web Master, will be setting up a new page on our web site. This page will highlight our clubhouse as a way of promoting the club. We are looking for pictures of the clubhouse to post on this page. If you have some you'd like to share, please send them to Glenn.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, Dec. 4th. 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 dinner is planned starting at 5:00. We have some leftover ham and pulled pork to get us started.

NEW YEARS EVE AND DAY

Jan Clemons and Kathy are planning a New Year's Eve Party at the club. Bring your favorite board game and start the New Year by becoming a Monopoly Millionaire. Then come back New Year's Day

One of the best sails was on a New Years Day. Pleasant breezes, in the 60's it was a nice way to start the New Year. On returning to the club we had a chili cook off. Who won doesn't matter, as all the chili was great. Now with the new TV, we can enjoy good home made chili and good football. Let us know if you would like to get together New Year Eve and the next day.

A BIG THANK YOU

It's been an exciting two years and I have too many members to thank for making it very productive and successful.

To all who said thank you, good job, and other words of encouragement, I can't tell you how much those words meant. To those who stepped in and helped when I faltered, thank you. To those who were not shy telling me when you thought I was wrong, your words were harsh and you could have been a little more diplomatic but your concerns were heard. To you I now say Thank you.

All in all it's been a great ride.

Rick

Proposed Muscle Shoals Sailing Club 2011 Schedule

JANUARY 2011

FRIDAY 7TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 15TH	DIYRA MEETING (PYC)	T. BROWN
WEDNESDAY 19TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 21ST	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	

FEBRUARY 2011

FRIDAY 11TH	OLD SALTS MEETING	
SATURDAY 12TH	WINE AND CHEESE PARTY	
THURSDAY 17TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 18TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 26TH	WORK DAY	P. KINGSLEY R. CLEMONS M. HOFMANN

MARCH 2011

FRIDAY 11TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 12TH	RACE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP	T. BROWN
WEDNESDAY 16TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 18TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 26TH	CLUB RACE 1	B. PARKHURST

APRIL 2011

SATURDAY	2ND WORK DAY	M. HOFMANN R. CLEMONS P. KINGSLEY
FRIDAY 8TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 9TH	AL SELLERS DAM(N) RACE	
FRIDAY 15TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
WEDNESDAY 20TH	BOARD MEETING	
SATURDAY	CLUB RACE 2	

MAY 2011

SATURDAY (Date left off)	CLUB RACE 3	
FRIDAY 13TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 14TH	COMMODORE'S CUP	B. PARKHURST
SUNDAY 15TH	COMMODORE'S CUP	B. PARKHURST
WEDNESDAY 18TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 20TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 28TH & SUN 29TH	CONFEDERATE ADMIRALS' CUP	S. BLAZIER

JUNE 2011

SATURDAY 4TH	SAILING SEMINAR	D. BOONE
SUNDAY 5TH	SAILING SEMINAR	D. BOONE
FRIDAY 10TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 11TH	SAILING SEMINAR	D. BOONE
SUNDAY 12TH	SAILING SEMINAR	D. BOONE
WEDNESDAY 15TH	BOARD MEETING	

SCHEDULE Continued

JULY 2011

FRIDAY 8TH	OLD SALTS	
FRIDAY 15TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
WEDNESDAY 20TH	BOARD MEETING	

AUGUST 2011

FRIDAY 12TH	OLD SALTS	
WEDNESDAY 17TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 19TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 27TH	CLUB RACE 5	

SEPTEMBER 2011

SATURDAY 3RD	FLYING SCOT REGATTA	W. JENKINS
SUNDAY 4TH	FLYING SCOT REGATTA	W. JENKINS
FRIDAY 9TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 10TH	CLUB RACE 6	
FRIDAY 16TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
WEDNESDAY 21ST	BOARD MEETING	
SATURDAY 24TH	VICE COMMODORES' REGATTA	
SUNDAY 25TH	VICE COMMODORES' REGATTA	

OCTOBER 2011

SATURDAY 8TH	TVCC	
SUNDAY 9TH	TVCC	
FRIDAY 14TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 15TH	CLUB RACE 7	
WEDNESDAY 19TH	MEETING	
FRIDAY 21ST THIRD	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 22ND	LITTLE AMERICA'S CUP	
SUNDAY 23RD	LITTLE AMERICA'S CUP	

NOVEMBER 2011

FRIDAY 11TH	OLD SALTS	
SATURDAY 12TH	CLUB RACE 8 & AGM	
WEDNESDAY 16TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 18TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	
SATURDAY 19TH	WORK DAY	R. CLEMONS P. KINGSLEY M. HOFMANN

DECEMBER 2011

SATURDAY 10TH	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
THURSDAY 15TH	BOARD MEETING	
FRIDAY 16TH	THIRD FRIDAY SOCIAL	

Now is the time!

Now is the time for what?

Now is the time for each boat owner in MSSC to renew their relationship with their floating sweetheart, your boat, whether cruiser or dinghy.

Go out to your club, give the old girl a face swab (scrub her deck), sponge her bottom to make her feel slick (she won't complain), check out her make up and accessories (the fixed and running gear), and make sure her wardrobe is in shape for a debut ball (check the sail and battens).

Then, sweet-talk her into letting you take her out and feel her mood. Once out on the lake, she'll notice that you have taken an increased interest in her and are guiding her nicely with respect to the wind and waves, She'll likely thank you by sailing faster and as your own confidence and sureness in maneuvering her increases, so she will respond with greater flair.

Make a commitment to go do this first opportunity on a cooler afternoon or evening.

Why?

I have a very good motive.

MSSC has been "bridesmaid" at the Tennessee Valley Challenge Regatta for the past three years or so whereas we used to win it more often than not we have been stuck in second lately. You can help us win it again by participating. We want to be "the bride"! The club has given your sailboat a safe haven; now you can thank the club by making both your boat's and your presence felt and appreciated in defending our honor in October.

You respond by saying "I am not a racer". You don't have to be a hotshot. By entering and sailing in the TVCC, you, a "good" sailor (not Olympic material), can put your boat in between the hotshots of say, Privateer Yacht Club or Brown's Creek, and thereby dilute their score.

Go tell your boat that you have not forsaken her. There will be opportunities to sail around buoys and get the feel of being on the starting line in club races in September and the Vice Commodore's Regatta on 25th & 26th September.

If you don't think you have an adequate crew, contact Commodore Rick or Tommy Glenn. There are folk, believe it or not, who want to go sailing and would both obey and support you.

We especially need those skippers who have spinnaker capacity to get out and train with a good crew.

I'll be the PRO, so I'll be looking for you all (and I mean all), but I can't promise to let you start early.

Chief complainer,
Nolan Richards

The Twenty- fourth TVCC Regatta.

MSSC managed the event well according to a few congratulatory e-mails received from other clubs after the event.

Twenty-six boats participated from five sailing clubs.

But there was a hiccup; not too damaging to our reputation.

For the past several years, the participating clubs, Privateer, Browns Creek Sailing Association, Wheeler Yacht Club, Pickwick Sailing and Cruising Association and Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, met at Wheeler State Park on the rationale that it was central. That agreement expired and as our turn to be hosts was upcoming, the event was held at our facility.

It was a success because so many of our members became staunch volunteers in support of the multiple facets that go into staging a regional regatta. Our registration expert, Jane Glenn, greeted everybody with her warm smile, a readied whiteboard of the schedules, prepackaged documents for the skippers and her astute accountability of the disposition of funds. We are so blessed with Jane, not only for this service but her famous Sunday breakfasts. Please, somebody, become her understudy!

On the food front, Ken Renfro was assisted by the Hymar Burke family in procuring and preparing pounds and pounds of fried and baked catfish, chicken, hush puppies and French fries and baked potatoes. The tables were elegantly decorated by Beth White. Other stalwarts in the kitchen, Barbara Glenn, Kathy McAdams, Chris Francis, Jane Glenn and Helen Richards, prepared baked beans, salad, breads and an enticing selection of cakes and pies. Prior to dinner, an untold number of members had laid out all those tempting and savory hors d'ouvres, which became severely depleted, washed down by the keg beer that Steve Blazier "donated". (We are not permitted to "sell" that refreshing brown fluid). All the sailors welcomed the latter as they came in relatively early and thirsty due to adverse wind conditions.

Rick McAdams and assistants help monitor the launching of boats which, even for the deeper draft boats seemed to go well with the less steep ramp. Visitors found adequate berths which, given our limited dock space, was remarkable,

We had a very (well almost, except for my one error) competent and cohesive Race Management team. Richard and Sharman Gillingham manned the safety boat that Floyd Hauffe found, equipped and refurbished, This was "MiSSC"'s maiden assignment and she performed well although a bimini would have lessened Sharman's sunburn. Tommy Cromer in a Boston Whaler lent by Tom Brown backed up their mark boat at the leeward spot.. On the "Horace Bramm", on which the motor was now running well, we had the race committee of Bob Parrish, Bruce Richards and Nolan Richards as PRO.

Their challenge, was getting two races in on Saturday afternoon with two opportune periods of "wind" in the range 1 to mostly 3. and in an exciting moment, 7 mph from 170 to 240 degrees. Getting in shortened windward- leeward and triangular races was a relief, I think, even to the boats that had endured some ghosting conditions. The starts were both in 3 mph conditions.

These light conditions persisted on Sunday morning. Again, we had 3 mph at the starts which were much more aggressive on Sunday, for two windward -leeward shortened courses. The fleets became widely separated in the fourth race because the wind shifted from 150-170 to 240-270, so that those in the back of the fleet had a prolonged "downwind" leg. While this seemed unfair, review of the elapsed times indicated that those caught in the rear could not have affected the higher placings despite the adverse shift.

After a lunch of our traditional "leftovers", Commodore Rick McAdams announced the results and presented the trophies that Tommy Glenn had arranged. The results are included in this article. The winners of the Dinghy, Non-spinnaker and Spinnaker cruiser fleets were Paul Jacobs (MSSC), Bill Robertson (PYC) and Doug Fox (WYC) respectively. At the time of the presentations PYC had 17 points MSSC 18 points so PYC took the TVCC trophy home for about the fifth consecutive time. But Nolan, that evening, realized he had failed to add one point to the rating of the San Juan 24 to make her on an even playing field with the other non-spinnaker boats. Upon recalculation of elapsed time, the SJ24 came 3rd in the second race instead of 4th. This meant that both PYC and MSSC had 17 points and the tie was broken in MSSC's favor as we had 4 firsts and PYC, three. So MSSC should have won. (Strangely enough, WYC and BCSA both had 41 points)

When I advised Rick and Bruce of my error, it was our unanimous position that PYC should remain the official winners. I sent Bill Robertson the data, showing my omission and the consequence. On the following weekend, after Bruce and I had finished running the Equalizer Regatta at Percy Priest Yacht Club, Bill Robertson came to me and said; "You won. The trophy is MSSC's. Congratulations you guys sailed well. We'll be back next year!" So I brought the trophy back to MSSC with the keeper already plated by PYC in MSSC's name!

So, fellow sailors, all your efforts on the water and on land culminated in all of a pretty decent regatta, an harmonious resolution of an error, mutual respect and "We won!"

Nolan Richards
21 October 2010

MSSC's 2010 Little America's Cup Regatta

The gods shone upon the 48th staging of our landmark regatta now known as the "Helen and Nolan Richards Little America's Cup Regatta" (although the trophy was donated by the commodore, Robert Kibby, in 1962).

We had an occasion of memorable social activities, better participation and fantastic sailing conditions, especially arranged by our PRO, Gar Bouse.

Volunteerism, the hallmark of MSSC, was highly evident in all the meals prepared, presented elegantly, attended by Pat Hauffe who selected the main menu of smothered chicken and mashed potatoes, Sue Kuehlthau and Peggy Jacobs' tossed salad, servers Audrey Parrish and Helen Richards, all the hors d'ouvres people generously contributed for "six o' clocks", the nourishing lunches, Jane's breakfast of biscuits and sausages, and the Key Lime pie Helen and Nolan Richards arranged to be baked and delivered by master chef, Ken Novelli made for wonderful feasting. Over 52 people had a very convivial time reliving their experiences during the three races on Saturday afternoon. We appreciated Bill Parkhurst's efforts in getting the Blue Navigator Band to come and entertain us during social hour with their calming music. Three members were recognized for their birthdays, Jane Glenn, Bill Parkhurst and Nolan Richards.

We had two visiting boats, Mark Van Stolk with his Megabyte from Memphis and Doug Bebensee from Dickson, Tennessee in an MC Scow. Robin (Richards) Garibay was back on her girlhood waters sailing her old Laser.

Saturday's races, all modified Olympics, laid out by Gar Bouse and Bob Parrish, were held under 6-10 mph conditions with the wind clocking during the afternoon. The fifteen boats all started together since this was a "Portsmouth Number" regatta and this made for interesting interactions on the line; Sunfish and Lasers trying to luff up cruisers! Actually, from my perspective, the starts were appropriately aggressive and there were some instances of "over early"!

Sunday was a different story. The wind had picked up to 15-20mph from 170°. There were white caps! The leader from Saturday, Tom Brown's Star, suffered a severe setback: the mast snapped while on a beat in the fourth race. Star's masts are under enormous stresses in heavy air and have a tendency to break, especially when a shroud starts to unravel. "MiSSC" towing the Star back to the dock showed the usefulness of our new safety boat. Bob Kuehlthau and Paul Jacobs' Thistle, which had also been speeding around the course mostly holding her time, was a little under-ballasted going downwind on Sunday and suffered a capsized. While they had only one, Robin had several but kept going. She has "battle scars" to remind her that "upright" is a more comfortable position. Joel VerPlank was ecstatic as the winds were well suited to his Ensign. He drove it well and came second overall. In two races he was out of first by an average of 20 seconds only. Floyd Hauffe was going much better in his Flying Scot and had he not sustained a fall in the 4th race and been able to sail the 5th, would have placed much better. Marcus Thompson (Irwin 30) and Roy Vickers (Laser) were racing for the first time and they deserve congratulations for their tenacity in completing the courses and whetting their appetites for further competition. It was interesting to see the close competition between the MC Scow and the Megabyte, which are rated quite closely. Both skippers sailed well, mostly just one place apart. Robin challenged them in the fourth race. Willson Jenkins and Ellen Baird were going well on Saturday but in Sunday's winds, single-handing proved too much for both Willson and Dave Seborg. Bruce and Nolan, sailing "Hinemoa" in the water for the first time since she was "injured" at Chatham, Massachusetts, last July, had some exciting planing under spinnaker on Sunday morning and repeated last year's win which was in a Flying Scot.

Results.

Skipper	Boat type	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	Rank
N. Richards	Day Sailer	1	3	6	1	1	12	1
J. VerPlank	Ensign	7.5	2	3	2	2	16.5	2
M. Van Stolk	Megabyte	2	4	7	3	3	19	3
D.Bebensee	MC Scow	6	6	5	6	4	27	4
T. Brown	Star	3	1	1	15	15	35	5
W. Jenkins	FSCT	4	5	4	9	15	37	6
R. Garibay	Laser	7.5	8	10	4	15	44.5	7
F. Hauffe	FSCT	10	7	8	5	15	45	9
B. Kuehlthau	Thistle	5	15	2	8	15	45	8
H. Glenn	SanJuan24	12	15	9	7	6	49	10
M. Thompson	Irwin 30	13	11	14	11	7	56	11
J. Farrell	Beneteau 265	15	15	13	10	5	58	12
B. Parkhurst	Sunfish	9	9	12	15	15	60	13
D. Seborg	Day Sailer	11	10	11	15	15	62	14
R. Vickers	Laser	15	15	15	12	15	72	15

The placings and trophies, (arranged by Bill Parkhurst), were announced and presented by Commodore, Rick McAdams to close out yet another successful and memorable regatta at MSSC.

N. Richards
30th October 2010.

Sailing Quote:

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

- William A. Ward

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