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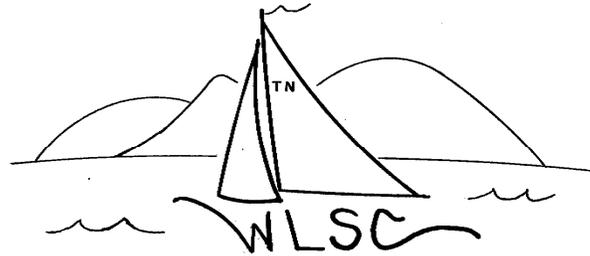
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Special Membership Edition

Wonder who that guy (or gal) is in the next slip? Planning a party? Need a little help raising the stick? Here's the solution. This issue contains the latest edition of the Watauga Lake Sailing Club's membership roster (available to dues-current members only). Please look over your listing; if it's incorrect, let us know. Now you no longer have an excuse not to invite us to your next get-together.

Racers Sail Into 2007 Spring Series

Two races down, two to go in the Spring PHRF/Club series sail races on Watauga Lake, and already the leaders are charging to the fore in what promises to be a fierce contest in the need for speed.

In a 10-boat free-for-all April 21, John McMillan and Sam Shafer aboard *Dasher*, a J-22, took first honors PHRF; followed by John Middaugh aboard *Slippery II*, John's venerable Catalina 27; with Todd Rice placing third in his yet-unnamed Catalina 25.

In Club Series, *Dasher* again took first place; followed by Robert Banks in *Susan Bee*, a Hunter 28; with Jim Little placing third in *Wild Blue Yonder*, a Catalina 270.

With several racers put off by an early rain squall, only seven stalwarts took the field for the April 28 race, with Clarke Lucas taking the cup in PHRF aboard *My Love II*, a Balboa 26; followed by Shafer aboard *Dasher*; with Richard Hallier taking third aboard *Puffin*, a San Juan 28.

In Club Series, Lucas again finished first; followed by Hallier; with Jeff Arnfield, aboard *Windward* (the world's most highly modified Chrysler 26), taking third place.

(It might be noted that all these skippers participated in the April 15 race clinic at The Captains Table Restaurant, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. The next race clinic is scheduled August 25)

In all scheduled races, skippers meet on the dock for the pre-race briefing at 1300, with the 10-minute warning horn at 1400. Official start is 1410. Race fee is \$3.00 per boat for members, \$5.00 for non-members. Anyone can race, but only dues-paying members qualify for trophies.

We'll take Mother's Day weekend off; the next scheduled race is May 19.

Join the WLSC on Pamlico Sound

Time is running out if you haven't made plans to explore Pamlico Sound with the WLSC. One of our favorite cruising venues, Pamlico Sound is second only to Chesapeake Bay as the largest protected saltwater estuary on the east coast. Largely unpopulated, minimally cruised, Pamlico offers the chance for cruisers to experience the thrill of broad horizons and unspoiled anchorages amid the lush coastal plains of North Carolina. This is *really* cruising as it used to be.

At last reckoning, we had five boats planning to participate in the June 16-23 event. Several vessels may still have empty berths available for singles, and there may yet be charters available in Oriental or Washington, NC. Contact Cruise Captain Bill Murdoch for more information: wsmurdoch@aol.com or (423) 239-9108.

Sailing Class Scheduled June 6

In conjunction with the United States Power Squadron (Johnson City Sail and Power Squadron), WLSC will begin an eight-week sail class Wednesday, June 6, 1800 hours (that's 6 p.m.). This is really one of the finest sailing classes available today.

USPS, the nation's premier boating organization, has, since its inception in 1914, taught thousands of boaters - both civilian and military - the intricacies of electronic and celestial navigation, seamanship, piloting, engine and electronic maintenance, weather forecasting and sailing.

The course will be taught by Clarke Lucas, assisted by Robert Banks and a host of USPS volunteers. Whether you're a novice or an old salt, this class has something for everybody. Materials cost will be \$30.00. Classes will be taught on the dock at Lakeshore and aboard various sailboats.

Class size is limited, so don't delay (the sail dock will only accommodate so many students).

(Don't let the cost throw you - it's worth it! My USPS sailing texts have been a permanent part of my ship's library for years - the editor)

Contact Clarke Lucas for additional information: acral@chartertn.net or (423) 538-4643

Congratulations to the Class of 2007

Congratulations to our own Vice-Commodore Sam Shafer, Matt Little (son of Jim and Sandra Little) and Peter Buhls (son of Robert and Susan Banks), who received their diplomas Saturday May 5, during commencement exercises at East Tennessee State University. (Hopefully you'll all get good jobs so you can keep your parents sailing in their old age.)

Jib Sheet Classifieds

1984 Catalina 25: Swing-keel sloop; main and furling genoa; dodger and bimini; Suzuki 15 HP electric-start kicker; newer (2005) Magic Tilt dual-axle trailer w/ electric brakes. Slip E-78, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. \$14,000.00. Jeff Morrison: (828)674-3149 or jeffrymorrison@aol.com

1969 Cal 2-24: 24' flush-deck design; 5 sails; spinnaker and whisker pole; installed head; VHF; knot meter; compass; trailer. Interior needs work, cushions need covers. Motor not included. \$2,500.00. Barry Schorr: (828)387-2613 or bdscgt@skybest.com

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1981 Catalina 25: Excellent sails; pop-top model with cover; all wood refinished 2006; Mercury 7.5 HP electric-start kicker w/ alternator. \$5,900.00. Wayne Catoe: (828)260-2666 or wbcatoe@aol.com

Soling 27 – A 27' classic, one-design sloop, suitable for racing or day sailing; Olympic-class racer. Only \$1000.00. Skip Greene: robertpatty@aol.com or (423)323-3533.

1989 O'Day 272LE: Wing keel; second owner; wheel steering; 12 hp diesel inboard; teak and holly sole; marine head; galley with alcohol stove, hot/cold pressure water fed by a 50 gal. tank; roller furling; self-tailing winches; depth sounder; knot meter; new batteries, upholstery, bottom paint May 2006. \$17,000. Tony or Michael Martin: martinmp@mail.tsdbc.org or (423)232-0202 or (423)426-3280

Wanted: Used trailer for shoal-draft O'Day 22. Hull weight, approximately 2,800-lb. (estimating 3,500-lb. for full trailering weight) Hull length: 22'. Width: 7'. Archie Baldwin: Lilabner2000@hotmail.com or (276)475-5008

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