

# The Jib Sheet

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## Commodore

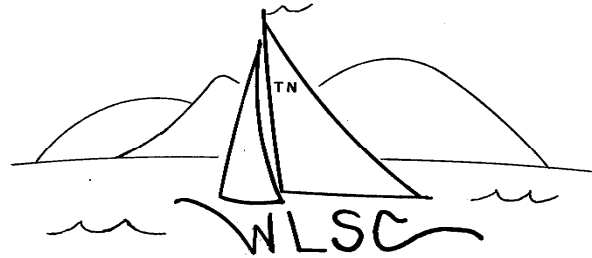
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## Coming in July: Annual Pig Roast - Commodore's Cup - Dam Picnic

### Pig Out With the WLSC – Annual Pig Roast Slated for July 7

**By Pit Captain Bill Murdoch** - In light of Independence Day falling mid week, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pig Roast will actually be held Saturday, July 7, on top of the point, just west of Lakeshore Marina. To stake out our spot and get started, we will set up the portable dock and move most of our stuff there on Friday, July 6, beginning at noon. We will also lug all the stuff up the hill to the site and prepare the area for cooking the food the next day. It takes eight or ten people to do this, so if you have some spare time on Friday afternoon, come over, and lend us a hand.

The meat will go on the fire at 7am Saturday morning and cook all day. The cooking is a social event in itself. Bring a chair and a cooler, join the cooking crew, watch the goings on, chop a little wood, tell sailing tales, and spend the day in the shade. We will fix a few chickens for lunch to make sure the cooking crew and watchers do not go hungry. Bring your water toys, and we will set up a rope swing for the more adventurous.

There will be a buoy line out if you want to bring your boat over, or you can ride across with Clarke Lucas. Contact him on VHF channel 16 with a call to "No Wind". Use the radio on your boat, the one at the gas dock, or ask any other member to make the radio call for you. If you have your motor boat on the lake, you might give him a hand ferrying people over and back.

Although supper will be served at 6:30, you need to come earlier. First, it is a lot of fun to join in the cooking, and second, waiting to the last minute puts an unfair load on both the portable dock and on Clarke. Try to get over by 5:30 so that Clarke can get a little rest and have time to enjoy his supper. Remember to bring a chair or be prepared to sit on the ground. Eat all you can, party all night, sleep on your boat or bring a tent and join us in the woods

We will have our usual pork and chicken barbecue, beans, slaw, french fries, hushpuppies, and small amounts of beer and sodas. Bring a desert to share, and you will be set. The charge will be \$5 per person. We will have food for about 70 people, so there is no need for reservations **unless you plan to bring a crowd**. If you do, call Adair Murdoch at (423) 239-9108.

On Sunday morning, enjoy a free pancake breakfast on the sailboat dock, and help us clean up the mess. In order to get everything down the hill, across the lake, and put away before the Commodore's Race, we will need the helpful hands and strong backs of ten to fifteen club members. Lend a hand and we can have it all out of the way before the race starts.

## Race for the Commodore's Cup July 8

The Annual Commodore's Cup Race, best described as the America's Cup meets the Keystone Cops, will be held Sunday, July 8 following the traditional dismantling of Pig-Roast Point. Although the same general rules apply to the Commodore's Cup as other races, several additional wrinkles are added, including free use of water cannons, water balloons, rude noises, sailing under false colors and other legitimate applications of the "ruse de guerre". The winner takes home the largest and most garish trophy in the WLSC arsenal. Skipper's meeting on the dock at 1300; 10-minute warning horn sounds at 1400, with the race underway at 1410.

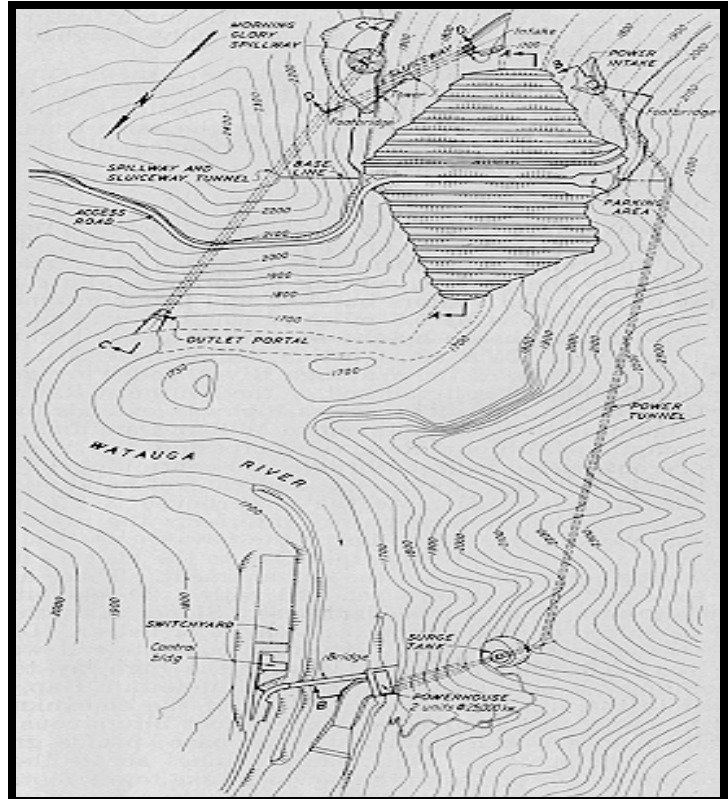
## Another Dam Picnic and Over-nighter

**By Cruise Captain Bill Murdoch** - We have done this a couple of times now. If you have never seen the other side of the dam, here is your chance.

We will have an evening picnic atop the Watauga Lake Dam, Saturday, July 28, then anchor out for the night. We will set up a buoy line in the cove on the left bank just upstream of the dam. You can tie your boat up there and dinghy over to the shore. If you don't have a dinghy, don't worry, someone else will be happy to take you to the shore. It is a quarter mile walk on along an old construction road and the Appalachian Trail to the top of the dam.

Bring a picnic basket, a table cloth or blanket, and your own food and drink. We will set the buoy line up in the afternoon. Plan on being there before 1700 so we can dinghy everyone over and start eating at 1830.

Depending on the wind and weather, we will either stay on the buoy line or move to a better location for the night. Don't forget to bring something for breakfast!



## **Pamlico Falls to WLSC – NC Helpless Against Bloodthirsty Hillbillies**

Six sailing vessels and 20 stalwart crew mounted a successful expedition against North Carolina's Outer Banks June 15-24, claiming vast territories on Pamlico Sound and uncounted plunder in the name of the WLSC.

Many thanks to Cruise Captain Bill and Admiral Adair Murdoch for arranging all the details, acting as tour guides and hosting two members aboard their personal yacht for the duration of the voyage. Commodore Jim has already posted evidence on the web page at <http://littledomain.com/wlsc/>

Vessels and crew members participating were: **"Irish Eyes"** (34 ft Pacific Seacraft) with Bill and Adair, John Middaugh and Robert Banks; **"Audacious"** (32 ft Catalina) with Sandra and James Little, Dave and Jan Bryson; **"Champagne Sunset"** (42 ft Hunter) with Eastman Sailing Club Members Gary and Chris McGraw, Jennifer Smith and Richard Colberg; **"Dragon"** (28 ft Ericson) Jeff, Laura and Duncan Arnfield; **"Evening Star"** (34 ft Beneteau) George Brown and Bonnie Clevinger; **"Silk Degrees"** (31 ft Beneteau) Matt Little, Jacob Little and Johnny Chandler.

Logistics and strategy dictated the fleet split into two flotillas during the early part of the week, with the New Bern/Oriental contingent (Champagne Sunset, Dragon, Evening Star, Irish Eyes) visiting Beaufort and Cape Lookout before linking up with the Li'l Washington vessels (Audacious and Silk Degrees) at Paul Del Rio's marina off Broad Creek in the Neuse River.

All anchored in the mouth of Burton Creek to attend a memorable party at the Del Rio's Paradise Cove Marina. Former WLSC Commodore Paul and the lovely Rose opened the bar just for us, prepared a wonderful meal and supplied a power launch to ferry us to and from our anchorage.

The combined fleet continued operations in South River and Ocracoke Island, with the Washington boats visiting Bath on their final push to their charter base up the Pamlico River, and Irish Eyes executing a night passage to New Bern late Saturday.

Far and away, this latest Saltwater Cruise was the most successful and best attended in recent years. Rumors of groundings, mutiny, dismasting, intemperate behavior and terminal sea sickness have been greatly exaggerated – or under-reported – depending on who tells the story.

## **Dasher, My Love II Sail Away with Spring Race Series**

Dasher, John McMillan's speedy J-22 (alternately captained or crewed by Sam Shafer) sailed away with PHRF honors; and My Love II, Clarke Lucas's Balboa 26 (with a host of volunteers), took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Club ranking in the WLSC's annual spring race series.

**PHRF:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Dasher**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **My Love II**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Slippery II**, John Middaugh, Catalina 27, crewed by wife Billie and grandson Stephen.

**Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **My Love II**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Wild Blue Yonder**, James Little, Catalina 270, crewed by wife Sandra, sons Matt and Jacob.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Susan Bee**, Robert Banks, Hunter 28, crewed by volunteers and the press gang.

The Commodore's Cup, July 8, and Long-Distance Race, August 18, fills out the summer doldrums, with the first race of the fall series scheduled September 1.

If you haven't raced before, or just wish to hone your skills, a race clinic is scheduled August 25, prior to the start of the fall series, on the sail dock. In the event of inclement weather, a back-up location will be announced.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bdscgt@skybest.com)

**Soling 27** – A 27' classic, one-design sloop, suitable for racing or day sailing; Olympic-class racer. Only \$1000.00. Skip Greene: [robertpattyg@aol.com](mailto:robertpattyg@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. Reduced. Tony or Michael Martin: [martinmp@mail.tsdbc.org](mailto:martinmp@mail.tsdbc.org) or (423)232-0202 or (423)426-3280

**2003 Flying Scot:** Practically new; sailed only a few times; always under cover; always stored out of water. Radical racing package (too many options to list; contact owner for additional details). All North sails; custom spinnaker will all rigging; custom covers for storage, trailering, mooring; trailer. A serious racing machine in perfect condition. Priced well under market value. \$11,400.00 Mike or Patty Adkins: [bigbub1@earthlink.net](mailto:bigbub1@earthlink.net) or (423) 768-3506 or (423) 957-6667.

**Ratty's Boat Works:** Restoration, repair, renovation by Lowell "Ratty" Shipe. Fiberglass work, wood construction, brightwork, custom joinery. Experience with sail, power or oared vessels. Complete woodworking and fiberglass shop. [shipe@skybest.com](mailto:shipe@skybest.com)

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