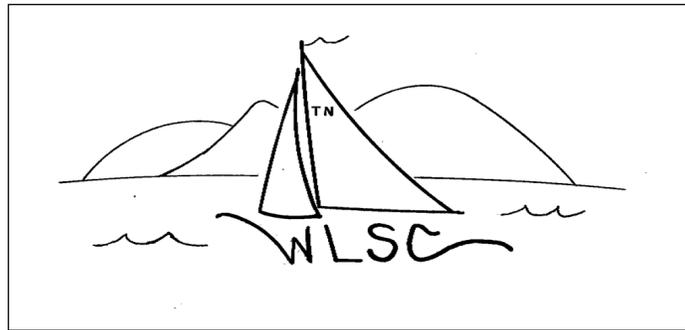


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## Message from the Commodore: Coming Activities, etc.

Howdy Watauga Lakeys (or is it Lackies?),

A glance at the 2010 Club Calendar shows 24 events scheduled through the year. We've left the Blahs Party, Race Clinic and Spring Dinner astern but the vast majority of events are still ahead – spring races, Memorial Day cookout, summer fun series, 4 roast, and on and on...so come on out and enjoy the fun!

We had a short and very informal business meeting Saturday. The treasury is about where it always is under the watchful eye of Sheik Galloway. Clarke Lucas reported that paid membership is about where it was this time last year. Some new initiatives include (1) club tee shirts, which Rick Kiser agreed to honcho; (2) a sailing club "dock sale" where you can unload some surplus sailing gear and maybe lighten the ballast a few pounds and (3) the summer cruise on Watauga Lake.

Race Captain Kevin has already reported on our very successful racing clinic. I want to once again thank John Rice for the excellent content and the entertaining anecdotes taken from his personal experiences in races involving such premier yachtsmen and Dennis Connor, John Middaugh, Roy Disney and Skip Greene.

The Spring weather has provided some fantastic sailing conditions, so get out and take advantage. We'll all be wishing for these 10 and 15 knot winds once the Summer Doldrums hit.

Next mark is the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the Spring Series, Sunday April 18. I'm off to spend time with each of my daughters this weekend and next, but hope to see y'all on the doc ksoon.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Andy

# Racing Information: Race Clinic Report, Committee Boat Sign-up

Howdy Sailors!

Just a quick update from your Race Captain. The race clinic that was held this past Saturday was a huge success. Over 20 people attended the clinic and were treated to a "strategy and tactics" session by John Rice. John went through a theoretical race on our lake and course with real world examples that he has encountered in other races that he has participated in around the eastern seaboard. It was a fascinating study of what you want to do in a race and how you implement these strategies. I know all who attended took something away that they can use immediately.

Remember- first spring race is on Sunday 4/18 with the Captain's meeting at 1:30 pm and the race to start an hour afterwards. There are only committee boats for 2 races so far- in the famous words of Todd Bohon- "no committee boat- no race"!

See you soon-  
Kevin

## Kathy Taylor's Husband

Our condolences to Kathy Taylor. Kathy is the owner/operator of the Captain's Table at Lakeshore Marina. Her husband was killed Wednesday Night near Rat Branch Boat Ramp in an automobile accident.

Here is the link to a local newspaper article..

<http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/News/article.php?ID=75412>

## SAIL COURSE STARTS IN MAY

The Watauga Lake Sailing Club in conjunction with the Johnson City Sail & Power Squadron will be teaching the Power Squadron's Sail Course starting next month. The classes will be held at Lakeshore Marina's sailboat dock on Watauga Lake. Classes will start on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00PM and the course will last about 10 weeks. Some actual sailing will be done. The only cost will be for the Student Manual and the only prerequisite, is that you must be a member of the WLSC or the US Power Squadrons.

**For more information and to "Sign up" for the class contact: Clarke Lucas 423-538-4643**

**ACRAL@chartertn.net**

## Mast Climbing: Mast Mate System

Having had the unpleasant experience of getting to the top of a 50 foot mast in a bowsun's chair and being battered against the mast, i decided to invest in a safer system called the Mast Mate. It is hoisted like a mainsail and consists of alternating web steps, using a 9/16 sail slide to fit into the mast channel, and hoisted with the main halyard. A lineman's belt is wrapped around the mast so that one can work with both hands free, even on top of the mast, which is what i had to do to install my new wireless TackTick wind system.

The main does not need to be taken off, just the sail slides need to be taken out of the track so the Mast Mate slides can go in. Fairly simple. Just as a redundant backup system, i donned a leg/waist climbing

harness in reverse and attached the topping lift. NO hoisting is required, as you are climbing up the steps; a deck monkey merely keeps the topping lift slack controlled.

In 5 knot winds, i was able to comfortably climb to the top and install the system without injury. Taller men than me, which is most men, would have an easier time of it, as the spacing between steps is a bit too much for me, but after the first of three ascents (dont ask), the steps were appropriately stretched making it much easier to get my feet into the loops.

Bottom line: safe system, hands free even at the top in some wind, no injuries, and no hoisting. If one must go the top or anywhere in between, this is the ticket. If your sail uses 9/16 inch slides, i would be happy to lend out my system, as it is not cheap (about 500\$) and there is no point in buying one since i already have it. If anyone wants to use it, just let me know.

Wing and Wing, George

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(423) 926-1171, ext. 7709 (work)  
(423) 676-5291 (cell)

## **WANT ADS**

**Ratty's Boat Works (Jan 2010):** brightwork, custom joinery. Experience with sail, power or oared vessels. Complete woodworking and fiberglass repair; Repairs performed on the hard, in the shop or on the water. (336) 385-1498 or shipe@skybest.com

### **for sale:**

**Hunter 30, Jan 5:** Mat & Sandy Milam have decided to sell their 1993 HUNTER 30. It's at Watauga Lakeshore Marina's sailboat dock. It appears to be in great shape. Call Mat for more info. Cell: 423-262-7809

**'77 Catalina 22 (Jan 10) :** It's at Fish Springs Marina now. Recently updated with new upholstery, mainsheet. Nissan 5hp engine. Trailer. I'm asking \$3500. Norm Litchfield  
423.534.0940 normanlitchfield@gmail.com

**1975 CAL 227 located at Lakeshore Marina:** 5 good sails, Honda 9.9 outboard (\$2800 cost, like new, less than 50 hours) head and galley, lots of storage, walk through head room. Well built, fast cruiser. Inboard Atomic 4 is INOP. Sails great, needs mostly cosmetic.

27 ft length 9 1/2 ft beam,  
Draft: Shoal Keel 3.5'  
Keel Weight: 2700 lb  
Boat Weight: 6700 lb  
Mast Height: 38 ft  
Asking \$4500

Sid Cox  
423-340-6604  
volocytyii@yahoo.com

**1979 Columbia 7.6 (Jan 10),** Length 25' 1", Beam 9' 2", Draft 3' 5", Yanmar Diesel, Low Hours. Asking \$7,500 OBO.  
Phone: 423-741-6874 (Cell).

**Lockett's 25 Ft Catalina, 15 HP motor, tandem axle trailer (Jan 10):** \$6,195, see ad at <http://www.tpost.com/details.aspx?adid=32532224>

**1974 C&C 25 (Jan 10):** 9.9 hp Johnson tracker, sleeps 4, Spinnaker, storm jib, 150 and 155 genoa, 2 main sails. Clean and in very good condition. Dual Axle trailer. \$8,000. Contact Dino at 423-817-1411

**1985 Catalina Capri 14.2 (Jan 11):** With refurbished Highlander trailer. Good older sails, no holes or tears. Some scrapes and chips, but no leaks. Good starter boat. \$900 OBO, Rob Goldsmith, [rgoldsmith@embarqmail.com](mailto:rgoldsmith@embarqmail.com), 276-628-9540.

**17 FT SAILBOAT (Jan 10)**

- > 1977 Boston Whaler Harpoon 5.2.
- > Main and jib, no spinnaker. Includes a Sportsman Trailer.
- > It's in great condition. Asking price: Dropped to \$1599.
- > For more info call Tom Fraley at: 865-771-1363 see picture at:

<http://wlsc.lizards.net/temp/harpoon.jpg>

**Sailboat Choey Lee and Marina (Jan 10):** 1980 Choey Lee clipper [the Flying Cloud]. Paid 43k and 7k to move it up, would gladly take \$35k. Boat is at Mallard Cove Marina.

doug bittner  
423-768-3892  
954-566-0505  
954-292-6973

**16' Chrysler Buccaneer : includes trailer (Jan 10):** \$500.00, needs sails and some TLC. Thanks, Hugh Broome, [broome@etsu.edu](mailto:broome@etsu.edu), 423-773-9574

**Chrysler 22:** Aluminum Tilt Trailer, boat, relatively new outboard, all for \$2000 or make an offer!  
Will Graybeal, [WillGraybeal@mac.com](mailto:WillGraybeal@mac.com) 423-340-0016

**Sailboats for sale at Fish Springs Marina, just around the island from Lakeshore Marina.**

- <http://www.fishspringsmarina.com/dealership.php?view=used>