

The Jib Sheet

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Spring Race Series

The WLSC spring series is under full canvas, with two races rounded and a pair to go. The second race's finish was particularly spirited, with a near photo-finish run at the line by the J-24, Spirit, skippered by Baron Eliason, and the C&C 29 Keg's Keel, under the command of Vic Kegley. Papillon II, skippered by Jim Little with Sandra (happy birthday!) and Jacob as crew, grabbed first place in PHRF, with second to My Love II (Lucas) and third to Keg's Keel (Kegley). Ed and Sue Locket guided California Son to a top Club finish, followed by Slippery II (Middaugh) and My Love II (Lucas).

This year we're racing on Saturday afternoons in an attempt to snare a few more participants and permit more people to hang out afterwards. We're encouraging skippers to pre-register and pre-pay for a season's worth of events to avoid the frantic exchange of three dollar bills before each race. Remember, racers: you must volunteer as committee boat at least once during the year to be eligible for a trophy, so volunteer now.

No boat? No inclination to be a racing skipper? No problem! E-mail the group (wlsc@lizards.net) and you can probably scare up a ride. Not interested in actually sailing? Come out to kibitz and watch the race. Need more information about racing, or want to volunteer for your stint as committee boat? Contact Tom (tgerock@aol.com) or Sam (deck-hand@excite.com).

Memorial Day Weekend Race and Cookout

Although a few of us sail, anchor, grill and hang out all year round, for many skippers and crews Memorial Day weekend is the first big weekend of the season. Spring Race #4 happens Saturday, with the skippers meeting at 1 pm and the first gun at 2 pm. We'll have a cookout and potluck on the dock around 6 PM, then find a cozy cove to raft up in. No charge for the burgers and dogs, but bring a side dish, salad, dessert or something else to share. Sunday... well, probably some sailing's in order, perhaps sailing on various boats just for fun.

Memorial Day Dinghy Regatta

Monday, May 29th, WLSC will have its first Dinghy Regatta. This event is open to all non-self-righting boats 20' or less (including windsurfers, catamarans and small centerboard cabin boats like West Wight Potter and Siren 17). Bring your lunch and eat it while we cover racing basics and questions from 11:00 – noon. Skippers meeting will be at noon, with the first start at 1 PM (warning gun at 12:50). The course will be a shortened triangle, permitting the regatta to include up to six races, with the last start no later than 3:45. Portsmouth ratings will be used, and life jackets must be worn. Cost is a mere \$3 for the regatta, with a \$1 pre-registration (on or before May 25th) discount. Contact Baron Eliason (baron@fpcjc.org) for details, to register or to volunteer.

Saltwater Cruise

Several WLSC members are venturing to the North Carolina Sounds for a June 10 to June 18 club sailing trip. The Murdochs and Clarke Lucas will be on the Murdoch's boat. The Banks and Littles are chartering from Whittaker Creek Marina in Oriental. The Arnfields will charter from Carolina Wind in Little Washington. Tom Gerock will bring his boat from Annapolis, with Sam Shafer crewing. We have some more people in the wings, including a couple and a single, interested in joining someone to charter a boat. Another club member has talked about bringing his boat down from Watauga Lake. The event's coming up fast, but it's not too late to join the crowd. Call the Murdochs on their cell phone (423-292-4831) to coordinate with the group. While the itinerary depends on the weather, plans include a loop to Ocracoke and a loop south to the Cape Lookout - Beaufort area.

Fourth of July BBQ

Don't be confused by the various calendars floating around: the WLSC Pig Roast is Saturday, July 1, with the Commodore's Cup Race the morning of Tuesday, July 4. The pig picking, perennially prepared by the chefs Murdoch and volunteer helpers, is by far the club's most popular event. Baron Eliason's working to set up a dinghy regatta sometime over the weekend, probably on Saturday. We need volunteers for setup on Friday, to cook on Saturday and for cleanup on Sunday. More details in the next Jib Sheet.

Watauga Lake Sailing Club is growing!

WLSC offers PHRF handicap racing, fun races, day and overnight cruises, picnics and parties and trips to remote waters, all with lots of socializing mixed in. Formed in 1979 by a group of sailors who enjoyed sailing together on Watauga Lake, WLSC's roster has grown to more than 60 families and individual members hailing from the Tri-Cities, TN/VA and the NC High Country areas. If you know the skipper of a sailboat, someone planning to purchase one or who might just want to learn more about sailing, invite them to check us out. If you know someone interested in membership or have any questions, contact Clarke Lucas at 423-538-4643 or acral@chartertn.net.

2006 WLSC Schedule of Events

Sat May 20	Spring Race #3	Sat Aug 19	Long Distance Race & Island Overnight
Sat May 27	Memorial Day Weekend: Spring Race #4, Dock Feast, Overnight	Sat Aug 26	Race Clinic: Sail trim, rules & fun race
Mon May 29	Dinghy Regatta	Sat Sep 2	Labor Day Weekend: Fall Race #1, Fish Fry & Overnight
Sat Jun 3	Make up or fun race	Sat Sep 16	Fall Race #2
Sat Jun 10-18	Saltwater Cruise	Sat Sep 30	Fall Race #3
Sat Jul 1	Independence Day Pig Roast, Dinghy Regatta & Overnight	Sat Oct 14	Fall Race #4
Tue Jul 4	Commodore's Cup Race (Skipper's meeting at 9:30 AM, race at 10 AM to avoid parade)	Sat Oct 21	Make up or fun race
Sat Jul 15	Fun Race & Another Dam Picnic Supper & Overnight	Sat Oct 28	Fall Dinner Meeting and elections
		Mon Jan 1	New Year's Day Frostbite Race
		Mon Jan 1	Annual dues are due

SATURDAY'S SERIES RACES - Registration & Skipper's Meeting: 1 PM 10 Min. Horn: 2 PM

Other events and changes to be announced!



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