

The Jib Sheet

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Labor Day Weekend Activities

Fall Racing Series Kickoff – Time again! The first race in the Fall Series is Saturday, September 2. Skipper's meeting is on the Lakeshore sailboat dock at 1 PM, with first gun at 2 PM. Entry fee for each race is a paltry \$3 per boat. Remember, anyone can race and win, but you must be a member and volunteer as committee boat at least once during the year, or satisfy the race captains with similar work, to be eligible for series and fleet trophies.

Gourmet Labor Day Weekend Dinner – This year the event will be at 6 pm on Saturday, September 2 between the First Fall Race and the Overnight Anchor Out. The usual fish fry will be transmuted into a grand gourmet feast. Instead of the greasy fried fish and fries we are going to have Cajun Spiced Pan Grilled Catfish (with the option of Lemon Pepper Grilled Catfish for the few who do not want to have their tonsils burned away), French fries (You gotta have your grease. It's one of the primary food groups.), French bread (This is beginning to sound like a "frog food feast".), salad, a little beer, wine, soft drinks, and whatever deserts are on the table. We'll have food for forty except for the dessert. Everyone bring a little dessert, and we will have enough for all. Cost is a mere \$5 per person. If you think you will have a big group that will take us over the forty number, drop Adair Murdoch an email at aemurdoch@aol.com so she can buy a little more food.

Overnight Anchor Out – After the Saturday dock feast, pack your breakfast, and with full bellies we will make the grand voyage across the lake to Sandy Beach and tie ourselves up in the indentation just upstream of the beach. Bring your guitar or boom box, and we will make enough noise to disturb the bass fisherman all night long. Or perhaps more true to form, we will tell a few grand tales, collapse shortly after dark, and sleep like babes 'till the sun is half way across the sky Sunday morning.

Long Distance Race, Lunch and Overnight

Saturday, August 12, saw nearly a dozen boats, ranging from modern 28 foot cruising sloops to a small, lovely, gaff-rigged catboat, and their crews participate in the annual Long Distance Race. Light wind gave way to no wind, at which point a few sailors decided that enough was enough and motored ahead to lunch at Mallard Cove. Marathon dance mentality set in with the others, and after patiently determining who could float fastest their dogged determination was rewarded as winds shifted and increased to perceptible speeds. By the bridge/finish line, Canary (Bill & Adair Murdoch) led the pack, followed by Windward (Jeff & Duncan Arnfield), Slippery II (John, Billie & Steven Middaugh) and Salty Dawg (Jim & Sandra Little).

Following a prolonged lunch at the Mallard Cove Grill, the group split up and the fleet made its way separately to Lakeshore, with half a dozen eventually rafting up at the waterfall for a relaxing evening of conversation, food, drink, and a thunderstorm with accompanying Dacron sacrifice ritual.

July 4th Pig Roast, Dinghy Regatta & Commodore's Cup Race

Surely you didn't miss it! Once again the Murdochs, with the help of a few key toters, fetchers, miscellaneous cooking assistants and the occasional kibitzer, put on a fabulous spread of slow roasted barbecued pork, chicken, fries, beans and slaw for more than 60 folks, with potluck desserts being well-received afterwards.

Following a characteristically delicious dock breakfast the next morning, a group effort cleared the site and restored it to order. The John Paul Jones dinghy regatta rounded out the weekend, with Baron Eliason triumphing over the other competitors.

July 4th's Commodore's Cup race ended with top honors and the traveling trophy to Canary (Bill & Adair Murdoch). Well done!

Opportunity Knocks

“Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages. Bitter cold. Long months of complete darkness. Constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success.”

Legend has it that Sir Ernest Shackleton ran this advertisement in the Times of London newspaper in December, 1901, to solicit crew for an expedition to the South Pole (and put an end to any chance for a career in advertising).

By comparison, what WLSC seeks is gender-neutral, less daunting and potentially warmer, lighter and safer.

WLSC needs officer candidates for next year. What do the officers do? You could read our constitution, but...

- **Commodore** – Keeps everything running; may e-mail prolifically, or may just quietly maintain momentum and order
- **Vice-Commodore** – Stands in for commodore if needed; often the next year's commodore
- **Race Captain** – Organizes and manages races
- **Secretary** – Writes & produces JibSheet; keeps meeting minutes
- **Treasurer** – Establishes & manages club bank account, dues & expenses
- **Cruise Captain** – Organizes overnights, dock feasts, day sails
- **Member-at-large** – good will ambassador and liaison; may undertake special projects
- **Ad Hoc Volunteers** – Not officers, but our mainstays; help with many tasks & details

What's it take to be an officer? Just an interested member who sails on Watauga Lake regularly and has a little time to invest in helping the club. Questions? Drop a note to me (Commodore Jeff, windward@lizards.net), or all the officers (wpsc_officers@lizards.net), or just chat with one of us on the dock. Elections are at the fall dinner meeting, and if we have several volunteers for the same position we can sort it out then.

2006 WLSC Schedule of Events

It's been a full year, with our traditional PHRF fleet races, a couple of dinghy regattas, dinners, parties (thanks again, Inn at Yonahlossee!), overnights, a week long cruise on Pamlico sound (don't go unless you want to go back, because it's frighteningly habit forming), some fun races and even a couple of race and sailing clinics. That doesn't even begin to There's still lots of

Sat Sep 2	Labor: Fall Race #1, Fish Feast & Overnight	Sat Oct 14	Fall Race #4
Sat Sep 16	Fall Race #2	Sat Oct 21	Make up or fun race
Sat Sep 30	Fall Race #3	Sat Oct 28	Fall Dinner Meeting and elections
		Mon Jan 1	New Year's Day Frostbite Race, Dues due

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



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