

The Jib Sheet

February 1, 2007

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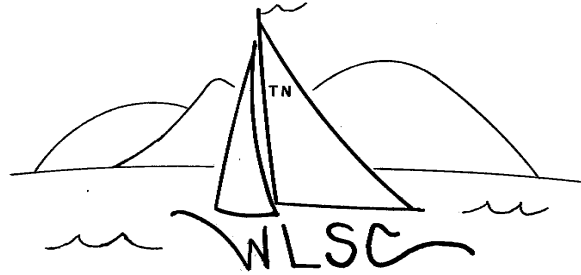
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2007 Off to Flying Start with 7th Annual Frostbite Race

With temperatures in the 50s, there were few cases of frostbite at the New Year's Day running of the annual Frostbite Race, but there was enough windburn to go around.

In gusting, shifting and contrary winds often exceeding 30 knots, John Middaugh took the gold aboard "Slippery II", assisted by wife Billie, grandson Stephen Middaugh and curmudgeon-at-large Clarke Lucas. Bill and Adair Murdoch, aboard "Canary" breezed into the second slot, with crew members Ed Lockett and Tom Roberts, a first-time sailor who lucked into a January gale for his maiden voyage.

Eleven boats participated in the much-beloved annual kickoff to the sailing season in a surprise screamer that had almost every boat in the fleet rounding up, reefing down (or at least *wishing* they'd tied in a reef), with more than a few boats shipping green water over the gunwales on several occasions. Refreshments and restoratives served at the dock following the race were especially welcome, and as always, up to the quantity, variety and quality that has become a hallmark of this event.

Special thanks to Vice Commodore Sam Shafer for organizing the event, and to past-commodore Jeff Arnfield for crunching the numbers to calculate staggered start times. Additional thanks to our friends at WCYB-TV 5 and The Johnson City Press, for providing coverage of the event.

WLSC Bridge Sets 2007 Schedule of Events

The executive committee met January 20 at Commodore James and Sandra Little's home to set the 2007 calendar of events. At this printing, some of the event times are not set in stone, but a first draft of the calendar is included in this edition of *The Jib Sheet*. Amended copies will accompany later editions, along with e-mail reminders, should changes occur.

As usual, we've tried to avoid scheduling events on traditional family holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Repeal of Prohibition Day, etc.), and to make allowance for Independence Day falling mid-week.

As in 2006, PHRF races have been set for Saturdays. Please contact any member of the bridge for comments or critique. When possible, we strive to be flexible.

* 2007 Dues are Due - Please Do Your Part *

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the grain." – Deuteronomy 25:4

Treasurer's Report

As of January 20, 28 members had submitted 2007 dues (three of whom are new members)

Please remember that through our dues, we subsidize the Winter Blahs Party, Spring Meeting, Memorial Day Dock Feast, July 4th Pig Roast, Labor Day Dock Feast, Fall Meeting as well as various club-related expenditures throughout the year, including production and mailing of *The Jib Sheet*.

Those who participated in the last few overnight cruises will especially appreciate the mooring lines provide by the club, which has made it much safer and more convenient when rafting up in remote anchorages.

Forgotten whether or not you've paid? Just check the address label on your newsletter. If it says "AM-07" after your name, you've paid. Otherwise, get out the checkbook.

If you haven't done so, please mail outstanding dues to:

Kathy Linebarger
5600 Snapps Ferry Road
Afton, TN 37616

Just a reminder, if you're a current member, dues are still \$15.00; new members are assessed a one-time \$10.00 initiation fee, so \$25.00. Send your check today - it's the best bargain on the lake.

Celebrate the Summer Equinox on Chesapeake Bay with the WLSC

This summer's Saltwater Cruise will depart from Deltaville, VA, June 16, returning June 23. Cruise Captain Bill Murdoch and Adair will bring their Pacific Seacraft up the ICW from New Bern, NC, and (if they haven't sold it) Race Captain Wayne Catoe and Danielle will be aboard their Hunter Legend 37, moored at Whitestone, near Deltaville.

Members and guests can join the fleet by trailering from Tennessee, or by chartering a boat on the bay. Two charter companies offer bareboats in Deltaville: Norton's Yacht Sales (www.nortonyachts.com, 804-776-9211) has five or six boats in their fleet, including a Hunter 306, H-45, H-46 and a 42 Deck Saloon Jeanneau; East Coast Yacht Management (www.ecym.org, 804-776-0800) is still working with boat owners to put together a fleet for the summer, but expects to have five or more sailboats available. Both companies are busy updating their websites which currently show their 2006 fleets.

Deltaville is an ideal point of embarkation from which to explore America's largest inland sea. If the weather is marginal, we could spend days exploring the Rappahannock River, with visits to Irvington and Urbanna, or anchoring out in the Corrottoman River.

On the bay, Smith and Tangier Islands, Onancock, Crisfield, Reedville, Saint Marys City and Solomons Island are all within easy reach. With a mid-June departure date, time is of the essence, so as fabled Captain Jack Aubrey was wont to say, "Waste not a moment!"

Interested captains and crews should contact Capt. Bill as soon as possible (wsmurdoch@aol.com, or 423-239-9108), then get to work contacting the charter companies or readying your trailer-sailer for a road trip. Additional and more detailed information will be available at the Winter Blahs Party.

Winter “Blahs” Party, Feb. 24, 1730, with Robert and Susan Banks

Winter doesn't last forever, even if it seems like it. Celebrate the long-awaited return of spring with good friends, good food and a warm fire. A main course, home-baked bread and ample libation will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

From Hampton, take Hwy 19E to Bristol (Hwy 19W/11E). From Johnson City, take Hwy 19W/11E to Bristol. From Kingsport or any point on I-81, take exit 69 to Hwy 394 toward Bristol Speedway.

From 19W /11E, take the Bluff City/ Blountville/ Hwy 394 exit, turn right at bottom of ramp onto Hwy 394 East (this takes you behind Bristol Motor Speedway).

From the Bristol Speedway, on 394, it's about 7.5 miles to a traffic light at the intersection of 394 and Hwy 421 North. Turn left to Hwy 421 North.

1.6 miles to light at West Cedar Street, turn right. 1 mile to King College Road, turn left just before Am South Bank (There will be a convenience store on the right).

* **Hug the right side of the road.*** King College Road bears to the left, but you need to keep going straight to Beechwood Road. Pass to the right of a grass triangle, then straight through two stone pillars that say “Forest Hills”.

Bear right at Yield sign to Robin Road. About 200 yards after you crest the hill, Robin Road will veer left, then divide into two lanes for about 100 yards. At the base of the hill, pass through two white brick pillars that say “Forest Hills III”.

Cross the next road, Sparkling Brook Drive, and we're the first driveway on the right: a two-story, white, brick house with black shutters. Overflow parking in gravel drive. House number is 204 Forest Hills Drive.

RSVP to (423) 764-0464 or rtbanks10@earthlink.net

Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to new member David Baker, of Bristol, VA – David is one of our “boatless” members, at present, but the word on the dock is that he's a reliable, steady hand as a crewmember. Robert and Susan Banks especially appreciated his assistance during that recent summer gale earlier referred to as The Frostbite Race.

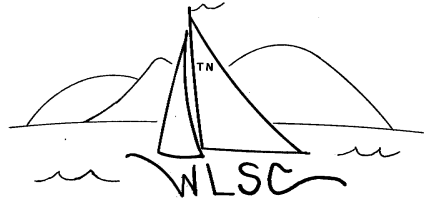
... And to Mike and Linnea Gilmer, of Johnson City – The Gilmers recently moved their as-yet-unnamed Capri from Mallard Cove to Lakeshore, and say they look forward to cruising and (maybe) racing with the WLSC.

Jib Sheet Classifieds

1979 Chrysler 26 swing-keel sloop. New bottom paint and topside teak replaced 2005; salon cushions and curtains 2006; main and 150 furling Genoa refurbished 2006; 4-stroke Honda 9.9 kicker w/ cockpit controls; Edson wheel steering; dual battery bank w/ charger; canvas cockpit enclosure w/ Bimini; microwave and large fresh-water tank. Excellent condition: \$6,500.00, would consider 50% partnership. Lying Watauga Lakeshore Marina. Gary Whittaker: (423) 246-5759 or whittakermate@aol.com.

1984 Catalina 25 swing keel sloop; main and furling Genoa; dodger and Bimini; Suzuki 15 HP electric-start kicker; new (2005) Magic Tilt dual-axle trailer w/ electric brakes. Slip E-78, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. \$14,000.00. Jeff Morrison: (828) 674-3149

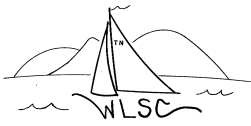
2007 Watauga Lake Sailing Club Calendar of Events



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Feb 24 (Sat)	Winter "Blahs" Party at the Banks'
Mar 31 (Sat)	Spring Dinner Meeting; location to be announced
Apr 14 (Sat)	Launch Day and spring tune-up
Apr 15 (Sun)	Race Clinic (rules review & practice runs w/ old salts assisting new racers)
Apr 21 (Sat)	1 st Spring Race.
Apr 28 (Sat)	2 nd Spring Race
May 19 (Sat)	3 rd Spring Race
May 26 (Sat)	4 th Spring Race (Memorial Day Weekend), Dock Feast, Overnight Raft-Up
May 27 & 28 (Sun & Mon)	Breakfast on the hook, other events to be announced
Jun 2 (Sat)	Make-Up Race, if required, Fun Race, otherwise.
Jun 16-23	Saltwater Cruise to Chesapeake Bay
Jul 7 & 8 (Sat & Sun)	4 th of July Pig Roast and Commodore's Cup Race Cook & eat on the 7 th / Clean-up and Race on the 8 th
Jul 28 (Sat)	Dam Picnic and Overnight Raft-up
Aug 18 (Sat)	Long-Distance Race, Overnight Cruise: "Voyage of Discovery"
Aug 25 (Sat)	Race Clinic (rules review & practice runs w/ old salts assisting new racers)
Sep 1 (Sat)	1 st Fall Race, Annual Fish Fry, Overnight Raft-up (Labor Day Weekend)
Sep 15 (Sat)	2 nd Fall Race
Sep 29 (Sat)	3 rd Fall Race
Oct 13 (Sat)	4 th Fall Race
Oct 20 (Sat)	Make-Up Race, if required, Fun Race, otherwise
Oct 27 (Sat)	Fall Dinner Meeting and Annual Election of Officers
Jan 1, 2008 (Tue)	Frostbite Race

PHRF Racing Schedule: Skippers meet @ 1300. 10-minute warning @ 1400. Start @ 1410



Watauga Lake Sailing Club
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