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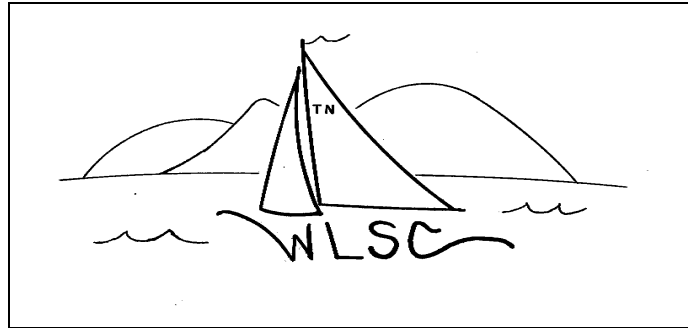
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Coming in July: Annual Pig Roast

Pig Out With the WLSC – Annual Pig Roast Slated for Sat., July 4

By Pit Captain Bill Murdoch

The annual 4th of July Pig Roast will be held Saturday, July 4, 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 3, 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 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 ride the FREE water taxi 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. (or call Clarke on his Cell Phone at: 423-366-4093) 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 Fun 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.

Racing Updates from Race Captain James Little

The 2009 Linkous Challenge

The Linkous Challenge is named after the first Commodore of the Watauga Lake Sailing Club, Eugene Linkous (pictured at right).

It is a timed one boat race from within the tire line of the Lakeshore Marina, around the island to the east, and back to the tire line of the marina (3.30 nautical miles).

Rules: All times will be adjusted by the PHRF of the boat. The time for participating in the event is anytime from April 26, 2009 through Monday, Oct 10, 2009. You pick the time, the boat, and the crew. You can post times as many times as you like and all posts will be shown on the website. Crews do not have to remain constant and a time does not have to be better than a current time to be posted. All times will be given to Race Captain James Little with a brief description of the wind conditions, date and time of the sail, crew, boat, and any other interesting facts.

For more details see:

http://wlsc.lizards.net/linkous_challenge.html

For current times see:

http://wlsc.lizards.net/linkous_challenge_times.pdf

Commodore Kevin has the current fastest time that may prove hard to beat. Here's Kevin's log entry:

Skip Greene and I sailed the Linkous Challenge race this Sunday morning- twice. The first time, my stop watch inadvertently reset while 75% done with the return leg. We turned around and did it again in a building breeze of 15-20 mile winds from the west. This time we had 3 stop watches and recorded a time of 49 minutes flat! Gauntlet down! We were sailing 7.3 knots downwind in the death roll- killer conditions! John Middaugh suggested sailing the race on beam reach conditions.

Other Racing Weblinks:

Results of "Monsoon" Spring Race Series:

http://wlsc.lizards.net/raceresults/results_2009.pdf

First Summer race is June 27 at 8:00 AM. Don't miss it!

See instructions at: http://wlsc.lizards.net/race_resources/fun_race_instructions.pdf

If you read carefully above you may have this question: ***Why so early in the morning - is the Race Captain crazy?***

Very reasonable question indeed! In the summer on most days (nothing ever certain with respect to winds at Watauga Lake), a morning wind at 7-15 knots mysteriously appears from the east. It lasts from about 7:30 to 10:30 and quickly dissipates. The temperature is relatively cool in the morning and the wind direction relatively constant. Last year a large group normally spent the night at the dock on Friday night.

Bill Murdoch gave me a book [The Sailor's Wind Series: Mountain Lakes, by Stuart Walker] which describes downslope mountain winds noted during the morning hours. During the night the mountains cool off and the warm air retreats into the valley. A difference in temperature between the cold mountains and the warm valley creates the morning winds, which flows eastward through our valley. It loses strength as the sun heats up the mountains. So you have to get up early, if you want to catch the wind in the summer!

Hope to see you there! Race Captain James.



WLSC Service Activity

Submitted by Clarke Lucas

On May 31, several club members took a group of "Venture Crew" members and their adviser on a sail outing on Watauga Lake. As a weather front had passed through the previous night, it left behind some interesting gusty NW winds. "My Love 2" had it's rail in the water several times. The two on my boat that took the helm, found that steering a sailboat could be a challenge! As everyone was having such a great time on a beautiful day, our two hour planned sail was extended another hour. Thanks to the five other skippers who volunteered their boats and time.

Bath House Update

The bathhouse is open for business and arguably one of the nicest structures on the lake (except that it doesn't glide along using only the wind). Stay tuned in a future Jibsheet for a more detailed account of the history and culmination of a huge effort by a lot of people. In the meantime, take a look at some of the pictures and enjoy the facilities:

<http://littledomain.com/wlsc/bath-house>

Upcoming Club Saltwater Trips

All of our charter cruisers are gearing up for adventure. We have groups going to the Pamlico, the Chesapeake, and the BVI's this year- how exciting!! There will be an informal dock party Fri. 6/26/09 to compare cruising notes and stories. This is the night before the first summer race. Bring a dish and libations and your best story! Safe travels to all cruisers.

Want to Join WLSC?

Dues are only \$15 annually per family for current members and \$25 for new members. Only members receive a copy of the annual directory and the satisfaction of being a member of such a great club! Please send your dues to our treasurer at the following address:

WLSC
c/o Mark Galloway
2202 Forest Acres Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604.

Jib Sheet Classifieds

Chrysler 22: Aluminum Tilt Trailer, boat, relatively new outboard, all for \$2000.
Will Graybeal, bristolcfo2000@yahoo.com

Lewmar Winches: These are LEWMAR No. 14 Ocean Series SELF-TAILING Winches. They were used 2 years on "My Love 2" and are in like NEW condition. They have a 2:1 gear ratio, however, I found them too small as primary Jenoa sheet winches for my 26 foot boat. They'd work great as sheet winches on a 20 to 24 ft boat or as secondary winches on larger boats. They handle lines 1/4 to 3/8 inches dia. I'm still offering the PAIR for less then the cost of 1. (Defender price)The PAIR \$450.00. Clarke Lucas 423-538-4643 acral@chartertn.net

1977 Catalina 25: Good condition, four sails including spinnaker and two jibs, e-z loader all roller tandem trailer, 15 hp mercury outboard ,electric start long shaft 1990 model, boat and trailer are 1977, new bottom vc-17 racing paint yearly, REDUCED price owner has Catalina 320 and can sail only one.... was \$7,695. now sale price \$6,495. Includes local delivery and setup and checkout sail. Call Ed Lockett 423-915-0572 for more info. Boat on trailer ready to deliver.

1974 C&C 25: 9.9 hp Johnson tracker. Sleeps 4. Spinnaker, storm jib, 150&155 genoa, 2 main sails. Clean and in very good condition. Dual axle trailer. In slip E-77 at Lakeshore Marina. Contact Dino at 423-817-1411.

1985 Catalina Capri 14.2: 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 or 276-628-9540.

1987 Hunter Legend 37.5: Equipped with: Radar, Auto pilot, depth, Speed, Wind, Chart Plotter, all connected to Seatalk, Heat/AC, refrigeration, inverter, TV, Propane Stove w/Oven, new interior cushions, Barrier Coat. Located on the Chesapeake. \$57K. Wayne Catoe. 828-260-2666.

1990 Hunter 27: Full standing headroom throughout; lots of options, recent upgrades; low-maintenance; full galley; enclosed head; propane BBQ grill; swim platform; recent bottom paint; recent headsail furler; outboard kicker with new stainless retractable bracket, new controls led to cockpit; great interior; great overall condition. Slip rent paid through May 2009. Slip E-27, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. \$15,000.00
Chris Lacy: (423) 288-5917 or chrism43@aol.com

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. \$13,000.00. Jeff Morrison: (828)674-3149 or jeffrymorrison@aol.com

Hank-On Jib: Built originally for Hunter 26.5; great condition; call or e-mail for dimensions. \$350.00. Kevin Donovan: kpd@keltico.com or (828)963-7614.

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 repair; Repairs performed on the hard, in the shop or on the water. (336) 385-1498 or shipe@skybest.com

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Great Web Resources

Please send your favorites to Todd at toddswifty@gmail.com

Boating Tips Galore: http://www.boatus.com/boattech/howto_lib.htm

Commodore Kev has stated a goal for 2009 of "greening" of the club, our dock, and possibly working with the marina. Here's a start: Any members who would like to save the club money and save some trees by only receiving the electronic version of the Jibsheet, please contact the secretaries at toddswifty@gmail.com. You can always add the printed version back later or print the Jibsheet yourself to pass it on to a friend or potential member.

*Parting Shot:
The New Bath House at Watauga Lake*



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