



MAINSHEET

Thunderbird Sailing Club

March 2018

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Almost time to get those boats out on the water!!! The weather is improving, and we will have daylight savings time in affect this month. However, the groundhog did see his shadow but with Oklahoma weather you can always work in a good day here and there.

The stranded Catalina 22 to the right belongs to our neighbor at Eufaula Lake. As you can see the drought at Lake Eufaula will make it difficult to launch a boat. Lake Thunderbird has been a different story. We did launch the Shamrock February 8th and the boat share program has successfully started.

Jim Waller, Fleet Captain, reports that weekly racing will begin in April. It's so close you can almost taste it. Phil Moershel got the early start this year with his first sail on February 9. So, get your boat ready to race or have a leisurely fun sail as did David Craigie, Phil Trotter, Jim Eller and myself on the *Shamrock* on February 14. Happy Valentine's Day.

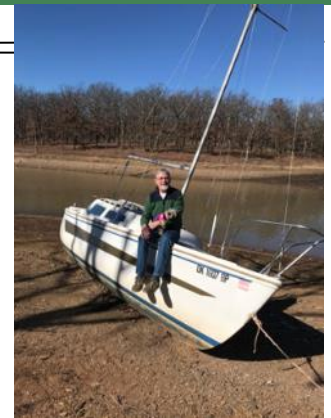
We had a great Membership meeting on February 17, with a Mardi Gras theme. The program was "know your sheet...Sailing trivia". It was great fun and a fantastic time of camaraderie among the finest group of sailors in Oklahoma. Visitors introduced were Gary and Doresa Craybrook who are former members trying to get back into sailing after a couple years of extreme camping and Phillip and Pam Hinderlun. Phillip and Pam have a sailboat and were visiting to find out more about our Club.

What makes a good sailor? At TSC it's unselfishness, a willingness to volunteer and as Elvis would say "TCB (Taking Care of Business)". We are fortunate to have an abundance of "good sailors" in TSC. At the first of the month I attended the annual LTEF meeting and I witnessed first-hand these characteristics in practice. I am proud that we have people willing to donate their time and money to make TSC a benefit to local communities, not only Norman, but surrounding cities and towns as well.

Tanner Broadwell and Nikki Walsh, a couple from Colorado, sold everything they had, bought a sailboat, and set out for a great adventure on the sea. However, within two days into their journey off the Florida coast they hit something, and their sailboat sank. I sent the couple an email with information on TSC's next keelboat class March 16, 23 and 30. If you're interested in honing your sailing skills or know someone who would benefit from a TSC sailing class, checkout the website for classes.

If you want the opportunity to meet some "good sailors" we invite you to the next Membership meeting March 17. Your gift for attending will be the opportunity to rub shoulders with some "good sailors" and who knows you might just be recognized as a "good sailor" yourself.

"That's just the way she is, she's a good sailor, ya know."



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LEUKEMIA &
LYMPHOMA
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2018 Thunderbird Sailing Club

Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 2nd & 3rd, 2018

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse KICKOFF January 20th 6pm

LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA CUP Update!!

13 Weeks/2 Days/8 Hours/24 Minutes/31 Seconds

March TSC meeting will provide the opportunity to order LLC logo clothing items. We will have an update on fund raising pages. Checked your team lately? You can still sign up as individual or team member web fundraising pages. The web page graciously accepts as little as a \$5.00 donation. PayPal makes it simple.

Let's have 100% TSC Member participation in this fund raising event. You can join a boat as a crew member and fund raiser. You can support a member who is fund raising. You can campaign your boat and fund raise... Or you can simply fund raise on you own, but please participate. If you want to fund raise on your own ...

The LLS people set up this method:

Send an email to Laura Cooper - laura.cooper@lls.org

State you are with TSC and want a fundraising page. Include name, email address, phone number for personal page. Also include Team/Boat name if on a team or boat. Laura will create your page and send you back an email with link to your page.

Sail because you love it and Sail to help cure cancer!

The Fleet Captain Says—About Racing

Jim Waller

2018 Commodore's Cup Racing

If you are expecting to participate in the 2018 Commodore's Cup Racing, please take a few minutes to look at the Deed Of Gift. It's located on www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org. Look about half way down the left edge menu that is on most of the pages.

The Deed of Gift specifies that the competition is open to club members in good standing. Two fleets are available: Cruising and Spinnaker. You will be asked to state in which fleet you are racing at the beginning of the year to help with the score keeping. Please notice that those who do not race are scored as finishing after those who did race. That is, showing up for the races is important if you want a shot at the trophy.

Daylight Saving Time starts on March 11 this year. Look **for racing to start on April 3 or 4, depending on weather.**

All communications will be via text message. If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the message list, send a text to Jim Waller at 580-320-1551.

A poll has been run on whether racing is preferred on Tuesday or Wednesday night. The results were 1 vote for Tuesday, 8 for Wednesday and 6 don't care. Racing will be on Wednesday night for 2018.

Learn to Sail at Lake Thunderbird

One Keelboat Class slot left!!!

Call Phil to reserve a place in the class 405-208-1532

Class	Dates	Cost	Instructor	Certification
Spring Basic Keelboat Ages 16+	Three evenings, March 16, 23 and 30 from 6pm-8pm at the BoatHouse and 2 days of 4 hours on water at a time to be determined by the class and instructors	\$300	Phil Moershel/ Paul Reynolds 405-208-1532	US Sailing Basic Keelboat

TSC Potluck and Programs

March 17th Theme: St Patrick's Day

Program: Lake Water Quality Concerns

Lake Thunderbird is protected in the Oklahoma water quality standards (OWQS) as a Sensitive Water Supply (SWS). This means special protections apply like no new discharges to the lake. The city of Norman is struggling with getting enough water. They are proposing to discharge highly treated sewage back to the lake to allow re use of that waste water.

Wastewater treatment has advanced tremendously in 30 years when the current regulations were first written. Despite that, this practice is currently prohibited by the OWQS. New rule making by the OWRB is establishing a new classification of "SWS with reuse". If that rule making is approved this spring by the legislature , the Governor, and EPA the next step will be to re classify Lake Thunderbird. that would occur in 2019.

Our March meeting presentation will feature a speaker from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to come and talk about this topic.

6pm gathering

6:30pm program

8pm clean up

Potluck: a-g appetizers/fruit ; h-m desserts/breads; n-s main dishes; t-z vegies



Wear green or...

get pinched.



Highlights from the TSC Board Meeting on 2-17-18

Lorrie Sylvester, Secretary

Programs and PotLucks: Vice-Commodore (Jim Madsen) and Rear Commodore (David Gray) are working together to provide great monthly programs, themes and potlucks. Mardi-Gras themed even on Feb 19 was outstanding with festive décor, shrimp, gumbo, and more! Sailing Trivia was very well received!! On March 17, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day (wear your green or risk being pinched!). Program will on Water Quality (thanks Phil!). Since racing will soon start, we may have "Intro to Racing" to get us ready. Speaking of racing....Jim Waller will be polling folks to determine which is the best night for racing – Tuesdays or Wednesdays – we are looking at end of March or first week of April since daylight savings time starts on March 11.

Environmental health and Safety Procedures: Discussed working with the State to ensure we are actively aware of environmental hazards/safety at all times. We are also submitting OSBI background checks on volunteers/instructors with significant hours at the boathouse for personnel safety.

BoatShare Program is up and running....or will be soon after the motor and impeller is repaired. Jib is fixed; oil and gas is added....almost ready to sail! Slip fee is paid. Maiden TSC sail will likely be during the March Keel Boat Class.

OU Sailing: Guests (Miles Glass, Vice-Commodore, and Spencer McCormick, Fleet captain and cert level 1 instructor) from OU Sailing Club were present and provided some history of their efforts to develop the club – which is now up to 30 folks! They are looking forward to continued sponsorship (previously voted/approved) and involvement at TSC, with meetings and sailing typically on Sunday afternoons, beginning March or April. They are also planning a "bedlam sail" with OSU in April.

Light up a Membership: Thanks to Steven English for providing the BoatHouse with nearly \$1200 worth of environmentally-friendly lights/bulbs. Rather than be reimbursed, Steven asked TSC to consider a membership in return. Lorrie made a motion that TSC provide Steven English with a 5-year Complimentary TSC Membership (an amount approximating his donation in lights). Motion was seconded by Frederica, and passed unanimously.

Leukemia Cup Regatta and Silent Auction: Phil confirmed Paul Pape as PRO for Leukemia Cup. Phil sent a draft NOR to Mary Anne for review..... Oklahoma Leukemia Cup information and process for donations is on Website – start your fund-raising now! LLS has consolidated positions and programs: they hold event chairperson teleconferences monthly; corporate donations are more organized. In March Mary Anne will order some items (shirts with collars, T-shirts). We will also be working with Hard Edge Design to provide Volunteer shirts for purchase and that can be worn during various regattas. We will also give some of these away as thank you to folks for help! Stay tuned for more information about the Regatta. **Silent Auction:** Items have begun to trickle in – please notify Lorrie if / when you have an auction item to donate Lorraine-sylvester@ouhsc.edu; 405-250-6956. I want to get pictures of each item, and I would like to get these items in and arranged by the 4th week of May – that way we can send pictures to folks and maybe online for some early bidding! Please contact Lorrie or Mary Anne if you can volunteer and help out!! As usual, we will need help with registration, food, auction, food....etc.!!! Most of all we need sailors --- so get registered early!!

Upcoming Dates/Events: see calendar on the back page

LTEF Executive Director's Report for 2017

February 1, 2018

I am pleased to report 11 of the 12 board members donated in 2017 for a total of \$3,107.50, hopefully we can reach 100% this year! In addition, two boats were donated by board members, a Finn sailboat by Walt Hedrick and a 2006 Bayliner Bowrider Mercruiser by Roger Elliott and Les Cummings.

Total income was \$14,037.56 and total expenses were \$11,606.27 providing an increase in liquid assets of \$2,431.29. Note: financial numbers used in this report are unaudited as of this date

Extraordinary items were:

- New storage building which will add to asset value approximately \$6,000
- Other cash donations primarily from TSC members were \$5,618.70 cash
- Boat sales for a Sweet 16 and Ericson 23 totaled \$1,477.70
- Our new board member, Steven English representing the TRI-OKC group, donated and installed new LED lighting throughout the BH for a value of \$680.
- CAST income was \$1,300 and expenses were \$765 provides \$535 to the CAST Fund.

Note: The Edmond Elks donated \$4,000 in grant funds this year, CAST expenses of \$4,000 were paid directly by the Elks and did not go through the LTEF CAST account.

- Donations this year also included a Capri 22/trailer/motor, a Catalina 25/trailer/motor and a JY15/trailer and motor in addition to the Bayliner and Finn...total value approx.. \$18,000.

Dave Shumake Endowment: Total \$62,338.49 (Last year's balance was \$54,782.81)

Fund #462 \$10,010.59

Fund #463 52,327.90

Note: The LTEF gets a check each year equal to 5% of the total endowment value, we have always been reinvesting the annual disbursement. Fund #463 is LTEF invested Funds, Fund #462 consists of prior matching donations by the CFO that generate income of which we are paid 5% each year. This means if we decide to terminate our investments with CFO we would only get the monies in Fund #463.

Note: The bank account balances at December 31 were:

Checking \$30,875.10

Money Market \$ 6,968.35

Total \$37,843.45

BoatHouse and grounds notes: I want to express the Board's appreciation to Phil Moershel, BH Manager

- Installed a new 12' x 24' metal storage building from COJAC Portable Buildings, budget \$6K actual \$5,754.75
- Build-out of the storage building with shelving and storage areas for equipment
- Had all new LED lighting installed in the BH, thanks to Steven English

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- Jim Waller, BH Treasurer, installed 4 HD cameras and recording equipment covering the BoatYard because of theft issues. (Gasoline and gas containers were stolen from several boats the night prior to the Kids Camps.)
- Had spring and fall cleanup projects
- Attached inspection tags on AED and Fire Extinguishers per Park/BOR inspection
- Installed an OSHA approved flammable liquids storage cabinet installed in the BoatYard and in the BoatHouse
- Had the parking lot cracks cleaned and sealed, had Cleveland County District 2 do the work and they billed the Department of Tourism and Recreation who paid for the project. BH had donated \$500 to LTEF to have the work done, the money was returned to the BH.
- Replaced the old plastic curtains in the showers
- Plans are underway to have three more sections of the verandah railing open on hinges to give more open access views of the lake. Kerry Knowles and others will complete this project.
- OKC-TRI has committed to having seating/steps installed this spring across the verandah. As we understand, contractor Robert Patterson of TRI-OKC will do the work at no cost.

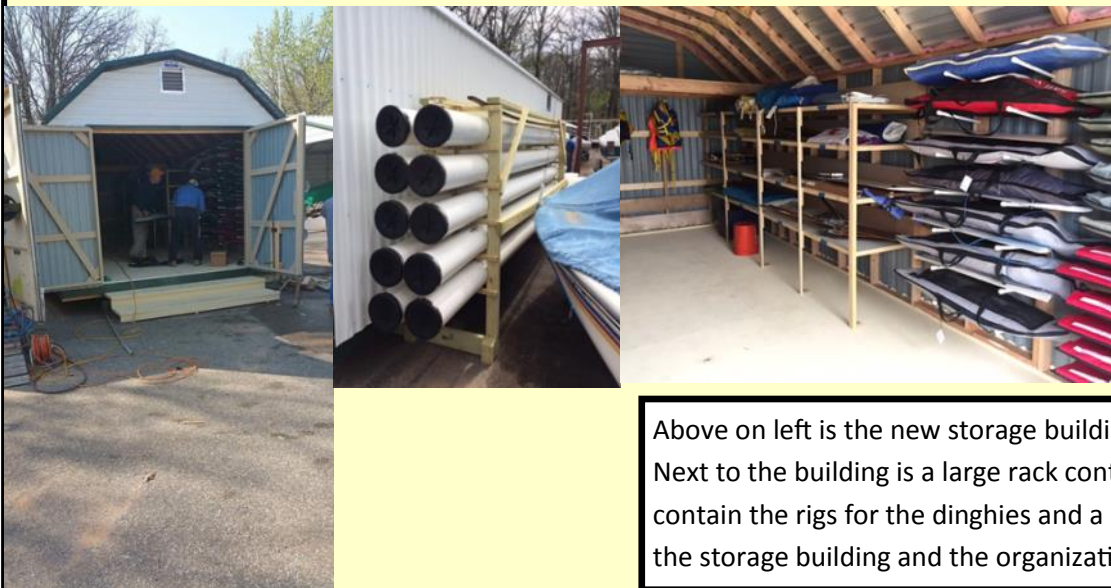
Addressed all the BOR/State BH inspection issues A lot of work has been done by TRI-OKC to remove the sandburs on the lawn and to reseed the area south of the boat ramp. Especially want to thank David Gray and Steven English..

The new boat ramp installed in 2016 has been great for improving launching and retrieving boats.

The BH has been the busiest since construction, for example: weekly and special events by TRI-OKC, weekly/monthly and special events and regattas by the TSC, two OKASA WaterFests, CAST for Kids, adult small boat classes, two weeklong kids sailing camp, one three day kids intermediate camp, Carl Albert Institute meeting, City of Norman Water Quality meeting, two keelboat classes, Oklahoma Lake Ranger meetings, State Park meetings, Little River Marina meeting, park clean-up projects, BOR meetings and Veterans Luncheons and boat rides in April, May, June and September (sponsored by the Edmond Elks Lodge.)

Working on a Google calendar that will automatically synch to iPhone/other device calendars

The 5-year BoatHouse concession agreement was resubmitted last year. We finally got the new agreement approved for an initial 5 years with two additional 5-year extensions included. There are still some issues to be worked out.



Above on left is the new storage building installed last spring. Next to the building is a large rack containing PVC tubes that contain the rigs for the dinghies and a photo of the inside of the storage building and the organizations of the equipment.

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse Memorial/Honoree Plaque



The beautiful plaques on the wall as you enter the foyer were designed and built by long-time TSC member John Potts. John also did a lot of the Boat-House cabinetry and woodwork construction as well as the tile work in the bathrooms. I'm sure that Gus Shaver had some input as well for the design of the plaques.

You've probably wondered how the names are added to the plaque in the BoatHouse entry foyer. If you'd like to honor someone or have a memorial plate engraved to remember a loved one, send a check for \$50 or more to:

Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation

PO Box 1756

Norman OK 73070-1756

Be sure to include if it should be a Memorial or Honoree plate and the exact spelling and a plate will be engraved and added to the plaque.

From your Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Fredrica Cottrell

Renewing your TSC membership:

For those who have responded with your annual renewal payment, Thank You!

However, for those who have yet to send theirs in, it is very disappointing to go to my mailbox and find nothing there. In the middle of February, I sent out notices to those I have not heard from. I am hoping that if you are among those who have yet to return yours, that you will consider doing so. We really need your support. Thanks!!! If you have not received your renewal, or perhaps misplaced yours, please get in touch with me.

Thank you for all your support J

Delinquent TSC Membership Renewals

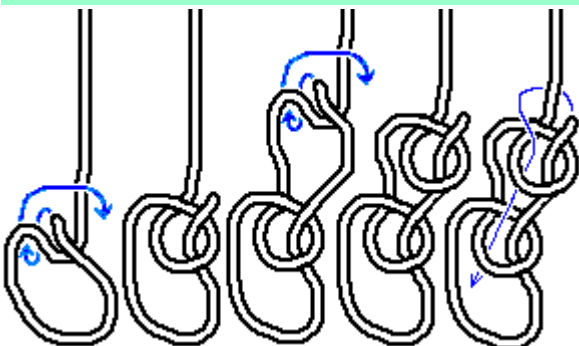
It is never too late to renew your membership. Sadly, I still have several members who have not renewed their memberships form 2017. If you continue you club membership for the current year, please do so now. We really need you and we need your financial support. Please.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me. Thanks.

Membership Information	Thunderbird Sailing Club Membership:
If any of your membership information has changed, please contact:	Regular Members: \$99 per year
Fredrica Cottrell 3704 Ives Way Norman, OK 73072 405-760-2894 facottrell@att.ne	Associate Members: \$50 per year
	Student Members \$25 per year



It's a Knotty Issue



The Water Bowline is a very secure loop that won't jam and may have been developed for use in an underwater environment that makes security properties for most knots change dramatically. It also remains stable under various loading profiles and is fairly easy to check. Draw the two half-hitches snug together before using.*

If you're going to use it, please don't tie it the landlubber's way! Learn to form the signature bowline coils (half-hitches) by twisting the end of the line over, under and upward around the standing part, in one quick motion to force the half hitch to form in the standing part. Practice this with a [simple bowline](#) before moving on to the Water Bowline. Not only is this a quicker method, it also greatly reduces the odds of you tying the knot incorrectly.

2018 BoatHouse Schedule

If changes need to be made to this schedule, Contact Jim Eller wjimmellr@gmail.com

TSC 2018 BoatHouse Schedule and Calendar

March

6th 6pm BoatHouse Committee Meeting

17th 6-8pm TSC Monthly Potluck and Program St. Patrick's Day Party

April

3rd 6:30pm Commodore's Cup Regattas begin and continue on all Tuesdays, weather permitting.

14th (All Day) Park Clean Up Day

21st 6-8pm TSC Monthly meeting and Potluck

28th 7-10pm Raftup and Moonlight party

May

5th (times to be announced) Work Day

June

2nd & 3rd Leukemia Cup

Recurring Events: Wednesday Commodore's Cup Regattas starting April 4th at 6:30pm

OKC Tri Club: swims Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting in April.

NOTE: We also have a new Google Calendar for our BoatHouse activities. Here is the link

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=thunderbirdsailingclub%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our members. Please, do send along best wishes to our members. You can do so with Facebook, Text, email or a caring phone call. See contact information in our TSC directory.



March

Mike Deventich, 8-Mar

Bea Waller, 13-Mar

Camisa Stewart-Cummings, 13-Mar

Paul Reynolds, 14-Mar

Jacques Landry, 15-Mar

J. Alva Brockus, 19-Mar

Ann Luppens, 19-Mar

Cindy Wood, 19-Mar

Catherine Morin, 21-Mar

Phil DeBerry, 24-Mar

Tim Teel, 24-Mar

Hadley Jerman, 27-Mar

Emily, Schuster, 27-Mar

Roger Monroe, 30-Mar

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!



TSC 2018 Board

Note: Jim Madsen was not available at the time this picture was taken. Hopefully we will get a picture of the entire Board and post it in future editions of the Mainsheet.