



# MAINSHEET



Thunderbird Sailing Club

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Norman, Oklahoma

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## Commodore's Message:

The 35<sup>th</sup> Hiram Douglas Memorial Regatta was held November 4<sup>th</sup> with strong participation, on a clear, calm wind day. A great chili cook off followed. The winner of the Spinnaker Fleet was Bill Etchieson and Non-Spinnaker went to Jim Eller. The first place winner of the chili contest was Camisa Cummings. Our grandson Wyatt was a strong second place contender in the cook off.



At the November Board of Directors meeting important business was conducted, with probably the most important being the replacement of long time Web Site Manager and Social Media Coordinator Les Cummings on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Madsen volunteered and pledged to do his best to fill the enormous vacancy that Les will leave behind. But that's not all that Les will be withdrawing from. He also has been responsible for photographing all of the events that TSC has ongoing. We need a volunteer with sufficient photography skills to coordinate, photograph and publish the photo gallery. If you are interested in volunteering for this important responsibility, please contact Lorrie Sylvester.

The November monthly Membership meeting began with our Annual Business Meeting. A quorum was declared by the Board and the meeting was called to order. After reading the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes and presentation of the financial report, the Nomination Committee presented the uncontested slate of officers. A motion was made to open the floor to other nominations, there being none, nominations were closed. Having an uncontested slate of officers, upon motion and second, the slate of officers was elected by acclamation. There being no other business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned. The 2019 slate of officers to be installed in their respective offices are:

Commodore – Lorrie Sylvester  
Vice Commodore – Jim Madsen  
Rear Commodore – David Gray  
Fleet Captain – Jim Waller  
Secretary – Hadley Jerman  
Treasurer – Fredrica Cottrell

Once again, David Gray hosted a delightful Thanksgiving themed monthly Membership meeting. "Jerry Lojka's BVI Charter" was everything it was advertised to be. *Thanks Jerry!* Don't miss the TSC Christmas Party and Awards Banquet on December 15.

*Have a great life, Sailing!!*



# TSC Potluck and Programs



**The December theme is: Holiday Honors & Celebration**

## **Program: “ Christmas Program and Awards Potluck”**

Each year we give out a host of awards, celebrating the generosity and excellence of our members, but there is also the Snafu ward for the most spectacular mishap. It is in a category of its own. Come and see who won the Commodores' Cup, who is the Volunteer of the year and who will receive the Uncle Donny/Les Cummings Award for outstanding service to the Club and more. **There will be a prize for the best Ugly Christmas sweater, too.**

6pm gathering

6:30pm program

8pm clean up

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

## **If You're New or If You Are an Irregular attender— This is for You**

Why attend the TSC Programs and Potlucks? It is a chance to get to know other members of the Sailing Club and to help integrate new members. It is a chance to learn about other people's boats, maintenance challenges and adventures. Or to discover whether you want to own a boat yourself. It is a chance to network, to learn from more experienced sailors, to solicit help with your boat, recruit crew or offer to crew. The more of us who attend the more networking takes place. And our Christmas Party is the most well-attended meeting of the year. It's a great time! We look forward to having so many of our members there.

## **Sail and Welcome in the New Year**

We will again offer an opportunity to sail into the New Year. We will gather about 11am or so January 1st, 2019. Then at noon sailors will take to their boats for a brief welcoming of the New Year Sail. Bring black-eyed peas and cornbread and side dishes to share.

# US SAILING CERTIFIED SAILING INSTRUCTION AND CLASSES

## Youth Sailing

### A NEW FLEET FOR 2019 SUMMER SAILING

Kids Sail the RS TERA!



### Sailing Smart Youth beginning sailing Camps June 3-7 and June 17-21 2019

For youth aged 9 – 13. These one-week (Monday-Friday) programs will teach beginning sailing in our new RS Tera and RS Zest fleet. **No previous sailing or boating experience required.** Each student learns the safe and responsible way to rig, launch and sail small sailboats while increasing their self-confidence, coordination and teamwork skills. Our all-volunteer instructors are certified by U.S. Sailing. **Students will receive instruction from skilled instructors following nationally recognized standards.** Classes run from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday. Students are encouraged to repeat the class a second year. Third year students should take the intermediate “Sailing better” camp. The 2019 season will be the 18th year of Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse/TSC Sailing Camp. \$200.

## Sailing “Better” Intermediate Youth Sailing Camp June 27-29

Three days of instruction will build on the knowledge and skills learned in the Sailing Smart Kid’s Camp. Students will improve sailing on all points of sail, especially upwind. They will be introduced to racing, including the rules, starting, and sailing the course. Weather permitting we will take a long destination sail – like Snake Island or the Little Axe cove. Boats may include prams, Lasers, RS Tera, RS Zest, the 3-4 person American 14.6 sloops, or a keelboat. Taught by US Sailing Small Boat Level I Certified Instructor. \$150.

## ADULT SAILING

### ADULT BASIC KEEL BOAT: LEARN TO SAIL ON THE SHAMROCK!

#### US SAILING BASIC KEELBOAT - FRIDAY NIGHTS APRIL 19, 26 AND MAY 3, 6:00PM-800PM

For age 16 and up, no sailing knowledge required. Taught on the Shamrock, this class leads to US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification. Six students maximum. Spring 2019 **classroom sessions will be held April 19, 26 and May 3 from 6-8 pm. Eight hours training on the water will be held April 21, 22, 27, 28 or May 4, and 5 weather permitting.** Taught by US Sailing Basic Keel Boat Certified Instructors. \$300.

For more information contact [Phil Moershel](#) 405-208-1532



**Hey, do we have a deal for you!"** (Some have been sold and some remain.)

For SALE:

Laser II, 2004, \$2400 - pristine hull and crisp sails, spinnaker launching tube. From what we can see this boat was never sailed! Excellent trailer.

Catalina 25 Swing Keel, 1979, \$4000 - solid hull and working 9.9 long shaft outboard, heavy duty 4 wheel trailer

Chrysler 20, 1979, \$1800 - new mast, good trailer

Finn, 1967, \$900 - The Olympic sailboat class, beautiful tapered mast, new rigging; a very responsive, technical boat, good trailer

American 15, 1987, \$400, mast in process of being straightened, a good daysailer for 2-4, with trailer **SOLD**

Hunter JY15, 1999, \$1000, sleek modern, encapsulated foam hull, good trailer

Sweet 16, 1971, \$600. Well-cared for, needs new main sail boltrope. **SOLD**

Lasers: Four from 1974-79, complete basic rigs and sails, all 4 on a very robust quad trailer, \$2000

Sunfish: 1964-84, four on their own trailers, \$300 each. **ALL SOLD**

Optimist prams by Winner (Denmark) 2002: Four in great shape, \$1000 each. No trailers.

Vanguard prams, 2005, Up to six, in great shape, \$900 each. No trailer.



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# RS TERA AND RS ZEST FLEETS

## FUNDRAISER UPDATE

“Wow and Thank You” to all the members of the TSC/LTEF/BH and other interested donors that continue to donate to the new fleets. We have over **\$45,000** in hand at this time and we are confident that we will reach and exceed our goal of \$50,000. All funds over our goal will be earmarked for upgrades to the boats and their equipment storage systems.

A big “thank you” also to Mr. Mark McNamara, CEO of KO Sailing in Seabrook, Texas for including blade bags for each boat and 2 dollies for the RS Zests and 4 dollies for the RS Teras at no cost!

We have had 37 individuals contribute thus far in addition to the TSC, BoatHouse and LTEF donations!

***Please, if you have yet to donate, consider a tax-deductible gift in any amount before the fund drive ends on December 31.***



**RS ZEST**



**RS TERA**

**PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DONATION TO:**

**Lake Thunderbird Educational Founcation**

**PO BOX 1756**

**NORMAN, OK 73070-1756**

**PLEASE NOTE ON THE CHECK THAT ITS FOR THE RS SAILING FLEET**

## Highlights from the TSC Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting

By Lorrie Sylvester, TSC Secretary

Greetings all! Your TSC board met at 5:02 on 11-17-18 and reviewed a number of items as the year winds to a close. We also held the annual member meeting at the general membership meeting/potluck on the same evening.

**Upcoming Meetings/Themed PotLucks:** Jim Madsen, Vice Commodore, wants to lay out whole year of programs. He will send out request for ideas for meetings so be sure to get with him if you have ideas. We had a number of successful, fun, and informative meetings...that we may repeat in 2019. These included Knots; trivia; Music on the lawn – Cheeseburgers in Paradise and Blues BBQ, etc. Sailing/Racing instruction. New Idea: Outdoor music with Tie Dye Party – Remember to buy one of our new mostly white TSC T-Shirts for this event – perfect for tie dye! We hope to have a Boat naming party...and more kids' events in the summer.

Our Rear Commodore, David Gray discussed our next meeting – December 15 is our Annual Christmas Party....Anyone wanting to help decorate please join us on Friday, Dec. 14 around 3 or 4:00 and/or Saturday (Dec. 15) after 3:00. No business meeting. We need volunteers to help make the clubhouse sparkly and festive!



**Financial/Membership:** We currently have about \$10,035 in available funds. Accounting remains fiscally sound, but treasurer reports need to reconcile final receipts and deposits.

**Nominating Committee and Board Changes:** Thanks to Jim Chapman (chair), Tim Mather, and David Tran for serving on the Nominating committee. They presented an uncontested slate of officers for TSC 2019 Board that was unanimously passed at the Annual Member meeting. Welcome to incoming Commodore (Lorrie Sylvester), Vice Commodore (Jim Madsen), Secretary (Hadley Jerman), Treasurer (Frederica Cottrell), and Rear Commodore (David Gray). Also, thank you to Jim Madsen for agreeing to take over Webmaster, social media, and assist with photography activities that Les Cummings has so graciously done for the club for so long. Jim Eller thankfully agreed to remain Mainsheet editor. There are many ways members can help out...let us know how you can help, and maybe groom for board position next year!

**BoatHouse Activities:** Phil announced a Committee meeting for Dec. 5 at 6:30: Review budget for 2019 to give to treasurer for Board consideration, and discussion of upcoming classes & ramp usage for TSC members in 2019. Fund Raising for new fleet: exceeded \$50,000.

This included \$4000 each from TSC & Boathouse, and \$8000 from foundation. Work party – thanks to Jim C and David Tran for Catalina 25 pumping out. Lasers are ready to go. Sold Sweet 16, 3 Sunfish, and commitment for American 15; need to get photos/stories and publish on Craigslist for others to sell. Phil suggested we might contact other groups whose programs might want Optis and Vanguards in their fleets. As yet, there is no confirmation of delivery since the payment a month ago. We want to be sure we have the new boats ready for spring sail classes, especially since we hope to sell the older boats! City of Norman is renting the Boat-house on Dec. 7 and the Park is using it on Dec. 14. Thanks to both of these groups for renting! Kerry will be building a shelf for radios in office. Thinking ahead to Spring: Need to figure out storage for new boats/racks, etc. Classes scheduled for summer...working on a poster/flyer for Mainsheet in Dec. and to post at Marina.

**Racing:** Weekly racing continues, weather permitting –but has been more challenging. Racing on Sundays now, weather permitting as weekday evenings get dark early. If you want to race, get your cell phone number to Jim Waller and he will include you on the mass texts about races. Capri boatshare program is officially a go! Hopefully we will get this boat in the water soon. TSC is waiting for a slip to become available, and the board agreed to fund part of a slip when it comes available.

**Hiram Douglas:** Thanks to all who made this a fun day! Lots of helpers on land too with food and setting up/cleaning up: Among the helpers included: Doris and Ed Shoemaker (great chili too!), David and Joyce Craige (cornbread), Judy Chapman (Chili and help), Kathy Anderson (help), Bea Waller (Chili), Phil M for setting up and chili, Camisa for chili and help, David Gray as usual for everything set up and décor, and Sam and Tina M for chili (and the hogs



head!!!!) Boy you missed something if you missed the roasted Hog's Head!

Prize winning chili: First place – Camissa; second Place – Judy Chapman, and third place tie with Phil M. and Doris/Ed. There's always next year guys!



OK...that's enough for now!! Again, please join us on December 15 for our Holiday Potluck for food, friends, festivities, and to say bye to the old board and welcome to the new folks! By the way: David Craige will bring a Turkey, and Phil M will bring Salmon. Ham takers anyone? Look for another reminder/announcement! Happy Holidays! Your outgoing secretary, Lorrie

# 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.*



## December Birthdays

## Christmas Knots

Karen Cockerham, 1-Dec

Altus Boren, 3-Dec

Cathy Dame, 3-Dec

Wendell Crittenden, 4-Dec

Mark Benge, 9-Dec

Matthew Maupin, 12-Dec

Phil Trotter , 12-Dec

Orville Fisher, 17-Dec

Sheryl Tiffany, 17-Dec

Jim Chapman, 18-Dec

Christy Mann Mason, 24-Dec



## From your Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Fredrica Cottrell

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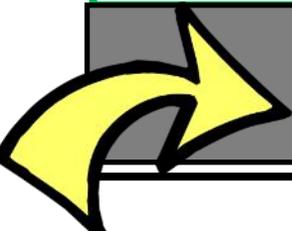
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## Fleet Captain: Racing Report

Racing News: Racing for our Wednesday evening Commodore's Cup races is finished for this sailing season. Informal Commodore's Cup racing has moved to Sunday at 2:00 pm. Racing will continue through the winter as weather permits. For more information or to be placed on the racing group text contact Jim Waller, 580-320-1551 or at jimwaller46@gmail.com

# ***Shared Boat Program***

Thunderbird Sailing Club is experimenting with a **Shared Boat program**. For a few more dollars than our basic membership, you get access to a good sailboat in excellent condition. We launched this program with Shamrock, an O'Day 24, and have ten members who are a part of the Shamrock Team. We are adding a Capri 22, which is more of a race boat, to our Shared Boat Program with eight members committed to the Capri team. At this point we have both boats fully subscribed, but we are taking names for a Shared Boat Program waiting list. If a space becomes available, we will fill it from the waiting list. If we have a long enough list, we will add an additional boat. Probably a Catalina 22 or a Christler 20. If you want more information please contact Jim Eller at [Wjimeller@gmail.com](mailto:Wjimeller@gmail.com) or by calling Jim at 405-310-3556.



## **Boat Naming Opportunity**

Our Shared Boat Program Capri does not have a name. Now that it is almost launch ready, with a slip waiting, giving her a new name seems appropriate. You can help name it! Please, suggest names and the new Capri team will select the name out of the suggestions offered. A small prize will be give to the person who offers the winning name and they will be given honors at the naming ceremony. Send your suggested name to Jim Eller at [wjimeller@gmail.com](mailto:wjimeller@gmail.com)

# 2018-19 BoatHouse Schedule

If changes need to be made to this schedule, Contact Jim Eller [wjimeller@gmail.com](mailto:wjimeller@gmail.com)

## January

1st 11-3pm New Years Day OKC Tri Plunge and TSC New Year's Day Sail

### Recurring Events:

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>

## Oklahoma City Boat – Race Management Workshop January 12, 2019

PO Box 20245, Oklahoma City, OK 73156 9101 Lake Hefner Pkwy Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Contact: Gary Sander [gksander@cox.net](mailto:gksander@cox.net) or 405-808-5018 Instructor: Gil Greenwood

US SAILING requires you to sign in on line and join US SAILING before you can register for the workshop.

\$50 registration fee includes course materials, online testing, coffee and doughnuts as well as a sandwich lunch. Seminar runs from 0900-1700 at the Oklahoma City Boat Club. Registrants will receive a link for online testing in the week before the start of the seminar. Online testing is available for four weeks following the end of the seminar. Please contact Gary Sander (405-808-5018) for additional information.

Registration is online with the following US SAILING link ( Do not try to use the Home page):

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

The OCBC Race Management workshop is the third course down and follow the defaults.

