



# MAINSHEET

Thunderbird Sailing Club

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Norman, Oklahoma

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## Commodore's Message:

New Year's Day was cold and blustery – no sailing or polar plunging, but lots of warmth inside with great black eyed pea dishes, and wonderful friends. TSC has a lot going on this year, and Jim Madsen, Vice Commodore, is giving our website and social media platforms a makeover. These sites will help spread the word about TSC and hopefully enhance membership. Check out the website, and get involved on social media to promote TSC and club activities. Jim Madsen also has an incredible lineup of programs for 2019. Phil Moershel gave an entertaining and informative program on Jan. 19 about various sails and how to use them.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of sailing as the Boat Share program takes off. At our meeting on January 19, your board signed off on the Shamrock Expanded Membership Agreement for 2019. Thanks again to Jim Eller, Phil Moershel and others to get this program up and going.

Our BoatHouse Management committee was very busy in 2018 – taught 25 youth in kids' camp, 9 youth in intermediate camps (thanks Phil and Paul), and 5 adults in small boat class, with Mary Anne, and 8 adults took the keel boat class in spring and fall (thanks Phil and Paul). A new addition to the youth sailing was safety helmets – they were a hit with the kids and prevented head injuries. Thanks to Phil Dame, Jerry Lojka, Les Cummings, and Phil Moershel for donations for the helmets. Instructors had First Aid/CPT training, as well as Safe Sport training for certified instructors. The committee has been very busy making room for the arrival of new fleet for junior sailing classes. We excitedly anticipate arrival of the RS Terras and Zests for sailing classes this May. As Les reported on Jan. 1, about \$54,000 was raised by the LTEF (TSC, and others) for these new boats and associated needs (trailers, storage, etc.). The BoatHouse Committee continues to sell remaining Optis and Lasers. These additional funds will be used to craft storage for the new boats.

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Partners with the BoatHouse and TSC continue to enhance our programs: The OKC Triathlon group provides ongoing and extensive support via donations and manpower to ensure safety, security, and esthetics of our property and programs. We want to particularly thank David Gray and Steven English for their efforts and donations in time and materials. (Those new steps are beautiful). Thanks to Kerry Knowles and Les for the work on the gates, and other ongoing/numerous boathouse projects. We continue to partner with Tinker Navy Group and OU Sailing Club.

Our 2018 Past Commodore, Mary Anne Secrist, is working to establish TSC as a *First Sail* location, with certified instructors. *First Sail* is a new initiative organized by US Sailing with the goal of promoting the benefits of sailing, encouraging individuals to get out on the water and growing the sport of sailing across the United States. Stay tuned!

**Work day scheduled for March 2, 2019.**

**Racing:** Jim Waller, Fleet Captain, is planning for another rousing series of Commodore Cup races once the weather warms up. If you want to be on the cell phone text list for weekly races, get your phone number to Jim. We are considering Wednesday or Thursday racing at this time....be watching Mainsheet for days/times. With these races, sailing classes, and a number of other events, the board decided to move the Leukemia Cup Regatta to September rather than May/June...which works well as September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month. The board is considering ideas for a standing race committee that would work with sub-committees on each specific Regatta throughout the year...stay tuned.

Frederica presented the annual budget and continues to demonstrate good financial stewardship of TSC funds. Welcome to Hadley Jerman, our 2019 TSC Secretary. The keyboard was on fire with her notetaking! January is about over...**come join us for our February meeting and potluck – Feb. 16.** Polish up your sailing trivia!!



Isaac, Lorrie, Paul and Marie

# 2019

## The February 15th Monthly Program and Potluck

### **Program: "Know your Sheet from a Bowline on a Yawl"**

Back again by popular demand, it's time for the 2nd Annual Lake Thunderbird Sailing Club Trivia Contest! Test your sailing knowledge with trivia questions sailing history and general sailing know how. Join in the laughs and the fun, impress your friends and be the biggest sailing geek of the Sailing Club.

### **Dinner Theme: Mardi gras**

6pm gathering

6:30pm program

8pm clean up

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

## **Big Changes at LTEF**

The Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation Annual Meeting by Roger Elliott, President

The Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation added two new members to its board of directors at the annual meeting. The members are David Gray and Glede Holman. Neither of these individuals are strangers to the BoatHouse and BH mission.

David became involved with the BH as a member of the OKC tri- athletes. David is one of the most accomplished swimming coaches in the state. He has spent numerous hours working to improve the BH grounds and generally enhancing the facility. Dave is also a member of the Thunderbird Sailing Club, serving as the Rear Commodore.

Glede Holman is also no stranger to the LTEF and the local sailing community. Glede served as a board member of the LTEF from 2007 to 2013 when he relocated to New Mexico. Although not a member of the Board, Glede has kept in touch with several Board members during his absence. He has provided long and distinguish service in teaching and providing sailing opportunity to the central Oklahoma community.

Another item of business taken up by the LTEF Board of Directors was the stepping down of Les Cummings as Executive Director. Les has essentially been in that position since the chartering of the Foundation some ninteen years ago. The title was created by the Board about five years ago. As we all know, Les has been the driving force for writing grants and fund raising for so many projects eg Opti fleet, several power boats, the new teaching fleet coming this spring, and CAST, to name but a few. No one will be able to fill Les's shoes. And that is as it should be. At the LTEF BOD meeting we elected a new and different pair of shoes to serve a Executive Director - Glede Holman.



## Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation

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January 24, 201

Dear LTEF Board Members,

It's been quite a ride! Looking back 23 years ago to the February 1996 monthly meeting, during Phil Dame's year as Commodore, when the TSC originally voted to proceed with the development of a Lake Thunderbird Sailing Center. The idea came about at the 25<sup>th</sup> TSC Anniversary Meeting held on February 25, 1995. When we started the discussions with the State and BOR, the TSC had less than \$300 in the treasury. The original Lake Thunderbird Sailing Center Steering Committee members were as follows: Les Cummings, Chairman and State Liaison, Les had also been appointed as a member of the Oklahoma State Parks Advisory Committee, J. B. Messer, Building and Equipment Chair (replaced by Roger Elliott due to health issues) Howard Haines, Program Committee, Alan Aikins, Development Committee (replaced by Les Cummings when Alan moved away) Walter Hedrick, Non-profit Advisory Committee, Jahn Dame, Secretary.

It became obvious early on that we needed to form an IRS approved not-for-profit and the LTEF's IRS Letter of Non-profit determination was dated April 1998 thanks to the good work of Walter Hedrick, the first President of the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation. Our first major grant was \$40,000 from the Noble Foundation.

The original plans were for a 200 square foot A-frame which was quickly turned down by the state and BOR. The approved plan was developed, at no cost, by the architectural firm of Miles Associates in Oklahoma City working with the committee. The architect assigned to the project was Mr. Mark Gandy of Edmond. The facility exterior was completed in 2001 and the interior was completed in early 2002 and the grand opening was in April 2002 with a full house of visitors and torrential rains. The emcee was Ron Stahl of Discover Oklahoma, speakers included Les, Howard, John Ressimyer from Tourism and the featured speaker was David Rosecrans, President of the United States Sailing Association. The facility was completed with no debt service!

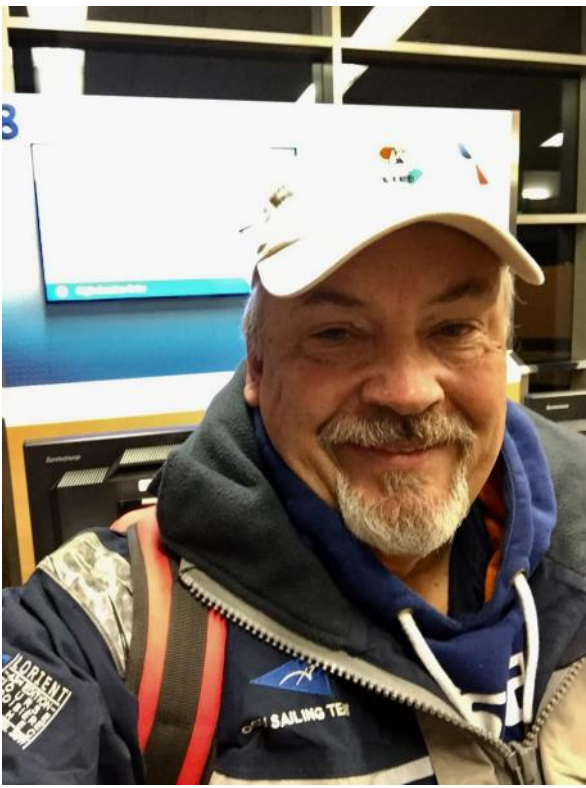
We should be so pleased for the success we've had as an organization in partnership with the TSC and Boat-House and of course, our other program partners as well as Thunderbird State Park, State of Oklahoma, U.S. BOR and the Central Oklahoma Master Water Conservancy.

In the past five years the LTEF has had over \$170,300 in income, the Endowment has grown from approximately \$50,000 to over \$62,000. The net assets have grown from \$219,861 to over \$253,000 in 2017.

It has been an honor to serve with each of our board members and the leadership of the TSC, BoatHouse and partnering organizations. Due to my advancing age, declining health and plans for more travel in the future, I hereby resign as Executive Director of the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation having served the board since its inception in 1997. I would be honored to continue to serve as a board member.

I thank each of you, the LTEF board, for your continued dedication and contributions of time and financial support over the years!

Lester R. Cummings, Executive Director



## Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation Selects New Executive Director

Hello sailors! My name is Glede Holman and I am the newly elected Executive Director of the Lake Thunderbird Educational Foundation. As I write this I am sitting in an almost-empty Will Rogers World Airport at 4AM, waiting to begin my journey to the National Sailing Program Symposium in Jacksonville, Florida.

I have been fortunate to travel our Nation and other parts of the world, visiting community, club, and academic sailing programs. One thing they all have in common is great people sharing their passion for sailing. Some of these programs are well supported with great facilities while others are not much more than a shack with a few well-used boats. We have a top-of-the-line facility and program here on Lake Thunderbird. I look forward to meeting and working with you all to ensure sailing at Lake Thunderbird remains for generations to come.

The success of Thunderbird Sailing Club, the Boathouse and its affiliates, and LTEF is no secret. Countless hours of work have gone in to create what we enjoy today. In his tenure as Executive Director of LTEF Les Cummings has set a very high bar. With your help and that of the LTEF Board of Directors I will endeavor to maintain that momentum in support of the programs. Les will be working very closely with me during the transition and he will remain active with the programs where he has made, and will continue to make, a difference!

For those of you who do not know my family and me, we are a sailing family. Our three children all started in Opti Prams. Our daughter enjoyed Sea Scouts and became a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor. Our oldest, an Oklahoma City Police Officer, enjoys sailing his Melges C Scow. Our middle son was a collegiate sailor and is now a professional competitive sailor out of Oyster Bay, NY. He recently enjoyed the honor of being invited to try out for the New York Yacht Club's "American Magic" challenger entry for the upcoming America's Cup. My wife, Teresa, recently completed her Keel boat, bareboat and cruising certifications. Together, we enjoy our Catalina 27 and Flying Scot. I recently retired as a risk manager for an upstream oil & gas company, which has allowed me to log a couple of thousand miles in 2018 under sail in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and local lakes. The 2018 Newport to Bermuda Ocean Race, port calls in Newport, Oyster Bay, Tampa, St Petersburg and small towns like Gulfport were the experience of a lifetime. I am looking forward to the Portsmouth to Halifax Ocean Race in 2019 and lots of time under sail on Thunderbird and Hefner. See you on the water!

## [US SAILING LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!](#) SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!


Anyone interested in teaching beginner level sailors.

Prerequisites: Must turn 16 in the calendar year & hold NASBLA Approved Boating Certificate Course  
length: 4 days, 40 hours

Texts used: *Smallboat Instructor Guide (includes Learn Sailing Right-Beginner!), Learn Sailing Right-Intermediate!, Teaching Fundamentals for Sailing Instructors & Basic Powerboat Safety & Rescue*

Course overview: Designed to provide sailing instructors with information on how to teach more safely, effectively, and creatively. Topics covered in the course include: classroom and on-the-water teaching techniques, risk management, safety issues, lesson planning, creative activities, ethical concerns, and sports physiology and psychology.

### **Small Boat Instructor Level 1 at Austin Yacht Club**

2/09/2019 - 2/17/2019 

[Enroll Now](#)

(early registration discount until 1/12/2019)

There are 4 available slot(s) left

[Austin Yacht Club](#)

5906 Beacon Dr.


Austin, TX 78734-1428

Contact: [Keith Denebeim](#)

Instructors: [Stephen Gay](#)

This course is two consecutive weekends February 9, 10 and 16, 17.

### **Small Boat Instructor Level 1 at Abilene Sailing Association**

5/04/2019 - 5/19/2019 

[Enroll Now](#)

(early registration discount until 4/6/2019)

There are 11 available slot(s) left

Abilene Sailing Association

Mr Louis Wilkins

Route 12 PO Box 150

Abilene, TX 79601

Contact: [Mark Conrad](#)

Instructors: [Stephen Gay](#)

This course will be held May 4, 5 and May 18, 19, 2019.



# Learn to Sail

THUNDERBIRD SAILING CLUB

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse

2019 CLASS SCHEDULE



**Kids Sail the RS TERA!**



# Kids Sailing Camps

## Sailing Smart Beginner Camps June 3-7 and June 17-21, 2019

Ages 9 – 13.

These one-week programs will teach beginning sailing in our new RS Tera and RS Zest fleet. **No previous sailing or boating experience required.** Students learn the safe, responsible way to rig, launch and sail small boats, while improving their self-confidence, coordination and teamwork. **Our all-volunteer instructors are certified by U.S. Sailing and follow nationally recognized standards.**

Classes run 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Kids bring their own PFD, lunch and drinks. \$200.

Students are encouraged to repeat the class a second year. Third year students should take the "Sailing Better" Intermediate Camp.

The 2019 season will be the 18th year for Sailing Camps with the Thunderbird Sailing Club at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse.

**For more information contact:** [Jerry Lojka](mailto:jerry@thunderbird.org) 405-620-4498 or [Phil Moershel](mailto:phil@thunderbird.org) 405-208-1532

## "Sailing Better" Intermediate Camp June 27-29

Ages 9-14.

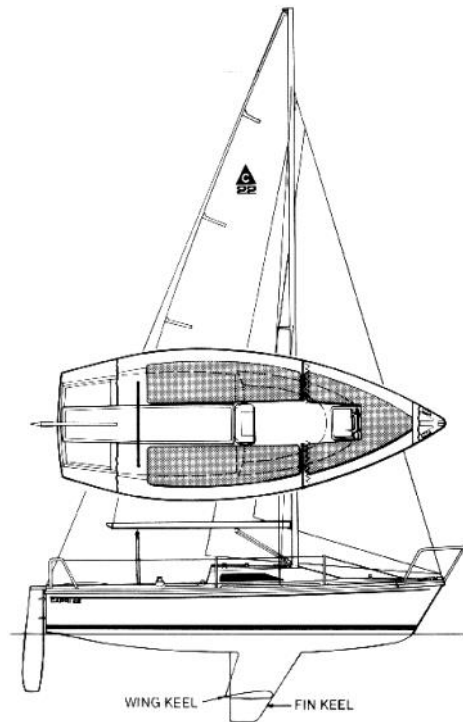
Three days of instruction build on the knowledge and skills learned in the Sailing Smart Camp. Students will improve sailing on all points of sail, especially upwind. They will be introduced to racing, including the rules, the start, and sailing the course. Weather permitting we will take a longer destination sail. Boats may include prams, Lasers, RS Tera, RS Zest, the American and Harbor 14 sloops, and perhaps a larger keelboat. **Instructors are US Sailing Small Boat and Basic Keelboat certified.**

Class runs 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Thursday - Saturday. \$150.

**For more information contact:** [Paul Reynolds](mailto:paul@thunderbird.org) 405-250-2093



# ADULT SAILING



## US SAILING BASIC KEELBOAT

LEARN TO SAIL on our O'Day 24(Shamrock)and Capri 22

For age 16 and up, no sailing knowledge required. This class leads to US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification. Six students maximum.

**Spring 2019 classroom sessions will be held Thursday nights APRIL 18, 25, and MAY 2, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.**

**Eight hours on-the-water training 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](mailto:Phil Moershel) 405-208-1532



# **ADULT SAILING**

## **Small Boat Sailing:**

**LEARN TO SAIL on the RS ZEST and the AMERICAN 14.6**



**JULY 9, 10, 11, 12, from 6-9PM, and Saturday, JULY 13, 8-4 PM**

Ages 14 and up. No sailing experience required. Students will learn the basics of sailing including how to rig, launch, steer, and trim sails. Teaching boats include RS Tera, Sunfish, Laser and American 14.6. Classroom and online learning will supplement on-the-water instruction. Class is limited to 8 students. \$200

**Taught by US Sailing Small Boat Level I Certified Instructor.**

**For more information contact: Mary Anne Secrist**

**m.secris913@gmail.com or**

**405-410-8582**

**To REGISTER ONLINE:**

**<http://www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org/enroll-in-a-tsc-class/>**

**For more information contact: [Phil Moershel](mailto:Phil.Moershel@thunderbirdsailingclub.org) 405-208-1532**

# 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.*



## February Birthdays

## Knot Again

Virginia Fitzpatrick, 5-Feb

Gray Graham, 8-Feb

Karen Rieger, 12-Feb

Liz Hedrick, 13-Feb

Brenda Shinn, 13-Feb

Linda Monroe, 15-Feb

Sue Kendrick, 15-Feb

David Hendricks, 20-Feb

Tracy Stevens, 20-Feb

Marles Bradley, 23-Feb

Kristen Maupin, 24-Feb



## Stopper Knot

To keep a line from pulling through a block or rope clutch, a knot should be tied in the end of it. The most secure knot for doing this is the double overhand stopper knot, known as the stopper knot for short. Unlike a simple overhand knot or a figure eight knot, this knot does not come loose easily. The easiest way to tie a true stopper knot is by using your hand as a form. Just loop the end of the line twice around the palm of your hand, tuck the working end under the two loops, and then pull the loops off your hand. Once you try it, you'll never use a figure eight again.

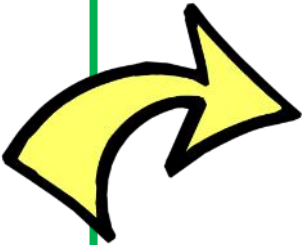
**Working back to front, pass the working end twice around the palm of your open hand. After you've got two full wraps, pass the working end under the wraps on your palm away from your thumb. Then use the end to pull the knot tight as it slips off your hand.**



## From your Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Fredrica Cottrell

### Renewing your TSC membership:

TSC has 115 members listed. Of this list 67% renewed in 2018. So far this year 43% of the list has renewed. 65% of the members that renewed in 2018 have renewed in 2019. In order to get a more realistic idea of TSC members, I will be deleting any members who have not renewed after three years. This will remove these members from the directory. For those who have responded with your annual renewal payment, **Thank You!**



**If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so now. The Board and volunteers will soon be calling those who have not yet renewed. Save us a call. Renew now.**

It is never too late to renew your membership. If you wish to continue your club membership for 2019, please do so now. We really need you and we need your financial support!

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

## Fleet Captain: Racing Report

Racing News: 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

We have also decided to postpone the Leukemia Cup from June and reschedule it for September., date to be determined.

# 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 members who are a part of the Shamrocker Team. At the last minute one of the Shamrock team has decided not to renew. So, **we have one place open if you are interested in joining in**. If so, contact Jim Eller. See email address and phone number below.

We have added a Capri 22, which is more of a race boat, to our Shared Boat Program with eight members committed to the Capri team. 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.

Our Shared Boat Program Capri did not have a name. Now that it is almost launch ready, with a slip waiting, the Capri Team has named her "Capricious."



**RS Teras** see above

## If You're New or If You Are an Irregular attender—

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. It's a great time! We look forward to having to seeing you there. - Jim Eller, Mainsheet Editor

# 2019 BoatHouse Schedule

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

## February

- 16th 5-6pm TSC Board Meeting  
16th 6-8pm TSC Program and Potluck

## March

- 2nd 9:00am—2pm BoatHouse Work Day, come out and lend a hand  
16th 5-6pm TSC Board Meeting  
16th 6-8pm TSC Program and Potluck

### 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>

