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*Work has been underway for three months!
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Dinner will be served Thursday evening for those who want to arrive early; boat washing buckets will be available for loan if you want to tidy up on Friday before Saturday's racing! We already have goodie bags for all registrants, a PRO arranged and Saturday's entertainment booked! The artwork for the sweatshirts is being finessed, and all we need is for you to let us know you plan to attend!

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CREW-ZING

by Jill Barton

I often wondered if the crew really makes a difference for winning a race. So once, this was the topic of one of mine and Mark's between-the-races discussions.

It went something like this: "Mark, how much do you think a crew really makes a difference during a race? I only ask because during the last race, I don't think you really even needed me in the boat!"

After his insistence that I was a great crew, the conversation continued something like this: The crew make the real difference (for him anyway) on the mental aspect of the race.

For Mark, I make a difference when he simply gets to drive the boat. He doesn't have to worry about if the barber haulers are on or off, if the jib outhaul is on tight enough, or if the threads are flying in the right direction on a leg. (You get the picture.)

So on our boat, it's my job to keep us mentally strong.



NEARLY 30 RACERS GATHER FOR 55TH LAKE LEMON REGATTA

by Sara Wittmeyer

Posted September 28, 2015 – Indiana Public Media

This was the 55th running of the Lake Lemon Regatta, hosted by the Bloomington Yacht Club on Lake Lemon in Monroe and Brown counties.

It was the last big regatta of the year and more than two dozen sailboats from across the country descended on Lake Lemon to participate.

The regatta has been taking place at the lake for decades now. This was the 55th running of the Lake Lemon Regatta, hosted by the Bloomington Yacht Club on Lake Lemon in Monroe and Brown counties.

Race officer Jeff Cashman says the location is ideal this time of year because it's not as cold as the lakes in Michigan and Wisconsin, for example — plus the winds are ideal for sailing.

"If you were to have a regatta in July in Indiana you'd just be waiting for the wind to come around, but in September — it's usually the first week of September — and what we call the wind engine turns on," he says.

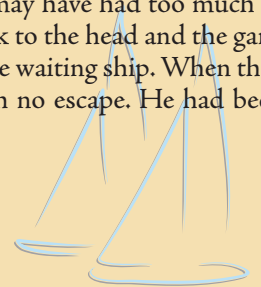
On Saturday, just before the start of the first race, Cashman checked the wind speed. It measured about 10 knots with gusts at about 15. He calls that perfect – the greater the wind speed the more hazardous the conditions.

"You really have to be on your game the more the wind comes up so on a lake like this," he says. "It's not a very large lake so a lot of people call sailing on a lake like this 'puddle sailing,' and winds can be very shifty because we have lots of ridgelines around here. The wind tries to come over those ridge lines so one part of the lake it might be coming from this way, another part of the Fleet, seven boats in the Y-Flyer competition and 14 boats in the Force 5 race. Y-Flyer:

1. Steve Roeschlein, Skipper; Mike Stewart, Crew.
2. Doug Kinzer, Skipper; Lauren Kinzer, Crew.
3. Kevin Black, Skipper; Wanda Black, Crew.

SAILOR SHORTS

Shanghaied (Predicament): The city of Shanghai, located on the east coast of China, was a major trading port in the Far East. The journey for Europeans was normally a long and life threatening voyage. Loss of life was always a possibility. Once they arrived, many sailors on leave found life ashore more agreeable than staying on board eating stale food, drinking stale water and living in cramped quarters. Many decided to abandon their ship for more of life's pleasures. Many a Captain, finding himself short handed, would resort to any means to find new volunteers. For a small sum, gangs of unsavory characters would search through bars and back streets looking for candidates that may have had too much to drink or were asleep. A simple knock to the head and the gang would then carry the volunteer to the waiting ship. When they awoke they were already at sea with no escape. He had been Shanghaied!



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GRAND MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB

by Lisa Parker



GMSC hosted a series of Thursday evening Tiller Times & Training Talks over the last few months. These sessions were open to any associate or regular member who wanted to get some more tiller time when the wind allowed. On calmer nights, they gathered to discuss rules and tactics. Support for this event came primarily from Y-Flyer fleet members Mark Barton, Tracy Sykes, Jeff Rodgers, and Drew Daugherty. A couple of attendees have expressed interest in racing Y-Flyers next season!

Another windy but beautiful night, a local magazine sent a reporter to see what sailing in Arkansas is all about. We were pleased to see a full page photo of a Y-Flyer in the print version accompanying the article, which included wise words from several longtime members, including our commodore, Drew. <http://arkansaslife.com/racing-the-wind-2/>



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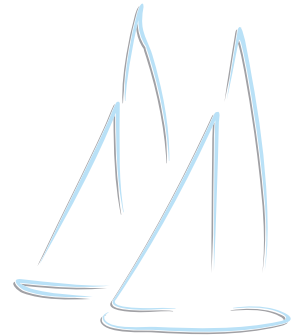
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Submitted by
Michele Carruthers

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By Doug Kinzer Y-2788

THE PARTY'S OVER... FOR NOW



The 2015 sailing season is basically over and in the books. Well, at least for Lauren and I. Lauren is trying to rehab a pesky knee problem and working too much at her job. I'm ready to solve an issue with my foot that my budding athletic trainer daughter tells me will probably require surgery. There are leaves to rake and a sailing club to help close up. The furnace has been serviced. I have a ton of firewood yet to split and stack. But the party isn't quite over.

Timing is everything. Amazing how much you blow off in the most-worthy pursuit of sailing.

I also have boats to work on. A couple of rehab projects currently adorn my shop. My boat needs some semi-major refinish work. A new Y-Flyer nears completion in Rhode Island and will require my attention before long. All prior to the 2016 sailing season... which will be here in the blink of an eye.

Which brings me to the usual topic of this time o' year: Boat care.

This seems to be many peoples' road to hell because Boat Maintenance Avenue is paved with good intentions. The last race of the year ends. There's one last lying session over beers in the parking lot or on the clubhouse deck. The boat gets covered up because, of course, you'll come back out next week of the week after and "put'er to bed" for the winter. Then before you know it, it's Thanksgiving which celebrates the founding of Black Friday and Christmas shopping and then Christmas rolls around and all of that shopping culminates in frenzied gift opening and eating, then New Year's which, despite the fact that it happens every year about the same time, is celebrated like nothing else and like something will actually be different this time. Then lots of snow and ice and the Super Bowl, followed soon by Valentine's Day (which you should have been celebrating every day, ya moron!) and then begins the planning for yard work in March and then...

Oh crap! Sailing season is here! Forget all that other stuff! I gotta get the boat ready.

Sound familiar? I thought so. But there's hope, as long as you act now to prevent the rude awakening in the spring. Doing the mundane now will send you into the spring with less work and a better, more upbeat attitude. So here are a few tips in no particular order of importance that you've heard me say before but then filed away in the spirit of "Procrastinate NOW! Don't put it off!"

1. Wash the boat. It's dirty. I guarantee it. If you wash it now, then come spring, you'll have little to no cleaning to do prior to Midwinters (In 2016, at the Atlanta Yacht Club the weekend of March 18th, 2016. You're welcome, Fleet 1).
2. If you like to store your stuff in your boat, then do the following: Assuming you have a set of tie-downs like most of us do, put these in the boat first. Then stack all fabric-oriented items on top of the tie-downs. Sails, extra covers, rudder covers, life jackets and such should not be left to rot on the cockpit floor. No matter how good your cover is, you will get some water in there over the winter.
3. Cover the boat one way or the other. If you're lucky enough to have inside storage, so much the better...but watch out for mice and other critters looking for a nice place to spend the winter. If the boat will be outside, use a good "over the boom" mooring cover. Sailor's Tailor comes highly recommended. I sell those, or you can contact them directly. Fleet multi-cover discounts available either way. They're the best. They shed snow and rain very well. It's the best \$500-ish plus shipping you'll ever spend for your boat.
4. If you're still feeling energetic after item #1, polish the boat as well. It'll be even more ready for the aforementioned Midwinters. Should your boat need a lot more attention than just a PTEF job on the bottom, then...uh...get in line.
5. It goes without saying that wintertime is the best time to do any repairs you may need. You can try it yourself or you can hire it out. As I said before, get in line. You can also contact Turner Marine for help. Contrary to what may be popular belief, despite the fact that Chet sold the Y-Flyer molds to the class, he is still very much in business and would be happy to hear from you.



6. When sticking your boat into your version of storage, take care of all the little normal stuff. Make sure the boat is completely drained. Wrap it up dry. Don't leave leaves, pine needles, loose paper, beer cans, etc, in the boat. Those things come back to haunt you in the form of stains, mold and other such unpleasanties.
7. I like to lean my rudder up against the centerboard trunk. If water should puddle in the cockpit for some reason and the rudder is resting in it, that can be tough on the finish, especially if it is varnish. You can minimize these problems. Don't leave your rudder in the cover unless you store it inside someplace.
8. Take care of the lines. Coil your main and jib sheets and hang them on their respective cleating locations. Your traveler lines can be tossed on top of the tie-downs as well. Other lines can be laid on the deck. Don't let them sit in water.
9. Don't leave your boat with the bottom cover on. If there is moisture between the hull and the trailer bunks, you could be in for a rude surprise in the spring. (Did I mention that I sell Sailor's Tailor covers?).
10. I'd recommend taking your wind vane down from the top of the mast, especially if there are trees nearby. Just take the mast down quick, remove it and then put the mast right back up.
11. Here's one that none of you have thought of: If you have a Turner Y with the traveler, barberhauler, hiking strap, bow chainplate and transom rudder fitting bolts tapped into the hull where the aluminum was glassed in, then I have a suggestion. Try loosening those bolts and take them out. Clean the holes and the bolts with clean water, re-silicone them and put them back in. Over time, aluminum and stainless steel will basically weld themselves to each other, especially if you sail in salt water, and you won't be able to remove those bolts for repairs that may come up. Be warned! If you can't move the bolts, try a penetrating lubricant. If you still can't move them, then forget it. It's too late. There's a cure, but it involves some grinding, drilling, tapping, possibly some gel coat work....you get the idea. But if you're one of the lucky ones, you want to keep those bolts moving. Do this once a year.

Not counting the washing and polishing, the above takes about half an hour. Perhaps more if you're enjoying cocktails at the same time. Regardless, it's well worth the small amount of time.

The party doesn't have to be over. If you're like me and have access to semi-long term facilities, then just going out and tinkering with the boat is a great way to keep your head in sailing over the winter. Good times for this are: your football team is losing, your basketball team is losing, you have severe cabin fever, you need an excuse to have a beer a little earlier than normal, you've been asked to go shopping as if it's quality time together, the windows need washing, there's laundry to fold, you're due for a sick day at work.....you get the idea.

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Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows



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Andrew: No, no, it's true! Let me point it out to you!

Drew: Oh, hell, waitress! I'm going to need another rum for this!

Shelby: Daddy, he scares me!

Nile: Stay away from my little girl!

Heidi: Oh, Lord! I do hope no one recognizes me!



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BEERS MEMORIAL REGATTA 2015

THE TROPHY BEERS

by Amanda Hodges, Y-2660

The weekend of October 9-11, 2015 saw 30 teams sail in the 61st Gilbert Beers Memorial Regatta on Lake Allatoona at the Atlanta Yacht Club. Some things remained the same.



Volunteer fleet, great race committee, plentiful food, coolers of beer, stiff competition, and the best time to be had with your sailing gear on - EVER. Why fix what ain't broke? And the trophy theme added a totally new twist to the weekend.

Shirley Gore's Friday night Chili dinner was definitely a trophy winner and had sailing friends and family gather in the clubhouse

to eat, drink beer (of course), and socialize. There is something special about the combination of a great family sailboat, Fall creeping in the air, and AYC Fleet #1 at their home club.

The number of family sailing teams is noteworthy: two sibling teams, six husband/wife teams (awe heck, make it seven since Steve and Mike

might as well be married), eight parent/child teams, and one brother/sister-in-law team that has sailed together so long we all ASSUMED they were married! Then there's the family fleets sailing: Hodges had five boats on the water and Hatchers had two and the Blacks had sailors in two different boats. Sailing with and against your family at the same event is unique to our sport and quite wonderfully apparent in our class.

Saturday morning brought moderate to medium winds (peaked at 16) for the three Junior sailors with their able crews for a three race series. Team Timo and Clint won the close series with a 1-2-1 against Team Savannah and Carlin with a 2-1-2 and the most impressive was new-comer to the class, Ava Kuznicki, skipping for the first time with her Dad, Eddie, and she stayed close and did not turn over!!!!!!

The first race of the seniors found Alan Thompson and Marie

Thompson Abdullah hit the shore and take off! The rest of the race was, "Let's watch Alan and Marie sail flawlessly around the olympic course" time. I decided to race against Doug and Lauren and failed to note that two of the 'Brat Pack' were sneaking in to take me at the finish line giving me a 5th. I was 2nd/3rd the WHOLE RACE and then those rotten kids (Shelby and Clint) put me in FIFTH?!? Oh well, I was sailing with my sister, Tara, down from Virginia. We did have fun together. And we did beat my husband...

Second race was also a moderate breeze and full Olympic course, with the lead swapping boats every leg of the race. I was bound and determined not to let the "Brat Pack" of Shelby and Clint get me right at the finish this time. Half way through, Mark Barton had a decent lead and kept a loose cover on the fleet as the wind slowly built. The last leg found me fighting off Carlin, Shelby, and Kevin Black while hoping that Mark and Jill slipped up and took a bad shift tacking up the lake to the finish. When, from out of NOWHERE, comes the third member of the 'Brat

Pack', the MOST disrespectful, rotten child a mother could have named Sammy Hodges to slither his way into a 2nd and lead John and Andrea Bright to the ambush! I came in fourth!

Reminder to self:

I am sailing with my sister. We did have fun together. We still are beating my husband...



Saturday night produced a few 'trophies' as sailors were asked to dress as the trophy winner of their dreams. I, of course, was Carlin's 'Trophy Wife' dressed as barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen cooking the dinner of baked spaghetti for the meal. The Morse combo of Grammy winner Heather and Nobel

Laureate Curtis were eventually out-done by Sammy 'the driver' golf trophy. No, really, he actually sprayed his entire body - including club - gold and held the 'pose' as if he were the ACTUAL trophy. He definitely won the costume award. The game was Trophy Trivia with





each table vying for top honors asking questions about Oscar trophies, Nobel Prizes, and sailing trophies of every kind. After the games, we gathered around the winner of the “Best bonfire at a regatta” award and told trophy-sized tall tales. Playing “What if..” around the fire produced roaring laughter and insights into our fellow sailors that may have crossed the TMI line a few times.

The standings Saturday night had two ties and six boats within 2 points of each other! It was anyone’s race Sunday morning when we awoke to calm water.

When the RC went out to ‘check the wind’ only newbie enthusiasts Eddie and Ava Kuznicki and Sisters Smith (Amanda and Tara) drifted out to attempt a third race.

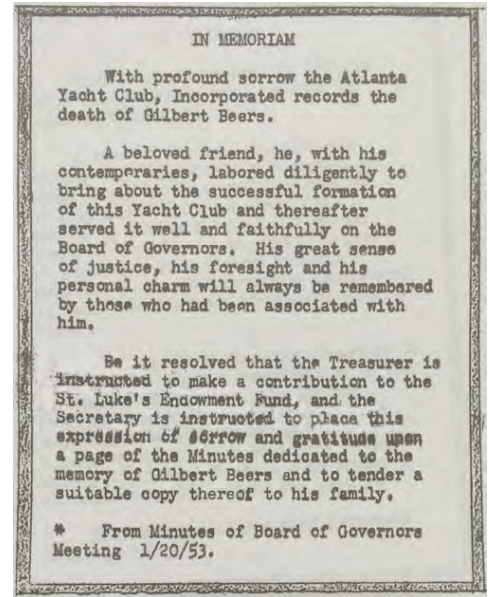
When the third horn blew, we knew the race committee had no other choice, but had hoped to drift to a clear win over Shelby and break the tie. I had to settle for a tie-breaking win.

Regardless, having my son throw his mother and aunt off the dock to celebrate the victory was trophy enough for me. We won one for us sailing sisters, Dad, Mom, Granddaddy and all our sailing family and friends who, year after year, make the trek to AYC and provide us with the best Y racing in the country!



The trophy table was packed with awards. The Kuznicki pair won the coveted “All the Marbles” trophy for going out there and sailing five grueling races in their first regatta ever and staying upright! True to the name, EVERYONE at the Beers this year won

a trophy. And for the first time everyone gathered around the flagpole to show off their Beers trophy. Although some suspected that the trophy they got looked suspiciously like a recycled soccer, tractor pull, softball, or piano trophy, we all will cherish the memories of a winning weekend of sailing and fun with the best sailboat class ever.... Y-Flyers!



From the Regatta Chairman, Carlin Hodges – If anyone gets the idea to give me a hard time about my wife beating me in the Beers Regatta, just keep in mind, SHE BEAT YOU, TOO!!!!



2015 GILBERT BEERS MEMORIAL REGATTA

RANK	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET	CLASS	R 1	R 2	TOTAL	RANK	BOAT
1	2660	Amanda Hodges & Tara Whitworth	1	G	5	4	9	1	2660
2	2763	Shelby Hatcher & Dustin Black	1	G	4	5	9	2	2763
3	2772	Doug & Lauren Kinzer	13	G	2	8	10	3	2772
4	2688	Mark Barton & Jill Barton	30	G	10	1	10.75	4	2688
5	2684	Alan Thompson & Marie Abdullah	1	G	1	10	10.75	5	2684
6	2632	John & Andrea Bright	12	G	8	3	11	6	2632
7	2800	Sammy Hodges & Sylvia Davila	1	G	13	2	15	7	2800
8	2716	Carlin Hodges & Neecee Coryell	1	G	9	6	15	8	2716
9	2754	Clint Hodges & Sarah Stark	1	G	3	15	18	9	2754
10	2791	Jeff & Steven Rogers	30	G	7	11	18	10	2791
11	2752	Kevin & Wanda Black	8	G	14	7	21	11	2752
12	2767	Paul & Debbie Eberhard	1	G	6	16	22	12	2767
13	2664	Steve Roeschlein & Mike Stewart	8	G	15	9	24	13	2664
14	2703	Orren Williams & Christine Womack	1	B	11	14	25	14	2703
15	2787	Ben Guise & Lisa Parker	30	G	16	12	28	15	2787
16	2762	Nile & Savannah Hatcher	1	G	12	18	30	16	2762
17	2799	Kate Hodges Rose & David Rose	1	G	18	13	31	17	2799
18	2646	Heather & Curtis Morse	1	G	17	17	34	18	2646
19	2753	Gregg Anderson & Missy Creech	10	B	20	19	39	19	2753
20	2739	Karl Andersen & Emily Minter	1	G	19	22	41	20	2739
21	2714	Jim Womble & Katherine Bridge	1	G	23	20	43	21	2714
22	2211	Kirk & Karl Maassen	1	B	21	23	44	22	2211
23	2732	Buz & Stephanie Benzur	1	B	26	21	47	23	2732
24	2532	Eddie & Ava Kuznicki	1	B	22	25	47	24	2532
25	2695	Josh Trimble & Zack Lawson	31	B	24	24	48	25	2695
26	2742	Henry & Jeanette Taylor	1	B	25	26	51	26	2742
27	2397	Jake Williams & Brad Morales		B	27	27	54	27	2397

RANK	BOAT	JUNIOR RACING		R1	R2	R3	TOTAL	RANK	BOAT
1	2754	Timo Kraus & Clint Hodges		1	2	1	3.5	1	2754
2	2716	Savannah Hatcher & Carlin Hodges		2	1	2	4.75	2	2716
3	2532	Ava & Eddie Kuznicki		3	3	3	9	3	2532



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