



MAINSHEET

Thunderbird Sailing Club

June 2019

Norman, Oklahoma

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Spring rains pushed Lake Thunderbird four feet above its normal height in late May.

Spring May-Hem is here



Cmdre. Lorrie

Unfortunately, weather remains better for ducks and geese than sailors! Hopefully, this is as high as she goes. May is springing us into a summer of sailing education, racing, and fun nevertheless!

Programs and Potlucks

May Fiesta proved fun, filled with great food, and an awesome program on Racing/Rules, etc. by Jerry Lojka, Mary Anne Secrist, and Karen Thurston. Thanks again to David Gray for providing the festive atmosphere.



Upcoming Programs

Thanks to Jim Madsen for ongoing stimulating programs for our monthly meetings.

“Racing Rules of Sailing” (AKA: How to beat Phil on the water) was hot along with our Fiesta. Thanks to Jerry Lojka, Mary Anne Secrist, and Karen Thursten for your tips – so can we all beat Phil now? Stay tuned for Tie Dye Summer Beach Party on June 15. BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TSC T-SHIRT FOR THIS EVENT. We will also kick off the Leukemia Regatta!

July:

Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Be sure to bring picnic-style food for the July club meeting and potluck; August: 50th TSC Anniversary Celebration; September: Boats, Blues and BBQ; Oct: Sailing Knot Bee



The November meeting program is pending. If you have an idea let Jim Madsen know! Of course our holiday party is in December. Stay tuned.

Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse, TSC and Edmond Elks host Norman Veterans

We served the veterans from the Norman Veterans Center on May 13 at the Lake Thunderbird BoatHouse. Much appreciation to David Gray, Glede Holman, Cliff Holman and Glede's brother-in-law Tom Burull along with Jim Eller with the BoatHouse and TSC for launching the pontoon boat for the boat rides and a special thank you to David for decorating the BoatHouse so patriotically. It was a perfect day and the vets really enjoyed the boat rides as well as the delicious Earl's BBQ. Again, thank you Elks Freedom Grant. We also thank the Norman Veterans Center for bringing out the veterans and for providing side dishes and more volunteers!

The next Veteran's Center Luncheon will be on Monday, June 10 from 11 am until 1 pm.

This luncheon will have delicious Mexican food from Chilenos in Norman. We really enjoy working with Armando, the manager at Chilenos. Please come down and lend a hand providing the Veterans a boat ride and enjoy lunch with them.



Fleet Captain: Racing Report

Weekly Commodore's Cup Sailing

RAIN and WIND...GO AWAY! Come back another day! TSC wants to ... sail!

Again, rain and storms have prevented much racing – but, stay tuned to texts from Jim Waller, Fleet Captain, for upcoming weekly races! It is warming up and we will have some great sailing days! Reminder: Skippers in these races must be TSC members!! You can still join the text message list for weekly Commodore Cup Races. Contact Jim at jimwaller46@gmail.com or 580-320-1551.

We've got the dates for our big regattas set! Some of you have tentatively volunteered to chair these events – Interested in helping organize? Please help!

Leukemia Cup Regatta/Silent Auction:

September 7, 2019 – Lorrie Sylvester and James Anderson

Jerry Layton Regatta:

October 5, 2019 – Phil Moershel, organizer

Hiram Douglas Regatta/Annual Chili Cook-Off:

November 3, 2019- Organizer TBD – Want to help?

September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Help raise awareness and funds by registering for our 4th Annual Regatta.

When: September 7 (registration onsite Sept. 6-7 as well as online); racing on Saturday, Sept. 7; outdoor entertainment (maybe Jimbo "Big Train" Madsen and his group!) ...AND...SILENT AUCTION! Auction will be online in August (link TBD).

We need: Help to run the race, silent auction items, volunteers to help with auction! Get your boats and teams together now and register at: <https://www.leukemicup.org/events/thunderbird-sailing-club-leukemia-cup-regatta>



TSC's Family Fleet is growing

Getting closer to birthing the boats! We are hoping to have a naming/christening celebration on June 11 and have the new RS Zests and Teras on site for classes June 3. They should be arriving on the mainland soon from England, and then to Oklahoma!

The BoatShare Program continues to expand with Shamrock, Capri 21 and Precision 23 groups. Thanks to Jim Eller for heading up this initiative and to Phil, Jim W., Paul R., and others for their time to get these boats lake worthy!

New Mainsheet editor

Thanks to Jim Eller for serving as Mainsheet Editor – and we wish you well as you resume full time work at Norman Regional. **WELCOME BACK** – Ted Streuli– Ted agreed to be Mainsheet Editor for the remaining months of 2019, or until we have a new volunteer. Many Thanks Ted!!! If any member would like to try your hand at Mainsheet editor, we have folks to mentor! Just let Lorrie know and we will set you up!!



June program and potluck will be groovy

Program: We're going to mix it up in June with live music and a tie-dye party!

Dinner Theme: Picnic

- 6pm gathering
- 6:30pm program
- 8pm clean up

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

Join the fun on the patio letting your creativity fly, enjoy the live music by the lake, and join us for a big membership picture.

Tie-Dye

All dyes and supplies will be provided. Bring any white or light colored item - not limited to clothing. Be sure to have it washed prior to applying tie-dye. Lay them out on the grass to dry.

Music:

Live music provided by "**Big Train and the Loco Motives**" and special guests "**Heartbreak Rodeo**"

Membership Picture:

With all the tie-dye things spread out on the lawn providing a colorful back drop, we'll gather all the TSC members on the lawn and get a BIG membership photo using a drone. **Don't Miss It!**



Looking ahead to future programs:

Cheeseburgers in Paradise for July; AUGUST: 50th TSC Anniversary Celebration!; Boats/Blues and BBQ in September; Sailing Knot Bee in October. November meeting program is pending (Have an idea? Let Jim Madsen know!) Of course, our holiday party is in December.

Sailing School



There are three kids sailing camps in June, and the adult course in July. The beginner camps will be from June 3-7 and June 17-21. The intermediate camp is from June 25-27. Small boat sailing is from July 9-13. The classes are great fun and we always need HELP. Come out and see the new RS Teras and Zests in action. Please contact Jerry Lojka, Phil Moershel, Paul Reynolds, or Mary Anne Secrist if you can help.

ADULT SMALL BOAT SAILING

- LEARN TO SAIL a centerboard or small keel boat.
- Earn US Sailing Small Boat Certification.
- JULY 9, 10, 11, 12, from 5 to 9 PM, and Saturday, JULY 13, 8-4 PM
- Ages 14 and up. No sailing experience required.
- Tuition \$200.
- Class is limited to 8 students Class has 6 seats available.. Sign up NOW!
- Taught by US Sailing Small Boat Level I Certified Instructor.
- For more information contact Mary Anne Secrist at m.secris913@gmail.com or 405-410-8582

SPRING KEELBOAT CLASS

The TSC US Sailing Keelboat School just graduated six new sailors. They ably demonstrated tacking, jibing, heaving-to and person-overboard recovery. They know when to hold course and when to give way, and the difference between a leech and a roach. Congratulations to Adam Brooks, Jimmy Thompson, Bob Anthony, Jake Kellar, Mick Dow, and Steven Foley!

Phil Moershel and Paul Reynolds taught the course at the Boat-House and onboard Shamrock and Capricious. Mary Anne taught several topics and kindly brought snacks for each class. The course included 6+ hours in class and 9+ on the water.

With the addition of the Precision 23 we will have 3 boats in the Keelboat teaching fleet. The next Keelboat class will be held in September.

We continue to need more instructors. If you have ample sailing experience and want to share the joy, consider taking the US Sailing Keelboat Instructor course. The BoatHouse can help with tuition.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Weekly Commodore Cup Regattas: Wednesday (or other evenings)...weather permitting

Sunday Sails/First Sail: Sundays....get with Jim Chapman!

TSC Board Meeting – 5pm, June 15

TSC Program and PotLuck: June 15; 6-8:30pm, stick around for early summer socializing!

OK ADAPTIVE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (OKASA): July 20 – TENTATIVE Paul Reynolds/Lorrie Sylvester

Leukemia Cup Regatta: September 7, 2019

CAST – September 21, 2019

Layton Regatta: October 5, 2019

Hiram Douglas Regatta: November 3, 2019

Upcoming Sailing classes: Volunteer help is needed and welcomed in all classes, especially Youth Classes.

Kids Sailing:

◇ Sailing Smart Beginner Camps: June 3-7 and June 17-21 (Les and Jerry L.)

◇ Sailing Better Intermediate Camp: June 27-29 (Paul R)

Adult Small Boat Sailing: July 9, 10, 11, 12 from 6-9pm, and Sat., July 13, 8-4pm (Mary Anne)

Contact Lorrie if you are interested in getting more involved in any of the activities and events listed above, or if you are interested in learning about one of the positions on our TSC Board for next year!



HELP WANTED

Former TSC member Matt Mapin's mother-in-law, Venita, needs a hand getting a 10-foot kayak to Fort Worth and will pay mileage. If you're going that way, please contact Jim Eller.



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- Solid hull, new mast, and good trailer
- 4 sails, Nissan 5 HP outboard, Swing keel
- Designed by Halsey Herreshoff.
- LOA: 20 ft. Beam: 7 ft
- Displ: 2200 lbs
- Draft: 1.9 - 5.6 ft



Treasurer's Report



New Members:

We are pleased to have new members join the club. Please welcome

- Mick and Allyson Dow
- Adam Brooks
- Peter and Mary Goetz

2019 TSC Membership Directory

You should have received your copy of the new membership directory via email in pdf format. If you did not receive, or are have corrections to the Directory, please let me know at facottrell@att.net

Delinquent Membership Renewals

It is never too late to renew your membership. Sadly, I still have several members who have not renewed their memberships for the current year. This makes it difficult to keep our budget goals and it makes my volunteer job harder having to personally remind you. If you have not taken care of the current year's renewal, please do so now. We really need you and we desperately need your financial support. Please.

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

Membership Information

If any of your membership information has changed, please contact:

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Thunderbird Sailing Club Membership:

Regular Members:
\$99 per year

Associate Members:
\$50 per year

Student Members
\$25 per year

New fleet to be christened on June 11



Welcome Teras and Zests

Getting closer to birthing the boats! We are hoping to have a naming/christening celebration on June 11. According to Phil Moershel, boats are packed up and being shipped. The boats have all been named, and we will unveil these on June 11th, 10 am. Thanks to Les Cummings for coming up with a great donor plaque. Phil Moershel continues to work with the distributor to guarantee their timely arrival. We can hardly wait until these boats on site. Help will be needed putting them away. Look for announcements upon their arrival.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Ted Streuli, 1-Jun
Genevieve Betts, 3-Jun
Ron Humphrey, 5-Jun
Courtney Fisher, 7-Jun
Sandra Carter, 8-Jun
Gus Shaver Potts, 9-Jun
Karen Thurston, 14-Jun
JB Messer, 14-Jun
Jim Shinn, 19-Jun
Brianna Teel, 19-Jun
Fredrica Cottrell, 22-Jun
Cheryl, Shaw , 28-Jun
Buff Burtis, 29-Jun
J. C."Chris" Luppens, 30-Jun

First Sail

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. So, folks from out of town may be contacting us about going for a sail for \$50 each. Proceeds from the program will go toward upkeep of the share-boat fleet. Thanks Jim Chapman! Check it out at <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/first-sail/>



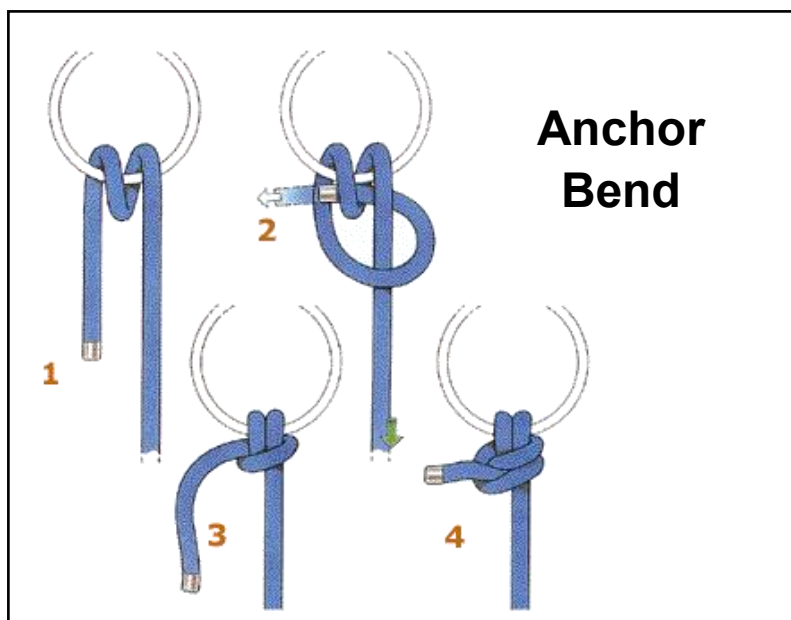
Boat sharing available

Thunderbird Sailing Club has a Shared Boat program. For a few more dollars than our basic membership, you get access to a sailboat in good to excellent condition. We launched this program with Shamrock, an O'Day 24, and have members who are a part of the Shamrock Team. We have one Shamrock spot that has become available if you are interested, contact Jim Eller, wjimeller@gmail.com or 405-924-3148.

Adding a Third Boat Soon

We are taking names for a third shared boat. We have purchased a Precision 23 for our next shared boat and are looking for a few more to fill our team. We have a list of eight who people who have expressed strong interest. Shared Boat teams are limited to ten members. If want to join this team email or call, Jim Eller at wjimeller@gmail.com or call 405-310-3556

This is an Inexpensive way to enter a wonderful sport. Join now while there is still room. No slip fee, no purchase required. Just a year by year commitment.



2019 BoatHouse Schedule

If changes need to be made to this schedule, contact Ted Streuli ted@tedstreuli.com

June 3rd-7th, 9am-3pm, Beginners Kids Sailing Camp I

June 11th, 10am New Teaching Boat Dedication

June 15th

- ◇ 5pm TSC Board Meeting
- ◇ 6pm TSC Potluck

June 16th, 7-10pm, Raft Up and pontoon ride BoatHouse and Clear Bay Café Cove

June 17th-21st, 9a,-3pm, Beginners Kids Sailing Camp II

June 25th-27th, 9am-4pm, Kids Intermediate Sailing Camp

July 20th, OK ADAPTIVE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (OKASA)

August 17th, 50th Anniversary Celebration

September 7, Leukemia Cup Regatta

September 21, CAST

October 5th, Layton Regatta

November 3rd, Hiram Douglas Regatta

Recurring Events: Wednesday night sailboat races, starting at 6pm and Tri OKC swimming at 6:30pm most Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Also see on line calendar at www.thunderbirdsailingclub.org

NOTE: We 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>



50th ANNIVERSARY Celebration!!

The date is set! We want to get in touch with as members as possible, past and present. If you know of folks we've not seen for a while, get in touch, or let Lorrie, Judy Chapman, or Ed Shoemaker know! Does anyone have old Mainsheet Newsletters??? Pull them out and send to us! We are compiling a big invitation list, and plan for a lovely party in August. Do you have ideas for celebration? Please let us know! Contact Lorrie, Judy, and/or Ed with your ideas.