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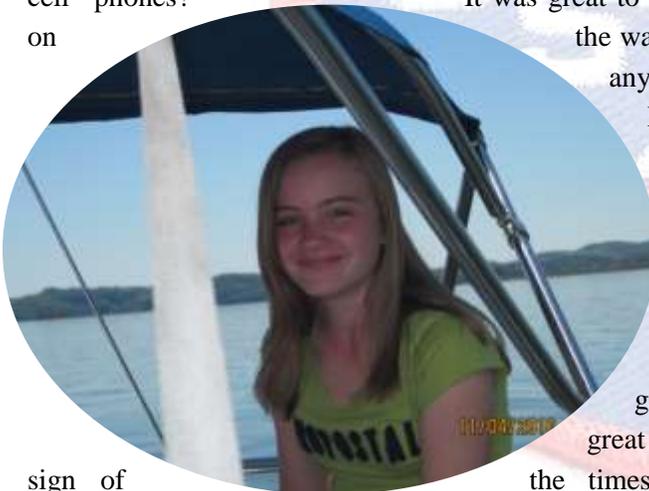
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The Cherokee Lake Sailing Club News

## The CLSC Learn to sail class is underway

The 2010 Learn to Sail class began the first of three sessions on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with Kirk and Eric as instructors. Currently, there are three students in the class, William Black, and Christine and Tim Coley. They have had two on the water sessions as well as two classroom sessions. Tim and his two daughters, Lindsey and Caitlyn, sailed with De and I during the first race – which was a lot like watching paint dry – very slow, no wind, and a race to A and back which took all afternoon. The girls were stoic however, except for a brief period when Caitlyn went postal and tossed her sunglasses in the lake. (Lindsey is the calm one on the left.) Now aren't you glad mom wouldn't let you bring your cell phones?



It was great to meet the girls and Tim and

get out

on

the water for a little while

anyway. We let

Lindsey drive

Mariah

back to

the dock

after the

race, and

then we

gathered for a

great potluck. It may be a

sign of

the times we are living in, but

potatoes

seemed to be the order of the day. We had three or four types of potato salad, and also a hash brown potato casserole, along with some great veggie chili, excellent meatballs, a fabulous macaroni salad, several pasta salads, assorted breads and cheeses, and fruit and brownies for dessert. It was good to see everyone after the long winter (during which time, I learned, that Paul and Mary bottled over 150 bottles of wine), and everyone seemed to enjoy being out in the warm sunny weather. What else? Oh, the race! One hour twenty three minutes corrected time to go to A and back! This was not a race! Anyway, results were Nirvana, Prime Time, Presto, and Celtic Winds, in that order. Our thanks go out to Bill Moorefield and Ken Curry of the May Springs chapter for providing the excellent race supervision for the day. We tend not to thank our race captains, but we all should take the time to transmit a well earned "thank you/well done" for their efforts at the end of the day. Let's try to improve on that! Thank you, Bill and Ken!

Wyss Wace Weally went well



Three boats turned out for the Wyss race up the lake to who knows where. Well, in this case, it was around the island at milepost 9. Ken Curry aboard *W'nt Crazy*, Randal Turner aboard *Sierra Hotel*, and yours truly aboard *Mariah* enjoyed a great day on the lake. The winds started out in the morning about three to five knots, but built steadily through the day to a sustained nine to twelve, and gusting once on my indicator to sixteen knots, when I made a "jiffy" reef in the jib. We started

slowly,  
changed

*W'nt Crazy and Mariah pass at Mile 9 during the Wyss Race*

and about a half mile up the lake, I  
Mariah's jib to the one and a half

ounce light air drifter. That usually does the trick. This time was no exception. In a short while, the distance between the other two boats that I had lost changing sails, had been made up, and I was beginning to worry as the apparent wind readings approached ten knots that I would rip my drifter into shreds. I passed Ken, who had chosen to travel up the southern side of the lake where the Wyss wace winds weren't, but the Sierra Hotel was elusive. Just like that pretty girl on the dance floor, when I thought I was going to catch her, she gathered wings and took off. At May Springs, Randal was about five minutes ahead, and I was thinking of pulling a Caitlyn and throwing things off the boat to lighten her up. I acquiesced, however, and relegated myself to simply emptying several beverage cans which no doubt had questionable results. As I passed Ken at Mile 9, I noticed he needed an adjustment on his jib, but when I called him on the radio, he said he had so much strain on the sheet that he couldn't adjust it until he got out of the wind behind the island. At the turn around the island at Mile 9, Randal headed up into the wind, and it would be Sierra Hotel all the way. Sierra Hotel's time of 2:47.3 placed her in first physically, but after three hours, Mariah handicapped into first place, with Sierra Hotel capturing second, and W'nt Crazy holding on to third. It was a grrreat day, with much need for SP50, and several cool, if not ice cold beverages, some good mp3 music and not really much else, except for the occasional PB&J. As we gathered at the dock, we met our legendary Key West navigator, and originator of the strange orange elixir from the land of the gay tattoo, Jim Pollard, and enjoyed a pleasant chat with him over a cold beverage at Planet Wings. Folks, if you aren't out on the lake in this great weather, you are missing out on one of our greatest gifts. If you would like to get out on the lake, but need a lift, give us a call. It's never too late to have a happy childhood!

**CLSC EVENTS CALENDAR**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Charge d'affaires</i>
<i>Saturday, April 24 at 9AM</i>	<i>Commodore's Cup Morning Races</i>	<i>Barham</i>
<i>Saturday, April 24 at 2 PM</i>	<i>Commodore's Cup Afternoon Races</i>	<i>Roline</i>
<i>Saturday, April 24 at 5 PM</i>	<i>Commodore's Cup Dinner</i>	<i>Master Chef extraordinaire R. Turner</i>
<i>Sunday, April 25 at 2PM</i>	<i>Commodore's Cup races continue</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Sunday, May 2 at 2PM</i>	<i>Race 3</i>	<i>Beets</i>
<i>May 15 – 23</i>	<i>Cruise to Key West and Dry Tortugas</i>	<i>Harold Duggin</i>
<i>May 15 – 16</i>	<i>Highland Games in Gatlinburg</i>	<i>Paul and Mary Rohe</i>
<i>Saturday, May 29 – Sunday, May 30</i>	<i>Overnight on the lake</i>	<i>Eric Roline</i>
<i>Sunday, June 6 at 2 PM</i>	<i>Race 4</i>	<i>Word</i>
<i>Sunday, June 13 at 2 PM</i>	<i>Race 5</i>	<i>Kaminski</i>
<i>Sunday, July 4 all day</i>	<i>Fourth of July celebration</i>	<i>Dennis Berry</i>
<i>Saturday, July 17 at eightish AM</i>	<i>Breakfast at the dock</i>	<i>Dennis Berry</i>

**The Commodores Cup is coming!**

Saturday, April 24, at 9 AM, we will begin our annual Commodores Cup weekend. Races will start at 10 AM after a 9 AM coffee and doughnuts meeting at the dock. Jim Barham will be the race captain for the morning races, and after a suitable lunch, say 2 PM, Eric the Floor Roline will continue as your racing host. (Dessert lovers please note: Anne will no doubt be bringing one of her dessert specialties, like that torte thingy, so you should perhaps fast on Friday and eat only sparingly Saturday to prepare.) At 5 PM, our very own CLSC Master Chef and nationally recognized gourmet extraordinaire,



Randal Turner, will be on hand to prepare your entrée to your personal specifications. This is an event which should not be missed, as Chef Randal will leave no calorie unturned for this special evening. Paul and Mary Rohe, who are busily preparing for the Highland games, which will NOT be this weekend, will be in attendance, as will the Captain and crew of *It's a Dream*, soon to be bound for the land of the gay tattoo. Should you wish to attend this gala event, please inform our Chef at 865-674-2819 to make your choice of entrée known. Please also bring a dish to share. You may even wish to bring a chosen beverage for the occasion. Then, you should go home – and get some much needed rest - for on Sunday afternoon at @ 2PM, Committee Boat Captain Randal shall again regale you as race captain for the afternoon events. This will be a great weekend folks, so plan to join us for the events. See you on the lake!



If you mix it, they will come!

See you on the lake! Don

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Commodores Cup Festivities this weekend! Call your order to Randal!!!