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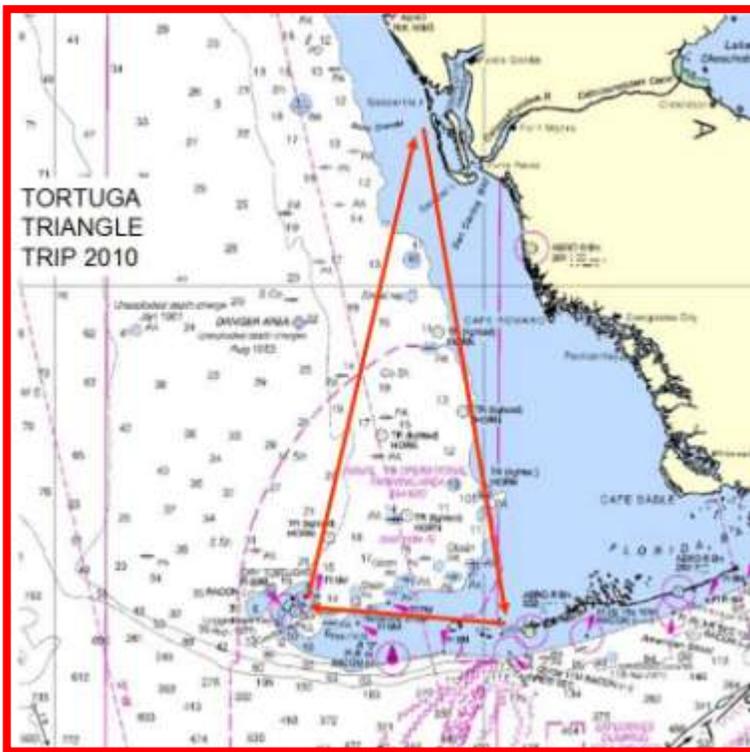
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250th Edition

GOING CABIN CRAZY? DREAMING OF SPRING? By L&V Gulf Coast Correspondent E. Roline



This has been the wettest year and the coldest winter that we have had in years. It has been over 2 months since I've been out on the water. The advantage of having liquid water over the hard stuff is that we can go out if the weather allows. I've been pacing the dock many times each month to find the mooring lines in good shape and at times snow on the docks and boats. Lately, more times than not, snow on the dock and boats. I have a temp recording thermometer in Silver Swan with the coldest cabin temp at 27F. I'm glad that I pumped the holding tanks and sucked antifreeze into the engine. Not doing either could have been a disaster. Last year we pumped out a boat with a couple feet of water in her, looking more like a California low rider... Winter can be harsh. It pays to walk the dock and check the fleet. The 15th running of the Tortuga Triangle Trip, delayed from last year will commence in mid May. Kay, please do not let Harold go outside and play until after the

trip! I've been stocking up on after Christmas sales for batteries for the hand held GPS. There's nothing like the entire crew pulling out their personal GPS's for a second, third, no, fourth opinion on the proper course. I'm looking forward to the islands full of friendly natives surrounded by crystal blue waters. Don and I did manage to get out and sail for a few hours a couple weeks ago. We had a great day with bright blue sky and just enough wind to propel us down the lake. Silver Swan shook off her mooring lines to visit the distant waters up the lake. It was a nice 2 hr cruise, beware the 3 hr cruise, with a catchy melody and unexpected storms... We had a good sail - and even experienced listing and "stuff" falling around off the surfaces into the middle of the floor, and the nice gurgling of water off of the hull. It had been too long.....

It's a Dream photo courtesy of Yachting Vacations



Well, there you go. I couldn't look out the window at the white stuff without thinking of the warmer climes. Neither, it seems, could my faithful sailing companion and Canadian winter expert turned islander, Eric. Thanks E.R. The Light & Variable staff appreciates member contributions for the newsletter. So should our readers. Otherwise you have to read about global warming, deficits, etc. If you don't make the news, I

will. Thanks also to Allan Miller who provided the O'Neil quote below.

By the way

Today's edition of the Light and Variable is the 250th edition since Harry Ross began keeping records in 1989. Although the newsletter began publishing in 1979 under the editorship of Helen Stirewalt, unless any of you have copies of those issues from 1979 to 1989, they are presumed lost. To commiserate the milestone, I have included Harry's well known L&V

banner on our letterhead. Since 1989, over 10,750 copies – 72% of them by Harry - have been distributed to our members and interested friends, and no doubt have lined many a feline litter box or bird cage. And you thought I was just another pretty face! OK, now the NEWS!



Home Sweet Home -- Garden Key Anchorage

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Since the recent discovery that global warming temperatures were calculated using the same mathematics to balance our national budget, our ecologically aware sailing club threw up their hands in despair and decided to resume holding our annual meetings indoors. (Thanks, Carolyn, for slipping the key to the church in Kirk's pocket while he slept.) To that end, the 34th Annual meeting (which we hold once a year) was held INSIDE on the first Sunday afternoon in February. New Officers elected include Dennis Berry as Commodore, Jim Barham as his assistant, Vic Kaminsky as Secretary/Treasurer (who uses conventional math, mind you – see his report below) and five new directors –the three aforementioned officers, and Eric Roline, Randal Turner, Kirk Wyss, William Moorefield, and Ken Curry. Eric and Kirk will head the race committee. Various projects/ideas were discussed - no decisions made as yet. The new handicaps are published below. The powers that be hope to have a membership drive for new members, and perhaps teach a sailing class. Eric Roline (grasshopper) hopes to learn the intricacies of teaching the sailing class from the master – Kirk Wyss – and then grant the good Captain Kirk a gracious retirement from the sailing school as he takes it over. Kirk has taught many a sailing student. Thank you Cap'n! Dennis promises he will provide a fantastic schedule of events soon. He is working overtime on it. This is going to be a banner year, sailors, trust me.

CLSC Treasurer's Report for the Year 2009
Period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009
Presented at CLSC Annual Meeting, January 31, 2010 (which was actually held on Feb 7th)

Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$6336.41
Income:	
Charter Memberships (3)	\$ 105.00
Regular Memberships (14)	970.00
Associate Memberships (3) (One member 2008 & 2009 dues)	140.00
Racing/Other Contributions	150.00
Initiation Fees (2 New Members)	50.00
Sailing Class (None)	0.00
Events & Miscellaneous Collections	0.00
Correction – Check 1055, Oct 25, 2006 never cashed.	<u>200.00</u>
Total Income	\$1615.00
Expenses:	
Dock Pavilion Rent (June 1 through November 31)	\$ 540.00
Pavilion Upgrade (CLSC Sign, tables, etc.)	168.24
Postage, Printing Ink and Paper, misc. Mailings (Note 1)	16.80
CLSC Handbook Materials and Mailing	0.00
Racing Supplies (inflatable buoys)	191.80
TN Secretary of State (Privilege tax and filing fee for 2008 & 2009)	40.00
Trophies for Sailboat Racing Awards (Pix Frame Matl).	0.00
Annual Commodore's Cup Cookout	0.00
Schrader Cup Cookout	0.00
CLSC Propane Grill	60.11
CLSC WEB Page Annual Cost	<u>107.40</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1124.35
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 6227.06

Respectfully submitted

Vic J. Kaminsky
Secretary/Treasurer

Note 1: Light and Variable is currently being sent to many members electronically.
(Editor's note: It should be noted that at the current rate of fiscal drain, we will be in deficit mode in 56.9 years, perhaps even faster as our member baby boomers stop sailing and begin to purchase power boats. By the way, did you know that the latest version of Monopoly just out uses debit cards instead of the old fashioned play money? Am I watching too much TV? And if that grill thingy runs on propane, why is Randal storing all that charcoal on my lake house deck?)



Getting ready for spring

I took our CLSC sign home this winter and gave her a little touch up. I reinstalled it about a week ago. It has been removed, reglued, reinforced, renovated, and repainted, refinished, and replaced. At some point club officials may want to purchase a “real” sign much like the ones at the entrance. They are plastic and nearly maintenance free. The other CLSC sign out on buoyancy bay was badly damaged during the winter as the roof of the floating condo recently parked at our dock banged repeatedly, gouging it badly and finally breaking it in pieces. I am slowly breathing new life into it, but I will have to reconstruct some of it. It appears that my well constructed sign fought back and dealt the roof of the condo several damaging blows. Fearing additional reprisals by my sign, the dock folks have moved the condo into *Silver Swan’s* slip. Let that be a lesson to you! *Silver Swan* and *Sierra Hotel* are now slip mates. Club officials have met with the dock owners and hope to announce a new facility arrangement for your enjoyment this coming year. Stay tuned. It appears we will begin a new era of cooperation and closer liaison with the dock and restaurant management in the coming year. I am excited!

But still taking time to enjoy the winter snow

As much as we enjoy our times on the water, we also need to enjoy each day as it comes. On December 19, when most of East Tennessee sat home by the fire, our gallant chef and chief bottle washer, Randal Turner, could be seen on his patio cooking breakfast. Assistant Chef Donna baked biscuits and they had a great morning - and maybe a nap on the couch about 2 PM. If we get another snow this winter, and you find yourself hungry for a good breakfast, give the Turner bistro a call!



Winter takes its toll



This 29 foot cruiser sank at the power boat dock on February 3rd. It is held above water only by its mooring lines and whatever flotation is aboard. As Eric mentioned, it is important to visit your boat often during the winter. While you are there, check on all the boats on your dock. If you find any problems, try to make a fix and contact the owner, and maybe another incident like this can be prevented. Airbags lifted this boat out of its watery home. No word on what caused the leak. Just like Capitol Hill. I checked the cooler. It was empty.



CHEROKEE LAKE SAILING CLUB - RACING HANDICAPS FOR SPRING 2010

BOAT	ACTUAL	CALCULATED		SPRING 2010 HANDICAP
	SPRING 09	FALL 09	FALL 09	
CAL 30	98	100	103	100
CATALINA 22	128	128	128	128
CATALINA 25	110	112	112	111
CATALINA 27	109	111	105	108
CATALINA 28	117	120	122	120
C&C 35	99	100	99	99
DuFOUR 29	120	120	120	120
HELMS 27	136	136	136	136
HUNTER 23	123	123	123	123
HUNTER 25	118	122	122	121
HUNTER 25.5	107	107	107	107
HUNTER 28.5	136	136	136	136
HUNTER 30	113	113	113	113
J 28	100	100	100	100
MCGREGOR 25	117	117	117	117
MELGES 24		76	76	76
ODAY 26	126	131	131	129
ODAY 28	107	107	107	107
PEARSON 30	110	110	110	110
S2 7.9	101	101	101	101
SANTANA 525	96	96	96	96
SAN JUAN 21	99	99	99	99
SUNFISH			115	115

Editor's Note: Welcome to our little sunfish friends!

A word from the Commodore - (or forgetful fellow forgets fondue)

Thank you to everyone that showed up for the Christmas party. Hopefully everyone found space for the wonderful gifts we all received or traded for. One gift was abandoned with me. If the owner of the coveted fondue tray will get in touch with me, I'll arrange delivery. During clean up, Kim and I noticed the someone had left us a Christmas kitchen set. We don't remember who gave this to us so we can't properly thank you. Please let us know who you are. Thank you to all
Dennis and Kim

You may want post these lines on the 'fridge' door and read them several times until spring arrives

I lay on the bowsprit, facing astern, with the water foaming into spume under me, the masts with every sail white in the moonlight, towering high above me. I became drunk with the beauty and singing rhythm of it, and for a moment I lost myself-- actually lost my life. I was set free! I dissolved in the sea, became white sails and flying spray, became beauty and rhythm, became moonlight and the ship and the high dim-starred sky! I belonged, without past or future, within peace and unity and a wild joy, within something greater than my own life, or the life of Man, to Life itself!

To God, if you want to put it that way.

---Eugene O'Neill, Long Day's Journey Into Night



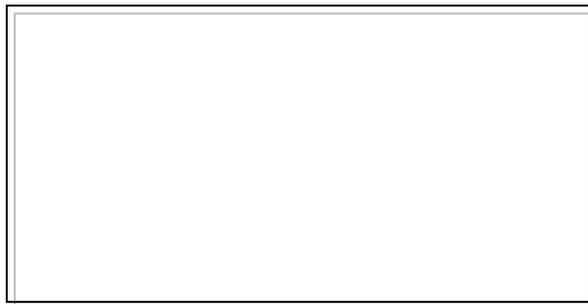
Hang in there. Spring is on the way!

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“Winter is in my head, but eternal spring is in my heart” Victor Hugo

Note: Please insert the following page into Section 1 of your handbook under CLSC history. Are you a new member and don't have a handbook? Email me and I will supply you with one.

CLSC history continued

2008 CLSC clubhouse is removed, and a new restaurant is built in its place. The Wyss race goes to day board 13 and back to day board 9 for one of the best races ever. East Tennessee Wings and Grill makes its Black Oak debut but only lasts about the same length of time they kept their fries in the fryer. Our longtime friend and club member, Bud Thomas passes away in October, and their sailboat, the Nancy J is sold. The Word's are named host and hostess of the year after the long string of parties hosted at their home.

2009 Kirk forgets the church key and our annual meeting is held outside. Record rainfall disrupts most of the spring series. We begin using the newly constructed floating pavilion as our new clubhouse. New buffet table was constructed. Planet Wings opens its doors and does a good business.