



# Light and Variable

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## SPRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ANNOUNCED

Spring has sprung – and Commodore Dennis Berry has announced an exciting spring schedule of CLSC events. The first race of the season will be on Sunday, March 28, at 2 PM. My sources tell me that March will go out like a lion this year so get your vessel ready and let the March winds blow! If you would like to serve as crew on a boat, or simply ride along, all you have to do is let someone know or show up at the dock early. The spring events are shown in the table below. Remember if you are the race captain for the day, it is your duty to be on the job or find a suitable replacement. Hope to see you on the water!

Date	Event	Charge d'affaires
Sunday, March 28 at 2PM	Race 1	Walter
Sunday, April 11 at 2 PM	Race 2 and Potluck afterwards	Moorefield
Saturday, April 17 at 9AM	Wyss Race	Kirk Wyss
Saturday, April 24 at 9AM	Commodore's Cup Morning Races	Barham
Saturday, April 24 at 2 PM	Commodore's Cup Afternoon Races	Roline
Saturday, April 24 at 5 PM	Commodore's Cup Dinner	Master Chef Randal Turner
Sunday, April 25 at 2PM	Commodore's Cup races continue	Turner
Sunday, May 2 at 2PM	Race 3	Beets
May 15 – 23	Cruise to Key West	Harold Duggin
May 15 – 16	Highland Games in Gatlinburg	Paul and Mary Rohe
Saturday, May 29 – Sunday, May 30	Overnight on the lake	Eric Roline
Sunday, June 6 at 2 PM	Race 4	Word
Sunday, June 13 at 2 PM	Race 5	Kaminski
Sunday, July 4 all day	Fourth of July celebration	Dennis Berry
Saturday, July 17 at eightish AM	Breakfast at the dock	Dennis Berry

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### **Your Dues are due**

Your CLSC membership dues, that is. We know you are busy, but please take the time to send your dues to Mr. Victor Kaminsky, our Secretary Treasurer. Dues are \$70 for members, \$35 for associate members (without a boat), and, if you are joining the club as a new member, please add a one time indoctrination fee of \$25. New members to the club may also be eligible for a special deal on your slip rental. See a member for more information. Applications for membership may be printed from the website at [www.clsc-tn.com](http://www.clsc-tn.com) or you may call Vic at 865-573-3198 for more information. Vic's mailing address is:

**Mr. Vic Kaminsky, 412 Karla Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920.**

### **The America's Cup News – submitted by West Coast Correspondent E. Roline – photos by America's Cup**

The



33<sup>rd</sup> America's Cup has finally been decided. The races themselves happened with little exuberance, publicity and fanfare, that had been wasted in the years since 2007 battling it out in the media and in the courts. As in most battles, necessity was the mother of invention when constructing the yachts to the deed of challenge specified - 90ft by 90 ft keeled boats. SNG managed to install an engine on board to replace grinders, BMW Oracle managed to fly a solid main with variable camber. Both boats exploited water ballast for added stability. As the courts had ordered, it was finally decided on the water. BMW Oracle managed to easily nail 2 of the 3 races needed to decide the victors and the future owners of the silver cup until the next match. The cup is to be displayed at the Golden Gate Yacht Cup, the home of BMW Oracle Racing. This has to be the most expensive chunk of silver in the world. The 34<sup>th</sup> running of the America's Cup may be held off shore outside the Golden Gate Bridge with the challengers to decide the rules of design for the yachts. The challenger of record is Club Nautico di Roma who did officially form in 2006 and race in the 2007 challenger series. The 33<sup>rd</sup> race venue was available on streaming internet connection through BMW Oracle Racing, check them out at:

<http://www.americascup.com/en/index.html>

### **CLSC Sailing Class**

The Cherokee Lake Sailing Club will host a **LEARN TO SAIL** class this April. The class will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> at the All Saints Episcopal Church, on West Main Street in Morristown. Cost of the class is \$60, which includes a one year Associate membership in the Cherokee Lake Sailing Club. Classes will meet for three weeks of classroom training and then shift to Cherokee Lake for three Saturday sessions on the water. If you are interested in learning to sail, this is an opportunity you don't want to miss. More information may be obtained from Kirk Wyss at 423- 586-1359 or Eric Roline at 423-587-4548, or any CLSC member. Eric and Kirk will need volunteer captains to assist for the on the water sessions. Please come out and help.



## The Commodore's Corner



Spring race season is, at last, around the corner. March 28th is the first race. I, for one, am ready to be done with winter. Schedule for the spring regatta is already posted at the dock.

Don, Eric and I had a good talk with the Black Oak owners a couple of weeks ago. We discussed a couple of projects like installing an outlet at our serving tables and installing a mounting plate for our yardarm. I'll need some help with rebuilding the picnic tables and raising the yardarm, but will send out a general e-mail when it's time to get these done. Silver Swan has been moved down the dock and the float house has been installed in her place. This is a good place because Black Oak has agreed to let us use it for our events at the dock. This means a kitchen and restroom facilities will be available. With this in mind, the board has decided to continue to pay for the pavilion.



The club is also reviving the sailing class. Kirk will be teaching the class with Eric and myself assisting. We will need boats for the on the water portion of the class and ask all members to help with this. This is an opportunity to expose someone new to the sport that we love and possibly interest some new members. Having members at two marinas could be a real asset to this. Let Kirk know in advance if you can help.

The first pot luck of the year will be on April 11th after race 2. Even if you don't race, come on out and eat – please bring a dish to share. I've talked with Chef Randal and he has agreed to continue cooking steaks during the Commodores Cup. He will take orders in advance and you can pay him upon delivery. This will be held with our usual pot luck format after racing on Saturday.

The middle of May is taken up with running of the Tortuga Triangle but I hear there might be a overnighter the last weekend of the month. Last year on the Fourth of July, there were plenty of people at the dock but nobody from the club. In the past we have had some sort of event and I'd like to do something again. Input from everyone on what they would like to see would be helpful. In the past, we have had burgers and hot dogs or an ice cream social. I'm not sure if Black Oak is planing anything, but we can still get together and have some fun. Back by popular demand is Breakfast at the Dock. This was our most poplar event last year so we'll be doing it again on July 17<sup>th</sup>. I'll do my best to try to keep the race results and current events posted at the dock, although sometimes I'm a little slow. If one of you members from the May Springs Annex could do the same I'd appreciate it.

I've got two large jobs that I need filled. Both are a ways off but I need to start asking now. Our Christmas party has been held at some very good restaurants but that makes it a little hard to mingle and socialize. I would like someone to offer their home for this event. The second job is Light & Variable editor. Don has done a wonderful job over the last many years but would like to move on to other things after this year. This is the larger and more difficult of the jobs and the one I need filled the most. Without our L&V, It's hard to get information out to everyone or keep up with what is going on. Get in touch with me if you would like to take on ether of these. Also, any news, stories, photos, or good rumors that you hear need to be forwarded to Don for printing. Call or e-mail me with ideas, comments, or questions. I keep strange hours due to working nights, but I'll get back to you as soon as I can. See you at the lake.

Dennis  
Commodore CLSC

## Or maybe what you need is a good paddle



Sister ship

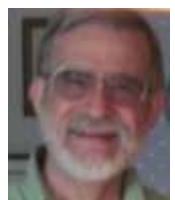
Paddle wheeler, that is. Officials at Black Oak will soon receive a 70 foot paddle wheeler arriving from Wisconsin. The big boat will provide dinner cruises on Cherokee Lake, including liquor by the drink for passengers, according to news from the Standard Banner. The boat will be a partnership with the Black Oak Marina, Planet Wings, and Allen Gronek of Dandridge. The 24 ton craft can carry up to 125 people and should begin operation in about a month. I believe it will be moored at the houseboat dock. Efforts are underway to amend the law to allow

the paddle wheeler to serve liquor by the drink while on a cruise. For dinner, the cruise will offer prime rib, chicken or fish, and a Sunday brunch may be offered. If you would like to name the vessel, Planet Wings is offering a free dinner cruise for four to the person who supplies the winning name.

## Thoughts in passing



The other evening I was watching a television show where some employees were using prediction software to try and determine what the children of their bosses would look like should they marry, and, as my mind infrequently does, began to ponder the following: Now here we are a mild mannered sail club, perhaps in remission, perhaps not, – except for two members who trade fiberglass on a frequent basis. So we decide to have a sail class, and guess who float to the top as our ace instructors? Can you imagine the crazed offspring sailors who may be created from this union? They will scoff at our heavily laden cruising boats, throw the ISF rules to the winds, and speak only the language of carbon fiber and spinnakers, AND in the evenings send out Bud light commercials not seen on TV to the class members. Can you imagine these two agreeing on the proper interpretation of the right of way rules? One can only hope fisticuffs are not involved. Then too, imagine the animated discussion which could result the first day of on the water training when one of the students inquires about the stripe of green paint down the side of the otherwise white *Silver Swan*, not too mention the reciprocal white stripe down the corresponding green hull of *Prime Time*. It should make for some excellent fodder for the Light and Variable. Then too, perhaps this marriage will wander from port to starboard and finally end up on a more normalized marital course. I can just hear it now; Kirk gently places his hand on Eric's shoulder and says, "Time to teach another sailing class." Only to hear that classic response – "Not tonight, dear, I have a headache!"





Ahh, spring at last!

"Man has created some lovely dwellings, some soul-stirring literature.

He has done much to alleviate physical pain.

But he has not ... created a substitute for a sunset,

A grove of pines, the music of the winds, the dank smell of the deep forest,

Or the shy beauty of a wildflower."

~ Harvey Broome

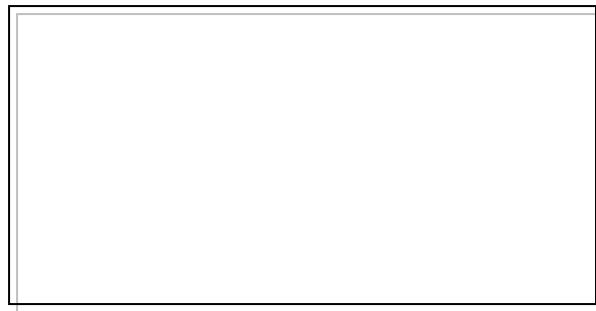
*See you on the lake! Don*

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***The first sailing event begins Sunday, March 28!***