

Upcoming Events

Please RSVP for events using the links here, or at <u>barefootsailingclub.org</u>.

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Mar 22-24	See NOR	Dogwood Regatta	LLSC	LLSC
Mar 24	6 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	Bill Anchors	Brimstone
Apr 6	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Bill Bond	Sunrise Cove
Apr 14	11 a.m.	BFSC Spring Series #1 (resched)	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Apr 20	11 a.m.	BFSC Spring Series #4	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Apr 21	7 a.m.	Around Alone Race	Chico Wojna	Aqualand

From the Commodore

Happy March, Barefooters! I hope all is going well for each of you as you prepare for a beautiful spring out on the waters of Lake Lanier!

I assume you have all heard that the Sailfest event has been postponed. Once we know more about a new date we will pass that on to you. In the meantime, please keep the idea of Sailfest in mind. When it does happen it will be a great event to promote sailing in and around the Atlanta area. It sure would be nice to have more sailboats out on the water rather than motorboats!

Next month we will earnestly begin to plan for our 50th Barefoot Open regatta. If you haven't already put it on your calendar, the dates are October 12-13, 2024 with the skippers meeting on October 11. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact me at bfsccommodore@gmail.com or our Vice Commodore, Bill Anchors, at bill.anchors@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of March. See you all soon.

Lisa Schoer BFSC Commodore

Cruising

Come out and meet new members and old friends at the First Saturday Sail on April 6! Meet at the Sunrise Cove Marina Clubhouse Deck at 11:00—5725 Flat Creek Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504. We will have something warm to drink and eat, and we will be divided up into our boats for an afternoon of sailing on the lake. Finish time should be around 4:00 PM.As always, if the weather isn't cooperating, we will gather for a brunch at a nearby restaurant. <u>Please RSVP on our club</u> website. If you don't have a boat, we'll find a spot for you! If you are a skipper, please let us know how many crew you can accommodate.

Bill Bond—Cruising Captain



Racing

Event Report

For the BFSC Spring #3 we all had good wind at the start of the race, winding down as we approached the 3rd mark. We ended the race at the short finish. Overall it was a beautiful day to be out on the lake.

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** LOOK ** and ** NOTE ** We are re-scheduling Spring #1 Race for April 14. Pencil in your Calendars!

Dogwood: The Dogwood Regatta is this Weekend. Let's show a good BFSC participation!

<u>Around Alone</u>: The Barefoot's Around Alone open race is coming soon on April 21. Let's also show a good BFSC participation!

BFSC Spring Series: The BFSC Spring Race Series continues on April 14, Apr 20, May 5 and May 25.

<u>Moonlight Races</u>: The summer Moonlight Race series sponsored by LARC and run by BFSC will start soon: May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17. Because BFSC co-sponsors the LARC series (we run the moonlight races, while UYC and LLSC do the spring and fall series), these races are free to our members.

Go and check out the New **BFSC Racing Resources Page**

Chico Wojna—Racing Captain

Social

Member Social and Meeting

Our monthly fourth-Sunday meeting will take place on March 24 at our usual location, Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern in Alpharetta. Come at 6 for dinner, with the program starting around 7. The activity will be March Madness. As of the meeting date the Sweet 16 will be determined. We will fill out the short brackets, and the winner will be crowned at the April meeting. Guests are welcome!

Around Alone—Sunday, April 21

Mark your calendar to race or support your favorite lone sailor in the Around Alone race on Sunday, April 21. Barefoot sponsors the race for the entire Lake Lanier racing community, and we will have a dirt-up cookout after the race. Stay tuned for details.

SAVE THE DATE—The annual Lobster Boil will be earlier this year on Saturday, May 11.

Laura Clarke—Social Chair



Membership

This month we have three new members:

- Madi Conner—O'Day 28 / Lola / Sunrise Cove G18 / Raced in 2023 BFO Interests: Racing, Community Connections
- Alan and Betsy Carleton—Catalina 36 / Gypsy Soul / Past member Interests: Cruising
- Lester, Lisa, Laurel, and Linden Ross—Macgregor 26x / not named / Sunrise Cove J40 Introduced to BFSC by Chico and Orla / Interests: Social, Favored End

Keep those renewals coming! If you haven't updated your membership yet, please see the Purser's announcement for information on how to do this.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Purser's Update

IT'S RENEWAL TIME

Please remember to renew your membership in the Barefoot Sailing Club so you can be part of our 2024 season! You can save our club at least \$2 in processing fees if you pay directly using Venmo or Zelle, or you are welcome to renew thru our web page.

- To use Venmo, link to <u>venmo.com/u/BarefootSailing</u> or use this Venmo QR code to send \$75 to **@BarefootSailing**, with a "2024 Renewal" comment.
- To use Zelle, use your bank's online tools to send \$75 to <u>bfscpurser@gmail.com</u>, with a "2024 Renewal" comment.
- Or you can renew via credit card or PayPal through the **Join or Renew** section of our webpage at <u>barefootsailingclub.org/join-renew</u>.

Please e-mail any updates to your membership information (contact details, boat information, etc.) to Jacqueline at <u>jacqueline_steadman@hotmail.com</u>.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mar 14th 2024 Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Top highlights since Feb 14th:

- We have \$5,517 available in our checking account, down \$1,736 since last month
- We still have \$12,954 available in the Favored End Repair/Replace Savings Account

Other Financial Items

- Received \$1,133 in net income from membership renewals + new members and \$75 in raffle income from the Feb Social Meeting.
- We paid our \$2,624 Burgee Program / Chubb Insurance annual premium and our \$30 annual Georgia corporate registration.
- Still expecting a \$150 bill for pulling Favored End out of the water, plus a substantial portion of the savings spent on the Favored End re-engine project
- Next administrative bill is \$384 for WIX "Business Unlimited" webpage services (annual), due Jul 25 *David Steadman—Purser*

Barefoot Sailing Club

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Contribute to the Newsletter!

Please send contributions to BFSC Yeoman Linda Hoopes.

- Member-Contributed Articles. We invite you to submit articles about sailing trips/ destinations, boat maintenance tips, knot-tying instructions, or anything else sailing-related you think might be of interest to your fellow members. Feel free to include pictures! We might edit for length and clarity.
- **Pictures.** If you captured great pictures at a BFSC event, send them along and we'll post the best with credit to the photographers.
- **For-Sale Listings.** If you're selling a boat or boat-related equipment, send us the information and we'll list it in the next newsletter.
- Member Business Listings. We're going to add a section that has member "business cards" so we can learn more about each other and what we do when we're off the water. Real estate agent? Artist? Teacher? Send an image file that is approximately the dimensions of a business card and we'll put them on the last page of the newsletter.

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