



# Barefoot News

June 2023

## Upcoming Events

Please RSVP for events using the links here, or at [barefootsailingclub.org](http://barefootsailingclub.org).

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
June 24	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Lobster Boil</a>	BFSC	Holiday
June 25	11 a.m.	<a href="#">Spring Race Series #4</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Signup</a>	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand
July 1	11 a.m.	<a href="#">First Saturday Cruise</a>	Norm Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
July 1	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">LARC Moonlight Race #2</a>	Fred/Chico	Aqualand
July 15	11 a.m.	<a href="#">Spring Race Series #6 (Final)</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Signup</a>	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand
July 16	11 a.m.	<a href="#">Pirate's Treasure Hunt</a>	TBD	TBD
July 23	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Member Social and Meeting</a>		Brimstone
July 29	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">LARC Moonlight Race #3</a>	Fred/Chico	Aqualand

## IMPORTANT DEADLINE!!



Erin has gathered more cool items for another great monthly meeting raffle! Bring your small bills for tickets!



Note: the entrance to Holiday Marina is on the right side of Hwy 347 - Lanier Islands Parkway, just a few hundred yards BEFORE you get to the Margaritaville (formerly Lake Lanier Islands) entrance, so you will not go thru that or pay a fee. You will pass the pavilion on the right of 347, as you approach the Holiday Marina entrance and guard gate, so make note of it, as that's where you are heading. Stop at the gate in the guest lane and get a parking pass for the pavilion. Make a sharp right and head up the hill. You will see a separate building for restrooms next to the pavilion. Park in a marked parking space nearby.

## Signup by June 20! The June meeting is the Barefoot Lobster & Low Country Boil - Saturday, June 24

Rain or shine - the Holiday Marina Pavilion will be dry with easy parking and restroom access

- Fresh live Lobster Boil on Saturday, June 24, featuring a Low Country Boil with potatoes, corn, shrimp and andouille sausage PLUS your very own 1.5 lb. Maine Lobster! (there are also chicken and veggie options)
- Prepay online by June 20 to reserve your lobster (we're literally counting on you to get the right number). Sign-up on the [barefootsailingclub.org](http://barefootsailingclub.org) website to eat and volunteer.
- Play games like shuffleboard, corn-hole, horseshoes, croquet, bocce ball, music and other fun activities... come early and stay late with your dancing shoes!
- Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and remember it's BYO Beer/Wine
- BYOB and appetizers will start at 5:00 and dinner will be served around 6:30
- The event will be held at the Holiday Marina Pavilion 6900 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA 30518 (same as last year)



## From the Commodore

Hi Barefooters!

I hope you are enjoying the lake and taking advantage of all the great club activities.

In the May newsletter, I asked if anyone was interested in 1) holding monthly meetings closer to the lake, once in awhile, 2) having some pursuit start races, and 3) reviewing women's participation in the club. No one contacted me about these concerns this past month. Feel free call or email me about these or any other concerns. The Board welcomes suggestions to make this club even better!

For those of you following The Ocean Race - WOW! Incredible, eh? For those of you who have not, the short of it is that the US team, Eleventh Hour, was hit by another competitor, GUYOT- Team Europe, at the start of the final leg from The Hague to Genoa. Eleventh Hour was in the lead after circling the globe since February.

I spent a week in Newport last month, when the five boats were in port. One of the parks, Ft. Adams, was the center of activities for the week, with parades, mini-electric sailboat races, high school sailing team races, and educational activities for 10,000 school children from across New England. I volunteered as a skipper at the "Try Sailing" section. Anyone who wanted to go for a quick sail in the harbor was welcome to board a J-22 and hold on tight! We had winds of 20 knots so we sailed without a jib and the main was reefed. I sure sharpened my skills those days!

Maria Cartaya, a friend from Barefoot, joined me for a few days. Here is a picture of us (note Barefoot hat) and a few others from the event.



*Kerry*

**Kerry McGrath—BFSC Commodore**

S/V Bella



## BFSC Vice Commodore News

Greetings Barefooters!

I would like to invite and encourage everyone to help us find **sponsors for the Barefoot Open Regatta**, which will take place in October.

Here are some details that might be helpful:

- Sponsorship can be a financial contribution, a donation of food or beverages for the party, party swag (including vendor coupons for local businesses), or items for the auction.
- Sponsors will be recognized at the regatta, and have a chance to get their names, products, and services in front of a whole bunch of active sailors.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact me ([bfsvcommodore@gmail.com](mailto:bfsvcommodore@gmail.com)) or Gail Rodriguez ([grp315@gmail.com](mailto:grp315@gmail.com)).

Have a great June!

**Lisa Schoer—Vice Commodore**

S/V Shore 'Nuff

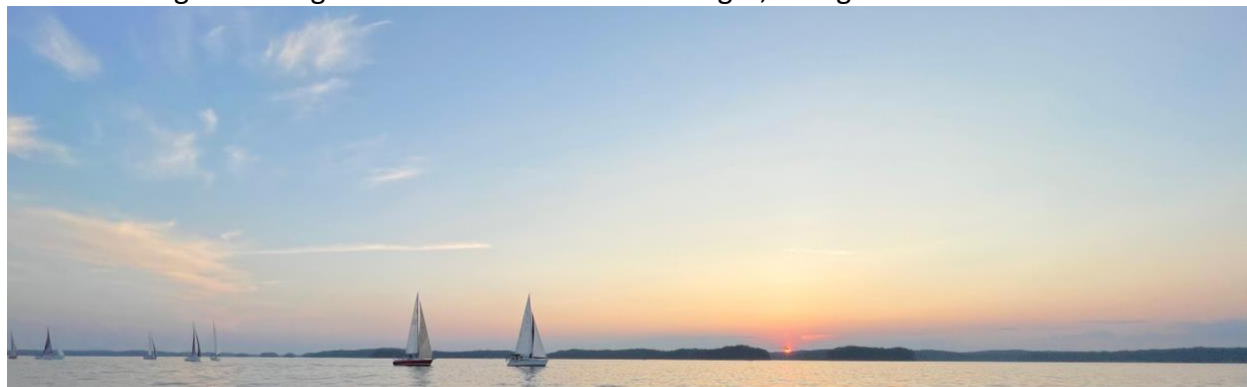


## From the Racing Captains

### Race Report

#### Moonlight Race #1: June 1

Someone forgot to bring the wind. It was a beautiful night, though. Great sunset!





### **Around Alone Regatta: June 4**

We had 22 boats registered for the race—a fantastic turn-out! The forecasted wind was promising. We were looking forward to a fun and exciting race, but just as the race was getting underway, the initial 10-15 knot winds started to fade along with the early morning sunshine. As the winds gradually slowed a light rain began falling and what had been an adrenaline flowing start soon turned into a wet, light air challenge. As the lead boats rounded the halfway mark at the dam, the struggle to find any wind began. Then as the late starters and slower boats approached the dam, wind was all but non-existent. The racers waited, bobbing around like rubber ducks in a bathtub, hoping for enough breeze to get them back to the start/finish line. Unfortunately, no such breeze appeared and one racer after another cranked up the iron jenny and motored back to their home ports. Only two of the 22 registered captains were able to finish the race.

A special congratulations to Davis MacLeod on winning the Barefoot 2023 Around Alone Race. He combined patience and skill to get his Melges 24 across the finish line on a day when the wind gods abandoned us. A second congratulations goes out to Bo Scott who came in second on his Catalina 22. Awards were given to the two intrepid winning sailors at the dirt-up after the race while the rest of us commiserated while enjoying some food and sodas.



### **Spring Series #5**

The Barefoot Spring Series race 5 took place on June 17<sup>th</sup> and was a big success. We had a perfectly run flat start with Dan providing professional race management on Favored End. After the race, Laura cooked up some fine burgers and hotdogs for the dirt-up. The race itself was short and sweet with decent winds that kept us moving at a good clip. We had 6 boats competing and can handle a lot more—so come out and take advantage of all that our racing program has to offer.

There's lots of good racing ahead! Here's a listing of upcoming BFSC events, plus notices for open events hosted by other clubs. [See the calendar on the first page for registration links.](#) Please contact Fred, Chico, or Kerry if you have questions about any of these events.



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## Upcoming

### **LARC Moonlight Race #2: July 1**

Barefoot is hosting the LARC moonlight races this year as part of the larger [LARC series](#). This is a series of 4 evening races that start at 8 p.m., using a pursuit start, and they are a lovely excuse for getting out and racing on a moonlit night. The skipper's meetings are at Aqualand X-dock at 6 p.m., but there are alternate means of getting course information if you are not able to attend. Here is the [Notice of Race](#) for the LARC series—scroll down to the section for the moonlight races for more information.

The additional dates are July 29, and August 26.

### **Barefoot Spring Series #4 (re-scheduled): June 25**

The next race in this series is on June 25. The skipper's meeting is at 11 a.m. in the Pig Tales parking lot at Aqualand.

Mark your calendars for the final Spring Series race, #6, on July 15. Happy Sailing! Please note we still need volunteers for Race Committee and Favored-End. [Sign up here](#).

**Fred Kempner & Chico Wojna—Racing Captains**

## From the Cruise Captain

### Cruise Report

#### **First Saturday**

Thanks to Lee Cook for managing the June 3<sup>rd</sup> First Saturday Cruise, which was also the last on-the-water training session for our Learn to Sail program—so ably coordinated, organized and directed by Tom Graham. We had 4 boats—2 with skipper and 1 student, and 2 with skipper and 4 or 5 students or cruisers:

- Bruce with his trimaran *Dragonfly* and student crew Gail Rodriguez
- Jeff with *Shameless* and student crew Maggie
- Rory with his boat *Dream* and an experienced captain as trainer (Bruce W.?), David, Nancy Spraker, Kevin, and John
- Tom O'Shay on *It's Here*, with me and 4 others, but only 2 actual students, Marilyn (with husband Bill, an experienced sailor) and Nancy Du, a newbie; and Evelyn Rosier and her friend were essentially just cruisin'. Unfortunately, Nancy got seasick pretty early on, so didn't enjoy it much, altho afterward she said she really wanted to come back and sail with us more (better breakfast next time).



## **BVIs**

Several members and two charter boats (Captain Dave Steadman and his crew on a larger catamaran, my crew and I on a 44' monohull) had a great time sailing in the BVIs. Weather and winds were perfect.

## **Upcoming**

### **First Saturday Cruise: July 1**

We will meet at 11 a.m. at Sunrise Cove Marina deck, then go for a cruise and meet up in a cove around 2:00 p.m. for a raft-up, swim, and late lunch. Bring or wear bathing suits, a change of clothes, and food and drinks. Sign up as crew (we can find a boat for you!) or skipper at: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/upcoming-cruises>. Cruises are also open to non-members interested in sailing and learning more about our club. Feel free to invite friends you know who might be interested and let us know in the sign-up how many guests you have.

### **Advance Planning**

I'm hoping to create a survey to see who might be interested in a charter in May or late summer in 2024 and see what destinations people may desire of these choices for 7 or 10 days.

1. Chesapeake
2. BVI
3. US VI
4. Spanish VI
5. Belize
6. NW - San Juan Islands

Also, if we could get 5 or 6 or more couples or cabins interested would Barefoot sailors be interested in chartering a captained and crewed schooner or classic large sailboat in Maine or the Caribbean?

### **Norman Plotkin—Cruise Captain**

## **From the Social Chair**

### **Event Report**

The training classes offered by the club and organized by Tom Graham were well attended and we organized three dirt-ups for after the "on the water" days. Thanks to Alease Perry, Nancy Spraker, Tom Graham and Marilyn and Bill Anchors for taking turns with the events and making the food and fun happen! The June 3 "on the water" day was combined with the First Saturday Cruise and had a good turnout—see Norman's Cruise report for details.



## Upcoming Events

June 24: **Lobster Boil**—Holiday Marina, **Coordinator: Laura Clarke**

- Strap on your Lobster Bibs and roll up your sleeves, WE WILL RETURN to serving a LIVE MAINE LOBSTER for this event!!! Featuring Low Country Boil with potatoes, corn, shrimp and sausage plus your very own 1.5 lb. Maine Lobster! (There are also veggie and chicken options)
- Beer, wine and snacks will start at 5:00 and dinner will be served around 6:30.
- There will be corn-hole, croquet, music and other activities... bring your dancing shoes!
- The event will be held at the Holiday Marina Pavillion (thanks to Fred Kempner) and Police Oversight thru Hall County has been arranged, per requirement of the marina
- We will have volunteer access to the pavilion beginning at 1:00 PM and there are various sign-up opportunities for the event on the website.
- There is a prep-day at Laura's house the day before, on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

July 16: **Pirate's Treasure**—**Coordinators: Jacqueline & David Steadman**

This is a great family event. Jacqueline and David will be building on the tradition started by John and Nancy Martin, and would be very interested in knowing who plans to bring children and grandchildren (and approximate ages) to help in their planning.

August 12: **Steak Out**—**Coordinators: Mary Ellen & Bill Gray, Lee Cook**

Oct 13-15: **Barefoot Open Regatta**—**Coordinators: Lisa Schoer & Gail Rodriguez**

## Dirt-Ups

Dirt-ups are being coordinated after upcoming BFSC races as follows:

BFSC Spring #4 (rescheduled)	25-Jun	(open)
BFSC Spring #6	15-Jul	Cyndi Stirne
	5-Aug	Elizabeth Harding
	19-Aug	Rory & Mary Robichaux

Coordinator slots are open for races on Sept. 10, Oct. 1, and Oct. 15.

**Laura Clarke—Social Chair**



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## Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Highlights as of June 13th:

- We have \$6,644 in our checking account, up \$595 since last month.
- We gained \$430 in registrations from the 18 Around Alone racers, which was a big step up from the 11 racers we had in 2022. Hopefully next year we can have that same level of participation plus much better winds!
- We're in the process of updating the permanent trophies for the Joan Holcomb Memorial Women Skippers Regatta. After those engraving costs are covered, we will 50/50 share the remaining event proceeds with LLSC.
- We made a net income of \$56 from merchandise purchased thru our online store and shipped directly. While I am always happy to deliver merchandise in person, I'm also glad we've added the option to ship your items as soon as you buy them!

### Upcoming:

- I'm expecting the June 24th Lobster Boil to be a small financial positive for the club, provided we have enough participation to cover the \$400 security fee on top of our food & set-up costs. We must pay at least \$400 per event for Hall County security any time alcohol is present at any of Lanier's marina venues, regardless of whether that alcohol is club-provided or BYOB. This relatively recent requirement has become a major wrinkle in our event planning.
- Our next significant administrative expense is \$324 due July 25th to WIX for our webpage functionality.

**David Steadman—Purser**

## Membership Update

### New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- **Dona Cardenas**—referred by Karen Christy, Dona has raced on several keelboats including Caribbean Soul, Avalon, and Wind Spinner. She is looking forward to more sailing and is interested in finding someone who has a boat they are not using much and is open to sharing expenses in exchange for boat use.
- **Randy Cadenhead & Debbie Segal**—Randy has sailed, cruised, and raced for over 50 years. He's an LLSC member who also enjoys participating in BFSC events. He has a Cape Dory 27 at LLSC.

**Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain**





## Intro to Sailing Class

Tom Graham and a cast of thousands did a great job on this class, with both classroom and on-the-water sessions. Congratulations to the students (I wasn't able to get a complete list of the participants, so will include that next time). Here is a list of people who were identified as skippers/helpers/etc.: Bruce Barton, Chico Wojna, Chris Webster, Dave Wright, Jeff Elam, Jim Chambers, Lee Cook, Norm Plotkin, Rory Robichaux, Sasha Zivojinovic, Tedd Meinersmann, Tom Graham, Tom O'Shea. Thanks to you all!

I am sure there were some dirt-up helpers whose names I don't have; if I missed anyone, please let me know and we'll add you into the next newsletter.

## July 23 Member Social and Meeting 🎵

Mark your calendar for the member social and meeting in July when your Yeoman, Linda Hoopes, will be the guest presenter. Guests welcome!

*What is a Wellerman anyway?*

*An introduction to sea songs and chanteys, with a little bit of singing along.*

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