



Barefoot News

December 2023

Upcoming Events

Please RSVP for events using the links here, or at barefootsailingclub.org.

| Date | Time | Event/Registration Link | Presenter/Host | Location |
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| Jan 1 | 11 a.m. | Poker Run | BFSC | Aqualand |
| Jan 1 | 3 p.m. | Chili Cookoff | Laura Clarke | Branch House |
| Jan 6 | 11 a.m. | First Saturday Cruise | Bill Bond | Sunrise Cove |
| | 11 a.m. | LARC Winter Series #1 | LARC | UYC |
| Jan 13 | 11 a.m.. | BFSC Spring Series #1 | Chico Wojna | Aqualand |
| Jan 28 | 11 a.m. | LARC Winter Series #2 | LARC | UYC |
| | 6 p.m. | Member Social and Meeting | Christopher Harding | Brimstone |

From the Commodore

Happy Holidays to all of you Barefooters! I hope you are enjoying this holiday season and are looking forward to bringing in the New Year with lots of sailing dreams.

Thanks to all who voted for me as your 2024 Commodore. I am looking forward to continuing my service to Barefoot. My number one goal for 2024 is to increase membership participation at ALL of our events. Please contact me at BFSCCOMMODORE@gmail.com if you have questions, comments, concerns, or ideas for making improvements to our club. It only gets better if you participate!

The 2024 Board is looking forward to serving you this coming year. We hope you are making plans to do a lot with Barefoot throughout this year. The 2024 calendar is on the Barefoot website. We will have the usual events: races, Saturday cruises, membership meetings, steak out, lobster boil, and the **50th Barefoot Open**, plus impromptu happenings as well!

In the Social Captain's report, Laura Clarke will tell you about the **January 1st Chili Cook Off**. This is one of the most fun events we do each year. Make plans now to cook a pot of your best chili and compete for the prize.

January 1st will also feature our annual **Dean Holcomb Poker Run**. This is another don't-miss event! There is nothing like getting up early after New Year's Eve, arriving at Aqualand at 11:00, getting the first card for your poker hand, and then heading out to the water and collecting 4 more cards. And then coming to the cookoff to see if you got the winning hand and share stories and laughter.

At the **January social and meeting**, Chris Harding will be sharing information about the upcoming **Lake Lanier Sailfest**. Barefoot will be participating in this event but we will need your help. And the socials are always more fun when a lot of our members are present.

Again, I wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and a very happy new year!

Lisa Schoer, BFSC Commodore



Cruising

The January First Saturday cruise is on the 6th. Let's bring in the New Year with a sunny day cruise; if the weather says otherwise we will have a social at a nearby restaurant. Either way, a day to enjoy. We will meet at 11 a.m. at Sunrise Cove Marina Clubhouse Deck. See you there. [Please RSVP on our club 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

Skippers... be ready for a full 2024 Racing Season! We want to encourage all skippers to come out and sail/race. The camaraderie built during the races and the season are all worth it, on top of learning, getting some fresh air, clocking sailing time and don't forget... winning.

- The BFSC Spring Series starts EARLY this year and continues through May. Here are the scheduled dates:
Jan. 13 / Feb. 10 / Mar. 3 / Apr. 20 / May 5 / May 25
- The LARC series, jointly hosted by BFSC, LLSC, and UYC, begins with a set of winter races run by UYC starting on Jan. 6. The full list of dates is on the Barefoot web site.

2023 Racing Report

The 2023 racing season ended successfully and below you will find synopsis of the races for 2023. We want to congratulate all skippers who came out for the races and participated.

2023 Spring Series...

The Spring series proved to be pretty tough with lack of wind or storms, but luckily, we were able to complete 5 races—Woohoo!

For the cruiser class Pete Winham with Southern Cross won the 1st place accomplishing finishing #1 in every race attended...Wow! In second place finished Tom Swendiman with Windwalker and in third place finished David Bloome with Full Deck.

For the racer fleet Bruce Barton with Magic Fly won 1st place followed by Dan Drechsel with Hope in 2nd place and Jeff Elam with Shameless in 3rd place.

I want to make an honorary mention to Tim Wilson who just started to race and finished #1 in his first race.

2023 Fall Series Races...

Congratulations to David Bloome with Full Deck Hunter 320 for winning the Fall Series Races, and the only skipper who completed all the races! Well done! In second place was Jon Wittlin with WitchBurner Hunter 335; third place went to Pete Winham with Southern Cross Morgan 45. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!



Barefoot Open Regatta...

For the 2023 Barefoot Open Regatta we had 19 sailboats registered and 18 sailboats with their skippers and crews showed up promptly at 10AM for the grand start. Winds were perfect 10+ knot gusts and all seemed to be having lots of fun. Winds were slowly increasing during the afternoon up to 20+ knots of gust. We witnessed boats cutting thru water gracefully like we have not seen for some time. Some boats unfortunately took a hit with the high winds causing them to retire early from the race. Favored End had engine problems causing FE to retire for the rest of the race. Come Sunday 11 brave skippers returned for the 2nd day. All 11 skippers and crew were tired but with big smiles on their faces ended the regatta on Sunday. It was an adventure and a fun race.

We want to thank all Barefoot skippers, all crew, RC committee, volunteers and power boats that made the 49th Barefoot open regatta one of the greatest. Special thanks to University Yacht Club who hosted the event in their beautiful Sailing Club and to all our sponsors.

Lanier Cup...

The Lanier Cup, hosted by UYC, was successful and challenging, flipping from strong winds to nearly a breeze at the end. Jeff Elam in the Santana 20 took third place and barefoot as a club ended in second place. Lake Lanier Sailing Club won the cup in first place.

2023 Dorton Cup...

Thanks to all racers and congratulations to Tim Wilson in Nommi Trimaran S/V for Winning the 2023 Dorton Cup with a large margin. There was no rain and it was a nice day for a lovely race. Winds were awesome at the race start, winding down in the later part of the day.

2023 Around Alone...

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.

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. Only two of the 22 registered captains were able to finish the race. 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.

BFSC 2023 Skipper of the year...

Congratulations to Peter Winham for being selected the skipper of the year for Barefoot Sailing Cup. The skipper of the year is based on the number of races won and participation. There were two other very close contenders, David Bloome and Tim Wilson. Skippers, let's keep racing to see who will win Skipper of the year for 2024!

Chico Wojna—Racing Captain



Membership

We are in the renewal season! Please see the Purser's announcement for information on renewing your membership.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Social

Poker Run and Chili Cook-Off

On Jan 1, we host this double-header event to kick the year off in style. [See the full-page announcement later in this newsletter.](#) Invite your friends!

Member Social and Meeting

Our monthly fourth-Sunday meetings resume in January at our usual location, Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern in Alpharetta. Come at 6 for dinner, with the program starting around 7. This month Christopher Harding will update us on the Sailfest event and share volunteer opportunities. Guests are welcome!

Event Report: Holiday Awards Party and Transition of Officers

We had a lovely event at Brimstone on Dec. 3rd. See pictures on the next page. Congratulations to the 2022-23 award winners! The engraved perpetual trophies that accompany these should be ready for presentation at the January meeting.

Anne D. Kraft Crew of the Year: Linda Hoopes

For the member who, in a position other than skipper has contributed to the "success" of the boat/team.

Cruiser of the Year: David and Jacqueline Steadman

For the member who embraces, or, by example, personifies non-competitive sailing (cruising) activities.

Skipper of the Year: Pete Winham

For the member who is skilled at the helm, demonstrates sportsmanship on the water, and promotes racing for the betterment of the sport and club participation.

Spark Plug Award: Laura Clarke

For the member who has contributed to the success of the club this year by providing a special "spark" that was otherwise missing.

Polywog: Maggie Moncrief

For the new sailor and/or member whose excitement and enthusiasm for sailing and the sailing community embodies the spirit of the Barefoot Sailing Club.

Commodore Lisa Schoer welcomed new officers Bill Bond (Cruising Captain) and Bill Anchors (Vice Commodore) along with the returning board members, and thanked outgoing board members Norman Plotkin (Cruising Fleet Captain) and Fred Kempner (Racing Fleet Captain) for their service to the club.





**Celebrate the New Year
on the water
with us, then warm up
with a hot bowl of chili !**

**New Year's Day Poker Run
and Chili Cookoff!
January 1, 2024**

Tie on your apron and cook your best chili recipe, then don your winter sailing gear and get out on the water with us on New Year's Day for a great start to 2024. Who will have the best poker hand??? Who makes the best chili??? Who will have the best liquid brews??? Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chili recipes. Let's get out there and start the New Year with a fun day on the water and a great homecooked meal with friends.

Details:

- **Meet at the Aqualand Marine Store Parking Lot** at 11 for the Poker Run Skipper's Meeting and to pick up your first card and instructions for the Poker Run. Skippers without full boats will have an opportunity to pick up crew and guests.
- While you are at Aqualand, **drop off your favorite chili** to enter in the Chili Cookoff contest. We will have volunteers take these to the cookoff location at Branch House Restaurant and warm them up for the afternoon taste testing.
- **Sail around the lake** on a prescribed course and pick up the Poker cards as you go.
- **Sailing or not sailing**, you can warm up with us at **Branch House Tavern** around 2:30-3:00 to sample the chili and cast your vote for the best entry in the Chili Cookoff.
- **Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chili recipes.**
- **Awards for the best poker hand.**



Laura Clarke—Social Chair



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 venmo.com/u/BarefootSailing 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 bfscpurser@gmail.com, with a "2024 Renewal" comment.
- Or you can renew via credit card or PayPal through the **Join or Renew** section of our webpage at barefootsailingclub.org/join-renew.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The club remains in good financial shape. At our 12/13 financial snapshot:

- We had \$5,521 available in our checking account, down \$1,629 since last month.
- That is after I transferred \$587 to the Favored End Repair/Replace Fund (ie, 10% of 2023 Membership Dues, the funding process outlined in our club bylaws).
- We had \$12,366 available in the Favored End Repair/Replace Savings Account.
- We received \$1,050 in income from 14 membership renewals for 2024 (we have received at least 3 more since then).
- We paid annual dues for our PO Box (\$210), US Sailing Membership (\$250) and LARC (\$775); those were the last of our 2023 administrative expenses.

Upcoming expenses:

- Our club's annual insurance premium is due in March 2024; the 2023 premium was \$2,334

David Steadman—Purser

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Contribute to the Newsletter!



In 2024 we will be introducing some new features to the BFSC 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.