



# Barefoot News

March 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
March 26	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Member Social and Meeting</a>	Byron Tobin	Brimstone
March 31- April 2	See Event Page	<a href="#">Dogwood Regatta</a> <a href="#">Link to NOR</a>	LLSC	LLSC
April 1	11 a.m.	<a href="#">First Saturday Cruise</a>	Norman Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
April 8	11 a.m.	<a href="#">Spring Race Series #2</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Signup</a>	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand
April 22	See Event Page	<a href="#">Joan Holcomb Women</a> <a href="#">Skippers Regatta</a>	BFSC/LLSC	LLSC

## From the Commodore

Hola, Barefooters!

One of my responsibilities as Commodore is "Cheerleader in Chief". There have been lots of new and fun activities so far this year, and we have more to come! I want to give a special shout out to everyone who has volunteered and contributed to the success of all these events. We could not have done it without all of you. Thank you!

Another of my roles is "Recruiter in Chief". As many of you already know, I enjoy asking people to get more involved in the club, to make it even better. One of our new members, Maggie Moncrief, has jumped right in by putting together the racing committee and dirt-up schedule, referenced in the "Racing" section, below. Thank you, Maggie! I ask and encourage you to sign up on the webpage or contact a board member to help with an event or two. You, and the club, will be better for it.

Finally, I want to wish our Vice Commodore, Lisa Schoer, her husband Jack, and two other BF members, Bill and Mary Ellen Grey, a fun and uneventful trip in the Caribbean this spring. We look forward to periodic updates and pictures of their blue water sailing.

Hoping the weather turns warm soon! See you on the lake!

Peace and warm winds,  
*Kerry*

**Kerry McGrath—BFSC Commodore**  
S/V Bella



## BFSC Vice Commodore News

Greetings from Florida! Jack and I, along with Maryellen and Bill Gray, are still trying to get to the Abacos! Unfortunately, the weather has not been too cooperative and we (Jack and I) did have to make a trip back home for a week to meet our newest addition to our family, our grandson Ellis. We are waiting for this next front to pass so we can continue our journey down Florida with hopes to cross sometime after the 23rd or so!

Meanwhile, the BFSC sailing season is off and running! Thanks to all who participated and helped with an amazing Blessing of the Fleet and first BFSC spring race! From all reports, the flat starts went off without any issues. Hopefully more of our skippers with boats will give racing a try.

As mentioned before, our Barefoot Open will be held this year at the University Yacht Club (UYC). We are looking forward to making this a great event. Gail Rodriquez and I are co-captains for this year. Gail will be sending information out soon to all members about getting sponsors, silent auction items, and other critical components. What we will need besides all of that will be racers.

How can you help with getting racers? First of all, plan to race. Secondly, BFSC members need to participate in other club events so they see that we are supporting them and they in turn will support us. LLSC will be hosting their annual Dogwood Regatta. Below is the information to register for that event. If you do the \$195 fee that will also get you signed up for the Wednesday night series. \$125 is for the Dogwood regatta only.

Let's see how many Barefooters will be supportive! Here's the Dogwood information:

### **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Dogwood Regatta**

**March 31-April 2, 2023**

The daffodils have teased us about the coming of spring, the azaleas are starting to burst with color, and soon it will be time for the dogwood trees to spread the message that the Wednesday night races and the Dogwood Regatta are right around the corner. Registration is open for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Dogwood regatta and the 2023 Wednesday night series sponsored by LLSC Keelboat fleet.

Here are the links for registration and the NOR/SI.

Registration <https://www.llsckeelboat.com/registration.html>

NOR/SI <https://www.llsckeelboat.com/notice-board.html>

Have a great rest of the month!

**Lisa Schoer—Vice Commodore**

S/V Shore 'Nuff



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## From the Cruise Captain

### First Saturday Cruise: April 1

April 1st is our "April Fools" cruise. A dirt up is planned after the cruise, location and time to be announced at the skipper's meeting. Skippers and crew, please go to our Barefoot website to sign up. Here's the [link to register](#). Non-member guests are welcome. Skipper and Crew meeting at 11 a.m. on the deck of the Sunrise Clubhouse on Saturday, April 1st.

### Cruise Report: March Madness

We enjoyed a successful March Madness Cruise. The weather warmed and the sun came out for a gentle sail. We all met up afterwards at Branch House for "dirt-up."

Norman Plotkin—Cruise Captain

## From the Racing Captain

### Spring Series #2: April 8

[Here's the link to register to race.](#)

Our Spring Series races are using [flat starts](#) this year with the intention of attracting a higher number of participants. To use flat starts during our Spring Series races, we need a Race Captain, a driver of Favored End, and three crew members for each race. **Every skipper (and crew) is STRONGLY encouraged to participate in the RC once during the series.** Racing crew and non-racers are welcome to be on RC, too. Scoring for the race in which a boat does not participate because of RC duties will be calculated by averaging the boat's score for all the other races (except the lowest score, which we will continue to drop).

We also need a volunteer dirt-up coordinator for each race. This DOES NOT prevent you from racing that day, as the dirt-up coordination will occur before and after the race. [PLEASE sign up for both RC and Dirt-up coordinator here.](#) (Thanks to Maggie Moncrief for setting up this page!) Please contact Fred, Chico or Kerry if you have any questions.

### Joan Holcomb Memorial Women Skippers Regatta

**(co-sponsored with LLSC): April 22**

This regatta is held in memory of Joan Holcomb, Commodore of BFSC 1994 and LLSC 2002. For the races, a woman must helm the boat. A woman must also make the strategic and tactical decisions for the race. The remainder of the crew can be made up of women and men. Join the fun and honor a wonderful sailor and friend.

There will be an awards/food/social event at the LLSC Clubhouse following the racing. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each category.

Registration is expected to open by end of March [on this page.](#)

Crew finder and social/awards volunteer links are [on this page.](#)



## Race Results: Spring Series #1

Full results [are available here](#).

### PCRF Competitors

Skipper	Club	Sail	Boat	Make/Model	PHRF	Score
Pete Winham	BFSC	1011	Southern Cross	Morgan 45	90	1
Spencer Gay	BFSC	751	Revelry	Hunter 34	147	2
David Bloome	BFSC	160	Full Deck	Hunter 320	180	3
Mark Samuels	BFSC	144	Alexia	Endeavour 35	156	4
David Westfall	LLSC	15526	Murphy	Catalina 22	279	5

### PHRF Competitors

Skipper	Club	Sail	Boat	Make/Model	PHRF	Score
Bruce Barton	BFSC	14	Magic Fly	Dragonfly 800	60	1
Jeff Elam	BFSC	531	Shameless	Santana 20	222	2
Dan Drechsel	BFSC	42	Hope	Colgate 26	163	3

**Fred Kempner—Racing Captain**

## From the Social Chair

### Upcoming Social Events

Stay tuned for more information on these events. We need coordinators for some of them—please contact Laura Clarke if you are interested.

April 22: Joan Holcomb Memorial Women Skipper Regatta—**Coordinator Open**

May 6: Brunch on the Lake—raft-up and breakfast/brunch sharing—**Coordinator Open**

June 24: Lobster Boil—Details TBA—**Coordinator Open**

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

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

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



## Event Report: Blessing of the Fleet

It was a gorgeous day on Saturday the 11th for our Blessing of the Fleet and first Spring Series Race! We started the day with an early breakfast at Curt's restaurant. If you haven't had breakfast at Curt's, you are missing out! I had generous helpings of cheese grits and eggs with 4 slices of bacon and OJ for \$9!

Next, I popped over to "V" dock at Aqualand to get "Favored End" ready for the big day. She was decorated with signal flags and a special wreath to be dedicated to our lost sailors. I left coolers and Dirt-up gear at the dock, then headed to the skipper's meeting at the Pig Tales parking lot. We had instructions from Todd Meinersmann leading the Race Committee, then left for the Blessing of the Fleet and the Spring #1 race.



Sheri and Hugh Smith joined us as officiants, with Sheri doing the blessings and her husband Hugh manning the super-soaker. Many thanks to them for making the day memorable! Also along on Favored End were Scott and Angela Williams who kindly volunteered photography and videography for the event. Look for their pictures of your boat on the Barefoot site! Many thanks to Scott and Angela for the photos! A special thanks to Gordon (Buzz) Barton and his wife who took

out their pontoon boat and helped ferry the officiants, photographers, and RC crew back and forth to "X" mark, so that we would not have too many folks onboard "Favored End" at once.



Also, thanks to the RC members, including Tedd Meinersmann who ran the race, and Jack Schoer, who made a special appearance to skipper "Favored End" for the day. Last but not least, thanks to all the Barefoot sailors who participated! It was so much fun!

After the race, we had a Dirt-up at the end of Aqualand's "V" dock, where "Favored End" is docked. There were about 16-18 participants. We all had chili dogs, slaw, potato salad, grapes, sodas and BYOB.

Thanks to Rory and Mary Robichaux, who brought some brownies and lemon bars for dessert. Mary, we want your lemon bar recipe to post to the site!

**Laura Clarke—Social Chair**



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## Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Highlights since Feb 13th :

- We have \$3,989 in our checking account, down \$1,171 from \$5,160.
- Gained \$1,199 in membership dues (15 renewals + 2 new members), \$180 from merchandise sold (mostly burgees), and \$100 from Feb meeting raffle.
- Spent \$2,334 on insurance, \$270 on Blessing of the Fleet + 1st Race Dirt-Up

Here are some highlights from the 2023 budget:

- This year we are investing significantly in our club racing series
  - Over \$300 for ribbons (enough for multiple years)
  - \$500 for Dirt-up supplies (we will need a “contribution jar” to hit that budget)
- As usual, membership dues do not cover all our club expenses so special events need to cover that difference.
- Membership target only needs 4 more renewals + 2 more new members.
- Targets for most special events are conservative (i.e., lower than 2022 actuals)
- \$1,000 target for the BFO is higher than last year because I am quite optimistic about the upcoming BFO.

**David Steadman—Purser**

## Membership Update

### New Members

Please welcome our new members/families:

- **Cyndi Stirne**—*Cyndi has been active in sailing on the lake for a number of years, crewing on several different boats, enjoying social camaraderie, and volunteering to help with events. She is joining BFSC because of her passion to learn to sail and be part of a community with that same passion.*
- **Maggie Moncrief**—*Maggie’s aunt and uncle had a sailboat on Lake Lanier when she was growing up and she loved being on the boat with them. She is looking forward to learning to sail and helping crew for races and regattas. “I think being a part of the sailing community would be a lot of fun.”*

### Name Tags

Please contact Membership Captain Jacqueline Steadman if you would like to purchase a BFSC nametag.



### **Renewal Drive**

Our membership renewal drive is coming to a close. If you have already renewed for 2023, thank you! If not (or if you would like to encourage any of your fellow sailors to join), here's how:

- The easiest way to join or renew is through the *Join or Renew* section of our webpage: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/join-renew>
- You can also renew via Venmo. Please use the link below to send \$75 to @BarefootSailing, with a comment "2023 Renewal": <https://www.venmo.com/u/BarefootSailing>
- If you'd prefer to mail us a check, please send a \$75 check made out to the "Barefoot Sailing Club" to:  
David Steadman, Purser/ Barefoot Sailing Club, 4074 Carlisle Pl, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

**Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain**

### **Mentorship Update**

Our mentor program is up and running! If you are interested in joining as a mentor or mentee, please [sign up here](#).

**Jack Schoer—Mentorship Chair**

### **General Announcements**

#### **Race Committee Resources**

Chris Webster put together a nice set of resources about the roles and responsibilities of Race Committee for the training last month. They are now on the BFSC Web Site as a permanent resource. Here's the link: [Race Committee Resources](#)

#### **Instagram Account**

Angela Williams is working on setting up a new Instagram account for the club to share event pictures. There are two previous accounts that have been set up, but we no longer have access to those and have no records of who set them up. If you have any information that might be helpful in reclaiming either of those accounts, please contact [BFSCYeoman@gmail.com](mailto:BFSCYeoman@gmail.com).



## Barefoot Sailing Club (BFSC) and US Sailing

While BFSC is still a proud organization member of US Sailing, unfortunately, as of 2023, our "Basic" membership level no longer qualifies us for the MVP program. For many years, the MVP program provided our members with discounted US Sailing memberships (\$10 off when joining/renewing). While we still encourage our members to consider a US Sailing membership, we regret no longer being able to extend the discount. For details, see US Sailing's [Organization Member Benefits](#) and [Membership](#) pages.

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