



Barefoot News

January 2024

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Jan 28	11 a.m. 6 p.m.	LARC Winter Series #2 Member Social and Meeting	LARC Christopher Harding	UYC Brimstone
Feb 3	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Hot Ruddered Bum Regatta First Saturday Cruise	UYC Bill Bond	UYC Sunrise Cove
Feb 10	11 a.m./TBD	BFSC Spring Series #2	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Feb 24	11 a.m.	LARC Winter Series #3	LARC	UYC
Feb 25	6 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	TBD	Brimstone

IMPORTANT: Poll on Racing Series Time Change

Race Captain Chico Wojna is gathering input on a proposal to shift the start times an hour earlier for the Spring Race Series. [Here is a quick poll to gather input from BFSC racers.](#) Please respond ASAP. We will communicate the results and update the NOR/SI with any changes. Here is the information page for the [Spring Race Series](#).

Member Contributions

As announced last month, this year we are making a push to incorporate member contributions into the newsletter. To kick us off, here's an announcement from former Cruising Captain Norman Plotkin.

Share the Sail Fleet Charter

Latitudes and Attitudes magazine is organizing a Share the Sail fleet charter to the BVIs November 2-9, 2024. It would be cool if BFSC could fill one or two boats. Fleet charters can be loads of fun, meeting other crews from around the country.

We need to have at least 2 or 3 cabins committed and deposits paid by early March to secure at least one 44' or larger catamaran for this fleet cruise. The cost is \$3000 per person double occupancy in each of the 4 cabins. Single occupancy in a double cabin is an additional \$1,500, although a boat with a single crew cabin might be available without the extra cost. Includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a dinner party at the end hosted by Latitudes and Attitudes. Added costs would include dinners out or on board, alcohol and

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NOVEMBER 2-9, 2024

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airfare and travel insurance (it is late hurricane season). Deposits of \$1000 per person are due by early March.

Contact Norman Plotkin (nlplotkin@gmail.com) if you are interested in reserving a cabin so we can coordinate a BFSC boat or two. I need to know within the next few weeks if enough cabins can be secured to guarantee a boat or two for our club. For more information, visit [the Barefoot web site](#).

From the Commodore

Happy January to all of you! I hope each and every one of you had a great holiday season and a Happy New Year with your family and friends. The holiday season is wonderful, but it is always nice to get back to our normal routines. For Barefoot Sailing Club that means looking forward to another great year of sailing and camaraderie.

Our first event of the year was AMAZING! The weather for the poker run was perfect, albeit a little chilly, and the chili cookoff was superb (20 entries and at least 100 folks in attendance). We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. Thanks to everyone who helped with both events. And a huge shout-out to AJ and his crew at the Branch House for hosting the Chili Cookoff. Their expanded event space is terrific, and their service was excellent. I encourage BFSC members to continue to support this sailor-friendly and welcoming venue.

This club is your club—it only gets better when you participate in events on and off the water. Our next get-together is on Sunday, January 28 for our monthly member social and meeting. Our guest speaker will be Chris Harding. He will be discussing the upcoming Sailfest that is scheduled for April 5-7. Barefoot has been asked to have a pretty big presence for this event. I would really appreciate it if you could plan to attend this meeting to see what we will be doing and then make plans to attend the Sailfest. This event will be a perfect way for sailors in our area to show what sailing is all about. Will you make that decision to show up on the 28th?

Dates for other events happening this year will be posted in our newsletter and are on the Barefoot website (barefootsailingclub.org). Please look at that calendar and merge it with yours so you will always know what is happening. And, of course, we would love to have you volunteer for any of the activities.

Again, I want to wish you a great 2024 and I look forward to seeing you on January 28 at Brimstone for our monthly meeting.

Lisa Schoer, BFSC Commodore



Cruising

The February First Saturday cruise is on the 3rd, with the theme of the Polar Express...come dressed as your favorite polar bear! As always, if the weather isn't cooperating, we will gather for a brunch at a nearby restaurant. 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

Upcoming Races

We are continuing our Spring Race Series on Feb. 10 and March 3. Please see the important announcement and poll on Page 1 regarding the possible move of start times.

The LARC Winter series continues on Jan 28 and Feb 24. 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.

Barefoot Sailors are invited to participate in UYC's Hot Ruddered Bum open regatta on February 3, with registration starting at 9 a.m. The NOR and more information are available on the BFSC [Hot Ruddered Bum](#) page. And the after party always has—you guessed it—hot buttered rum!

Event Report: Poker Run



Poker run weather was a little chilly but on the nicer and exciting side with winds average 9 to 17 knots and 45 Degrees F Temperature and semi-cloudy.



The race committee went out early—9 AM—to explore the lake and the weather, and to decide which markers to use. Wind was perfect reach to H-mark—this was a no brainer, but then the question was either to use A mark or B mark. We decided on B since there have already been a few incidents rounding A with low lake levels. Turned out that B mark was perfect sail to H on the day. Many thanks to Bill Anchors with his pontoon boat, Bill Bond and Duane Simms.

Poker Cards were placed on Marks B-X-E-H. With the good wind, we had the expectation that skippers would enjoy the long reach sail to H—and they did!

Skippers could start any time after skippers meeting and pick markers in any order. It was so obvious skippers and crew were having so much fun, we should have placed more cards in additional markers 😊

We started collecting and pulling the socks with cards from markers at 2:40 PM (race committee crew were hungry 😊) and did not noticed there was one last boat remaining and returning from H that had not finished and was pending B card – so we provided the B-Mark card at the cookout. The race committee crew were also picking up some scattered cards that fell in the water in error from boats trying to catch cards – we need to keep the lake clean 😊

All-in-all, it was great sailing and FUN! And we were able to see Chris Koerner new J-80 sailboat flying-by in action!

Chico Wojna—Racing Captain



The poker hand winners:

- First place, with two pair: Bob Jirak
- Second place, with two aces: Jim Chambers
- Third place, with one pair: David Steadman
- Worst hand: Bill Bond





Membership

Another reminder that we are in the renewal season! We've had quite a few renewals since mid-December—if you haven't updated your membership yet, please see the Purser's announcement for information on how to do this. No new members to report, but if you know any non-members who enjoyed the Poker Run and Chili Cookoff, feel free to nudge them.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Social

Event Report: Poker Run and Chili Cook-Off



We started off the year in style! With 20 chili chefs and a room full of hungry sailors, everyone ate well. For a list of chefs and more, [check out the web site](#). The winners:

1st Place - Bill Anchors (Brunswick Stew)

2nd Place - Karl Soetebier

3rd Place - Karen Christy

Stay tuned for the award-winning chili recipes in next month's newsletter.

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!

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.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

The club remains in good financial shape:

As of Jan 6th we had \$6,478 available in our checking account, up \$869 since last month.

- We have \$12,953 available in the Favored End Repair/Replace Savings Account.
- Over the past month we received \$1,125 in income from membership renewals, most via the direct methods (Venmo, Zelle, or personal check) that save our club ~3% card processing fees.
- The Poker Run + Chili Cookoff was a \$153 net expense, as expected. The Purser views this beloved annual tradition as an excellent way to kick off the new year and to re-introduce BFSC to the entire Lake Lanier sailing community rather than a fund-raising event.

We have two upcoming administrative expenses:

- Chubb Insurance due in March 2024; the 2023 premium was \$2,334.
- Georgia Corporate registration due before Apr 1; like last year the fee is \$30.

We're also putting together the budgets for the 2024 season. We're happy with the increased investments we made in the Club Racing program last year, so we're planning to continue that plus budget additional funds for the Cruising program this year.

David Steadman—Purser



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Contribute to the Newsletter!



In 2024 we are 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.