



Barefoot News

February 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Feb 26	6:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Mike Kaplan	Brimstone
March 4	8:30 a.m.	Race Committee Training	Chris Webster	Aqualand
March 4	11:00 a.m.	March Madness Cruise	Norm Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
March 5	1:00 p.m.	Racing Rules Tune Up	Edith Collins	UYC
March 11	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Laura Clarke	Curt's
	TBA	Spring Race Series Kickoff	Fred Kempner	Aqualand
	12:00 noon	Blessing of the Fleet	Laura Clarke	X-Mark
	4:30ish p.m.	Post-race Dirtup	Laura Clarke	
March 26	6:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Bradford Rogers	Brimstone

A Note on RSVPs

Our wonderful Web Wizard, Erin Schroder, has set up a great system to manage event registration, and we encourage you to use it to RSVP for events you're planning to attend. RSVPs help us know how many people to expect at an event so we can prepare materials, arrange seating, etc. We don't want to keep you from deciding to come at the last minute if your schedule opens up—just take a moment to let the organizer know.

Because some events have limited capacity, it's also important to let us know if you have changed your plans and will not be able to attend. **This is especially important for Edith's upcoming Spring Rules Tune Up training session.** The participant limit is 30 and within the first 24 hours, we had over half the class filled (17). Names over 30 will go on a waitlist, so if you sign up and are not able to come, please let us know ASAP. Because there may be a waitlist, we ask that you cancel so someone else may have your slot. We're working on an online way to cancel, but until that's up and running, please email Erin: bfscweb@gmail.com and let her know.



From the Commodore

Hi, Barefoot Sailors!

All is well. First, thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. We appreciate your support. Second, thanks and welcome to our new members. We appreciate your confidence that this will be a fun and interesting year for Barefoot. I can assure you it will be! Third, if you have not renewed your membership yet, please continue reading. You'll see that we have lots of activities planned for 2023, which you will not want to miss.

"How can I help this amazing club?", I know you are asking. As always, I have the answer. 😊
The following tasks need to be done to help our club sail forward:

- take minutes at Board meetings
- organize the raffle for monthly membership meetings
- recruit one volunteer per race to "host" dirt-ups after BFSC races
- manage the fun, social part of one month's 1st Saturday Cruise
- be responsible for trophies, ribbons, and certificates
- oversee elections of officers in October

Let me or any member of the Board know how your skills and time allow you to **help out your fellow sailors** by taking on one of these tasks. GRACIAS!

I represented Barefoot at America's Boating Club Atlanta's "Changing of the Watch" luncheon in early February. I met some wonderful people, dedicated to teaching boaters how to keep Lake Lanier a safe place to play. Special thanks to Ken and Donna Odem, Commodore and Secretary of ABCA, who kindly invited us to be a guest in this excellent event.

Earlier this year I proposed amending the by-laws to add two new positions to the Board. After careful review and discussion, I am retracting this proposal.

On a personal note, I'm selling my Pearson 26, *Bella*. We have been great friends for almost 25 years. Tiller, outboard, great for beginners. It is a gentle project boat. Next time you see me, I'll tell you how I acquired it. It's a good story.

I look forward to seeing you at a Barefoot event soon. If we have not met, PLEASE introduce yourself. It would be great to get to know you.

Wishing us all warm, peaceful winds,

Kerry McGrath—BFSC Commodore



BFSC Vice Commodore News

The training events for BFSC are coming on strong this year. On March 4, there is a race committee training session planned by Chris Webster. It begins at 8:30 at Aqualand. Please rsvp at: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/event-details/race-committee-rc-training>

The following day, Edith Collins will be providing a racing rules tune up session at UYC. You can read all about it and sign up at: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/event-details/spring-rules-tune-up>. Edith is a national rules judge, so you know she knows what she is talking about.

Tom Graham and his crew of veteran sailors is working on the latest edition of BFSC's sailing class. As soon as he has those dates secured, we will pass that information on to you.

Plans for the 49th Barefoot Open are already underway. Gail Rodriguez and I are heading up that committee. We will be having all of the functions this year at UYC so you know it is going to be amazing. We'll send out more information in March. In the meantime, you are welcome to see if you can recruit some sponsors for the event!

As a side note, we really would like for our racers to support the other clubs (UYC & LLSC) when they host a regatta. If we support them, then they will supply us when we have the BFO. LLSC will be having the Dogwood and the Reggae this spring.

The mentoring program is up and running again this year as well. If you need a mentor or would like to be a mentor, please go to thinking and sign up. You will be paired with someone to support your needs. The link for this is: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/event-details/mentoring-program>

Lisa Schoer—Vice Commodore

From the Racing Captain

The Barefoot Spring Series will begin with the first race on March 11. Spring brings great racing weather with cool breezes and calm waters free of wave-making traffic. Here's a link with more information: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/event-details/spring-series-race-1>

We anticipate doing some things a little different this year, including having dirt-ups after the races where we will gather to enjoy some hot dogs, refreshments, bragging, commiserating, and prizes. We race for fun, to improve our sailing skills and to enjoy some friendly competition. If you don't have your own boat, come to the skippers' meeting before the race and we'll get you on a boat. It's a great way to learn the sport. We welcome all comers, whether you're seasoned racer or a newbie still wondering what it's all about, Barefoot racing is for you. Hope to see you out there...

Fred Kempner—Racing Captain



From the Cruise Captain

Our February First Saturday Polar Bear Cruise was loads of fun. The weather moderated as the afternoon progressed and we all had a cool gentle sail.



Join us for our **March 4th March Madness First Saturday Cruise**. Come with your favorite college team attire and bring your cups, coozies, pennants, and paraphernalia. Skippers and Crew meet up at Sunrise Cove Marina Pavilion deck at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4. We plan on having a "dirt-up" at Branch House at 4:30 after the cruise.

We'll distribute cards for a trivia contest, focusing on NCAA women's and men's basketball, with some sailing questions thrown in for those boats which do not have basketball fans on board. NO googling allowed, of course. We'll compare answers and choose the winner when we meet at the Branch House at the end of the sail. And here's a special message to any Carolina Tar Heels in the club—the Commodore insists that one of the answers will be "The Duke Blue Devils". 😊

If you plan on attending, please RSVP: <https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/upcoming-cruises>. Skippers, let us know how many crew you have room to take aboard your boat. You are welcome to invite non-club members that might be interested in sailing and or joining our club.

Norman Plotkin—Cruise Captain



From the Social Chair

Already, the weather is turning to spring, the wind is blowing, the flowers are sprouting from the ground and we are looking forward to an awesome racing and social year! If you look at the calendar, there are nearly 150 chances to participate in sailing and social events in 2023. I am so excited to have fun with all of you this year! Here's the latest information from the Social Committee. You can also find a list of upcoming social events here:

<https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/social>

Blessing of the Fleet—March 11

We will have a dedicated space within Curt's Country Cooking in Flowery Branch for our breakfast at 8:00. We need about 45 people to avoid a reservation charge, so all crew and skippers, please attend!

Here's the link to sign up for the event:

<https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/event-details/breakfast-blessing-of-the-fleet-day>

Plan on decorating your boats for the Blessing of the Fleet! Flags and burgees should be flown! Here's the schedule:

TBA Skipper's meeting

12:00 Blessing—a (biodegradable) wreath to remember lost sailors will be created and cast into the lake—at X mark or starting mark designated by RC on the day

1:00 Racing

4:30ish—After-race dirt-up

Dirt-up coordinator needed—please contact Laura Clarke ASAP to volunteer

Future Events—Mark Your Calendar!

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**

Laura Clarke—Social Chair



Purser's Update

The club is in good financial shape. As of Feb 13th, we had \$5,160 in our checking account and \$12,696 in our "Favored End Replacement Fund" savings account. That puts us in a good place for the administrative costs we pay over the first half of the year; see more on those below.

We had a net income of \$2,550 over the full 2022 season, which is a healthy performance given the challenges of emerging from the pandemic. Last year we got to restart or scale up several of our social events (yay, finally a BFO with a Saturday night party!)...which was great but a challenge to budget. This year we have even more stuff planned, with 2022 providing a solid financial foundation.

The beginning of the 2023 season seems a good time to share some background on how the club uses the money from your annual dues. Membership dues provided approximately \$5,000 for 2022, minus \$170 in processing fees as people joined or renewed thru our webpage. Here are the approximate figures for our 2022 annual fixed expenses:

- \$2,200 for Insurance: Liability insurance for the club and for *Favored End*, plus BoatUS towing insurance for *Favored End*
- \$750 for Permits/Etc: CoE event permits for our races thru LARC, our annual State of GA registration, GA DNR registration for *Favored End*, and the club's US Sailing membership
- \$640 for Administrative Infrastructure: WIX hosting for *Barefootsailingclub.org* and payments to USPS for our Flowery Branch PO Box
- \$450 for Racing Mark Maintenance and LARC dues: Includes our club's portion of the annual LARC budget
- \$500 to our *Favored End* Replacement Fund: Our club's bylaws have us transfer 10% of every year's membership dues into this savings account dedicated towards purchasing or replacing club boats.

The \$4,540 in fixed expenses is obviously a big chunk of the proceeds from the dues, and 2023 fees are expected to be higher. Whatever we have left goes towards the "fun stuff": the club racing and annual awards, fuel and assorted maintenance for *Favored End*, and other miscellaneous expenses.

So if you haven't renewed yet, please do! We want you to be part of everything we have planned for 2023.

See you out there!

David Steadman—Purser



Membership Update

New Members

Please welcome our new member families:

- *Bill and Marilyn Anchors* sail a Catalina 25. Bill participated in the Poker Run and the Chili Cook Off and took 3rd place. Those of you who attended the last membership meeting had a chance to meet Bill.
- *Chris and Elizabeth Harding* sail a Saber 28 (“Messing About”) at Sunrise Cove Marina.

Name Tags

We encourage members to use name tags at social events. I have contacted a company to set up the process to order name tags. I should have a couple examples, and plan to encourage that purchase during the next membership meeting.

Renewal Drive

Our membership renewal drive is currently underway. 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

We now have 9 volunteer mentors and 7 mentees. We will be pairing people up in the next few days. All mentors and mentees are invited to come to the next monthly members meeting.

Jack Schoer—Mentorship Chair



A Note from the Yeoman

Dear Barefoot Sailors, welcome to this year's first edition of the Barefoot News! I welcome your ideas and thoughts about how to make this most useful for you, and hope to include a few member photos from club events in future editions.

Linda Hoopes—Yeoman

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