



Barefoot News

April 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
April 22	See Event Page	Joan Holcomb Women Skippers Regatta	BFSC/LLSC	LLSC
April 23	11 a.m.	Spring Race Series #3 Volunteer Signup	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand
April 23	6:00 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting		Brimstone
April 29	10:00 a.m.	Basic Sail Training	Tom Graham	LLSC
May 6	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Norman Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
May 20-21	TBA	Dogwood Regatta	LLSC	LLSC

From the Commodore

Hola, Barefooters!

First, thanks to all of you who helped make the Blessing of the Fleet and 1st Spring Series race a success! Great job!

It has been almost six months since we had our 2023 brainstorming and planning session. How is the Club doing? Are there club activities that you've enjoyed or not enjoyed? What would you like to see for the next six months? If you have not been able to participate in many events, cruises, or races, is there anything the Board can do to change that?

Please email or call me or any member of the Board and we will gladly listen. Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm, and all are welcome to participate. Contact our Yeoman, Linda, and she will send you the details and link. One of our members, Michael Cox, challenges you to tie a knot like this sailor does! [Check it out.](#)

Wishing you great winds for the Joan Holcomb Women Skippers' Regatta!

Kerry

Kerry McGrath—BFSC Commodore
S/V Bella



BFSC Vice Commodore News

Jack and I are still enjoying our days in the Abacos. We have been in Green Turtle and are now heading to the middle of the Abacos for the remainder of our stay. We are looking forward to exploring all of time cays and islands.

The BFSC [learn to sail class](#) will be starting soon. Please go to the BFSC website and sign up to get on the water and in-classroom instruction from Tom Graham and other BFSC members.

SAVE THE DATE

49th Annual Barefoot Open Regatta
October 13-15, 2023
University Yacht Club

Racers, mark your calendar for the 49th Annual Barefoot Regatta Hosted by the Barefoot Sailing Club. This year the event is October 13-15, with all festivities happening at the University Yacht Club.

The Barefoot Open is the longest continually running regatta on Lake Lanier. It will be an action-packed weekend, starting with the Skipper's Meeting Friday evening, and ending with the Sunday afternoon awards ceremony, plus two full days of racing for all fleets, a party, and a dinner gala. The BFO is one of the best events for racing on Lake Lanier, with a top-notch, knowledgeable, and experienced race committee and judges. Look out for registration; it will be opening soon!

Sponsorship You can also join the celebration by [showcasing your business](#) at this gathering of premier racers and sailing enthusiasts. If you want to become a BFO sponsor or donate auction items for the event, please contact Lisa Schoer (luschoer@gmail.com) or Gail Rodriguez (grp315@gmail.com).



Have a great rest of the month!
Lisa Schoer—Vice Commodore
S/V Shore 'Nuff



From the Racing Captains

There's lots of good racing ahead! Here's a listing of upcoming BFSC events, plus notices for open events hosted by other clubs.

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.

[You can find the NOR, SIs, registration, and links to crew finder and volunteer pages here.](#)

Barefoot Spring Series #3: April 23

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

Our Spring Series races are using [flat starts](#) this year. This means 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.

LLSC 47th Annual Dogwood Regatta

Rescheduled for May 19-21, 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 47th 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>



Around Alone Regatta: June 4

The long time-honored tradition of the premier solo regatta, the Around Alone Regatta, will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Come on out with the rest of the hardy singlehanders on a race from the Chattahoochee Bay to Buford Dam and back! The perpetual trophy is a framed Barefoot Burgee autographed by Robin Davie, 3-time solo circumnavigator. This is an open event...LLSC's Jonathan Stewart (S/V Bill the Cat) took the honors in 2022. Let's get the Barefoot fleet out to reclaim the prize! If you have not single-handed your boat before but are interested in trying, let us know and we'll help you prepare.

Fred Kempner & Chico Wojna—Racing Captains

From the Cruise Captain

First Saturday Cruise: May 6

May 6 is our "Brunch on the Lake" cruise. We will gather at 11 a.m. on the deck of Sunrise Clubhouse, then head out for a brunch raft-up and a cruise. 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, May 6th.

Norman Plotkin—Cruise 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**—we will be making hors d'oeuvres trays for 60 people and serving them after the event.

Coordinators: Laura Clarke, Nancy Spraker, Jacqueline & David Steadman

May 6: **Brunch on the Lake**—we will be having a raft-up and sharing breakfast and brunch items amongst the boats.

Coordinator Open—We need a coordinator! Please help Norman and me organize this.

June 24: **Lobster Boil**—Holiday Marina, 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 remains in good financial shape. Financial highlights since March:

- We have **\$4,779** in our checking account, **up \$788** since last month.
- We gained **\$1,071** in membership dues, and **\$54** from the March meeting raffle.
- We spent **\$322** to create our club racing award ribbons, ordering enough to hold us for the next few seasons. Our next big expense is **\$324** due in July to WIX to support our webpage's functionality.

So far, we have **\$5,070** in 2023 membership income from 5 new members and 66 member renewals. We are already ahead of our total membership income for 2022, so the updated 2023 budget adds a little extra to fun stuff like awards and the post-race dirt-ups. Thanks again to everyone who joined or renewed for 2023!

David Steadman—Purser

Membership Update

New Members

Please welcome our newest member family:

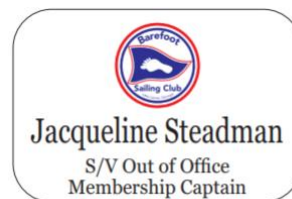
Bob Jirak (Robert) and Patricia Watson

*They sail a Hunter 34, **Social Distancing**, which is docked at Sunrise Cove, slip O15, and are interested in racing, cruising, and regattas.*

We also had a successful renewal campaign, with 14 member families renewing last month!

Name Tags

After a long hiatus the nametags are ready to order again. They are priced at \$15 each for 2 or 3 lines of print. Note that our new vendor (Specialty Trophies in Suwanee) has an order minimum so we will usually wait till we have 2-3 orders before sending your order to print.



Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain



Boatswain's Report

With much-appreciated assistance from Jeff, we did a clean-up day on Favored End to get her ready for the Joan Holcomb Regatta and other upcoming events. She looks better. She does need a new coat of paint and a few repairs.

Chris McBride—Boatswain

General Announcements

Barefoot Sailing Online Store

We've made some improvements at the Barefoot Store so it's a good time to check it out! At the store you can buy your nametag (see the Membership Update on the previous page), a BFSC burgee, or one of our BFO T-shirts from previous years... on sale for \$15 each! We're also looking to add BFSC logo hats in the near future.

You'll get to select from two delivery options: either "Free pickup" at the next monthly meeting, or paid shipping via USPS.

Get to our store by pressing the shopping cart at the upper-right corner of [our webpage](#). Or you can link there directly via barefootsailingclub.org/shop.

Calendar Integration

Thanks to Chico for this information!

For those of you who use Google Calendar, you can subscribe to the BFSC calendar instead of manually adding events to your personal calendar. There are two ways to do this.

Option 1

Go to the [Barefoot calendar](#).

In the bottom right corner (almost inconspicuous) look for the Google "+" Plus Add Calendar icon. Click on this and follow prompts.



Option 2

Go to your [personal Google Calendar](#) using a web browser. Make sure you are logged in to the Google Account you want to use to add and display this additional calendar. On the left column, under "Other Calendars" click on the "+" plus sign and select "Subscribe to Calendar."

Then type-in: bfscalendar@gmail.com. Follow prompts. You will see BFSC calendar events listed. You can turn this display off at any time by un-checking the box by this calendar.



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