



Barefoot News

February 2024

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Feb 24	11 a.m.	LARC Winter Series #3	LARC	UYC
Feb 25	6 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	Chico Wojna	Brimstone
Mar 2	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise March Madness!	Bill Bond	Sunrise Cove
Mar 3	11 a.m. 12 p.m.	BFSC Spring Series #3 Blessing of the Fleet	Chico Wojna BFSC	Aqualand X Mark



VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Favored End is “dry-docked” on a trailer at Bill Anchors’ house for 2 weeks—6070 Lake Lanier Heights Rd. Please contact him (bill.anchors@gmail.com or text 404-964-9803) if you can volunteer time for renovations: *remove old box from stern *sand and paint floor *install new stern box *other repairs and cleaning as needed.

From the Commodore

Happy February! I hope all of you have had a great month! Jack and I were able to get out of town for a few days to visit friends and family. It was delightful. We are now looking forward to what the spring of 2024 will bring to us, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the **member social and meeting on February 25!**

This newsletter is full of activities you can become a part of. From BFSC’s first Saturday cruises, races, and social events to other lake-supported races and events, your presence is needed and wanted. There is always something available for you to do. Show up!

One of the biggest opportunities for Barefoot right now is the Sailfest event taking place the first weekend of April. Barefoot Sailing Club is in charge of the “Olympic” activities. We will need approximately 10 people to lead the 5 events during the day. We’ve set up two 3-hour shifts for each event, but you can do all 6 hours if you like. We also need 4 members to make a team to compete in the Olympics! Additionally, we will need a few folks to oversee our welcoming tent. Where will you fit in? On the Sailfest page in this newsletter, you will see where you can sign up to volunteer for this event.

Thank you for being a member of BFSC. As your commodore, I am hoping that I can support all our members, boat owners as well as non boat owners, in any sailing capacity desired. The only way I can do this is with your support and your willingness to communicate to me or the board. Please let us know what you would like to see happening with Barefoot so we can make this club be the best it can be.

Lisa Schoer
BFSC Commodore



Lake Lanier Sailfest 2024



A Weekend of Celebration, Education, and Charity at Margaritaville at Lanier Islands

The excitement is building as Lake Lanier Sailfest 2024 prepares to set sail at Margaritaville at Lanier Islands from April 5 to April 7, 2024. This inaugural sailing festival promises a weekend filled with parties, waterfront festivities, sailing contests and racing, educational classes, and an unforgettable celebration of our vibrant Lake Lanier sailing community.

Event Highlights

- **Community Engagement**—There will be boats to explore, but it's not a boat show. This is a community celebration. Connect with fellow sailing and racing enthusiasts, share stories, and celebrate the spirit of camaraderie that defines the sailing community.
- **Competitions**—Sailing Regattas, Remote Control Sailboat Racing, and our own Sailor's Olympics are just a few of the events lined up for Saturday, April 6th.
- **Educational Events**—Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your sailing skills, Sailfest 2024 has you covered. Check in on our introduction to sailing classes, water safety, sailing skills, and more. The United States Coast Guard will conduct water safety classes, providing valuable insights and tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable time on the lake.
- **Family-Friendly Activities**—Sailfest isn't just for sailors! Families are encouraged to join the festivities with a range of land and water-based activities, including beach games, live entertainment, boat viewing, our Sailors Village, and more.
- **Charity**—Lake Lanier Sailfest is a local non-profit, and we will be raising money for local charities, including junior sailing programs, Lake Lanier search, rescue & recovery, and The Crossbones Company.

To sign up to attend the event (tickets, dinners, etc.), please [use this link](#).

Barefoot Member Participation

Barefoot will be participating in THREE things at Sailfest 2024, and we need your help! *Since the event occurs mainly on Saturday, Barefoot will be canceling our First Saturday cruise for April.*

1. **Barefoot Booth**—We will be hosting a booth to give away stuff and sign up new members. We need a handful of volunteers to staff it throughout the day. If you want to do this, please notify Lisa (bfsccommodore@gmail.com).
2. **Supervising "Olympic" Events**—We will be running 5 events (blindfold dinghy race, knot tying contest, trivia questionnaire, water balloon toss, and "label a sailboat")—and need at least one person for each of them to guide other Sailfest volunteers. If you like to be in charge, this is for you! ***To volunteer for Sailfest, please [use this link](#). This is a general form for the event, so once you have signed up here, please let Lisa know (bfsccommodore@gmail.com) so she can make sure you get assigned to the Barefoot activities.
3. **Olympic Competition Team**—Barefoot would like to have a team for the Sailfest Olympic competition. If you can row a boat, give directions, tie knots, toss a water balloon, know boat trivia or the parts of a sailboat, this is your opportunity to strut your stuff!!! More on team participation will be provided soon.



Cruising



Come out and meet new members and old friends at the “March Madness” First Saturday Sail on March 2nd! Come dressed in support of your favorite team. Meet at the Sunrise Cove Marina Clubhouse Deck at 11:00—5725 Flat Creek Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504. We will have something warm to drink and eat, and we will be divided up into our boats for an afternoon of sailing on the lake and March Madness Trivia. Finish time should be around 4:00 PM.

As always, if the weather isn’t cooperating, we will gather for a brunch at a nearby restaurant. [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

We are continuing our Spring Race Series on Mar 3, Apr 20, and May 5 and 25. We will hold the Blessing of the Fleet on the water **before the Mar 3 race**. See the event listing below.

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

Also mark your calendars for LLSC’s Dogwood Regatta on March 23 and 24, and Barefoot’s Around Alone open race on April 21.

Chico Wojna—Racing Captain

Social



Blessing of the Fleet—March 3rd

In conjunction with the Spring #3 race on Sunday, March 3rd, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony for all boats. This year, we will be providing breakfast biscuits prior to the race at the Skipper’s meeting. If you are either racing or cruising thru the Blessing, show up at 11:00 in the Pig Tales Parking Lot at Aqualand. We will tailgate the breakfast and give instructions for the BFSC Spring #3 race, and the Blessing of the Fleet for both racers and cruisers.

The plan is to locate a pontoon boat at “X” mark to give the blessing with a customary shot of water. Please decorate your boats with burgees and flags if you wish. Please [RSVP here](#) so we can order enough biscuits!



Member Social and Meeting

Our monthly fourth-Sunday meeting will take place on Feb. 25 at our usual location, Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern in Alpharetta. Come at 6 for dinner, with the program starting around 7. This month Chico Wojna will be discussing the Spring Race Series and Pursuit Starts. Guests are welcome!

Around Alone—Sunday, April 21

Mark your calendar to race or support your favorite lone sailor in the Around Alone race on Sunday, April 21. Barefoot sponsors the race for the entire Lake Lanier racing community, and we will have a dirt-up cookout after the race. Stay tuned for details.

SAVE THE DATE—The annual Lobster Boil will be earlier this year on Saturday, May 11.

Winning Chili Cookoff Chef Spills the Beans!

We hope you enjoyed the not-to-be-missed Chili Cookoff on January 1st! Gracious 1st Place Chili Cookoff Chef **Bill Anchors** shared his recipe for the 2024 First Place entry, and it's not Texas or Southwestern Chili...it's Low Country style chili...Brunswick Stew! Buyer Beware—even though it is not from Texas, it makes a BIG Texas-sized pot full! Now, y'all can enjoy this anytime, except don't bring it to the cookoff next year to compete with Bill...

<p>First the Sauce In a 2 quart sauce pan, over low heat, melt ¼ cup of butter, then add: 1 ¾ cups catsup ¼ cup French's Yellow Mustard ¼ cup white vinegar</p> <p>Blend until smooth, then add: ½ tablespoon chopped garlic 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper ½ oz. Liquid Smoke 1 oz. Worcestershire Sauce 1 oz. Crystal Hot Sauce or ½ oz. Tabasco ½ Tablespoon fresh lemon juice</p> <p>Blend until smooth, then add: ¼ cup dark brown sugar</p> <p>Stir constantly. Increase heat to simmer (DO NOT BOIL) for approx. 10 minutes. Makes approx. 3½ cups of sauce (set aside for later).</p>	<p>Then the Stew In a 2 gallon pot, over low heat, melt ¼ lb. of butter, then add: 3 cups small diced potatoes 1 cup small diced onion 2 14 oz. cans of chicken broth 1 lb. baked chicken, white and dark 8 to 10 oz. smoked pork</p> <p>Bring to a rolling boil, stirring until potatoes are near done, then add: 1 8.5 oz. can early peas 2 14.5 oz. cans stewed tomatoes (chop tomatoes, add liquid to the stew pot) The prepared sauce (from earlier) 1 16 oz. can of baby lima beans ¼ cup liquid smoke 1 14.5 oz. can creamed corn</p> <p>Slow simmer for 2 hours. Yields: 1 gallon</p>
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Laura Clarke—Social Chair



Membership

We have several new members this month:

- **Tony Barbato**—1978 Seidelmann 25 / Emily Judith / Sunrise Cove F #32
Interests: Cruising, Favored End maintenance, Racing, Regattas, Social, Shore Sweep
- **Randall and Julie Carlton**—recruited by Norm Plotkin! ASA 101 and 103 certified.
He is also in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on Lake Lanier and can do vessel inspections.
- **J Lillian Gray**—Hunter 25.5 / Blow Me / Aqualand X #145
Interests: Regattas (a long-time crew member on Wind Spinner!)
- **Ben (Brendon) Martelino**—has attended many BFSC functions including Poker Run and January social and meeting.
Interests: Racing, Website / He is also woodworker—you can [find him here](#).

Keep those renewals coming! If you haven't updated your membership yet, please see the Purser's announcement for information on how to do this.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

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 Feb 15th we had \$7,253 available in our checking account, up \$775 since last month.

- We have \$12,954 available in the Favored End Repair/Replace Savings Account.
- We expect a \$150 bill for pulling Favored End out of the water, and a substantial portion of the savings will go toward the repair/re-engine/replace project.
- Over the past month we received \$945 in income from membership renewals and new members, primarily through the webpage.
- Our \$50 in raffle income from the January Social and Meeting was not enough to cover the unexpected \$70 expense for covering dinner tabs that were left unpaid.
- We are budgeting \$240 for the March 3rd Blessing of the Fleet
- Chubb Insurance/Burgee Program Premium due in March 2024; the 2024 premium is \$2,622, up \$288 from last year.
- Georgia Corporate registration due before Apr 1; like last year the fee is \$30.

David Steadman—Purser

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.



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