



# Barefoot News

May 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
May 20-21	See NOR	<a href="#">Dogwood Regatta</a>	LLSC/GaTech	LLSC
May 28	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Member Social and Meeting</a>		Brimstone
May 29	10 a.m.	Learn to Sail Class #5 <b>(new date)</b>	Tom Graham	Aqualand V
June 3	11 a.m.	<a href="#">First Saturday Cruise</a>	Lee Cook	Sunrise Cove
June 3	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">LARC Moonlight Race #1</a>		Aqualand
June 4	8 a.m.	<a href="#">Around Alone Race</a>		Aqualand
June 17	11 a.m.	<a href="#">Spring Race Series #5</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Signup</a>	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand

## From the Commodore

Hola, Barefooters!

In last month's newsletter, I asked for members' comments about how we could improve the club. I received two comments that I'd like for us to discuss and consider. Thanks to both of those members for their ideas:

1. One member asked that we have a racer-wide discussion about flat and pursuit starts. As we know, different racers prefer different types of starts. Please contact me or our racing captains, Chico [chico@mcchico.com](mailto:chico@mcchico.com) and Fred, [fkempner@hotmail.com](mailto:fkempner@hotmail.com), if you'd like to participate in that discussion.
2. The second comment concerned the location of our monthly meetings. Many of our members live near the lake. The drive to our Sunday evening meetings in North Fulton at night often prevents them attending. Please contact me or Jacqueline Steadman, our Membership Captain, [jacqueline\\_steadman@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline_steadman@hotmail.com) if you'd like to participate in a discussion about this.

And here's a third item that's been on my mind. I'm glad many people enjoyed the Joan Holcomb Women Skipper Regatta (JH) last month. I'm also pleased that we have many students participating in our Learn-to-Sail course. HOWEVER, I'm wondering why we did not have more than 2 or 3 Barefoot members as skippers in the JH. I see that women make up a huge majority of the students in the learn-to-sail class, but don't know if this will translate to more BFSC women at the helm. I'd like to find out:

- what has led to declining participation in the JH;
- whether the club should focus efforts on women at the helm; and if so,



- how we might best approach this.

If you are interested in this issue, please let me know. If it is a concern to anyone else besides me, I'd like to... yes...form a committee to explore this.

I head back to Newport on Sunday to play at the Ocean Race events next week. FYI, the American Team, 11th Hour, won the leg from Itzai, Brazil, to Newport, RI, beat Team Malizia into Newport Harbor by 30 minutes, after 17 days at sea. Charlie Enright, the 11th Hour Captain, and Simon Fischer, the Navigator, are both from Newport, making the victory especially sweet.

*Kerry*

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

## BFSC Vice Commodore News

Greetings Barefooters!

Jack and I are still hanging out in the Abaco Islands with Bill and Maryellen Gray. We are getting ready to welcome some friends aboard next week and family to follow the first 2 weeks of June! Here's a photo of Shore 'Nuff anchored in Man-O-War Cay at sunset.

Tom Graham reports that the sailing class is going well. All but the final on-the-water and in-the-classroom classes have taken place. **Please note that the final on-the-water class has been moved to Memorial Day, May 29, to avoid conflict with the rescheduled Dogwood Regatta.** Everyone seems to be enjoying both and learning a lot. If any of you with boats and with experience would like to help Tom, please reach out to him at: [tgraham20@gsu.edu](mailto:tgraham20@gsu.edu) or (770) 403-3158. He will welcome any support and help you can give.

Gail Rodriguez and I are still soliciting your help in getting support and donations for the upcoming Barefoot Open. Please be on the lookout for items folks could donate for the auction and/or places you think would be willing to sponsor with a monetary donation.

That's all I have for now. Have a great May!

**Lisa Schoer—Vice Commodore**  
S/V Shore 'Nuff





## From the Racing Captains

### Race Report

Barefoot hosts a number of races, including the BFSC Spring Race Series composed of a series of 6 races. We started with a Bang! with Spring Race #1 and had a very successful Spring Race #3. Spring Race #2 was rescheduled due to high winds and stormy weather and rescheduled for last Sunday. Unfortunately, last Sunday—although we had a good representation of S/V's—the weather did not cooperate and forecast got it wrong this time with calm winds. We could hear the flapping of the sails while floating with the tides created by the power boats roaring passed us. We anxiously waited for some breeze for one hour at which time we called it off. From both extremes of weather fronts, I think we will rename #2 the “race against weather” 😊. We want to congratulate Pete Winham and Dan Drechsel for leading in their respective fleets.

### BFSC Spring Series 2023

#### Overall Results

##### Division=Cruiser Fleet CF

Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Type	Total	Spring #1	Spring #3
1	1011 Southern Cross	Winham,Pete	90	Morgan 45	2	1	1
2	202 Windwalker	Swenodiman,Tom	171	CAL 31	10	8 DNC	2
3	751 Revelry	Gay,Spencer	147	Hunter 34	10	2	8 DNC
4	60 Social Distancing	Jirak,Bob	147	Hunter34	11	8 DNC	3
5	160 Full Deck	Bloome,David	180	Hunter 320	11	3	8 DNC
6	144 Alexia	Samuels,Mark	156	Endeavour 35	12	4	8 DNC

##### Division=Racer Fleet RF

Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Type	Total	Spring #1	Spring #3
1	42 Hope	Drechsel,Dan	163	Colgate 26	4	3	1
2	14 Magic Fly	Barton,Bruce	60	Dragonfly 800	6	1	5 DNC
3	11 Imagine	Finnick,Pat	117	E33	7	5 DNC	2
4	531 Shameless	Elam,Jeff	222	Sanbrana 20	7	2	5 DNC

There's lots of good racing ahead! Here's a listing of upcoming BFSC events, plus notices for open events hosted by other clubs. [See the calendar on the first page for registration links.](#) Please contact Fred, Chico, or Kerry if you have questions about any of these events.



### **LARC Moonlight Race #1: June 3**

Barefoot is hosting the LARC moonlight races this year as part of the larger [LARC series](#). This is a series of 4 evening races that start at 8 p.m., using a pursuit start, and they are a lovely excuse for getting out and racing on a moonlit night. The skipper's meetings are at Aqualand X-dock at 6 p.m., but there are alternate means of getting course information if you are not able to attend. Here is the [Notice of Race](#) for the LARC series—scroll down to the section for the moonlight races for more information.

The additional dates are July 1, July 29, and August 26.

### **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.

### **Barefoot Spring Series #5: June 17**

The next race in this series is on June 17. The skipper's meeting is at 11 a.m. in the Pig Tales parking lot at Aqualand.

Mark your calendars for the rest of the Spring Series races dates (below) and we will keep you posted if and when we reschedule Race #2 again. Happy Sailing! Please note we still need volunteers for Race Committee and Favored-End. [Sign up here](#).

#### **Spring Race Series - revised dates**

June-25 Spring Race #4 (Re-Scheduled)

July-15 Spring Race #6

### **LLSC 47<sup>th</sup> 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 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>



## 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](mailto:luschoer@gmail.com)) or Gail Rodriguez ([grp315@gmail.com](mailto:grp315@gmail.com)).

**Fred Kempner & Chico Wojna—Racing Captains**



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## From the Cruise Captain

### Cruise Report

The May brunch raft-up and cruise was outstanding. All week the weather forecast did not look good as showers were predicted. However, the day turned out to be nice with clouds, cool and the sun broke out through the clouds by early afternoon. Winds were light 5 to 8 knots. 6 boats made the cruise for a brunch (great food and drink) raft up and then a nice gentle sail. Thanks to our skippers and crews for a most enjoyable day on the lake.



### First Saturday Cruise: June 3

June 3 is our next cruise. Hot summer weather should be expected, the lake is at full pool and the water is warming. This is a very relaxed and friendly event, and a perfect opportunity to invite friends and family that might be interested in learning to sail or joining the club. Norm will be in the BVIs, and Lee Cook has graciously offered to coordinate. Skippers and crew will gather at 11 a.m., rain or shine, on the deck of Sunrise Clubhouse, then head out for a cruise followed by a dirt-up (or to an off-the-water social event if the weather is bad). Skippers and crew, please go to our Barefoot website to sign up. Here's the [link to register](#). Non-member guests are welcome.

**Norman Plotkin—Cruise Captain**



## From the Social Chair

### Event Report: Joan Holcomb Regatta

Everyone seems to have had a great time at the Joan Holcomb Women Skipper's Regatta on April 22. We all met after the race at the home of Lake Lanier Sailing Club member Dana Stewart and enjoyed a lot of food, wine and beer. Thanks to David and Jacqueline Steadman, who helped with food prep and setup, as well as Nancy Spraker who transported me and all the food and drink to and from the event, and Maria Fernanda Cartaya who also helped with setup.



I also heard the Brunch on the Lake event, coordinated by Norman Plotkin, Cruising Captain, was a success, with eight cruising boats participating.

### Upcoming Events

Dirt-ups are being coordinated after various events as follows:

BFSC Spring #5: June 17—Mark Samuels

BFSC Spring #6: July 15—Cyndi Stirne

Beginning Sailing #5: May 21—Nancy Spraker

June 24: **Lobster Boil**—Holiday Marina, details TBA—**Coordinator Open**

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

This is a great family event. Jacqueline and David will be building on the tradition started by John and Nancy Martin, and would be very interested in knowing who plans to bring children and grandchildren (and approximate ages) to help in their planning.

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. Highlights since Apr 10<sup>th</sup>:

- We have **\$6,049** in our checking account, **up \$1,270** since last month.
- We expect to give something close to \$500 to LLSC as their share of the proceeds from the Joan Holcomb Memorial Women Skipper Regatta. Dee Rosenbaum's continued support of this annual event that was so important to her husband Dean Holcomb in honor of his late wife Joan allows it to succeed financially even though this year's attendance was low. We had 9 registered skippers after cancelling the Portsmouth fleet, down from 20 last year.
- Gained \$165 in dues from 3 new member dues, and \$55 from the April meeting raffle. Raffles have brought in \$299 so far for 2023 so the club is doing very well there.
- The Favored End repair/replace fund is down to **\$12,365** after spending \$330 on repairs to FE's deck boxes.

Our next significant administrative expense is **\$324 due July 25<sup>th</sup>** to WIX (webpage functionality).

**David Steadman—Purser**

## Membership Update

### New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- **Kerry Braverman & family**—referred by Chico, they have a 1983 25-ft boat, Walk-ins, and are interested in regattas, social, and cruising.
- **Melinda Wiser & Will Eudy**—they are new at Sunrise Cove, and have a Catalina 30, Independence. Looking forward to connecting with more sailors on the lake and helping out as needed.
- **Nate Griffith**—has been sailing for several years and trained up to ASA114. Interested in regattas, cruising, and education, and looking to crew for any boat that needs hands.
- **Nancy Du**—came to the May 6 cruise and met Norman, Jacqueline, and other members. Loves being on the water and is interested in social events.
- **Bill Bond & Pam Steman**—participated in the New Year's Poker run, and has a Hunter 356 at Sunrise Cove. Interested in education.

**Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain**





## Hats!

We have added baseball caps to the items for sale on the web site. You can [find them here](#) along with burgees, name badges, and t-shirts from previous regattas.



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