



Barefoot News

September 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Sept 24	6:00 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	BFSC	Brimstone
Oct 1	11 a.m.	Fall Race Series #4	Fred/Chico	Aqualand
Oct 7	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Dave Steadman	Sunrise Cove
Oct 13-15	See web	Barefoot Open Regatta	Lisa Schoer Gail Rodriguez	Sunrise Cove

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! BFO October 13-15!!

The BFO is really soon and we need you! This is the 49th year of the Barefoot Open Regatta. We are getting really excited about this event and we need all our Barefoot members and sailing friends to attend. If you have not registered, please do so now! **We need to have dinner reservations by the first of October** for the UYC chef to order food for the event. So, if you plan to have dinner and dance with us on the 14th, you need to make that dinner reservation now!



T-shirts are available for ordering. This year we have the quick dry shirts. The design (shown here) is excellent so you will definitely want to have one of them. The items being collected for the raffle and silent auction are amazing. Set aside some spare dollars to make your bids and try your luck at the auction. As a side note, if you have items you'd like to donate for the raffle or auction, please contact Paula Moore at: paulabmoore@hotmail.com.

Go to the Barefoot site and register now to race, dine and dance, and order your shirts at: barefootsailingclub.org.

I can't wait to see you all there!

Lisa Schoer, BFSC Commodore



September 24 Member Social and Meeting



Mark your calendar for the [member social and meeting](#) in September. We'll be making final preparations for the Barefoot Open, and will have a creative Q&A session. Participants will have a chance to pose questions such as "what's the most exotic place you've sailed?" and "what's the funniest moment you've ever had aboard a sailboat?" Bonus points for the most creative questions (and answers...)

Visitors welcome!



ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022-2023 BFSC awards (Note, the decision was made to combine years 2020-2021 (awarded in January 2023) and 2022-2023 (to be awarded in December 2023). If you would like to nominate a Barefoot member for one of the following awards, please submit that name to our Yeoman, Linda Hoopes at (bfscyeoman@gmail.com).

At least four club awards are presented annually at the Barefoot Holiday Awards Banquet. These awards are selected by the BFSC board from written nominations submitted by BFSC members. The only criteria for these awards are that the individual submitting the nomination(s) and each nominee must be current BFSC members. Each award acknowledges the general contributions or accomplishments of the recipient in specific areas.

CREW OF THE YEAR

The Crew of the Year Award recognizes the member who, in a position other than skipper, has contributed to the "success" of the boat/team. The member may have crewed either on racing or cruising boats or both. Crew may have been particularly skilled, dependable or supportive of the skipper's objectives, may have provided consistency or cohesion to the team or may have ensured that gear or provisions were in order, so the skipper could focus on other concerns. The crew may have taken initiative to better her/himself and thereby improved the overall team.

CRUISER OF THE YEAR

The Cruiser of the Year Award recognizes the member who embraces or, by example, personifies non-competitive sailing (cruising) activities. The member may have organized or participated in local or blue-water cruising events, entertained in a cruising environment, embarked on a cruising lifestyle, provided coaching during cruising events, or derived or imparted joy and/or enthusiasm for cruising events.

DON MARTIN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the BFSC Commodore may present the Life Achievement Award to a deserving member who has contributed to the sport of sailing over a number of years and in a number of ways. The award is given in memory of Don Martin and while this is not a nominated award, the commodore appreciates receiving recommendations for consideration.

SKIPPER OF THE YEAR

Usually nominated by the Racing Captain, but if club members have nominees, please submit. The Skipper of the Year is a member who is skilled at the helm. S/he also demonstrates a great deal of sportsmanship on the water during a race. S/he promotes racing for the betterment of the sport and club participation.

SPARK PLUG AWARD

The Spark Plug Award recognizes the member who has contributed to the success of the club this year. The member may have taken on a special project, organized an activity, volunteered or pitched in when there was a need, or in some way helped the club reach out to its members. The member may have been the catalyst to make things happen or to get something done. Or the member may have "helped" the club by engendering enthusiasm and/or participation in club activities. This member provided a special "spark" that was otherwise missing.



SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Sportsmanship Award, awarded by BFSC and submitted for national consideration to US Sailing, recognizes the sailor who has demonstrated a concern and dedication to the betterment of the sport of sailing. This member consistently demonstrates the traits of fair play and sportsmanship, a commitment to individual and collective safety in sailing activities and the on-going development of the sport of sailing.

and last, but not least...

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

There are also *one-of-a-kind* awards... sometimes special recognition or humorous awards. One popular award in the past has been the "Boom Stop" award. Another recent one is the [POLYWOG](#) award recognizing the new sailor and/or member whose excitement and enthusiasm for sailing and the sailing community embodies the spirit of the Barefoot Sailing Club. These are fun, and at least mostly tasteful, awards that members personally present.

From the Social Chair

Dirt-ups are being coordinated after the Fall BFSC races. To make it easy, racers should take a turn hosting the event. I will deliver the drinks, coolers, dirt-up box and supplies to you prior to the event. You add the meal planning and any food items we don't have, and turn in the receipts to David Steadman. Plan on 6-18 attendees. Let me know if you can volunteer:

BFSC Fall #4	Sunday, 01 October	(open)
BFSC Fall #5	Sunday, 29 October	(open)
BFSC Fall #6	Sunday, 01 November	(open)

Barefoot Open – Oct 13 thru 15 – Coordinators: Lisa Schoer & Gail Rodriguez

What a great event this will be!!! Two full days of racing will be highlighted by an awesome Saturday night party at UYC, featuring UYC catering and a great band we used last year, Thunder Gypsy. Don't forget we need donated items for the silent auction... What can you find, make or donate??? All proceeds will benefit the operation of the club, including insurance, dock fees, dirt-ups, and social events.

Boat Cleanup Day – November 5th – Coordinator: Laura Clarke

Historically, we have an annual cleanup day to help our club members that may need an extra hand. This year we are going to help maintain boats owned by Tom Swendiman and the Paeses, who kindly allow club members to use *Taka*. Let me know if you know someone else who needs a hand.

Awards Party and Transition of Officers – December 3rd – Coordinator: open

Brimstone Tavern is lovely when decorated at the holidays. We have reserved it for Sunday, December 3rd for our annual Awards Party and Transition of Officers. Please note that this single event will take the place of both the November and December monthly meetings, due to seasonal conflicts.

Laura Clarke—Social Chair



From the Racing Captains

Fall Series

The Barefoot Fall #3 Race on Sept. 10 looked very promising at first. Good wind at the skippers meeting and nice day. Once the race began after 1PM the wind started dwindling to the point of standing boats, where the race was called off, unfortunately. Let's hope for better winds and happy days for the future races as Fall is here now. The upcoming Fall Series races are listed below:

- October 1, 2023
- October 29, 2023
- November 5, 2023

Fred Kempner & Chico Wojna—Racing Captains

From the Cruise Captain

First Saturday Cruise

Skippers and Crew, sign up for the First Saturday Cruise on October 7. (See the link on Page 1). October is usually still warm with good wind for a nice day sail. Captain Dave Steadman will lead the cruise. Meet up at Sunrise Cove Marina club house deck at 11 a.m. And feel free to invite non-members that may be interested in sailing on our lake and joining our club.

Cruise Charter Planning

Cruisers, I have received many preferred options for a charter trip next year with no clear winner. So I chose a destination where the water is warm and the trade winds blow steadily. Please let me know if you are interested in sailing for 10 days in the Grenadines in early March before Easter. Once I have an idea of who is interested and dates preferred I can refer those interested in putting a boat crew together to my charter agent.

About Grenada:

Cruise across the Caribbean Sea for **extraordinary island hopping** on a Grenada yacht charter. The Windward Islands from St. Vincent & The Grenadines to Grenada are dotted with **95-nautical miles of secluded isles and lively ports**, offering a variety of sailing experiences. Dine out frequently for a new taste of Caribbean cuisine or get lost in the dense, green rainforests of Grenada— it's dealer's choice when planning your island adventures.

Sailors can't get enough of the region's beautiful, 80 °F tropical weather, warm sunshine and steady winds. Lukewarm dips and **diverse underwater ecosystems** attract avid diver's and inquisitive snorkelers, while charming island villages— like St. George's— tempt those looking to **experience authentic Caribbean culture**. No matter how you map out your Grenadines cruising itinerary, there are definitely some open-water sailing adventures waving you in.

Norm Plotkin—Cruising Captain



Membership Update

No update this month.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Highlights since Aug 8th:

- We have \$6,381 in our checking account, down \$344 since last month (was \$6,725)
- The Steak-Out was a financial success as well as a social + culinary + operational success, netting a positive \$398 on \$1,087 in ticket revenue.
- Brought in \$101 at the Aug meeting raffle, for a \$459 total this year on \$59 in reimbursed raffle costs (not including \$180 at the Lobster Boil)
- JHMWSR: Sent LLSC \$519.20 as their 50/50 share of the event proceeds.
- Paid \$160 in WIX fees for our PayPal functionality, and \$114 to replace Favored End's batteries.

Upcoming:

- The Fall Administrative expenses for BoatUS, US Sailing, LARC, and our PO Box are expected to total ~\$1,350

David Steadman—Purser

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