



Barefoot News

November 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Nov 26	7 p.m.	Online Election and Social	Lisa Schoer	Zoom
Dec 2	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Norm Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
Dec 3	6 p.m.	Holiday Party and Awards	Lisa Schoer	Brimstone
Jan 1	11 a.m.	Poker Run	TBD	Aqualand
Jan 1	3 p.m.	Chili Cookoff	Laura Clarke	UYC

From the Commodore

Happy Thanksgiving, Barefooters! I hope each and every one of you had the best time doing whatever you most enjoy on Thanksgiving Day; sailing, spending time with family, relaxing with friends, or just doing nothing.

On Sunday, November 26, we will be having a virtual members meeting instead of the usual one at Brimstone. We hope to see you online beginning at 7:00 pm. The link for that meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85710924790?pwd=QmE3aFlzZ3h0dE9tQnRwYWJkZlE5QT09>

The annual holiday get-together, officer induction, and awards ceremony is on Sunday, December 3. If you haven't RSVP'd, please do so by Nov. 30. We need to have a good count.

2024 is going to be a big year for Barefoot. As you may or may not know, we will be hosting our **50th Barefoot Open Regatta** in 2024. The date is already scheduled for October 12-13. I encourage all boat owners (whether you race or not) to put that date on your calendars now! Plans are being made to have some new and interesting racing events for everyone. It will be the best regatta ever!

As we close out this year and turn toward 2024, I would like to encourage all of you to think about ways we can make BFSC better for you and your sailing buddies. Please send me any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions you have that will prove beneficial for Barefoot. This is your club and only you can make it better.

I am thankful for each of you! See you on Sunday night for the Zoom meeting.

Lisa Schoer, BFSC Commodore

Cruising

December First Saturday Cruise on December 2nd. [Please RSVP on our club website](#). If you are a skipper, please let us know how many crew you can accommodate. We will meet at 11 a.m. at Sunrise Cove Marina Clubhouse Deck. Weather permitting, we will go for a cruise. If the weather is inclement, we will retire to Branch House for a social event.

Norman Plotkin—Cruising Captain



Racing

Race Results: Barefoot Events

- Congratulations to Tim Wilson in Nommi Trimaran S/V for Winning the [2023 Dorton Cup](#). Winds were awesome at race start winding down in the later part of the day. No rain and nice day—it was a Lovely Race. Thanks to all racers.
- Congratulations to David Bloome with Full Deck Hunter 320 for Winning the [Fall Series Races](#)! Well done! And the only skipper who completed all the races. In second place was Jon Wittlin with WitchBurner Hunter 335 and third place Pete Winham with Southern Cross Morgan 45.

Race Results: 2023 Lanier Cup—November 4, 2023

[Pictures and full results are here.](#)

It was a wonderful day for racing. Perfect weather. Congratulations to Team Barefoot for a good participation and performance for the yearly Lanier Cup event and thanks to University Yacht Club (UYC) for hosting and organizing the event. Jeff Elam and Chris Webster with Shameless Santana 20 placed 3rd place just behind LLSC J80's and Barefoot, as a club placed 2nd behind LLSC. Congratulations Barefoot racing team. The Skippers who participated were:

- 1) Shameless – Santana 20 – Jeff Elam / Chris Webster
- 2) Daedalus Beneteau 28 - Ryan Jones
- 3) Wind Spinner – Jim Chambers - Beneteau-28
- 4) WitchBurner – Jon/Lara Wittlin - Hunter 335

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! Chico Wojna—Racing Captain

Membership

Welcome to new member Mark Travis. Mark attended the last membership meeting with Chico Wojna. His Gulfstar 37, Zephyr Surfer, is in slip K-9 at Sunrise Cove. Mark is interested in racing and social activities.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Social

Event Report: Boat Cleanup Day—Coordinator: Laura Clarke

We had a beautiful day for Tom Swendiman's boat cleanup on Sunday, November 5th! Kathy Paes, Laura Clarke, Mark LaPlante and Tom got busy with 409, soap, and bleach, and made quick work of Windwalker. We were done before 2:00. Thanks to everyone who came out!

Holiday Awards Party and Transition of Officers—Sunday, Dec 3rd 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Brimstone Tavern, 10595 Old Alabama Rd Ste 1, Alpharetta, GA 30022

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 RSVP online by Nov. 30** so we can make sure Brimstone has an adequate number of servers for the event. This is the last chance to catch up socially before the New Year!



New Year Poker Run and Chili Cookoff – Jan 1st – Lake Lanier

Speaking of the New Year, mark your calendars—sailing the lake is the first thing you want to do in 2024!



**Celebrate the New Year
on the water
with us, then warm up
with a hot bowl of chili!**

**New Year's Poker Run
and Chili Cookoff!
Jan 1, 2024**

Tie on your apron and cook your best chili recipe, then don your winter sailing gear and get out on the water with us on New Year's Day for a great start to 2024. Who will have the best poker hand??? Who makes the best chili??? Who will have the best liquid brews??? Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chili recipes. Let's get out there and start the New Year with a fun day on the water and a great homecooked meal with friends.

Details:

- **Meet at the Aqualand Pig Tales Restaurant Parking Lot** for the Poker Run Skipper's Meeting and to pick up your first card with instructions for the Poker Run. Skippers without full boats will have an opportunity to pick-up crew and guests.
- **While you are at Pig Tales, drop off your favorite chili to enter in the Chili Cookoff contest.** We will have volunteers take these to the cookoff location and warm them up for the afternoon cookoff.
- **Sail around the lake on a prescribed course and pick up the Poker cards as you go.**
- Warm up with us in the afternoon at the UYC clubhouse and taste-test the chili! Vote for the best entry in the Chili Cookoff. **If you are not entering a chili, sign up on Signup Genius to bring accompaniments and sides.**
- **This is a BYOB event.** Feel free to bring your favorite libations. We have a few leftover beers we can bring from the BFO and loads of sodas and water.



Laura Clarke—Social Chair



RIP William McCulloch

We received a note from Dottie McCulloch to let us know of the death of her husband Bill. He was an early member of the club, and rejoined in the 2000s. She recalls with fondness the club social events she attended with him. [Here is a link to his obituary.](#)

Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Highlights as of November 14th:

- We have \$7,150 in our checking account, up \$1,028 since last month
- The recent BFO was a substantially bigger and more profitable event than last year:
 - We had 20 registered boats and 89 Saturday dinner attendees, up strongly from 15 boats and 52 dinner attendees in 2022. Our total revenue was ~\$8,800, up from ~\$6,000.
 - The 2023 BFO was a good fundraiser for the club, generating a net income of ~\$1,200.
 - Registrations fees and dinner tickets only cover ~\$4,800 of the regatta’s ~\$6,300 cost for awards, food and drinks, the band, etc. Proceeds from T-shirt sales, the raffle, the silent auction, and donations pull us up to that positive ~\$1,200.
- The BFO and Nov 1 st Sat cruise created a strong month for merchandise; we sold 16 hats plus 1 burgee during the past month. We’ve re-ordered stock in most current hat colors, plus we’re planning a white hat and visor design for Spring 2024

Upcoming:

- Will transfer \$587 to the Favored End Repair/Replace Fund (10% of 2023 Membership Dues \$5,865)
- Remaining Fall Administrative expenses for US Sailing, LARC, and our PO Box are expected to total ~\$1,250

David Steadman—Purser

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