



Barefoot News

April 2024

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Apr 20	11 a.m.	BFSC Spring Series #4	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Apr 21	8 a.m.	Around Alone Race	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Apr 23	6 p.m.	Full Moon Sail	Sassy Sailors	Aqualand
Apr 28	6 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	BFSC	Brimstone
May 4	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Bill Bond	Sunrise Cove
May 5	11 a.m.	BFSC Spring Series #5	Chico Wojna	Aqualand
May 11	5 p.m.	Low Country Boil	Laura Clarke	Holiday Marina Pavilion
May 18	6 p.m.	LARC Moonlight #1	LARC	Aqualand
May 19**	6 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	BFSC	TBD

New Yeoman Needed: Happy to Train You!

Dear Barefoot Sailors, I have enjoyed my work as your Yeoman but need to step away from the role by June. If you are interested in helping with club communications, I'm happy to show you the ropes. Contact me if you'd like more information. – Linda Hoopes, BFSC Yeoman

From the Commodore

Ahoy fellow Barefooters! I hope you are all having a great spring and getting out to enjoy this beautiful weather. With the weather getting nicer, spring and summer activities will begin to get crazy! Our next big social activity is our annual seafood boil! Make plans to attend on May 11th.

The current racing series is in full swing and is amazing! We have had some close races this entire series. It will be exciting to see who wins! I hope we can have more boats race in the second series later this year.

Plans for our 50th Barefoot Open Regatta on October 12-13 are underway. We will be asking all of you to help out with this event. Please be on the lookout for a volunteer list in the upcoming months.

As with any organization, we are only strong when we have participation. So, if we want BFSC to be strong we need you to be present. Please mark your calendar with our club events and plan to attend. If you have any ideas of activities you would like to see your club do, please do not hesitate to make suggestions. You can contact me at bfsc commodore@gmail.com.

I hope to see you all at our next member's meeting on April 28 at Brimstone. We will share stories from the Around Alone race.

Lisa Schoer
BFSC Commodore



Cruising

We had a great turnout for the April first Saturday cruise, with 6 boats and 27 people attending.

Come out and meet new members and old friends at the First Saturday Sail on May 4! Our theme will be Star Wars (“May the 4th be with you!”). Meet at the Sunrise Cove Marina Clubhouse Deck at 11:00—5725 Flat Creek Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504. We will have something to drink and eat, and we will be divided up into our boats for an afternoon of sailing on the lake. 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

Upcoming Events

Lots of racing opportunities coming up! Please see the calendar listing on Page 1.



Around Alone: We have a good and growing list of participants for the Around Alone open race on April 21. Come on out! If you aren’t planning to race, volunteer to help out at the post-race dirt-up and celebrate with us.

BFSC Spring Series: The BFSC Spring Race Series continues on Apr 20, May 5 and May 25.

Moonlight Races: The summer Moonlight Race series sponsored by LARC and run by BFSC will start soon: May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17. 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.

Mark your calendars now for the Joan Holcomb Memorial Woman Skipper regatta, coming up on June 1. More information next month.

Go and check out the New [BFSC Racing Resources Page](#)

Chico Wojna—Racing Captain



Member Contributions

Thanks to our members who contributed this month. If you have something to share with the club, please send it along!

From Lee Cook, Skipper on *Taka*

Comments on our rescheduled BFSC Spring Race #1, held on Sunday, April 14th, 2024



Kudos to Chico Wojna, our Racing Fleet Captain, and the assorted team at the Skippers' Meeting for putting together a different course than usual. It was based on the desire to not interfere with LLSC's annual *Governor's Cup Regatta*, by starting at "R" mark rather than "X."

It turned out very well with the objective of having 2 windward legs from "R" to "H," a downwind leg in between, and a final downwind/reaching leg to finish at X. Of course the wind went very light for the middle downwind leg, testing everyone's skill and patience, but it picked up enough after we rounded R for everyone (I think) to finish within the time limit.

What was particularly amazing was the finish for the first 3 or 4 boats – we all finished within a relatively few seconds of each other. That is the way it is supposed to work from a pursuit start, but seldom does.

Thanks once again to the Racing Fleet Captain and "Committee" for a very good course, and to all the competitors for a challenging and exciting race.

From Scott Williams: As Angela and I transition our lives more and more to the lake, we are looking for anyone who would be interested in partnering on a houseboat. I am not looking to buy a boat, but if someone has a houseboat that they are not using as often as they used to or are starting to transition elsewhere, we would like to have a chat. Email: swilliams@tsg-hr.com



Social

Member Social and Meeting

Our monthly fourth-Sunday meeting will take place on April 28 at our usual location, Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern in Alpharetta. Come at 6 for dinner, with the program starting around 7. We will discuss the Around Alone race, and crown the winner of the March Madness bracket. Guests are welcome!

Please note that the date for the May meeting has been changed to the third Sunday, May 19.

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.



We have gathered more cool items for another great monthly meeting raffle! Bring your small bills for tickets!

Sign up by May 7th! The May Social is the Barefoot Low Country Boil on Saturday, May 11

Rain or shine, the Holiday Marina Pavilion will be dry with easy parking and restroom [access](#)

- We will hold a Low Country Boil on Saturday, May 11, with potatoes, corn, shrimp and andouille (there are also chicken and veggie options) plus a mixed veggie salad.
- Prepay online by May 7th to reserve your spot. Sign up on the barefootsailingclub.org website to eat and volunteer.
- We will provide music, so come early and stay late with your dancing shoes!
- Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and remember it's BYO Beer/Wine
- BYOB and appetizers will start at 5:00 and dinner will be served around 6:30
- The event will be held at the Holiday Marina Pavilion 6900 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA 30518 (same as last year)

Laura Clarke—Social Chair



Membership

This month we have two new members and five renewals, with 23 members yet to renew:

- **Amy Jenkins and Chris (spouse), Dillon (son), Emma (daughter)**—Amy and Emma took the ASA 101 last summer and loved it! We would love to get to know people in the sailing community, gain experience with sailing and maintaining boats, and make great memories. We do not have a boat, but would like to once we get enough experience. We are happy to help out with projects on boats and around the club. Mostly available for weekend events.
- **Mike and Monica Miles**—introduced by Chico and Orla. Mike attended the last Saturday cruise, and has been coming to races as well. Monica is a gardener and has a greenhouse.
Boat: 20' Four Winns Power Boat on trailer

Keep those renewals coming! If you haven't updated your membership yet, please see the Purser's announcement in last month's newsletter for information on how to do this, or contact bfscpurser@gmail.com.

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Purser's Update

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Apr 9th 2024 Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Top highlights since Mar 14th:

- We have \$5,779 available in our checking account, down \$262 since last month
- We still have \$12,954 available in the Favored End Repair/Replace Savings Account

Other Financial Items

- Received \$525 in net income from membership renewals + new members and \$75 in raffle income from the Mar Social Meeting.
- Spent \$235 to stock 12 white BFSC logo hats plus \$100 for the special trophy hats for the Spring and Fall Series 1st and 2nd-place winners.
- Still expecting a \$150 bill for pulling Favored End out of the water, plus a substantial portion of the savings spent on the Favored End re-engine project
- Next administrative bill is \$384 for WIX "Business Unlimited" webpage services (annual), due Jul 25



David Steadman—Purser



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Contribute to the 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.