



Barefoot News

August 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event/Registration Link	Presenter/Host	Location
Aug 19	11 a.m.	Fall Race Series #2 Volunteer Signup	Fred Kempner Chico Wojna	Aqualand
Aug 26	6:00 p.m.	LARC Moonlight Race #4	Fred/Chico	Aqualand
Aug 27	6:00 p.m.	Member Social and Meeting	John Martin	Brimstone
Sept 2	11 a.m.	First Saturday Cruise	Norm Plotkin	Sunrise Cove
Sept 10	11 a.m.	Fall Race Series #3	Fred/Chico	Aqualand
Oct 13-15	See web	Barefoot Open Regatta	Lisa Schoer Gail Rodriguez	Sunrise Cove

From the Commodore

Greeting Barefooters!

As you may or may not know, Kerry McGrath, our elected Commodore for 2023, had to step down due to family issues. So, I was promoted from Vice Commodore to Commodore to finish out this year! Kerry gave us a great start and really got the sails full. Hopefully, I will be able to continue the momentum.

We have quite a few events coming up between now and the end of this year. I certainly hope you will be able to participate in them all. The weather is going to be cooling down soon making the first Saturday cruises more bearable both weather wise and wake wise. The bulk of the motor boaters will cease after Labor Day so we should be able to have the lake pretty much to ourselves after that. Fall races have begun. If you haven't participated in our club races, now is the time to begin. We have a lot of non-boat owners willing and eager to get out on the water and crew. If you have a boat and want to begin to race, just do it! Let our race captain know if you need crew.

Mentors are available for any Barefoot members wishing to learn more about basic sailing skills or racing skills. Let our mentor coordinator (Jack Schoer) know if you'd like a mentor or if you would like to be a mentor.

The 49th Barefoot Open will be held October 13-15. As you know by now, the event will be held at University Yacht Club. We really need your help in making this event a great one. Please go out and find vendors willing to provide something for our silent auction and raffle. Anything will do! Also, if you have a boat please think about racing whether you normally race or not. I am certain we could help you find good crew to help you in this endeavor. Who knows, this could make a racer out of you!

One last thing for this month, please mark your calendar for December 3. This will be our last meeting for 2023. We will celebrate the holidays, install our officers for 2024, and give out the annual trophies. This will be the first time since Covid, I think, that we have celebrated all of this together.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meeting or out in the water.

Yours in sailing,

Lisa Schoer, Commodore



✍ **August 27 Member Social and Meeting** ✍

Mark your calendar for the [member social and meeting](#) in August when long-time member and mentor John Martin shows us how to tie ourselves in knots. Visitors welcome!

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 #2	Saturday, 19 August	Rory & Mary Robichaux – savory brisket tacos
BFSC Fall #3	Sunday, 10 September	(open)
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 Series Races began August 5 and although we had 6 skippers ready to race, there was no race. We had however, a great Dirt-up!

At first it looked like the morning's slight breeze might fill in enough to start a short race, but even that slight breeze vanished, and we bobbed around for an hour and called it quits. We had six boats, so thanks to all the captains willing to give it a try and special thanks to Laura who provided some great food for a dirt-up.

The upcoming Fall Series races are listed below:

- August 19, 2023
- September 10, 2023
- October 1, 2023
- October 29, 2023
- November 5, 2023

Fred Kempner & Chico Wojna—Racing Captains



Lake Lanier Association Shore Sweep

Participate in Lanier's largest cleanup—[Shore Sweep!](#)

Team Barefoot will be out there helping clean up our beautiful lake. [Here's a link to sign up.](#)

From the Cruise Captain

We had two boats and 3 crew at our August 5 First Saturday Cruise. Thanks to "Sailing on Purpose" and "Starcatcher" and crew. Wind died as soon as we all got out on the lake and with all the power boats out, we decided to get together at Pizza Cove for a swim to cool off and enjoy the afternoon aboard our boats.

Next First Saturday Cruise is Saturday, September 2nd, Labor Day weekend. We will meet at Sunrise Cove club house deck at 11 a.m. for an end of summer raft up and BBQ.

Sign up as crew (we can find a boat for you!) or skipper at:

<https://www.barefootsailingclub.org/upcoming-cruises>. Invite friends you know that are not members of our club but might be interested in boating and sailing on our lake.

Club elections are coming up soon. If interested in becoming Cruise Captain for next year, please email Norman.



Membership Update

Please welcome returning members:

- **Scott and Marie Gillies**—they were members in 2019-20 and have sold their boat, and are looking to crew with others until they hopefully get a boat again!

Jacqueline Steadman—Membership Captain

Purser's Update

The club remains in good financial shape. Highlights as of August 8th:

- We have \$6,725 in our checking account, up \$50 since last month.
- As of 8/07, Steak-Out ticketing has netted \$787 from 23 tickets sold minus \$25 in processing fees (also brought in \$59 at the July meeting raffle).
- JHMWSR: reimbursed Fred \$72 to engrave the event's permanent trophies. Will be sending LLSC \$519.20 as their 50/50 share of the event proceeds.
- Spent \$403 on Around Alone permanent trophies and \$384 for our WIX premium business webpage.
- Will be spending \$339 to fully restock our inventory of BFSC logo hats.

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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