

## Commodore's Report

LMSC's sailing season is officially open! We sailed 3 great races in our opening Rodesiler series with 11 boats on the line for race one. Sailfest was very well attended and was indeed a festive event. In addition to the racing contingent, we had lots of invited guests who enjoyed our static boat displays, great location, and LMSC hospitality. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteer team, under the guidance of Regatta Chairman Frank McKinnon, Sailfest 2009 was great fun for everyone and did a superb job of gaining positive recognition for our club in the Greater Lake Murray community.



*Youth Sailing Marchand style  
(Photo courtesy Debbie Beck)*

Special thanks to Tom Ricciuto and the volunteers who manned our guest registration table at Sailfest. Because of their effort and follow-up action, LMSC gained 4 new members in our May business meeting. All four new members were responding to LMSC hospitality and promotional energy at Sailfest.

Speaking of new members, be sure to browse our "New Members" page and meet the newest members of our LMSC family. You will need to log in to the password restricted "Member Pages" of our

website ([www.lmsc.org](http://www.lmsc.org)) and follow the "New Members" link. Once you recognize new members at the club, give them your best LMSC welcome.

Look for plenty of activity around the club as the summer approaches. Allan Gowans and several volunteers will be using the garage to repair, overhaul and otherwise rehabilitate boats and gear for the Youth Camp and other youth sailing programs Youth Camp registration are coming fast now because of Allan Gowans energetic promotional activities. We have added Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission as a promoter our Youth Camp and have successfully engaged the Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America with our support of the BSA "Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge" program. We anticipate significant growth in this year's Youth Camp census.

A joint committee of LMSC and LMSA (Lake Murray Sailing Association) will have met by the time this report is published to hammer out a first draft of a proposed partnership agreement. LMSA is an IRS approved 501.3.c non-profit charitable corporation dedicated to promoting youth sailing, youth development programs centered on learning boat repair and boat construction skills, and promoting adult community sailing and instructional programs. LMSC will be funded through tax deductible contributions and staffed by uncompensated volunteers. LMSC and LMSC will be exploring the opportunities such a partnership presents for LMSC to leverage its support of LMSA in the form of volunteer personnel and property and facility use in exchange for possible property tax relief and reduction of operating costs through shared property use. The potential for facility upgrades through mutual lease agreements, subject to membership approval, will also be explored. The potential for long term club membership growth driven by community outreach youth and adult sailing programs supported by a joint LMSC/LMSA operation is tremendous. We hope to bring you positive news about this evolving partnership over the next few months.

All in all, this is a time of opportunity and growth potential for LMSC. We have energetic people promoting dynamic and exciting programs to strengthen our position as a recreational sailing club. Economic times may be difficult, but I see lots of reasons to be optimistic about our future. We are in the right place on Lake Murray, this is the right time for the economy minded family to vacation at home, we are affordable, and the wind is free.

Happy Sailing!  
Ryan Gaskin, Commodore

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## MC Fleet #89 Continues to Grow!

Two years ago, this coming July, the first MC Scow appeared on LMSC property. In less than two years, we now have 14 boats in the fleet! In a major large population club, that is outstanding growth, but at a small sailing club like LMSC, that growth is phenomenal!

The fleet has scheduled "monthly" events, now has a regatta scheduled in September, and is submitting a bid to host the MC Masters North American Championships.

The growth and fleet participation is not by accident, not only is the boat a joy to sail, it is easy to rig, launch, retrieve and go home! Takes ten minutes to launch, raise the sails and be off and equally as easy to put away! Don't need crew, but can easily and competitively sail with two.

Fleet training and coaching is always available for beginners and "experts" alike. Our goal is to make everyone better sailors which will bring in more sailors and grow the fleet and LMSC.

For a "test ride" in an MC Scow, contact any fleet member or contact me and we will arrange a fun experience for you.

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## SUMMER YOUTH CAMP 2009

LMSC Summer Camp starts on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and there is still much work needed to get ready.

I have charted out 10 summer camp objectives that we hope to achieve by the end of the camp, lets talk about 3 of these objectives:

- 1) Make money. Without funds to grow, our camp will continue to struggle and be a hand to mouth operation. We must make money and have some cash in the bank at the end of the sessions.
- 2). Currently we have 2 privately owned racing Optimist Dinghies. By the end of summer, we need to have an LMSC Opti racing team with the boats being PARENT owned. Currently there are 4 additional boats on LMSC grounds that are IOD registered racing boats. These boats are available for racing or charter.
- 3). Our youth program needs to have a life of its own! We will need to have youth events in Opti's, Lasers, and FJ's on a monthly/year round basis. Again, parent involvement is a key to making this happen.

Successful sailing clubs throughout the US have the same thing in common:

- Strong One-design fleets,
- active youth programs, and
- education-training.

We are trying to drive LMSC in this direction



## Flying Scot Fleet #158 Report

As of 05/11/2009, the Fleet schedule remains the same. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have cruised to the Dockside for lunch on 05/23/2009. I've talked with the owner and he is expecting us. So far the Sheltons, Sweets, Gowans, Walraths, Wulfs, Weavers & the Meltons are going. Chris Rudek is 50/50. The Gaskins & Rices can't make it. I have not heard from Cobb nor Lockwood.. John Kester will drive one of the mark boats and I'll drive the other as support escort boats.

Allan & Janie Gowans in the lead at Sailfest 2008, Bob Walrath & another boat pursuing

After the lunch cruise, we have the following on the fleet activities scheduled:

1. 05/30/2009 Fleet Races (could be teams if we want)
2. 06/06/2009 Sail to the Rusty Anchor for lunch provided I can arrange it with the management, or we can substitute something else if one lunch cruise is enough, maybe 3 single-handed races
3. 06/20/2009 Fleet Races (could be teams if we want)
4. 08/08/2009 A poker Run or something else - it's up to the Fleet - single handed?
5. 08/29/2009 Fleet Races (could be teams if we want).
6. 10/31/2009 Fleet Championships

The Great 48 Regatta at Lake Norman Yacht Club in NC was held on May 2-3, 2009. Lake Norman, in spite of having their clubhouse closed for construction, were great hosts. Bud and Jean Sweet and Ryan and Sherry Gaskin represented LMSC at the event. The Gaskins did well in Saturday's race 1, placing 9th of 39 boats in a relatively steady breeze of about 8 knots. Race 2 was a drifter with wildly shifting winds. The Sweets slogged out a 12th place in very challenging conditions. Sunday's race 3 started in the rain with winds in the 12-15 range and a modest chop.

After 2 races, the LMSC contenders slid back a bit toward the middle of the fleet with the Sweets edging out the Gaskins by one position. A compact fleet made for very tactical racing at times. Rain or no, the regatta was great fun with good breeze for 3 of 4 races, plenty of food, an open bar on Saturday night, lots of great people, and many familiar faces from around the country.

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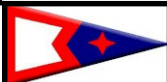
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## New and improved kid's room

Diane Coleman and her husband did a wonderful job not just fixing up the kids' room but even buying new toys and equipment.

One simple rule to remember when using the room: **always leave it better than you found it.**





## 4 INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHIES FOR SALE

IOD Measured and Registered  
Ready for the LMSC Racing Opti Team

All boats have new Windesign Duro Race Sails, LITE tapered battens, Vectran sail ties and window

All boats have new Silver Racing Spar sets, with Rigging Packages

All boats have the New Rule Racing Blade Sets with padded storage bag

Boat #1, Van Wettem, ISAF#88913	\$1,494
Boat #2, Vanguard, ISAF#112325	\$1,900
Boat #3, Vanguard, ISAF#96080	\$1,729
Boat #4, Vanguard, ISAF#123060	\$1,964

Good racing optimist Dinghies are Difficult to find. These boats have come from McLaughlin at extremely low prices in order to help launch the Optimist program at LMSC.

These boats are ready to sail immediately, have all the rigging and safety air bags and the “go fast” fittings.

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**YOUTH SAILING CAMP 2009  
Lake Murray Sailing Club  
June 15th - August 14th**

