



# Windword

Lake Murray Sailing Club

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2011

## Commodore's Commentary

### Join LMSC and Double Your Income!

There are times in life when one simply must be brave and tell the truth. So...I'm about to reveal something which some of you may find disturbing...or even offensive! I subscribe to *The New Yorker*! Yes, of course I buy it for the cartoons. But I also read the articles.

That having been said, I would direct your attention to an article by David Brooks in the January 17<sup>th</sup> issue titled "Social Animal: How the new sciences of human nature can help make sense of a life." The "new sciences", vaguely called something like "neo-cogno-neuroscience", have an odd way of confirming the common sense wisdom we should have gleaned from our grandparents. By putting a "positivist" spin on conventional truths, it makes them palatable in today's skeptical environment. For example, neuroscientists have now proven (by conducting a poll



of undergraduates) that "men leap into bed more quickly than women." Boy! I'd been wondering about that one since high school! Still, putting the obvious and the silly aside, the article uses a number of studies on "connectivity" to conclude that: **"Joining a group that meets just once a month produces the same increase in happiness as doubling your income."**

Well, that just about says it all for LMSC. Sailing is good. But being an active

member of the Club is really what it's all about. This lesson was very much in line with our Awards Banquet. There were awards for finishing first in class, of course, but the two major awards, the Commodore's Service Award and the Sailor of the Year Award were not for ultimate sailing proficiency, but for maximizing what the neurosciences may call "connectivity." Bud Buckwell (Commodore's Service Award) and Debbie Beck (Sailor of the Year) both did a lot of sailing, but they also organized projects, showed up for meetings, came out to paint, and otherwise maximized their connectedness to the Club. If the average member gets the happiness effect of doubling his or her income, Bud and Debbie are really rolling in the dough! Congratulations to both. If the rest of you want to get rich in 2011, do what they did in 2010!

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## Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

**Feb 5-26** "Back 2 Basics" coaching clinics 11am each Saturday (Unless otherwise announced) Open to all.

**Feb 12** Oyster Roast & Chicken Feast 3:30pm

**Feb 20** MC Scow sailing event

**Mar 5-26** "Back 2 Basics" Saturdays at 11am

**Mar 26** Special "Back 2 basics" Race Committee clinic (9am) and afternoon MC Scow performance clinic.

**Mar 27** Afternoon MC Scow performance clinic



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### Announcements:

- On-line Club store is open for business. New items coming soon. Show your LMSC pride. Wear our clothing and accessories.
- All on-line fleet event calendars are current and available for viewing on the LMSC website. Follow the "Fleet" links.



## Flying Scot Fleet 158 Report



Robert and Ryan shape to weather

Greetings from Fleet 158. We are busy with winter training. Each Saturday we have sailors of all skill levels coming out to the club and working to get better.

We have a short skull-session and then we get on the water.

The Scot is a perfect boat for this. It is very forgiving of mistakes made by beginners and experienced skippers alike. It is very stable, which helps to make beginners more confident. If you have an area of sailing that you would like to work

on or just talk about, come out to the club on any Saturday morning through March. I know we can help you get better.

Winter is the time to work on all the little things, and sometimes big things. Things you notice during the season, but don't want to take the time to fix. Check out your trailer, tighten bolts, grease bearings, check the tires, install a new winch strap, check the lights, put on new bunks or replace the carpet. It is a real bummer to have something break when you're going to a regatta or taking your boat on vacation. Winter is also the time to upgrade your lines. Get a new lightweight mainsheet and jib sheet. Get

those tapered spinnaker sheets you've always wanted. Upgrade your mainsheet cleat to one that doesn't grab the sheet when it is blowing hard. The main point here are to "get off your butt", go up to the club and work on your boat. That way, when it is time to go sailing, you won't risk "down time" because something breaks.

As always, for those of you who don't have a Scot but think it might be fun to take one for a spin, just contact me or any Fleet 158 member. We'd be glad to show you what a great boat the Flying Scot is.

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### Winter is the time!



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## MC Scow Fleet 89 News



MC competition on sunny Lake Murray

MC Scow Fleet 89 at Lake Murray Sailing Club has completed its calendar of events for 2011. Our schedule is available on the web site listed under MC Scow fleet activities and on the overall calendar.

We are planning on having a very busy year within the fleet including a designated "away" regatta. We will share more details on the schedule in the next newsletter and via e-mail

First...some old business. As many of you know, Ryan Gaskin won our fleet championship regatta held in early November. Ben Connor and Harper Gowans finished first in the "B" fleet, which of course means they can no longer sail in that

fleet! Now, they have to compete against the all the "Top Guns". In our yearly series, there was a first place tie between your distinguished Fleet Captain and Tommy Weaver, with Ryan a close third and Bob Walrath and Ben very close behind. This year the fleet had some pretty nifty polo shirts made as prizes. The shirts are "dry fit Nikes" with the MC Logo and Fleet 89 embroidered on the front. These shirts are exquisitely designed and are available to fleet in numerous colors for \$45.00. Contact the Fleet Captain for ordering information.

We in the MC Scow Fleet are having a spectacular time sailing. We have a good mix of novices, semi-novices,

some semi's and skippers who are "semi plus"! (Inquiries as to the definition of "semi plus" are invited!) It is a great mix of sailors. Additionally, we have 12 youth sailors competing with the adults. We have had 5 MC Scow's donated to the LMSA group and, with Ben Connor's boat, that gives us 6 youth teams (12 youth sailors). It is fun, exciting, and very rewarding to sail with these youngsters.

John Kester, Mark Connor, Everett Rice, Ryan Gaskin, and Brian Havens all donated MC Scows to the Lake Murray sailing Association. Way to go guys!

We have already com-

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Tommy's Toy! "Nuff said!"



## MC Scow Fleet 89 News

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pleted our first event of 2011. The Ice Bowl was held on New Years afternoon in cool temperatures and great winds. Newcomer Rich Sweet won all three races, Ryan was second and the next few positions belonged to the LMSA youth. We enjoyed great sailing and good fun on the water with a chili dinner held afterwards and a few awards for significant achievements.

Nationwide, it has been demonstrated that strong sailing fleets are the heart of sailing organizations. We are fortunate at LMSC to have a strong MC Scow fleet. Fleets do not happen by themselves, but are usually the result of hard work and dedication by a few individuals. Fleet 89 is no exception. Being a fleet member is not an entitlement, but rather a privilege. Our supporting members pay their dues, participate, do their part in promoting the fleet and LMSC by being proactive in regards to one-design sailing. If these things are of interest to you; if the great camaraderie is of interest to you; if the good fellowship, working and interacting with eager young sailors is of interest to you, Fleet 89 is where you should be! We are fortunate our fleet has a so many great proactive members.

MC Scow fleet 89 defines excitement! Come sail with us!

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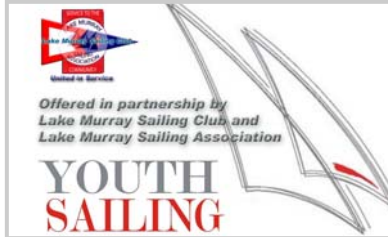
## LMSA and Youth Sailing - Winter Report

While it may appear that this cold winter weather has stopped all activity, that assumption is far from the case. We have cleaned out and organized the LMSA-NROTC Boathouse in preparation for boat repair and fleet refurbishment. We will first refurbish the Flying Junior fleet; fixing scratches, rigging, installing bumpers and making sure all is in good working order. After the FJ's, we will start the task of building a Fleet of Lasers. Although we are short many parts and have a bunch of very "soft" hulls, we have enough to work with to get the fleet started. There is always a need for volunteers to help. Bob Walrath

has been most helpful in managing the FJ's, Tommy Weaver has agreed to be the "Boatwright" for our MC Scow fleet. Now we need a Laser "point" person!

At the recent awards dinner, two LMSA recognition awards were given out. Tom Ricciuto has worked behind the scenes finding boats, getting them donated and then finding buyers. Tom has made it possible for LMSA to end the year in the black. We will be removing all decals and names from our fleet of FJ's and installing

new names in honor of the people who make a difference



to LMSA To kick off that tradition in 2011, the first boat out of the shop will have a new name... **Tom Ricciuto**...prominently displayed in 10" in bold black letters



on the transom. The second award is somewhat similar. Harold "Scotty" Scott never missed a day of camp, is always present when our youth sail, hauls MC's in and out of the water and works tirelessly helping and assisting with the program. The second FJ out of the shop will have the name...**SCOTTY**...in big bold red letters on the side of the boat. Given Scotty's extraordinary level of commitment, his boat's name is seriously permanent!

LMSA will be holding a number of youth sailing

events, combining with some MC Scow events in February and March. We will hold a youth mini-camp the week of April 4-8 (spring break for all but L-R-5) where we will be working with our instructors on sailing and boat repair clinics. Following this event, we will be holding a full attendance camp the week of April 18-22 for area youth. This camp is available through ICRC or direct registration through LMSA.

LMSA is pleased to host the very first event of its kind in the area, the "Youth Challenge" on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We expect 4 or more teams from the Charlotte Community Sailing program to participate. This will begin a series of home and home sailing events with additional dates scheduled for

the fall.

More to follow in the next Windword and via e-mail

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Sail South Carolina!

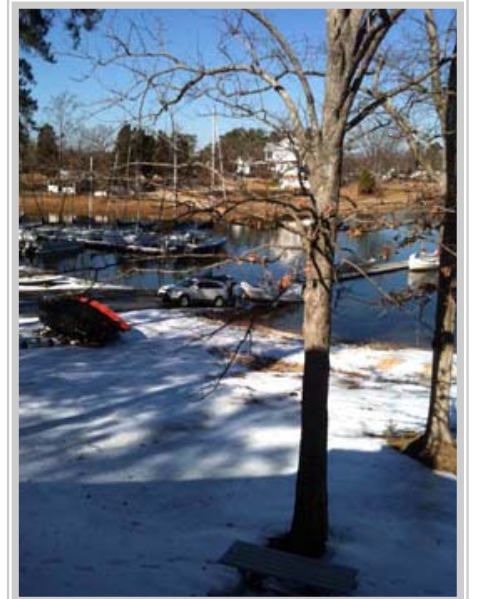
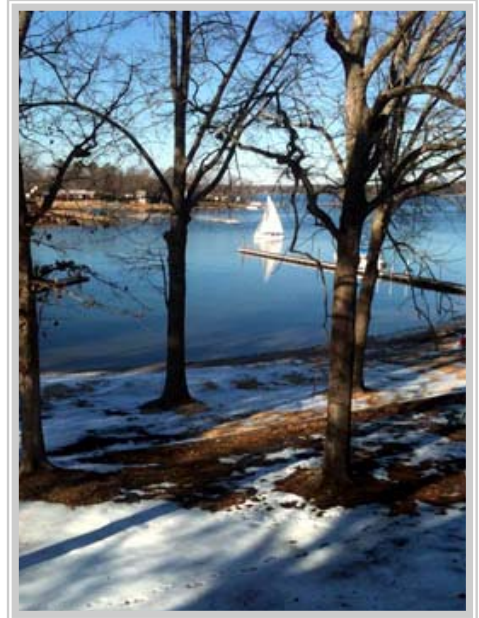




# Winter Photo Gallery



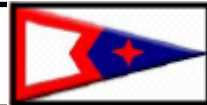
Wide angle "Greeting Card" photo of "C" dock courtesy of Dave Bright.



"Hardy Sailors" courtesy of Kathy Wulf



Snow pictures courtesy of Debbie Beck (Viewable in larger format on LMSC facebook).



## Slips and Parking

A few weeks ago I emailed the new slip agreements. Thus far I have only received 5 signed contracts. Please contact me immediately if you did not get my email.

Since the slip agreement is required of all slip renters, it is

important that we receive your signed rental agreement within the next two weeks. As a reminder, boats occupying slips will be required to be compliant with LMSC by-laws as outlined in the slip agreement. Please be prepared to bring your boat up to specs by this 2011 sailing season.

We are going to do another full court press in the parking area this spring. I will be taking pictures of unmarked boats and trailers parked on the grounds and sending them out to the membership. On receipt of these photo notifications, please respond immediately if one of the unidentified craft belongs to you. All unidentified watercraft will be removed from club premises. Parking and Landscape crews will be moving the trailers parked north of the gate along the hedge row. Our Grounds Committee will be doing major landscape work in that area this spring to enhance the look of the front



gate. (Thank you Bud Buckwell for the awesome design!) I will email each person with a marked trailer with the date and location of the move.

Dock supervisors will be sending out emails this spring for dock maintenance. Ed Colie for C

dock...Simon Marchant for A dock and Ricciuto for B dock. You will be asked to work with your slip neighbor to paint and repair the "real-estate" immediately associated with your slip. This work time will count towards your annual "Fair Share" club contribution.

*Tom Ricciuto, Slip and Parking assignments*  
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## Membership

I continue to get inquiries from people interested in the club. Many are close to retirement and are looking for a place to live near the lake. This is a very good thing for our club. However, with change and growth comes pain. Some of these members have larger boats and will need slips.

I just want to take a moment to remind our slip occupants that slip re-assignment is sometimes necessary. While there is no reason to request relocation

at the moment, the time may come when smaller boats need to move to a spot with shallow water to make room for a larger boat with deeper draw. This is just a reminder at this time, because I see growth potential for us this spring.

*Tom Ricciuto, Membership*

## LMSC Club Store

Store sales have been slow for 2010. In recent conversations with members at the club it sounds like the emails or the Store itself is slipping into the low priority column. That's OK....we are all very busy these days.....try and visit the site and order something.

Ryan, Mary Keels and I are going to work up a design for a new everyday club T shirt. If for some reason you did not see my email asking for ideas, please email me ASAP - [lmscmembership@sc.rr.com](mailto:lmscmembership@sc.rr.com) -



*Fishing shirt store item*

If you have any ideas about other items you would like to see in the store, please email me.

*Tom Ricciuto, Store Manager*

**Go sailing! It frees the mind and thus the soul.**

## Cruisin' News

This past weekend gave us a taste of the nice weather on the horizon. As always the One Design guys are going strong getting ready for 2011 season. Mary Keels and Frank McKinnon did a great job last year getting the Cruiser Fleet and events organized. With the help of several others, I volunteered to take point for the 2011 CF season .... Mary Keels, Debbie Beck, Bob Jones, Neita White, Sheri Case, Sue and Kirk Johnson are part of the CF team this year.

This past Tuesday, the group met at El Poblano's to hammer out an event calendar. The group came up with a list of very creative ideas for us this season. The calendar was finalized and, as of this writing, has been published on the club website. I don't want to steal any of the groups thunder, but...I think Jimmy B....will want our group to throw his next party.

New this year will be the DEC's .... Dock Event Coordinators. They are Debbie Beck for "A", Mary Ricciuto for "B" and Sue Johnson for "C" docks. They will do their very best to make sure all of our cruiser people know about the event. They will coordinate with you and each other to ensure the overall success of the event. Look for emails and phone calls from them during the season. Also new this year is the OPEN DOCK PARTY .... These are on the calendar for the off weeks. Somebody will want to do something that weekend. It may be a class or seminar along with a cookout and

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bonfire. Look for emails and phone calls. Sometimes last minute ideas are the best ideas and the most fun. We also have a "weather event" person we can call if bad weather threatens the event.

Our success as a fleet and a club is dependent on your participation, your ideas and feedback. Our volunteer group is extremely enthusiastic about getting the fleet active and involved. We hope the enthusiasm is contagious enough that it spreads throughout the fleet and the club. If you have ideas or suggestions for a theme, please speak up by emailing me or one of the volunteers..... Let's get involved with your CF neighbors. See you at the bar....

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### Commodore

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Now, if you're still doubting whether anything of value can come from the tainted left-wing pages of *The New Yorker*, compare this quote from Jonathan McKee's column in the Jan/Feb edition of *Sailing World*: "I've come to realize that the largest determinant of how we enjoy our day on the water is choice of shipmates." Without the neuroscience, McKee reaches the same basic conclusion as David Brooks: It's all about the people, stupid!

On that note, let's shrug off the winter blahs and start thinking about spring, fresh breezes, work parties, gourmet potluck dinners, getting out on the water with our friends, swapping a few stories and sharing a few laughs.

Lawrence Melton, Commodore



### Board of Stewards 2010—2011

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### At Large Members

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### LMSC Annual Oyster Roast

**Annual Oyster Roast and fried Chicken Feast**  
**Saturday afternoon February 12**  
**3:30 PM 'til the food is gone or we can't stand!**



Wear warm clothes bring an oyster knife (or screwdriver), sturdy gloves, and a towel.

Price is \$12 for oysters; \$15 for oyster & chicken; 45 for children under 12. All meals include

French fries, slaw, and beverages.

Get complete details and arrange reservations using the LMSC on-line calendar link, ([www.lmsc.org](http://www.lmsc.org)) or contact Sonya Stewart [sssjag@sc.rr.com](mailto:sssjag@sc.rr.com).

**Reservations due by February 2nd.**

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