

Windword

Lake Murray Sailing Club

November - December

2011

Commodore's Commentary

Greetings!

It is a pleasure and a privilege to once again be addressing you as Commodore. Many thanks to Lawrence Melton and the rest of the 2010-2011 Board for the good job they did handling the Club's business. I am looking forward to working with the new Board to keep LMSC moving forward and prospering.

A huge thank you to Richard Eaton, Bill Haxton, Todd Welsh, Sue Johnson, Ryan Gaskin, Bud Sweet, Scotty Scott and Tom Ricciuto for agreeing to chair the Grounds, House, Docks, Entertainment, Training, Sailing, Safety and Membership/Slips/Parking Committees respectively. Be sure to contact them and get on one or more of the committees. Remember, the club can only get better if you help out.

By the time you read this, our renovation of the launch ramp should be complete. Many thanks to the



previous Board for authorizing this needed task. Thanks to Bud Buckwell for heading up the project. Thanks also to Barney Corbett and his company for providing a very competitive price and doing a good job of pouring our new ramp.

I'm not sure if everyone is aware of it, but I wanted to make sure that everyone knows that our affiliation with Lake Murray Sailing Association is a great benefit to LMSC. By partnering with

LMSA and allowing the use of LMSC facilities, the county has granted a substantial reduction in our upcoming property taxes and we even received a refund from last year's taxes. Miracles do happen! Many thanks to Allan Gowans for all his hard work with the county treasurer's office in order for us to get the reduction. Allan also worked with a local tax attorney to get our undeveloped 5 acre plot reclassified, which also reduces our property taxes. Be assured that the Board will work to put the savings to good use.

2011-2012 is already shaping up to be a great year. Please don't hesitate to bring any concerns you have about the Club to me or any member of the Board. Get involved with the Committees and most importantly, get out to LMSC and go sailing!

Tommy Weaver, Commodore

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Announcements:

- See back page announcements for 2012 Awards Dinner and Oyster Roast
- Great "T" shirts and quality club burgees are new items in the club store. Display LMSC apparel and accessories with pride.
- Check the LMSC "Classifieds" for new boat ads and for gear or accessory items for sale, Bargains are to be found!

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

Board meeting—7pm

Dec 03 Work party 8:30am—Christmas Party 3:30pm

Dec 04 MC Scow event—1pm

Dec 05 Board Meeting—7pm

Jan 01 MC Scow Ice Bowl Regatta and Chili party—12N

Jan 09 Board Meeting—7pm

Jan 14 Annual Awards Dinner—5:30pm





Flying Scot Championship—Regatta Final



Top Left: 'Dream Weaver "2"' historic Flying Scot hull number 2, shapes comfortably to weather.

Middle: Allan and Janie - trimmed for light air speed and showing Championship form.

Flying Scot Fleet 158 held its Fleet Championship on Nov. 12. Teams Gowans, Gaskin, Rue, Walrath and Weaver attended. We were able to get in 3 challenging races. The wind shifts and pressure changes were all over the compass. Allan and Janie Gowans did the best job of figuring out the wind and won the Championship with a total of 6 points. The other teams fared as follows: Gaskin and King, 8 points, Rue³, 9 points, Walrath and Sweet, 10 points,

which leaves Debbie and me holding up the tail end with 12 points.

The formal sailing season has come to an end

will see Flying Scots being launched at LMSC. You will also see fleet members working on their boats trying to get just a little faster and a little

more comfortable. I plan to continue improving #2. She has performed surprisingly well since we bought her. If only I could get better steering her.....

If you are interested in a Flying Scot, please contact me or any other Fleet 158 member.



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with the Fleet Championship. But, that doesn't mean we will not be sailing over the winter. As long as the weather isn't too bad, you



Sail South Carolina!

MC Scow Championship—Consistency Pays Dividends

The 2011 MC Scow Fleet Championship Regatta was held on November 13th with very shifty and variable wind conditions. Acute attention to "pressure" bands and awareness of the many fixed "flags" near the race course to indicate shifts was paramount to consistent finishes. This was pond sailing at its best! The races were all close with the downwind legs providing opportunities to either gain or lose position. A momentary lapse of concentration on

the downwind legs could easily cost you a couple of boat positions.

Much thanks goes out to "Scotty", Mark and Jewel Connor, and our RC Captain, Bud Buckwell. Scotty, Mark and Jewel provided safety boats to patrol the races and Bud did a masterful job managing the course and getting the races started.

Congratulations to Ryan Gaskin for consistent sailing. He never won a race, but finishing first through steady sailing. John Rue had the hottest hand, but a boat breakdown in race two did not help his chances to prevail. Good seamanship however allowed him to fix his boat and finish 4, not a bad showing.

MC Fleet still has an-

other monthly event in December that will help determine the yearly series winner and will be hosting the annual Ice Bowl regatta at LMSC on January 1st to kick off the new sailing year.

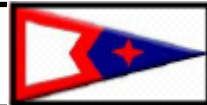
The MC Scow is one of the fastest growing and most active one design sailboats in the US. The boat is fun to sail, easy to launch and retrieve and a great racing boat with lots of good competition throughout the Southeast and US. We are an active and strong local fleet with all skill levels of sailors. The MC Scow will be used this winter in the LMSC "learn to race" winter sailing sessions.

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Ryan demos capsiz recovery at the MC Scow 2011 Master's Championship Regatta in Beaufort. Levitation appears to be part of the drill!!!

Sorry, we have no photos from the Fleet Championship.



Cruising News



The 2011 cruising fleet sailing season is coming to an end and soon colder weather will be upon us. Only the few, the proud,

barely swept by the competitors from Dock A and B. The rivalry will continue in 2012. We organized 6 social events including dock parties, sail-



What do you do when the wind goes light? Ask the Cruisers! They know!!

the “die hard” cruisers will enjoy the wind and tranquility of being alone on the lake. Our 2011 cruising fleet had an active season with the largest number of people ever participating in events.

We started off the season with a great International Food Tasting dock party. Food and fellowship were terrific. We completed several capture the flag events with Dock A winning the first race from Dock B and the flag ended with Dock C when they

ing, evening raft ups, a “Jimmy Buffett” party, competitive racing, moon light sails, and cook outs.

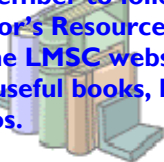
Many of our cruisers including Abigail, Calypso, Felicita and Dragon Fly participated either in the LYMRA races, Outback and/or the Midlands Regatta. Calypso brought home the cup for winning 1st place in the Midlands Regatta. Congratulations Calypso! We had an absolute blast and enjoyed getting to know one another.

We look forward to the 2012 sailing season with more fun, laughter and sailing. We invite all cruisers and members to join in the fun next year! The cruisers will end the 2011 sailing season with a holiday party hosted by Debbie Beck on December 11th.

Contributed by Debbie Beck

Sailors Resources

Remember to follow the “Sailor’s Resources” link on the LMSC website to find useful books, links and videos.



Ramp Project

One of the advantages of a club the size of ours is that we have members with a wide variety of skills. Take 100 or so sailors and you can do just about anything.

Barney Corbett, long time member and past commodore, submitted a cost saving bid to the club to replace our deteriorating ramp.

Barney says the new ramp will have 3500 psi concrete and will be 6 inches thick with 8 inches at the edges. The old ramp was only 2 to 3 inches thick. Edges will be tooled to give a finished look. To manage the cracks that always occur with concrete, Barney will insert galvanized keyways longitudinally and laterally.

The old ramp is gone as of today (Nov. 14) and the next two days will see some 55 cubic yards of concrete poured and finished. To ensure the surface is not too slick, his crew will push and pull a concrete broom perpendicular to the slope.

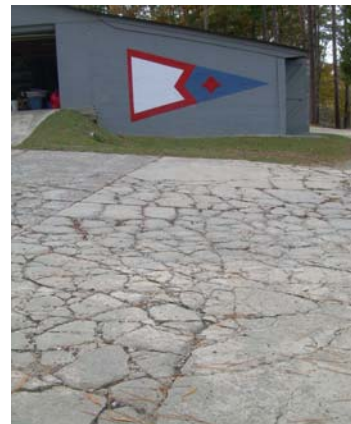
The cost saving bid allowed us to contract for an additional ramp to be poured near the rigging dock. This “dolly ramp” will be a great help to anyone attempting to launch from that area. The dimensions of this new ramp are 8 feet by 52 feet.

So by next week, we should have two of the best ramps around, thanks to one of our own!

Contributed by Richard Eaton

(Ed. Note: Bottom two photos are of completed launch ramp and dolly launch ramp.)

Project Photos





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Consistency Pays

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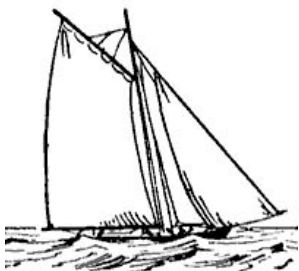
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MC Scows—Come Sail With Us!

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MC Teams	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	Total
Gaskin / 2523	3	2	2	2	9
J. Rue / 1400	1	4	4	1	10
Gowans / 2292	2	3	1	5	11
Weaver / 1874	4	1	7	4	16
Z/J Rue / 2074	6	5	3	8	22
Walrath / 1669	7	8	6	3	24
Connor / 1106	5	6	5	9	25
King / 1033	8	7	8	6	29
Tye / 912	9	9	9	7	34

Results—2012 MC Scow Fleet 89 Championship Regatta



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

Board of Stewards 2011—2012

Commodore - Tommy Weaver

Vice Commodore - Ryan Gaskin

Rear Commodore - Mardi Valentino

Treasurer - Debbie Beck

Secretary - Bud Buckwell

At Large Members

Bill Haxton

Richard Eaton

Sue Johnson

John Rue

January 14th Awards Dinner

Calling all members! Mark your calendar for the Annual LMSC Awards Dinner.

Dinner is served at 5:30pm immediately followed by presentation of LMSC and LMSA awards for the 2011 sailing season.

Dinner is "Potluck" as of this writing, so bring your favorite winter time dinner entrée or side to share.

March 10th Oyster Roast

Make sure you are on hand at 3:30pm to shuck and slurp your share of steaming fresh oysters. Set a reminder on your PDA now!

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Preferred Rate Agreement to LMSC Members and Guests

See "Local Hotels" on the LMSC website