

Commodore's Report



**Commodore
Tommy
Weaver**

The sailing and racing season is here! We had a great turnout of 12 boats at the first club race on March 31. As those of you who were there saw, the Committee boat looked fabulous with its fresh coat of paint and its brand new Honda outboard. Many, many thanks to those who put time and effort into getting the 'Phoenix' (my name for it, maybe we'll make it permanent, what do you think?) ready for another season. With proper care and maintenance, I don't think we will ever have to buy another motor for the committee boat.

The Chili Cook-off following the racing was a great success yet again. If my count was right, we had 12 pots of chili and over 50 people in attendance. It was a very difficult decision, but after lots of tasting, (there weren't any leftovers), our top three entrants were determined. Congratulations to Monica

Szymanski for her 3rd place, to Bud Sweet for his second and to Tracy Sterling for her 1st place. What a great kickoff to our social events!

The April board meeting was very successful. We received and approved 2 new families. The board has decided to hire a lawn service to keep the grass cut. The service will begin mid-April and end in October. Also, you may notice that we now have a very nice hose reel at the spigot out front and we have a nice air compressor in the garage. Many thanks to Rear Commodore Gaskin for handling the acquisition of the items. Those of you who use it regularly will notice that we have new wheels on the large handcart. Thanks to Grounds Chairman Tom Ricciutto for that improvement. Finally, we can now see what we are shoveling onto our plates at dinner, thanks to the handiwork of John Kester! He installed a light fixture above the food table area in the clubhouse. Thanks to everyone on all of the Committees for all of the work being done at the club. Everything is looking great and continues to show the world what a great facility and great members

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Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

May 18th—Cocktails on the Patio starting at 5pm. BYOB and an hors d'ouvres to share.

May 26th— *(A lot is happening @ LMSC on the 26th!)*

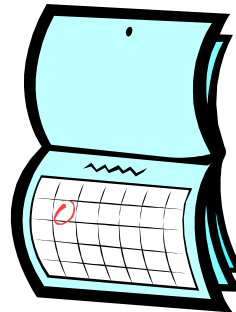
Fishing Classes (contact Joe DeMichael—see page 4)

Rodesiler Race starting @ 3:00

Jimmy Buffett Party after the races

This dinner includes dinner with all the sides, dessert, drinks (including margaritas, wine, beer & non-alcoholic drink options), music and an old-fashioned game for those of you willing to try your skill! Email Barb Williams at broses9@yahoo.com. Send checks with meal choice (Cheeseburger(\$10), Shrimp(\$12) or combo(\$12) to: Barb Williams, 669 Hilltop Farm Rd, Canton, NC 28716

June 9th & 10th—Thistle Fleet's Annual **Bottom's Up Regatta!**

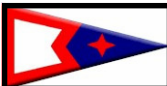


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we have. If you are not on a committee and want to get in on the fun, check out our 'Directory' page and contact one of the committee chairs to get signed up.

This quarter marks the beginning of when new dues structure takes effect. We have attempted to identify those who qualify for the 'Senior' dues level, (\$50 per month for those 65 and over). If you qualify for this level and your bill is for \$55 per month (regular membership level) just make a note on your bill and send in the proper amount, also please send me or Rich Sweet an email so we can make sure our bookkeeper changes your classification.

Our Youth program continues to move forward. We took delivery of 8 used Opti's in April. Please see the fund raising article elsewhere in this issue. I am very excited about getting this program going. It is absolutely critical to the future of our club.

If you are not included on the club listserv, please let me know. We send out emails with special announcements and reminders about club activities on the Yahoo Groups listserv. Send me your email address and you will get an invitation to join the listserv. After you accept the invitation, you will be able to get up to the minute notification of all of the postings to the listserv.

Make plans to get to the club! You know I'll be there!

Come to the club and GO SAILING!

Tommy Weaver



Welcome Aboard!

New Members in May:

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Cruising Fleet Notice

On Friday May 18 we will observe the "Cocktails on the Patio" social at the Clubhouse. During this event we will have a meeting to discuss upcoming plans. On Saturday May 26, we will imitating our favorite Parrot Heads as we enjoy the Jimmy Buffet Margaritaville Party. But first, there will be a Race Committee





F158 Fleet 158 Report & News

No! The photo on the right is not from our first 2007 Rodesiler race. In fact, it is a reminder to those who competed in our opening day event. Take heart! The wind does sometimes blow briskly on Lake Murray, as Cole and Nicole demonstrate during one of our "Frostbiter" events.

Still, it is wonderful that our club races are underway. We had great participation with 7 boats on the water. Cole and Nicole worked as race committee while Gary had an unavoidable conflict. The Gowans, Gaskins, Weavers, Meltons, and Sheltons were on hand to round out five Wife-Husband teams. Matt crewed for Bob while John and Nathan made our only Father-Son team. Although winds were light, we did complete one race. Everyone accepted a tow to the dock and a fabulous "Chili Cook-off" competition for dinner. All in all, a successful start to the regular sailing season. Tom and Joe, come out to play as soon as you can!

Prep and rigging day on March 24th went well for those who took advantage of the event. Weather cooperated as several fleet members joined others in the club to clean, rig, patch dings, sand, and tune before our opener. The down side of having to actually *work* on our boats instead of sailing them was more than offset by having willing hands to assist and cumulative years of sailing expertise on which to draw for problem solving. Just one more benefit of having an active one design fleet and an active sailing club.

Let me thank the Fleet 158 membership for purchasing one of our Youth Sailing Program Optimist prams. LMSC has been too long away from this type of program. Now that more families with kids are moving into the area, this is just what we need to provide clean, healthy, disciplined

fun for youngsters. It also offers the type of community exposure LMSC needs to generate interest in our organization. Your generous support of LMSC Youth Sailing is appreciated by the club. You have also earned



the ongoing appreciation of youth who participate in the program and the directors who organize, administer, and operate it under club sponsorship.

Meanwhile, check our website calendar for club sailing and social events. Our 2007 season is underway!

Ryan Gaskin
Captain, Flying Scot Fleet 158

Club Reminders

Just a couple of friendly reminders of some of our Club Rules!

- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the clubhouse clean. We no longer have a housekeeper, so please pick up after yourself.
- If you invite someone to visit the club, or to use your boat, remember that you must be with them on the grounds at all times.
- No pets are allowed on the grounds.



2007 LMSC Major Sailing Events

Rodesiler Races

- May 12 & 26, 3PM Start
- June 2, 16, 30, 3PM Start
- July 7, 28, 10AM Start
- August 4, 18, 10 AM Start
- September 1, 15, 29, 2PM Start
- October 13, 27, 2PM Start
- November 10, Club Race Plus Fleet Championships 1PM Start
- November 17, Club Championship Series 12:00 Start

Other Events:

- June 9&10, Thistle Bottom's Up
- July 14 & 15, Mallory Quarter Finals
- September 8 & 9 Flying Scot - Scots on the Rocks
- October 6 & 7 Flying Scot Masters National Championships



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Get out your Wallets!

As you know, this summer, we will be having youth training sessions for our members and for members of our community. We are on the schedules of the Lexington and Richland County Recreation Commissions and I anticipate a full roster for each session. Cole Hexel has done an outstanding job tracking down Optis that we can purchase for use in the camps. He has done a masterful job of negotiating a great price for 8 used Optis with the McLaughlin Company. We need a total of \$4800 to buy the boats. We have come up with a couple of ideas to raise the money to buy the boats. The first is to get sponsorships from businesses. Please contact your employers and see if they would be interested in contributing. In return we will put their names on a special listing on our website, we will fully advertise their contributions in the literature we give to the campers' parents, and we will adorn the boat (s) they sponsor with their name. The second idea is to get contributions from individuals. If you are interested in contributing to the Youth Fund for the purchase of

these boats and other equipment, let me know. In return your name will be placed on a special list on the website, possibly on a plaque to be hung in the clubhouse, (depending on how much it costs!), and you will have the utmost appreciation and respect from all those involved with the youth program.

Everyone involved with the revitalization of the Youth Program



are working very hard to make it a success. With your generosity, we can make sure the future of our kids, our community and our club go in the right direction. I look forward to hearing from everyone.

Tommy Weaver

Website Update (www.LMSC.org)

I have recently completed an update and re-organization of the LMSC website. It essentially retains the layout and content with which you are familiar. You will notice some new pages and may navigate the menu a little differently than before.

Having undertaken maintenance of the site from Rick Wrigley, who has done a superlative job the past few years but whose current work demands provide little time for the task, I hope to keep all pages up to date and make our site a "go to" resource for you as members and for interested constituents within the non-member community.

To do this, I will need you help. Should you encounter broken links, inaccurate information, or pages that appear to be significantly out of date, please drop me an email. Though not every suggestion will be practical to implement, constructive comments and suggestions are welcome. Email me at r98gaskin@bellsouth.net or click on one of the webmaster links on the website.

If you are responsible for club activities that should be posted on our calendar, send me complete information and I will post it as quickly as possible. Be sure your information is timely. Posting calendar activity less than two weeks in advance is perhaps not very useful and would be better announced via the listserv (as is this message).

Please check the LMSC site regularly for updated information and encourage any non-members whom you feel may be interested in sailing to check us out at LMSC.org.

Enjoy,
Ryan Gaskin

Youth Fishing Classes at LMSC

Young people, ages 7-16 can join a fishing class that will be conducted by Joe DeMichael. There are two Saturday classes scheduled, May 12 & May 26.

The fishing will take place on the docks at LMSC. Topics that will be covered are: safety, kinds of fish & kinds of bait. The bait for the classes (crickets) will be provided.

Each student should bring glasses (sun glasses OK) & life jacket. Also, you can bring your own spinning rod or cane pole. A limited supply of fishing rods will be available.

Contact Joe to let him know you are coming at 803 776 6447 or jdemichael@sc.rr.com