



May 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



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COMING UP

- May 1st - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- May 2nd - Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- at the Law Offices of Gary Green
- May 15th - Centerboard Race - 1300 hours
- May 28th - 29th - Hawg Wild Regatta - (time DBA)
- June 4th - Junior Sailing Prep Day - 1000 hours
- June 5th - Centerboard Race - 1000 hours
- June 10th - 12th - Adult Learn to Sail
- June 13th - 17th - Junior Learn to Sail

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

What exciting weather we had for our Spring Regatta 16-17 April. Saturday was blowing dogs off chains from the west and Sunday was pretty perfect even though we had that shifty south wind. In reality, Saturday during the regatta the maximum sustained wind was 20 mph and the maximum gust was 30 mph, according to wunderground.com. It sure seemed like it was blowing harder! Sunday had about 15 mph sustained, gusting to about 22 mph, which was welcomed after Saturday's blustery conditions. A couple of breakdowns left five boats participating on Saturday but Sunday, we had some fresh blood show up, including Chet Hight and David Nigus to join in the fun. Congratulations to Jack Myers and crew for winning B Fleet and Garry Roberts and crew (throwing out a 2nd place finish) for winning A Fleet. In A Fleet, for the regatta, team Guise/Daugherty was 2nd, followed by the Claas J/22 team in 3rd despite three bullets to close the regatta. (You boys had better watch out next year, 'Orion' will be on the hunt!)

Thanks to our RC team for running the races smoothly; Race Committee Chair, David Sample; Master 'Spirit' Driver, Madelyn Davis; Boat Check-In and Time-Keeper Expert, Kathy Blair; and always welcome special guest, Max Mehlburger. Drew Daugherty, our Regatta Chair made sure everything was put together and going as planned. Our Social Chairs, Ben Guise and Sherri Jo McLemore served up yummy catered Italian dinner from Ciao, wine and 'early bird' specialty beer. Vice Commodore, Robert Halstead distributed some nice etched glass trophies.

Thanks to all for helping to make it such a great weekend doing what we love to do!

GMSC was well represented at U.S. Sailing's Inaugural Yacht Club Summit in Chicago the first weekend of April with Rear Commodore, Chuck Blair; Vice Commodore, Robert Halstead; Secretary, Tracy Sykes; and Public Relations Chair, Evan Daugherty attending. It sounds like a lot of valuable information was attained that will be put to good use at GMSC. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the Mainsheet and the announcement of a very exciting event coming up this fall.

Here is some news that should make you feel good. Little Rock was recently placed second on the list of America's Cleanest Cities, 2011 by Forbes.com. The ratings were determined by evaluating levels of pollution and toxicity relating to land, water, and air. While Little Rock has room for improvement in air quality, we boast the second best water quality in the country. For this and the privilege of racing on Lake Maumelle, we have Central Arkansas Water to thank. I hope that everyone will continue to be a good steward of the lake so we can maintain our high quality of drinking water. New York City may be the home of the most prestigious yacht club in the country but I would not want to hail from the second Most Toxic City and am very proud to hail from Lake Maumelle, Arkansas.

Centerboard season is upon us. Let's go sailing!

GMSC JUNIORS GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Saturday, June 4, 2011
 GMSC – Pavilion/Junior Hut Area
 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Come join the fun in getting ready for Summer!

- Boats cleaned and on the dock
- Go sailing
- Cookout

Contact Paulette McConnell for more information:
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GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB

Flying Junior Scots

The Flying Scots have challenged each of the centerboard fleets to pick a club Flying Junior and get it into good sailing shape for the advanced Junior Sailors! I am so excited! This is the next piece of the sailing program for the Juniors!

In most regions of the U.S., the common path for junior sailors is from Optimist to Club 420 and the FJ's are similar to 420's. With GMSC owning FJ's, this is the perfect next step for our Junior Program. (GMSC has four Flying Juniors that are located at the south end of the Centerboard parking lot. NOTE: The orange one belongs to a club member.)

Why FJ's?

The Flying Junior is a great boat for the more advanced Junior sailor to have fun while spending more time on the water and improving sailing skills. The FJ will allow GMSC to challenge this group of kids to learn how to sail with a main, jib and a spinnaker, as well as give them a chance to learn to sail with a crew and the necessary teamwork that is involved. The skills learned sailing a Flying Junior will most likely carry them through an entire sailing career (as well as prepare them to be great crew members and skippers as they are able to buy their own boats).

Timeframe

We would like to have the FJ's ready to sail sometime in May or early June (no later than 6/13). A clinic will be held to get the kids on the water and teach them how to sail FJ's, as well as be there to monitor their safety. Other activities will be planned after that to keep them sailing.

Identify the Boat Your Fleet Adopts

Please take a look at the boats parked at the south end of the centerboard parking lot and let me know which boat your fleet would like to get ready for sailing.

Cover Your Cost

GMSC will reimburse each fleet for any expenses (please touch base with Mark George, Jon Claas or me if you have in excess of \$200. There may be parts on hand that could be used instead of purchasing).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB

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June 13 – 17 - Junior Learn to Sail and Intermediate Sailing

Tom Tirrell, Instructor

Junior Learn to Sail – 9:00am – 12 Noon

This class is open to youths age 7 to 16 and will provide an introduction to sailing. It will give kids an opportunity to become familiar with sailing and water safety.

Pre-Requisite: To qualify for the program, applicants must be able to swim proficiently in deep water (swim test and capsizing drills are part of the class).

Registration Form – go to www.gmsc.org/sailing_programs/junior_program

Intermediate Sailing – 12:30pm – 3:30pm

The Junior Intermediate Sailing class will focus on building skill level in tacking, jibing, boat speed and racing. This program is targeted to beginning sailors who have completed at least one year of the Junior Learn to Sail education. Sailors must feel confident in sailing solo in an Opti or Sunfish. Pre-Requisite: To qualify for the program, applicants must have completed the Junior Learn to Sail education and be able to swim proficiently in deep water. Applicants must also be comfortable and confident in sailing solo in an Opti or Sunfish and have the skill to maneuver the boat upwind. Applicants and their guardians must agree to obey all rules of the program.

Registration Form

Important Information for Both Classes:

Cost: The cost per student, per class will be \$90 for members and \$150 for non members. There is a limited number of openings in each class so please turn in registrations by June 1, 2011.

Life Jacket Required: All participants must bring a Coast Guard approved life jacket (Type I, II, or III) in serviceable condition and of proper size (as required by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission).

Cost: The cost per student will be \$90 for members and \$150 for non members for the Learn to Race program. .

GMSC Junior Program Sailing Policies

1. Must be a GMSC Member to use club boats unless the Junior Sailor is participating in a Junior Learn To Sail (JLTS), Junior Educational event or Junior Race Program.
2. Junior Sailors must complete the JLTS course prior to using club boats unless experienced club member is sailing with them.
3. Safety precautions:
 - a. Junior Sailor must be a proficient swimmer
 - b. PFDs are required to be worn at all times while sailing
 - c. Check boat prior to leaving dock and ensure bailer is on board as well as a paddle
4. New Junior Sailors are strongly encouraged to begin sailing after the JLTS course by attending several fun nights where safety boats, coaches, experienced sailors are present to assist in safe sailing.
5. If a sailor consistently is not able to keep their boat upright, they will need to retake JLTS before taking out a club boat again.
6. Boats shall be taken care of as if they are owned by the Junior Sailor:
 - a. Know how to come into the dock without ramming
 - b. Know how to fold sails properly
 - c. Store blades properly

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- d. Notify someone if there is any equipment not in proper working order
7. Rigging - Sunfish and Opti boats and rigging are numbered. Boats shall be rigged with the matching number on the sails, dagger board, and rudder.
8. Sailors will register the boat they plan to sail on the Check-Out List prior to leaving the dock (Check-Out List posted in Junior Hut). Upon return, they will check the boat back in, noting any maintenance, etc. that needs to be completed.
9. Boats are to be properly stored
 - a. Insure they are tied to the dock.
 - b. Opti to be turned over
 - c. Sunfish are to be raised to one side and the drain plug opened
10. If damage is incurred the Junior Sailor is responsible for notifying the Junior Program Director and assisting in making repairs. If repairs are extensive the Junior will be responsible for the expense.
11. Each year, Junior Sailors will be required to review and agree to adhere to the Sailing Policies.

GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB

Junior Program - 2011 Calendar

Paulette McConnell

June 4 – 10:00 am – Juniors Get Ready for Summer!

- Boats cleaned and on the dock
- Go sailing and cookout!

Date TBD - Flying Junior Clinic

This year the Flying Junior is joining the GMSC Junior Fleet. This double handed boat will provide junior sailors the opportunity to learn how to skipper as well as be a crew member, fly a spinnaker, etc. A clinic will be held (date to be determined) to give all an opportunity to learn more about this boat as well as have a chance to go sailing.

June 13 – 17 - Junior Learn to Sail and Intermediate Sailing

Tom Tirrell, Instructor

Due to snow days, we are pushing JLTS back by one week to ensure schools are out and kids can attend.

Junior Learn to Sail – This class will be held from 9-12 Noon and is open to youths age 7 to 16.

Purpose of this class is to provide an introduction to sailing. It will provide an opportunity for kids to become familiar with sailing and water safety. To qualify for the program, applicants must be able to swim proficiently in deep water (swim test and capsized drills are part of the class).

Intermediate Sailing – this class will be held from 1 – 4pm and is open to youth who have completed at least one year of Junior Learn to Sail. Sailors must feel confident in sailing solo in an Opti or Sunfish. This class will deepen the understanding of rigging, boat handling, seamanship and safety.

Wednesday Night Sail

Five nights for kids to have fun on the water

Adult sailing as well

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Start at 6pm and potluck supper afterwards

- July 6 and 20
- August 3, 17, 31

Junior Racing

- July 9 and 23
- August 6 and 20
- Sept 10 and 24

GMSC REPRESENTS AT U.S. SAILING'S YACHT CLUB SUMMIT IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Over 200 clubs of all different sizes were present at the first Yacht Club Summit put on by US Sailing, held in Chicago, IL on April 2nd and 3rd.

The event was a weekend full of hour long sessions, which were mostly set up with a table of panelist so that each could speak about their experience or their perspective on a given issue. You will see some direct actions taken from this conference and some additional write ups as we combine our notes and ideas from the session.

For a quick overview, I wanted to share the following with you.

- Consistent across the country is that membership is down from 40% - 70% depending on where you are located.
- Social racing and events are on the rise while formal racing events are down.
- Match racing, typically using club owned boats is on the rise.
- High School level racing is the fastest growing area of the sport.
- Nearly every club has a junior program and established members, but most all are missing an options to grow from a junior through high school, young adult, then on to formal membership. Those clubs that have figured out how to bridge that gap are doing better than those that follow a more traditional path.

Each of us attended some of the same sessions and there were times when we split up when there were multiple sessions going on at the same time. We all came out of the summit with a list of items to follow up on and we will be putting some more information together to pass on. Some of these may be directly actionable while others may take time and fall in to our long range planning. As an example, Evan is already in process of bringing in a big time speaker for us later in the year.

We will get more posted as we consolidate our notes and the presentation materials become available online.

Feel free to reach out to one of the following members to learn more about the event:

- Robert Halstead - Vice Commodore
- Tracy Sykes - Secretary
- Chuck Blair - Past Commodore
- Evan Daugherty - Provider Relations

Sincerely,
Robert Halstead

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club
March 2011 Board Meeting
3-7-11



Called to order at 6:07 pm

Attendees: Ben Guise, Kathy Blair, Robert Halstead, Jeff Olm, Evan Daugherty, Chuck Blair, Walt Bryde, Nicole Claas Moore, Anthony Jacuzzi, Tracy Sykes, Bud Thurman, Jack Myers, Werner Schwartz, and John Bryant.

Officers' Reports:

Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore – recognized new board member, David Sample. David is the new Race Committee chairman.

Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead – no report.

Secretary, Tracy Sykes – Review of February Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was made to approve minutes with the corrections noted, seconded and approved.

Treasurer, Kathy Blair – Financial Report was presented. Approximately \$55,000 cash on hand. Still haven't received the bill for the concrete for Kiko's Corner.

Committee Reports:

Membership, Jeff Olm - Denis Seyer would like to resign his membership. Charles & Nadine Mallory have sold their Scot and would like to change their membership to associate. 45 associate 144 regular members.

Race Committee, David Sample - Nicole has forwarded the draft of the centerboard schedule. After David reviews, Nicole will post the schedule on the website.

Equipment, Chuck Blair - Highspeed, the crane inspector, looked at the crane and agreed to do the load test. Spirit is ready to go with fuel. Chuck is working on improvements to the CB antenna.

Docks & Slips, John Bryant and Jim Marone – Robert Voyles is building his slip. Looking into replacing some bad wood on "C" dock. Water is coming back up slowly. Members need to check on their slips and make sure the slips handle the rising water appropriately.

Grounds, Werner Schwarz – The roof was leaking in the downstairs bathroom and has been fixed. Grounds are looking in pretty good shape. Werner will schedule a cleanup this spring. US flag was removed by Greg Hamilton and it will be retired. Bud Thurman distributed information regarding the highway cleanup program for this year.

Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill and Steve Tribett – not present

Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise – no new report

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

Breakwater, David Nigus - not present

Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright – not present. About to print the Mainsheet for March.

Website, Robert Halstead - visits are up 30%. YTD up 15%. Will add past copies of the Mainsheet to the website.

Public Relations, Evan Daugherty – Sherri Jo M. has found the grant for boating safety education. Kathy B. moved that Sherri Jo write the grant and it was seconded.

Evan would like to propose sponsoring a second event in addition to the Regal Regatta that would benefit another non-profit agency. A list of potential agencies was distributed and we will discuss more next month.

Motion was made and approved to send Evan and Robert to the US Sailing program Yacht club seminar in Chicago in April. The program will consist of sessions geared towards growing membership and planning for the future. Costs would include airfare, hotel, and the conference fee.

Regatta chair, Drew Daugherty – not present

Regal Regatta, Jack Myers – objective for 2011 is to raise \$30,000. Will not start making detailed plans until May after the Bolo Bash. October 15th is the date. Jack is working with their staff to develop stronger marketing material.

GYA, Bud Thurman – Opening regatta is the first weekend in May. We should publish the schedule in the Mainsheet.

Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore – continuing to see interested participants. No other report.

Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell – not present

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet, John Bryant – There will not be a scored championship this year. We are keeping score for the races sailed.

B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi – They will calculate the overall winner from the abbreviated series and award the overall trophy. No other trophies will be given. Will combine starts with A fleet.

Flying Scot, Walter Bryde – A new boat has been purchased. Will be a new fleet member.

Hobie, James Lovings – not present

Thistle, Garry Roberts – not present

Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd – not present

Drew and Evan came in 2nd place in the Y Midwinters Regatta.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Budget

Parking Lot expenditure of approximately \$10K for repair and reseal – was approved.

Breakwater – expenditure of \$13K was approved.

Picnic tables – approximately \$6,500 new tables - was approved.

Strategic planning - \$4,500 (\$2,500 for consultant) - was approved.

Website upgrade and enhancement - \$5,000 - was not approved \$1,000 will be budgeted for minor enhancements.

Motion was made, seconded and the amended budget was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary.

COMMODORE CLARK GILLESPIE



Edward Clark Gillespie, the third commodore of Grande Maumelle Sailing Club, died in Aiken, S.C., on February 3, 2011, at age 88. He served as commodore during the years 1964 through 1968, very important years in the Club's early development. Clark was a nationally prominent gynecologist, obstetrician, published author, and ardent sailor. He is survived by Susan Gillespie, his wife of 28 years, two children, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Drew Daugherty: "To me as a kid, Clark seemed bigger than life. He was flamboyant, energetic and full of ideas. He wanted our sailing club to be bigger than what it was and he had a way of enlisting people to carry out his plans. We needed a man like that serving after the conservatives Hal Daugherty and Bill Graham. His courage (foolishness?) to bring the Y Flyer Nationals here in 1968 forced us to improve our facilities and subsequently our image. When he made his bid we had only one dock, a trailer as a clubhouse, and had never run a regatta. I would have loved to have been in that annual class meeting and heard him sell our club to the Y Flyer establishment. That was probably the single most important event in the Club history, and the thanks goes to Clark."

Max Mehlburger: "When I first met Clark in 1967, the Club has just moved from its original site at Jim's Landing to its present location. Despite the problems of creating Club facilities out of our new wilderness, Clark attended the Y-Flyer Class annual meeting and persuaded the fleet leaders to schedule the 1968 National Regatta at GMSC. In 1967, the Club was in a state of high excitement as it strove to build its infrastructure and prepare for the national regatta in 1968, even having a "practice Nationals" in 1967. The membership at the time numbered around fifty members, so everyone was called upon to contribute time and effort to the project. It energized the membership and brought us together in ways that affect our culture today. The Club had always been a do-it-ourselves group, a sure way to bond an organization. Clark used this fact to induce labor for the delivery of a stunningly successful, national class regatta in 1968. It took everyone in the Club to accomplish it, and everyone moved mountains to make it the success it was. Clark's vision for the Club and daring invitation to a regatta raised forever our own perceptions of the Club and its future. Kaki and I were so sorry that Susan and Clark could not accept our invitation and stay with us while attending the 50th Anniversary of GMSC. It would have made the event even more special and historic."

-Max Mehlburger

GMSC Newsletter - May 2011

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5 Years Ago

Five years ago, the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 6, started the Centerboard season on Sunday, May 7. David Sample, Ed Buckner and The Meteors provided music. Dessert was the ticket in.

Wednesday evening (relaxed) racing also began with dinner scheduled after. Drew was already lining up housing for Champion of Champions.

The winter A Series saw Sample/Johnson first, Red Chief second, and Daugherty/Claas third. The B-Fleet was led by Parins, with Barton second, and Jack Myers third.

Board minutes recognized Doug Buffalo for hand-rail work, and Bud Thurman for saving the pile driver from the lake. The lake was low and Roger Nestruda shared some dredging at the launch docks.

10 Years Ago

The Spring Fling was set for May 5th with barbeque, music and fun. Flowers and Centerboard sailors were sprouting everywhere with the first races scheduled for May 6th; of course, hangovers and all.

Barry and Soheila Hurlbut moved to New Orleans (they are presently here again until they can get housing after Hurricane Katrina).

Chris and Dana lured Mainsheet writers with Beringer Founders Estate 1999 Sauvignon Blanc, Ca'del Solo 1999 Big House Red (California), and beer for plebians.

Clif Causey and his Y-Flyer finished 10th at the Mid Winter races. The Y National races will be at GMSC in 2002. The Spring Keelboat Regatta was successfully raced on April 21st and 22nd, the Hobie Fleet led the Sand Snakes Regatta on the 19th and 20th, and the Memorial Day Regatta was set for May 26th and 27th.

15 Years Ago

In May 1996, Commodore Jim Mulhollan commented that Little Rock had just had its April 6th freeze, one of the longest and worst winters in memory. Winter racing, however, was good. The Great March GMSC Shoreline Cleanup had brought home unbelievable amounts of trash. The Water Board appreciated our help. The annual club cleanup and Spring Fling were both scheduled for May 4th featuring margaritas, cervezas, and vino, plus whatever Mexican dish anyone wanted to bring.

Mark Barton and crew Tracy Morgan placed 10th in the Y-Flyer mid-winters at Charlotte, North Carolina. Greg Fisher of North Sails was 1st with GMSC's own Drew

Daugherty crewing. Drew commented that Greg didn't do anything special, but he just did it a little better than everybody else constantly adjusting the mainsheet, Cunningham, outhaul, and halyard. Roll tacking in a breeze worried Drew a lot, but Greg did it just right. On the way over, the GMSC sailors encountered a snow storm, a foot of snow, and 30 mph winds in the Smokey Mountains. The first GYA Regatta was scheduled for Fair Hope, Alabama in early May with GYA leader Jeff Rodgers searching for crew.

20 Years Ago

The Flying Scots had a Startfest – practicing multiple racing starts. The day included a “sails-down” start from the T-dock.

Jack Myers' report on the A-2 keelboat races was about racing in strong winds, being heeled over hard when a sudden lull hits – which made the high side suddenly the low side – and also about two crew members sliding into the water. According to their reports, the water was still quite cold.

The Spring Fling had a Margaritaville theme. Commodore Jim Burgett was excited about getting back to the Centerboard fleets, all of which were growing with the exception of the Flying Junior fleet. John and Lou Lane commented, “Carl Garner was just warming up to the Cleburne County Stomp, and most everyone was behaving themselves, even around Chuck Toland's fine looking date.” Elaine Watts was in charge of the festivities.

Steve Koehler and crew sailed The Islander to perfection and won the Spring Series. Barney Taylor was 2nd though, and won the overall trophy. In the B-Fleet, Joe Whitesell was 1st, Paul Moore 2nd, and Bud Thurman 3rd, followed by Phast Phred, and Commodore Burgett.

25 Years Ago

Joe Semberski won the first Y-Flyer race with Matthew Oates as crew. Greg Oates skippered Joe Whitesell's wood boat and came in 3rd, following his mom and dad, Randy and Jodie. Twenty-two Hobie sailors were on the start line, with Jeff Olm handily winning the first race, and Jim Vaughtner the second. The Hobie Fleet had barely recovered from a serious party at David Nigus' house. Carl Garner, Chief Wind Doctor, finished 1st in the first two Thistle races. Greg Marshall and Janis Keeton were new boats on the Thistle line. Janis had just come off 1st place in the Spring keelboat series, co-skippering Jim Kane's S-2.

Chet and Ann Hight were on the cover of KEZQ magazine. John Claas, Max Mehlburger, and Jim Vaughtner were on the cover of Mid Week in the Arkansas Democrat, talking about the Bermuda race, about which Max was invited to talk at the Hot Springs Rotary Club.

30 Years Ago

The clubhouse deck was being nailed in place as the Spring Cocktail party began. Doug and Sue Buffalo were social chairpersons. Neil Jones was a new club member in the Thistle fleet, as was David Nigus in the Hobie 16 Fleet. Jim and Margaret Proctor bought a Y-Flyer in St. Louis. They spent a lot of time redoing the trailer, but let the boat like it was.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Spring Fling, everybody went to Randy Oates' house to wake him up. Chet Hight came in 1st in the two Flying Dutchman races the next day – “Mouth of the South” Drew Daugherty was his crew. Ed Grubbs was 2nd with Tim Fitzgerald crewing on his wire. Perennial Flying Junior winner Burt Mann won the first race. Sharon and Buster Jones borrowed their own boat back from the new owner and managed to get a 1st and 2nd in the Thistle races.

35 Years Ago

Commodore Don Renshaw organized the perennial work party to fix the clubhouse water pump just in time for the CSSA Regatta. Long time club electrician, Jerry Lee and club dynamite chairman, Terry Johnson managed to get the plumbing and wiring fixed for the Spring Cocktail party. Meanwhile, Joe Whitesell was making sawdust in the clubhouse kitchen, and Vice Commodore Rollo Ingram was under the T-dock in his scuba gear trying to get it anchored one more time.

In April 1976, the Centerboard schedule was specified to be from mid April to mid October, with keelboat season the rest of the year. Keelboat trophies were awarded at the Spring Cocktail party, where a local disc jockey played “Jeremiah was a Bullfrog” to the amazement of all. Hal and B.J. Daugherty had just skippered the Aggie Navy to a great number of keelboat trophies.

40 Years Ago

Ed “Dr. Dirt” Grubbs had his eagle eye on a contractor paving our parking lot down at the pavilion. Dr. Max McGinnis and a crew of thousands rebuilt the Sunfish docks. New fleet officers were Jane Daugherty, Tracy Hight, and Augusto Villalon leading the Sunfish sailors. Needless to say, the Spring Cocktail party was a success with “Jeremiah was a Bullfrog” ringing in the trees.

**And that's how it was
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40
years ago this month.**

Y Fleet had its annual meeting in early April at Drew and Heidi Daugherty's home. It was a beautiful Spring evening and everyone brought a Mexican dish. The meeting was called to order before the libations took hold; thus, some Y Fleet business was accomplished amidst the raucous debates. Notable debate surrounded the use of Y Fleet funds to fix up the spec boat. This motion passed with a dollar limit imposed on the cost of repairs. Ben Guise moved to have a throwout every 5th race in the Labor Day Regatta, which passed. The Fleet agreed to adopt a Flying Junior (who can say no to Paulette?) in the new campaign to restore the Club's four vessels. Drew Daugherty, as regatta chairman, stated that he will make a final decision on May 10 about whether Y Fleet will advise members of its sister fleets to forgo the Hog Wild Regatta due to the lake level. Lastly, much general discussion centered around the lake level and the challenge of putting the boats in the water this centerboard season.

-Blake Byrd