

November 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



COMING UP

- 11/5 - Gate Code Changes
- 11/6 - First Keelboat Race - 1230 hours
- Harbor Gun
- 11/12-13 - Centerboard Championship Regatta
- Times TBA
- 11/20 - Keelboat Race - 1230 hours
- 12/3-4 - Fall Keelboat Regatta - Times Vary
- 12/18 - Keelboat Race - 1230 hours

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

This year's Baptist Regal Regatta was the most successfully attended yet. We needed sixteen sailboats in order to accommodate all the teams and crew. Drew provided what Baptist needed convincingly, making what he pulled off in a short period of time look easy. He could not have done it without all of our GMSC volunteers stepping up. This is a list of just some of the people who helped out on Saturday, 15 October; Race Committee – Richard Cook, Madelyn Davis; Keelboats – Chuck Blair, James Lovings, John Bryant, Halil Cansiz, Jerry Carter, Jon Claas, Tim Slape, Drew Daugherty, Alan Lumm, Don Bratton, Laurie Driver, Joe Hilliard, Lee Butler Jackson, Nicole Claas Moore, Blake Byrd, Fred Kittler, Jack Myers, Roger Nesuda, David Nigus, Jeff Olm, Werner Schwarz, Andy Huss, Tracy Sykes, and Leland Sykes. I'm sure there were more people helping and I apologize that I have forgotten everyone who was there. If you didn't see the advertisements around town, you are either living outside of Little Rock or in a vacuum. There were billboards, newspaper ads, TV public service announcements, etc. – all with GMSC and our logo on them. We are grateful to the Baptist Health Foundation for raising the awareness of GMSC in the Central Arkansas area. If the GMSC Board of Directors chooses to do so, next year will be the 4th Annual Baptist Regal Regatta.

The GMSC Annual Meeting was held on Monday, 17 October at U.S. Pizza in Hillcrest. Thanks to our Social Chair Committee, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise for their arrangements for the Annual Meeting. Attendees enjoyed food and libations in the nice upstairs meeting room and adjoining balcony. At the meeting, the nominated slate of 2012 officers was approved:

Commodore	Robert Halstead
Vice Commodore	Tracy (Hight) Sykes
Secretary	Blake Byrd
Treasurer	Kelly Bryant

These officers will also be announced at the Fall Ball, to be held on Saturday, 5 November at 1800 hours at the Temple B'Nai Isreal in Pleasant Valley on Rodney Parham Road. Plan on joining us then for our annual formal dinner and awards ceremony. Be careful about how much alcohol you consume because the following day is the first keelboat race! Sunday, 6 November is also the day you set your clocks back. Don't forget that the gate code will change that weekend – see your Annual Meeting invitation card for the new code. If you have the signal programmed into your car's garage door opener, it will continue to work.

I am pleased to see our members rise to the occasion when their club needs them. As Drew put it, this has been the year of Public Relations. The Junior Learn to Sail program is huge. We have held two Adult Learn to Sail classes. Seven Y-Flyer sailors hauled their boats to the Arkansas River for the Junction Bridge Exhibition Regatta and many more volunteers showed up to support that event. Dozens of members came out to make the Baptist Regal Regatta successful. It takes time and energy from so many people to allow for GMSC to do everything it does. It is my hope that our efforts will result in increased membership, and greater participation in our sailing and racing programs. Thanks to everyone who has put forth so much this year. I am proud to know you all.



A Flying Junior Clinic was held on September 24, 2011. Nine youth sailors attended the clinic and sailed FJs and Sunfish. The class was taught by Jeff England.

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club

2011 Fall Keelboat Regatta

3-4 December

You are cordially invited!



Saturday, December 3rd

1000 Registration at Pavilion
 1030 Skippers Meeting at Pavilion
 1100 Harbor Gun
 1130 Race 1, Races to follow
 Lunch on the water (not provided)
 1830 Dinner at Clubhouse (Time may vary
 due to weather conditions)

Sunday, December 4th

1230 Harbor Gun
 1300 Races planned for afternoon followed by
 Awards Ceremony at Clubhouse

Regatta registration fee	\$35 per boat, includes Sat. dinners
Additional Saturday dinner	\$7

Please register for regatta and additional meal tickets as soon as possible to help with planning. **Register online** the quick and easy way at www.gmsc.org, Upcoming Events, Spring Regatta.

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5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 Years Ago

5 Years Ago

Five years ago, the Fall Ball reached a high point: The 30th floor of the Regions Building arranged by Mary Michaels.

Champion of Champions was sailed October 25th. Our own fleet champions for 2006: Y-Flyer, Ben Guise with Drew Daugherty 2nd; Flying Scot, Craig Parsons with Bob Wilimzig and 2nd Place, Jeff Olm with Lee Butler Jackson. Hobie 20 Overall Winner was Bobby Edmonds with Chuck Blair 2nd. Commodore Mark Barton presented awards and new Commodore, John Bryant.

10 Years Ago

November 2001 was the first keelboat race for the season followed quickly by the Annual Meeting at the clubhouse on November 13th (not Friday).

Don and Sherri Wright were given a Lifetime Associate membership as they moved to Key Largo. Bill Brierley bought their Flying Scot though he had just won the Labor Day Scot races. Patrick Hollingsworth was 2nd and Carolyn Dodd 3rd.

The Summer Thistle series was won by Mac and Bubba McDonnell with Steve Atherton 2nd, and Bill Owen 3rd.

Kiko Villalon's (former Commodore) daughter, Marla, husband Steve, their three children, ages 14, 11, and 6, plus their cousin, Devin, age 20, had begun a round-the-world trip in a 64-foot catamaran. Leaving Martha's Vineyard, they dodged Hurricanes Gabrielle and then Humberto, and were approaching the Azores headed for Gibraltar.

Back at home, the Fall Keelboat Regatta was scheduled for November 17 & 18, but because of the 9/11 attack, the lake was closed at night.

15 Years Ago

Commodore Mulhollan announced that the Annual Meeting was set for November 12th. He was still overwhelmed at being elected Commodore the whole year before.

Bob Wilimzig reported that the downstairs bathroom (otherwise known as randys or johns, depending on who you were speaking with), had been restored to operation by Bob and Carl Garner, Gary Hestir, Barney Taylor, and finally somebody who really knew their stuff - Don Huff Plumbing.

Herb Clark was a former commodore at the Carlisle Yacht Club in Illinois. He and his wife, Pat, joined as owners of a S-2 7.9. Jay Pandya formerly of the Falmouth Yacht Club, and his wife, Anna, joined with an International 210, and George and Gigi Hamilton joined with a Flying Scot. Club membership was at an all time high of 205 members.

Club member and professional photographer, Matt Bradley, had just published a new book entitled, Arkansas, and would be signing copies of this photographic survey of the state after the first keelboat race that November 3rd.

On November 16th, the Terrace Restaurant catered the Fall Ball at the Racquet Club. News editor Chris Durney submitted that our club was a great group of volunteers, not only to clean up the grounds, run the races, build docks and, as mentioned, fixed the downstairs handy. Drew Daugherty had just finished the 2nd Adult Learn-to-Sail program for the summer.

Meanwhile, Rachel Daugherty was fascinated with being able to crew for the Y-Flyer National Champion – our own Joe Semberski. Joe even let Rachel skipper his boat and, sure enough, she was 3rd to the first mark, and 3rd at the end of the race.

Two changes to the bylaws were voted on at the Annual Meeting, one to expand the definition of Associate Member, and the second was monumental – changing the keelboat season to November 1st to the last day of April. The motion, made by Mac McDonnell and happily seconded by Phast Phred, who had been begging for that change for years, was easily passed.

20 Years Ago

Commodore Jim Burgett commented on an exhaustive report about boat cleaning, painting, and repairing at the edges of the lake. Jim and Phast Phred notified the slip owners that if the two of them had to repair the broken slips, it would cost \$1,000 an hour plus materials. Meanwhile, Bud Thurman, Steve Atherton, Ron Carmen and the Phast One spent time working on the breakwater, sometimes above the water and sometimes below. Bud Thurman worked on the clubhouse windows.

Don Wright was proposed as Commodore, Dan Daugherty as Vice Commodore, Nadine Currie as Treasurer, and Chuck Toland as Secretary.

John Lane bemoaned the fact that neither dollars and years seemed to go very far anymore. In the old days, we had real dollars and real years, but no air conditioning and no indoor toilets. He was not willing to swap.

Four of GMSC's finest: Sam Caruthers, Doug Buffalo, Ron Gilbert, and John Watts set a new record for the Toad Suck to Little Rock, Arkansas River Flying Scot Classic. It may be that someone will point out that this feat has not been tried by anyone else, but it was awesome.

The Fall Ball was planned for the Little Rock Club with music by the "Groanups". Editor John Lane inserted a list of newspaper headlines of some interest, plus an ugly cartoon about a convertible going into the lake.

25 Years Ago

The weather for the Sail-Off was described as "God Awful" from light air on Saturday to 40-degree weather and 25-knot winds on Sunday. Editor Drew Daugherty commented that when the temperature and the wind are the same, it is not good to go sailing. Chet Hight, his wife and daughter managed to win when the wind picked up. Drew further commented that Sandy Douglas was a cruel, unmerciful crazed man when he designed the Flying Scot. Drew ripped his pants in the first race and had to sail bare bottom on a bucking buffalo the rest of the series.

Ed Grubbs and Tony Mays sailed in the Gilbert Beers Y-Flyer Regatta in Atlanta and came in 3rd. They rescued a sailor from a capsized boat shortly before the race started. Ed, Drew and Joe Erwin made an adventure out of the GYA Regatta in Fair Hope, Alabama, complete with wrong sail numbers and a boat that would not point.

Joe Dempsey, Bud Thurman, David Mahan, Steve Atherton and assorted crews went to Lake Arkabutla for the Cotton Pickin' Regatta. Unfortunately, Bill Bruce the lawyer, Steve Ellis the crazy dentist, and the famous Larry Wagner come in one, two, and three, with Dempsey fourth, Bud fifth, and David sixth. Steve Atherton came in with a broken side stay.

Meanwhile back at home, Don Renshaw had won the Fall Series in the Thistles. There were three of our Thistles at the Mid-Winters in March, seven GMSC sailors at the Nationals in August, and the first ever lady Thistle crew from GMSC competing in the Nationals. Randy Jordan won the Thistle Mid-America Club series.

30 Years Ago

Dudley Rodgers and Buster Jones, project engineers on the breakwater; Cedric Williams, the Treasurer, Jim Proctor, the grounds mower, and the Dynamic Duo of Paul Moore and Joe Whitesell as kitchen planners and clubhouse deck builders, all were honored. Bill Blair was, we thought at the time, our permanent Membership Chairman, but even some permanent things come to an end.

The Sail-Offs were in Y-Flyers. Burt Mann and crew Susan Hestir, and Randy and Jody Oates tied in the Sail-Offs. The Keelboat Series was off and running with high wind, rocking, rolling, and pitching. Carl Garner was the erstwhile Race Committee.

35 Years Ago

The Pleasant Valley Country Club was the site for the Fall Ball. The Half-Model Trophy Committee, which was actually Max Mehlburger, ordered models for the clubhouse as well. The first ever Oktoberfest was organized by John and Lou Lane, Famous Dr. Jim Russell, soy bean exchange czar and doctor-at-large, was Master of Ceremonies. Carl Garner, of course, gave a small rendition of the Cleburne County Stomp.

40 Years Ago

Betty Jane Daugherty bowed out as editor of the Mainsheet after creating this wonderful news and foolishness. The first ever Budweiser Cup was sailed by Flying Junior skippers with Joel Stout as the big winner – both in drinking fast and sailing fast. Randy Oates sailed fast and drank half-fast.

The keelboats began a tradition of winter racing with Gary Hestir, Max Mehlburger, Ed Grubbs, Jack and Peggy Ebbing (with Tom Richards), and Ray Horan with an upstart crew – Chester Hight – followed by a cast of thousands in the keelboat program.

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

GMSC Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011
US Pizza in Hillcrest



1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Commodore Nicole Claas Moore at 7:27 PM.
2. Membership report and quorum confirmation – Secretary Tracy Sykes confirmed that based on attendees and proxies submitted, a quorum was present.
3. Treasurer’s report – Jack Myers reported a bank balance of approximately \$58,000. All outstanding bills are paid and accounts receivable current. He noted that we still have major planned expenses outstanding. The parking lot improvements and the new breakwater expenses will occur this year. Expenses budgeted for the strategic planning will be postponed until early 2012.
4. Officer Elections –
Max Mehlburger presented the following slate of officers:
 1. Treasurer – Kelly Bryant
 2. Secretary – Blake Byrd
 3. Vice Commodore – Tracy Sykes
 4. Commodore – Robert HalsteadA motion was made to approve the slate, it was seconded and approved.
5. Linda Sexton Award voting – Ballots for the 2011 Linda Sexton award were distributed and collected.
6. Club award Nominations – Forms were distributed for nominations for the following annual club awards:
 1. Rookie of the Year
 2. Most Improved Skipper
 3. Best Centerboard Crew
 4. Best Keelboat Crew
7. Announcements – Nicole Claas Moore
 1. The Junction Bridge Regatta was held on September 22. The Y-Flyers sailed a demonstration regatta on the Arkansas River. We expect to hold another event within the next year.
 2. The Baptist Regal Regatta was held on 10/15. There were a record number of boats purchased. The Commodore thanked all those who volunteered their time.
 3. Sail offs are scheduled for November 12 & 13.
 4. Gary Jobson will speak at the Clinton School on Tuesday November 1st at 6 PM.
 5. Fall Ball reminder - November 5th at the Temple B’Nai Israel
 6. New gate code effective 11/5.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary.