October 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club

Coming Up

- **10/15 - Baptist Regal Regatta** - 0830-1330 hours
- **10/17 - GMSC Annual Meeting - 1800 hours**
  - US Pizza Hillcrest
- ~~**10/22-23**~~ - Centerboard Sail-Offs
  - Date changing
- **10/28-30 - Adult Learn to Crew**
  - Class times vary
- **11/1 - Gary Jobson Speaking - 1800 hours**
  - the Clinton Library
- **11/5 - Fall Ball - 1800 hours**
- **11/6 - First Keelboat Race - 1230 hours**

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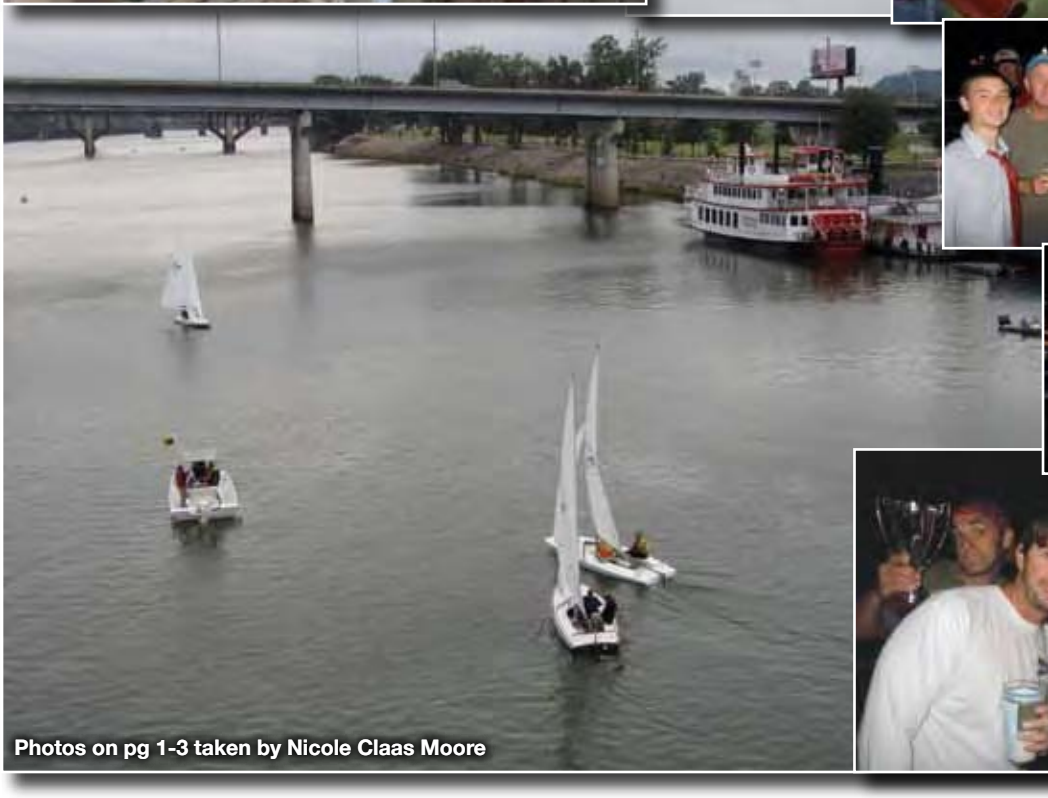
Junction Bridge Exhibition Regatta



Photos on pg 1-3 taken by Nicole Claas Moore

Commodore's Corner

Nicole Claas Moore

September 22nd marked the first Junction Bridge Exhibition Regatta. Unfortunately, we got the only two hours of rain in two weeks 1600-1800 hours, just when the event was to begin. This surely kept many spectators from venturing out but the show must go on.

As the sky cleared, Y-Flyers sailed onto the Arkansas River and rowers rowed up river getting in place to begin their race while GMSC's race committee put out a course for our Y's. North Little Rock Mayor, Patrick Hayes and Little Rock Mayor, Mark Stodola said a few words after their introduction by Junction Bridge Chairman of the Board, Jack Kinnaman. Two 8-man row boats raced down river and finished just below the viewers on the bridge. The pink row boat beat the yellow row boat

handily. Seven, yes, 7 Y-Flyers sailed two races - both were won by Team Daugherty of Drew and Evan. The northwest wind was moderate and Y's were healing upwind at the finish line. The RC did their best to set a square course but were confined by the narrow river and the wind following the front that continued to clock but this wasn't about that, it was an exhibition and what a sight to behold, it was. Seven Y-Flyers with the Little Rock skyline as a backdrop is something we have never seen before.

As the second race finished, the band Mojo Depot finished setting up after removing the rain filled tarps from their equipment. Through the grey clouds came a red blaze that looked like a fire on the horizon as the music began. The sunset was beyond spectacular and rewarded us all for persevering. The rowers and sailors stowed their boats and many came up to the bridge to join the party. Trophies were given to the winning teams and the celebration went well after dark.

A big thanks to Evan Daugherty for helping organize the event, Drew Daugherty and Blake Byrd for rallying the Y-Flyer fleet, all the Y sailors who brought their boats downtown; Jon Claas, Jim Marone, and Garry Roberts for their RC work; Chuck Blair for bringing our RC boat and marks from the club; Sherri Jo McLemore and Chuck Blair for commentating from the bridge during the races; Jeff Olm for providing the GMSC sign and promotional print material; and all the GMSC family that came to watch from the bridge. We also appreciate

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the hospitality provided by the members of the Arkansas Boathouse Club, the rowing club located on the Arkansas River. Most of all, GMSC thanks Jack Kinnaman, Cynthia VanWinkle, and the Junction Bridge Board of Directors for hosting the event and sharing the vision of holding a regatta on the river. I like to think we made history last Thursday. Look for this to happen again in the future.

More excitement ahead - we have a busy schedule coming up...

The Baptist Regal Regatta will be held on Saturday, 15 October. GMSC representatives, Drew Daugherty and Chuck Blair have been working all year with the Baptist Health coordinators to ensure another great event. This year's fundraiser is for new Giraffe OmniBeds for premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The time schedule is earlier this year, starting at 0830 hours and finishing up with lunch and an awards ceremony at the clubhouse. For more information, go to www.baptist-health.com/give/about/regatta/.

Mark your calendar to attend the GMSC Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, 17 October at 6pm. Sherri Jo decided we would do something different this year (sorry, Bud and Phyllis - I know how you love walking next door!). We will meet at the U.S. Pizza in Hillcrest in their upstairs party room and enjoy a pizza buffet. This meeting is held each year to vote on next year's officers and this year's awards for the various club trophies, including the Linda Sexton Memorial Service Award, Most Improved Skipper, Most Valuable Crews, etc. that are awarded at the Fall Ball. It is important that all members attend.

We will hold an Adult Learn to Sail class on 28-30 October. It will focus on crewing on keelboats, including proper attire and spinnaker work. Get your crew up to speed this year - tell them to register by emailing yours truly at sailing@arkansas.net.

Next, Gary Jobson, President of U.S. Sailing will speak at the Clinton School on Tuesday, 1 November at 1800 hours. This is a real treat and we need to promote the event to not only local sailors but also statewide and regional sailors and to all in our community. Jobson is an America's Cup winner, television announcer for the Olympic Games and America's Cup races, a cancer survivor, has authored 17 books, given over 2000 lectures worldwide, and is now head of the national governing body of sailing. Be sure to spread the word about this exciting speaker. The Clinton School appreciates RSVP's to know how many people they need to accommodate. Reserve your seats by emailing publicprograms@clintonschool.uasys.edu, or by calling 501-683-5239.

The Fall Ball, our annual awards ceremony and dinner will be held on Saturday, 5 November again at the Temple. The 2011 winners of series fleet racing will receive their trophies, the annual various club trophies will be awarded, and the 2012 slate of officers will be presented. Make plans to attend our one formal event of the year and see if you can recognize your fellow sailors in their suits and dresses.

With Autumn comes keelboat racing. The day after the Fall Ball, Sunday, 6 November will be the first day of keelboat racing. Jim Marone is getting geared up for his first season as Race Committee Chairman. We are excited about having several new keelboats on the line for this upcoming season.

The Fall Keelboat Regatta will be 3-4 December. Remember that out of town guests are always welcome to attend our regattas. With keelboat racing using PHRF, the event is open to a wide variety of boats. Feel free to invite your friends from other venues to join us for a great weekend of sailing.

The year is almost over and it's hard to believe. There is still so much to be done on an administrative level. Upon becoming commodore, I had a list of objectives for the year and it quickly transformed based upon the evolving needs of the club. Looking at our slate of upcoming events, my immediate thought is that our Public Relations Committee Chairman needs a committee of people to help execute all of the added duties we have seen culminate this year. We do our best to adapt to the moment and what is best for the club and we have been so fortunate to have so many willing and able members to volunteer their time to execute the needed tasks. It is a sign of our love for sailing and desire to continue to make GMSC the great place that it is. See you at the lake.

Adult Learn to ~~Sail~~ Crew

GMSC will offer a fall sailing class that will focus on learning to crew on keelboats 28-30 October. We will cover the basic concepts of beginner sailing and will add to the curriculum proper attire, spinnaker work, basic racing information, and crew communication.

Friday night will be a classroom session in the clubhouse. Saturday will be spent on the water learning to steer, trim sails, and points of sail. Sunday, we will hold mock races and learn basic spinnaker work.

Free to GMSC members; $50 for non-members. To register, please email Nicole at sailing@arkansas.net.

What:	Adult Learn to Crew
When:	28-30 October
Times:	Friday 1900-2100 hours
	Saturday 1000-1600 hours
	Sunday 1200-1700 hours

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club 2011-2012 Keelboat Racing Schedule

First Series
November 6, 20
December 3-4 Fall Regatta, 18
January 8, 22
February 5

Second Series
February 19
March 4, 18
April 1, 14-15 Spring Regatta, 29

Keelboat Season Harbor Gun at 1230 hours
Regatta Harbor Guns TBA

New Member Profile

by Lisa Parker

Some of you may remember Chris and Mia Troeger from Adult Learn to Sail in 2010. These new members, a married couple in their 30's who are long-time Arkansas residents, are now happy to own a 1979 Catalina 25.

Chris is a Programmer and Systems Analyst who also enjoys rock climbing and photography.

He has raced with Robert Halstead on a Thistle for several months now, and will crew for David Nigus during Keelboat season. Those of you who follow GMSC on Facebook have the opportunity to see the great videos Chris has posted from Lake Maumelle, one of which captured the much discussed recent Thistle t-bone incident. Chris likes the passion for sailing he sees at GMSC, and has enjoyed skippering a couple of races.

Mia is a Master Massage Therapist who enjoys yoga and pleasure sailing. She recently joined Stuart Stough on his Y-Flyer to race the Labor Day regatta. Mia said it was more work than she initially expected, but that now she wishes every sailing day could be like that Sunday! Mia already loves being part of the GMSC community where she enjoys seeing everyone dedicated to a common goal. Her brother, Jay Plunkett, crewed for Blake Byrd for Labor Day, and will sail with Chet during Keelboat season.

Chris and Mia both like how sailing lets them relax and not worry about anything else that is happening in work or life. Please join me in welcoming them to our sailing family!

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

5 Years Ago

Five years ago, GMSC put finishing touches on the club with the Champion of Champions races set for October 25-28. Junior races wrapped up under Karen Hunter and Paulette McConnell's leadership, with David Nigus planning special new easy-to-launch junior docks.

Labor Day winners were Ben Guise (Y-Flyer), John Bryant (Flying Scot), Chuck Blair (Hobie 20), Nicole Claas (Thistle), and Greg Hamilton (Laser). David Samples offered advice on spinnaker trim.

10 Years Ago

Drew Daugherty took 1st place at the Beer and Boats on Lake Carlisle. Mark Barton was 3rd, David Sample 8th, and Ben Guise 12th (all in their Y-Flyers).

Linda Moore called for painters to do the outside of the clubhouse, windows excepted. A new T-dock design was submitted to the Board hoping to have it done before the Y Nationals next June. It was anchored in the rain, after dark Sunday, March 11.

Mac McDonnell was leading the Thistle Fall Series, and Chris Durney, in 2nd place, was luring Mainsheet contributions to his house with Amberville Vineyards 1997 Sauvignon Blanc.

15 Years Ago

In October 1998, Commodore Jim Mulhollan commented on what good weather we had for sailing throughout September. Drew Daugherty agreed to have a second Adult Learn to Sail session. Dick Martin repeated as National Champion of the Ultimate 20 Class on September 6th and 7th at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro, California. Race Committee Chairman Bud Thurman was looking for volunteers to help run races for the coming keelboat season.

Jeff Rodgers reported on the Lipton Cup, sailed at Pass Christian Yacht Club over Labor Day. It was generally light air and a multitude of our sailors tried mightily to make the Flying Scot do well. Carl and Carole Garner, Beth Whitesell, Jon Claas, Ben Taylor, Nicole Claas, and Jack Mulhollan were all there, but they scrubbed the Monday morning race due to food poisoning of the remaining skippers and crew. Whatever restaurant Carl Garner may recommend – give it a wide berth.

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Jon managed to recover enough to win the Hobie State Championship, followed closely by Gregg Dodd in 2nd place, and last year's state champion John Thomas in 3rd. John Anderson had won the Labor Day Regatta, narrowly edging out Keith Newton. John Thomas was 3rd.

The Y-Flyer winners for Labor Day were Drew Daugherty with Rachel crewing. The Flying Scot race was won by Don Wright and crew Sherri. Larry, Connie and Mark Wagner won in their Thistle, and Patrick Ferguson the Laser trophy.

20 Years Ago

Commodore Jim Burgett was fined for not having registration numbers and a sticker on his boat. Two of the club's Sunfish were also cited. Burgett quoted Phast Phred, who had already encountered the Game & Fish home office and was given clarification about sailboats not needing numbers, but Officer Spurlock did not agree with his own hierarchy. Even our Optimist prams are not immune. Mainsheet editor John Lane commented that the Game & Fish Commission was obviously concerned that our power-crazed seven- and eight-year-old skippers of Optimist prams might be running narcotics from the north shore to the drug dealers at GMSC.

On a happier note, Chet Hight reported club attendance at the Lipton Cup over Labor Day – Chet Hight, Drew Daugherty, Burt Mann, and Don Wright skippering; Carl Garner, Jack Mulhollan, Tracy and Leland Sykes, and Sherri Wright crewing. Don, Sherri, and Sharon survived a squall during race four, including capsizing and turtling.

25 Years Ago

Dan and Helen Mistic had just returned from the Rocky Mountains, having sailed in the Flying Junior Nationals on a lake that was barely thawed. They were the only boat from south of the Mason-Dixon line. Helen won the women's competition. Steve Klotz easily won the overall. His brother, Chris, chief measurer for the Thistle class, had placed 3rd at the Thistle Nationals, and was 1st last year in Dallas while sailing Thistle #1. Thistle #1 spent the night in the Pensacola Yacht Club swimming pool neatly tied to the swim ladder, complete with top cover on and mast up, of course.

On a curious note, a Flying Scot that was day sailing came up to the fierce competitors in the Y-Flyer fleet. The lady skipper attempted to push the boats apart, but wound up boarding Randy Oates' Y-Flyer, causing great consternation and some unusual language.

30 Years Ago

Five new members joined the club, including our fierce Hobie competitor, Janice Keeton. A sudden storm on September 12 had caused many capsizes. Somehow, Chick Lanphier and Randy Oates wound up together on a Flying Junior. Jim Hunter was the leader in the Y-Flyer fleet, while Joe Semberski and the other Joe (Whitesell) tied for 2nd. Delbert Plante had the Hobie fleet series well in hand, and somehow Gary Hestir managed to talk his wife Susan into sailing the Hobie State Championship with him.

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35 Years Ago

John Lane was honored by the Thistle fleet from around the world for his Polish cookbook, the Warsaw World Merchant. Tom Richards was elected Thistle Class National President, Chet Hight the Flying Dutchman National President, Randy Oates Flying Junior class President, and Leroy Nelson was named President of the Gulf Coast 23 National organization.

John Lane faithfully reported in great detail his trip with Lou to Mattituc, Long Island for the Flying Junior National races, where the Annual Meeting was held on the porch because the ladies' bridge club had to use the clubhouse on Wednesday nights. Two tables of bridge were certainly more important than some old national class meeting. Along the way, Randy Oates managed to talk John Lane into driving 50 miles (one way) for an Egg McMuffin, but Phast Phred routinely took the group to a restaurant each morning that served hot blueberry pie with ice cream.

40 Years Ago

Keelboat races were scheduled for October 3, 10, 17 and 24, with a cookout and general meeting after the October 24 race. Free beer and hamburgers were hoped to lure the group. The Annual Awards Banquet was announced for the Little Rock Country Club on November 13, 1971.

The Flying Junior fleet scheduled a listening party for the Baylor-Razorback football game, to include sipping a little Budweiser. They had just returned from a trip down the Arkansas River at the generosity of Mike Guest on his party barge. After passing through the lock and going toward downtown Little Rock, naturally Mike had to race the stern wheeler, Border Star.

Meanwhile, the Labor Day Regatta saw Hal Daugherty in 1st place in the Y-Flyer fleet, Dudley Rodgers and Max McGinnis in 2nd, and Roy Hackett in 3rd. During the "White Hall Cup" race, extremely high winds occurred. Only one boat had sense enough to capsize. Linda Hatcher and Marion Howell tied for honors on the boat that hit the most people.

And that's how it was
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years ago this month.

Come and Watch the Races!

Even if you don't want to sail this winter you still need to get out of the house!

Join the Race Committee and support those skippers and crews. We will have a practice day with training on October 30th where we will run a race for the learn to sail class.

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Grande Maumelle Sailing Club
June 2011 Board Meeting
8 August 2011

Attendees: Anthony Jacuzzi, Tracy Sykes, Jack Myers, Nicole Claas Moore, Robert Halstead, Chris Troeger, Kathy Blair, Chuck Blair, Jim Marone, Jeff Olm, Vicki Tuthill, James Lovings, Garry Roberts, Blake Byrd, Drew Daugherty, and Kim Cartwright.

6:08 meeting called to order.

Officers' Reports:

- Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore sent a draft of the keel boat race schedule to Jim Marone. Jim will review and then it will be published on the website and in the next Mainsheet. A copy of the letter that was sent to Roger, Jon, and David was emailed to the board. Nicole & Drew will prepare the NOR for the Labor Day Regatta.

- Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead reviewed the progress of the Strategic Planning committee. A handout, "Group Memory", was distributed that highlighted major topics discussed at the initial committee meeting. At least one additional planning meeting will need to occur prior to the club wide planning session.

- Secretary, Tracy Sykes – Review of July Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made and the minutes for July were approved.

- Treasurer, Kathy Blair (Jack Myers reporting) – Financial Report Net cash of $57,000. All bills are paid. The picnic table bill will be paid shortly. Update regarding amounts past due for keel boat dock repair expenses: both Bill Roach and Scott Hunter were sent a letter after phone calls explaining the process that has taken place and they were given the opportunity to attend the August meeting. Bill Roach has agreed to pay $100/month extra to be applied towards his outstanding amount of approximately $800. There has not been an agreement from Scott Hunter. Motion was made to give the authority to Jack to send a final letter to Scott.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership, Jeff Olm - Arthur Speckels has a Hunter 25.5 and has applied for membership. Richard Freeman has submitted a re-application for full membership. Robert Richardson with a Bristol 29.9 and a Laser has applied for full membership. Ray Ortega, and Matt Ragland have resigned. Phil Pederson would like to change to associate member after selling his Thistle. A motion was made to approve the membership changes and approved by the board.

- Race Committee, Jon Claas – not present. Jim Marone (keel boat race committee chairman) – will finalize the schedule. An anchor line is needed for one of the buoys.

- Equipment, Chuck Blair – The battery will not stay charged if the boat is not used regularly.

- Docks & Slips, Jim Marone (and John Bryant) - The team is working on a new method to keep track of the boat slips and their locations. Jim would like to know who would like a slip. Joe Hilliard, Rob Richardson, Tom Smith – were mentioned to be on the list. Alan Tegehoff has a BB10, 32 feet, and is interested in joining the club and building a longer slip. Jim is working with him to figure out where the longer boat would best reside. It was suggested that the docks & slips committee work with the longer boat owners.

- Grounds, Werner Schwarz – Septic System (CAW project) Werner has fixed the clubhouse water pump. We need someone to run new wire from clubhouse to the pump house when CAW is finished. It has been cut several times. Nicole has requested that the gravel be removed that was dumped between Anthony & Gary's boat.

- Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill and Steve Tribett – Mud ended up in the clubhouse toilets, etc. The pump was laying in the mud and we also had water pump and power issues that contributed to the problem.

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The clubhouse has now been cleaned up after a large effort. Robert reported that the clubhouse telephone is no longer functioning. The picnic tables were assembled and look good. Thanks to all of the persons that helped with the effort.

- Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise. – We have had several Wednesday fun nights. Looking at alternative locations for the Annual Meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- New Breakwater, David Nigus – no report
- Existing Breakwater, Jack Myers – August 27th work party will be scheduled.
- Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright – August Mainsheet has been delivered. Cutoff date is the 20th of August for the September.
- Website, Robert Halstead - visits up over 18% for July.
- Public Relations, Evan Daugherty – moonlight sail will be Saturday 8/13. The Gary Jobson speaking event has been moved 11/1.
- Regatta, Drew Daugherty – Labor Day Regatta. No charge. Jambalaya will be Friday night. Saturday night we will have steak dinner. Standard race day start on Saturday and Sunday.
- GYA, Bud Thurman – Not present. The Lipton regatta will be on Labor Day.
- Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore - There continues to be interest in sailing classes. She will set a date soon to have Keelboat crewing class in the fall.
- Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell – Thank you to James Lovings for repairing the damaged Sunfish.

Fleet Reports:

- A Fleet, John Bryant – not present
- B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi – no report
- Flying Scot, Walter Bryde - not present
- Hobie, James Lovings – no report
- Thistle, Garry Roberts
- Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd - fleet event at Greer's Ferry was fun and successful.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- Jeff Olm – Proposed raising initiation fee The fee now is currently lower than it was at one time. It was requested that this be reconsidered when evaluating the new membership categories.
- Jeff Olm – Proposed changing gate code. Board approved the request and it was recommended that notification take place with the annual meeting invitations.
- Garry Roberts – Requested approval to have a regional and/or national S2 regatta. The request was approved.
- GMSC has been invited by the NY Yacht Club to participate in the NY Yacht Club Invitational Challenge. It will be a series of competitions held in Sonars, J22s, and Swan 42s.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Treasurer.

Breakwater Repair Party

On Saturday, August 27th, Club members began our annual Breakwater Repair Party. What looked like the usual fix small breaks and stuff more foam in sinking tires turned into a larger project. Somehow in the last few weeks a large section broke free and left a 50-60 foot gap. Fixing this gap became our first priority followed by our annual maintenance.

John Bryant volunteered to get strapping from a local vendor and hauled it out to the Club. Then Robert Halstead hauled tires and foam from the back working lot out to the Crane.

By 8:30 am, our full complement was hard at work building tire modules to fill the gap and other weak spaces. Joe Hillard headed that crew assisted by Leland Sykes, Rich Freeman, Jeff Olm, Jerry Carter, Anthony Jacuzzi, Robert Halstead, John Watts, and Chris Troeger. This is a dirty job dealing with the old grimy tires. Depending upon the size of the module, they were either dumped into the lake or the hoisted out by the crane. Only one picture was taken of our work party: Everyone was too busy to stop and take photos.

Jim Marone was out early and arranged to bring both crash boats around. After Jack Myers got the shore party organized, he and Jim headed out to start on the water work. This entailed straightening out the gap area and salvaging as much of the broken portion as possible. Then the rebuilt modules were towed out and strapped into place. Once that was done, the other smaller gaps were fixed.

Drew Daugherty arrived with his john boat giving us 3 work platforms. Drew has an advanced degree in "replacing foam" with many years of practical experience. He and Chris Troeger then started at the north end and began pulling up sunken connected tires and adding foam. The breakwater is now much larger due to their efforts.

Chuck Blair, unable to work, showed up anyway for morale, commentary and good humor. He was delegated to check everyone's driver's license for being of age prior to dispensing the beer.

Around noon, the shore party ran out of nuts and bolts so Joe went on a treasure hunt of the west Little Rock hardware stores to acquire more supplies. While he was gone, Tracy Sykes appeared with lunch. The lunch whistle was blown and everyone sat down for a much needed break.

After lunch, Joe and other members of the shore crew came out and helped piece in the final tire modules. By 2 pm, as the day got hotter, it was time to call it quits. The breakwater has a few small areas that still need repair but they can be fixed before cold weather sets in. Then we cleaned up and hauled off the trash. Finally, Jeff Olm got out his pressure washer and cleaned both crash boats.

Old members and several new members participated in this project. This is another example of "sweat equity" activity which is one of the best traits of our sailing Club. I hope I have not missed anyone who participated, if so, thank you as well for your efforts. Volunteer work keeps our Club affordable, builds friendships, and by protecting our assets, makes us a more viable, stronger organization.

Jack Myers

GMSC Juniors Travel to FWBC Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta

GMSC Junior sailors Blake England, Josh and Kyle Dochoda participated in the Forth Worth Boat Club's Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta on September 10 and 11. It was Josh and Blake's first Club 420 regatta together with Josh as skipper and Blake crewing. They came in 4th out of 8 boats and just missed an award. Josh and Blake have the blue/white spinnaker. Kyle (14691) brought home 2nd place in Blue fleet (ages 11-12) and came in 4th overall out of 26 boats.

New Picnic Tables

The picnic tables arrived and were assembled by Leland, Jack, Tracy, Don, Anthony, James, Lisa, Drew, Jim, Colleen, John & Valerie McNee, and our newest member Christopher Troeger. Please thank these folks when you see them.

Thank you again,
Vicki Tuthill

Jim and Tracy and many others assemble the tables.

Jack and Leland figure out how to drill through solid steel since the holes on the frame would not match up.

The tables Nicole chose go well with the deck as well as being environmentally friendly since they are recycled.

A few relax and reflect that a tough job was done in less than 4 hours because so many showed up.