



September 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



COMING UP

- 3-4 Sept. - Labor Day Regatta
- 1300 hours both days
- 9 Sept. - Moonlight Sail
- 12 Sept. - Board Meeting - Law Offices of Gary Green - 1800 hours
- 18 Sept. - Centerboard Race 2nd Series
- 1300 hours
- 2 Oct. - Centerboard Race 2nd Series
- 1300 hours
- 3 Oct. - Board Meeting - Law Offices of Gary Green - 1800 hours
- 15 Oct. - Baptist Regal Regatta - 0830 hours
- 16 Oct. - Centerboard Race 2nd Series
- 1300 hours
- 17 Oct. - Annual Meeting at Hillcrest U.S. Pizza
- 1800 hours

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Hawg Wild Regatta 2011



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**Matt Thrasher
& Libby Wilson**

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

BY LISA PARKER

Have you recently spotted a young couple and a cute mutt cruising the lake on a 16 foot Oday? GMSC welcomes new members **Libby Wilson** and **Matt Thrasher**. They moved here over a year ago from Fort Worth, Texas, and joined GMSC after taking the Adult Learn to Sail class this June. While Matt is new to sailing, Libby grew up enjoying sailing with her family and at summer camp. She believes sailing is a passion that once you get started, you're hooked. They also love how Lake Maumelle is peaceful and free of traffic. I know we all share both of those feelings! Off of the water, Matt and Libby play disc golf, poker, and kickball. On the water, they gladly accept new friends as well as advice from more experienced sailors. We are happy that they have joined our sailing family!



COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

We have had a couple of interesting developments over the past month. I am not certain if Drew Daugherty dreamed this up and it magically came to fruition or how exactly the seed was planted but somehow it is happening. I approached the Board of Directors of the Junction Bridge (the one spanning between Verizon Arena and just west of the River Market Amphitheater) about having sailboats on the Arkansas River. They had this idea in mind, too, and would like to feature races on the river during an annual fun event on the bridge. Evan Daugherty and I met with them in mid-August and we have agreed to a trial run this month. This first event will be held on Thursday, 22 September and will be targeting the media and city dignitaries.

There are several Y-Flyer's attending a regatta in mid-September and they will already have their boats on trailers. Therefore, Evan has found a few willing Y-Flyer sailors to bring their boats down to the Arkansas River and participate in a couple of short races that afternoon and early evening. GMSC will have a table with information regarding club membership and upcoming events, such as the Baptist Regal Regatta on 15 October and the Gary Jobson lecture on 1 November at the Clinton School.

It is our hope that we can partner with the Junction Bridge for a future public event that will include artists, musicians, and vendors on the bridge and will help raise awareness of sailing at GMSC. Since early fall is still warm and the river is usually flowing at a slow rate, it was determined this will be the best time of year to hold the annual event.

A few of you may have heard that GMSC has hit the big time. Thanks (again) to Drew for thinking big and outside the box, GMSC has been invited to submit

an application to participate in the New York Yacht Club second biennial Qualifying Series to be held in Newport, RI on 4-8 September 2012. According to the invitation, "The top finishers will earn invitations to compete in the 2013 New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup presented by Rolex."

When I first received the letter, I wondered if there had been some sort of mistake. An invitation from the commodore of NYYC to the commodore of GMSC? There it was in black and white. After a little investigating, I learned that during Drew's work as U.S. Sailing's Event Chairman of the Championship of Champions Regatta, he talked to someone and suggested that we would like our name dropped in the bucket to be considered to participate in this event. Even Drew was surprised by the news.

The first qualifying series will be raced by Corinthian sailors in J/22's and will be followed by a series in Sonar's, I believe. The remaining teams will go on to compete in (most likely) Swan 42's in the Invitational Cup. In order to qualify, we must submit our application by the end of this month, expressing our ability to comply with the requirements and completing the questionnaire. This includes listing the notable regattas our club has hosted, all the national champions and Olympic sailors who have been members of GMSC, and our general prominence as a club. Basically, we must submit GMSC's resume, which is going to be a fun exercise in itself. The clubs that are chosen to participate in the 2012 Qualifying Series will be announced later this year.

The 2011 New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup will be held 10-17 September 2011 in Newport, RI and event video will air on ESPN2 on 30 October 2011 at 1300 hours and again on 4 November on ESPN Classic at 2000 hours. Set your DVR's!

"Ahhh the good things in life"

ROBERT HALSTEAD

I love sailing! I love everything about it. I love to go cruising with my family, friends, or even strangers. I love racing and its competitive nature on the water and the camaraderie you have when you are back on the land. I love going to a city park in the middle of a suburban neighborhood and finding an S2 sailor that knows guys from our lake. I don't appreciate when I let my inexperience get the best

of me and forces me to make stupid mistakes, but I love thinking through it once I am back on shore and learning from it. I learned a lot last weekend. About a year's worth! Sorry Abbey!!

As such, I wanted to share a thought with you as I am answering personal / club emails tonight. As I was answer personal emails, trying to get my

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personal life as caught up as my work life, which is only mildly, severely behind schedule.....I receive a question about taking a father and child out on a boat for a few hours. The email only stated that the family was willing to pay. The email didn't mention if the family had any sailing history or why they were looking to get on a sailboat.

My initial response was to say that I was sorry, that GMSC didn't do that kind of business. But as I thought through it, really, we do it all the time. We don't take payment for it and we don't advertise, but most of the people we take out on our boats, especially the keelboats aren't members. They are just along for the ride and a free dinner after the races. Now, yes, I understand that there are several crew who are members, and it is well worth the cost of the dinners to keep our crews showing up race after race, especially as the wind and water cool to a level that only a Polar bear should enjoy.

My point is that at one time or another, we all got on a boat before we bought our own. Most of us will also take our friends for a ride at some point or another, if for no other reason, but to have an excuse just to get out to the lake.

I also couldn't tell this stranger "No" based on my recent history.

About 6 weeks ago, a couple showed up for one of our Moonlight Sails. The wife had no previous experience on a sailboat, so I wanted to be sure she had a good time. I tried to make sure she didn't

think about the sailing, just that we could relax, enjoy the scenery and get her to taking as many pictures as she could. We had a great time as I set them up for some great pictures with the sun setting behind the island as we "sailed into the sunset" before heading to meet the other boats.

Out of that moon lit night, the couple asked me if I could take them out again, but with their kids this time; one who is autistic, his younger brother, and an exchange student from Thailand. "Of Course," I responded. How could I ever turn down taking a kid out on a sailboat who would ask a million questions? Easy...put him on the tiller and keep him aiming at the tower on the North shore....."Not that one, the other one over there!" It also helped to raise the pirate flag. The kids always like that and it gives way to all kinds of corny jokes.

So, I extended my services to the email stranger as well, after a gentle reminder that while we do not offer pay-for-service arrangements, it would be my pleasure take him and his son out with me and my son. If all we ever do is get others interested in sailing, our lives will be fuller for it.

Your task: Make a friend and introduce them to sailing. It may be their only chance to enjoy the activities that we hold so dear to our hearts and a culture that we build our lives around.

I'd love to see you out at the lake!
Bob

What I learned on the lake today - No more Mr. Nice Guy

Robert Halstead

Tired of being in the second row? Get aggressive, hit a few people and still end up in the second row! So now what? I guess you keep pushing yourself to a point where you can make better decisions when you are in the mix and the next thing you know, you might end up getting out in front of everyone and win a race.

Well, I have the first two steps done. I was trying to get pretty aggressive. I know where I wanted to be and in what direction I wanted to go. There just happened to be another boat there. Two races in a row, I let others get me in a position at the starting line where I had few options. One left me inches

from the committee boat, head to wind, and possibly over early although it wasn't called. The other had be tack over to port right at the start line with only a few seconds to go leading to obvious port/starboard crossing that I could not get out of the way for and BAM!! Who doesn't like a little "T-Bone" on a hot day. I do on the grill, but on the water like this.... give me a break. This was also the same boat that I nearly hit on another race after being in the mix, but again in the wrong place.

So why was I letting this happen? Well, first, I knew these things could possibly happen when I made my decisions. I thought I would be nice and not push

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my issues....which then quickly put me in a bad situation. [At this point, I realize I should submit myself to a 3 hour session from David about what happens when you are being nice!! Walt, I'm sure, will also be glad to remind me.] All the comments I have heard over the years rang through my head to the point that I almost forget how much I was in the mix with two very good boats. I don't think I have ever kept up with these boats before. They would eventually easily beat me, but I was with them for a while and I should be proud of that.

While I am upset about how things happened on the course, I am more upset with myself for putting

myself into those situations when I knew better. I vow to never again to let others dictate my choices. I will decide what situation I get in and I will force others to take actions. I will be fair and congenial, but Mr. nice guy....he's gone (at least on the course).

Instead of my standard "Hope to see you on the water".....I end this email with the following:
If you see me on the water, watch out and stay out of my way!!

Bob

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

All Members,

Prior to buying or selling a slip notice needs to be given to the Docks Committee.

This aids in identifying the proper boat in the correct slip.

Thanks

Jim Marone

Docks and Slips

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

EVENTS:

October 17 Annual Meeting at Hillcrest U.S. Pizza. 6:00 – 8:00 (upstairs)
We will have a cash bar and a pizza buffet for \$8 per person.

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

5 Years Ago

Five years ago, September 2006, Commodore Mark Barton reported good progress restoring slips and docks and a revised plan for the downstairs comfort station. In addition, the Scout House was on the repair list before the Champion of Champions Regatta in October.

Hobie 16's and 20's were going head to head, and Flying Scots dreaming of planing with a full spinnaker. First Series Scot winner Craig Parins, Y-Flyer winner Drew Daugherty, Pram winner Nick Easby-Smith, Sunfish Jonathan Nigus, and Laser (Junior) Taylor Sykes.

Labor Day schedule included up to three races Saturday and Sunday plus Hobie Division 14. Several fine pictures documented how various fleets ride out a rain delay. And several Junior skippers were close hauled around short course marks.

10 Years Ago

The Mainsheet editor Durney promised Lohr Monterrey Chardonnay for those contributing copy. The lake was substantially higher than in the summer of 2000. Richard Dick and Janna Berryhill and Bill & Yvonne Harris became regular members with Flying Scots. A shrimp boil and lecture by Drew helped, no doubt.

Commodore Jeff Olm commented that tired blood (low iron) was not a good thing, just like Lawrence Welk said. He recommended equal parts of Geritol and dreams. Jeff also needed seven members to sail the Lipton Cup at Pass Christian.

Jack Myers read the New York Times and found the following boat names: A Loan Again, Convinced Her Finally, Dot Calm, Knot Again, In Solvent Sea, Loon A Sea, Rudder Chaos, Sail Bad The Sinner, Ta Keel La, and Victoria's Sea Crate.

15 Years Ago

Joe Semberski and crew Allen Barton won the Y-Flyer National races right here on Little Rock's Lake Maumelle. Ed Grubbs was Race Committee Chairman and Bud Thurman put the Committee boat in a tree (low water). Commodore Mulhollan took credit for the good winds that summer.

The 4th of July Watermelon race in Sunfish was won impressively by Larry Wagner and son, Scott. Vice Commodore Drew Daugherty was outmaneuvered by an athletic "power dismount" by Jack Mulhollan and Gary Mansfield. The adults were put to shame by 8-year-old Zack Sparks in the watermelon eating contest. Face painting, apple bobbing, and spoon-and-egg races were all organized by Kees and Kay Oudegeest.

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The Wagners, Phast Phred, and Robert Jones found the Thistle Districts on Lake Perry in Kansas 25 feet above usual level with 20-knot bursts of wind all Saturday plus capsizes. Between races, one skipper put on white tails, and crew a long white dress, and they were promptly married.

20 Years Ago

The Commodore was negotiating with the Water Board about an emergency entrance to GMSC, The Committee boat was being repaired as were the Sunfish dock walkway and, of course, the old T-docks.

Jon Claas had 54 students in the Junior Learn to Sail class, using five Sunfish and five prams. John Lane scheduled Mainsheet night at his house on a day he was out of town.

On Father's Day during the second race, a big rain cloud appeared and shifted the wind leaving all the Y-Fleet on the wrong tack except Mark Martin. He continued an unbelievably long tack, and merely won the race. Afterward, he admitted his traveler was stuck, and he couldn't tack even if he wanted to.

25 Years Ago

GMSC sponsored Sailfest with Randy Oates auctioning skippers and boats for money contributions to Cystic Fibrosis. Skippers and crews provided a boat ride, food and drink. Oates next appeared in Fort Walton Beach in a Flying Scot competing in the GYA Series. No trophies but lots of fun for Randy, Gary and Matt, and John and Terry Anderson.

The Flying Scot fleet was introduced to Fuzzy Navels, a drink of unknown content and unpredictable result: Bill Riley gave an imitation of Fonzi, and John Anderson fell out of the back of his Flying Scot during a race. Strange goings-on. Doug Buffalo got two 2nd place finishes – truly the Revenge of the Nerds.

Paula Mahan reported Carl Garner was 1st in the Thistle Spring Series, Don Renshaw 2nd, Bud Thurman 3rd, and Joe Dempsey 4th. Over a dozen Thistles competed. More from the Holistic Dictionary:

In the Hole: Your location when the skipper turns red and curses.

Holograph: A map showing all the holes on the lake.

Holy Roller: A boat that can get into and out of a hole in less than two beers.

Holy Spirit: What you drink to forget about your holy day.

30 Years Ago

Six Lightning sailboats from Rush Creek in Dallas came to race as guests. Two Hollanders here in the States by the Rotary Club were stunned to go night keelboat sailing in shorts and T-shirts. July 4th saw Hula Hoop contests, water balloon tossing contests, and a tug-of-war in rowboats (near and under the T-docks walkway).

Noel Kelly invited Greg Oates to go Hobie sailing, allowing him to bring along a teddy bear and a picture of Mom, but Greg preferred Brooke Shields. Mary Mehlburger (aka Mary Michaels) went from GMSC Learn-to-Sail to Camp Seafarer in North Carolina where she won the Yogi Bear Regatta.

Sunfish Secretary and Captain David Jones sent the following:

Dear Mom:

I am writing this slowly because I know you can't read fast. You won't recognize the house because we moved. The washing machine doesn't work right: I put in six sheets and pulled the lever and they disappeared. Dad has a new job with 500 people under him—he mows at the cemetery. Sister had a baby. I don't know if it's a boy or girl, so I don't know if I am an aunt or uncle. Granddad died. He fell into a vat of whiskey. Two men jumped in to save him, but he managed to fight them off. The morticians sent a notice that we must make payments on grandma's funeral, or up she comes. Send money. Your son, David.

35 Years Ago

Gabe Borkowski passed on the Flying Junior GMSC Reporter to Phil Nash. Phil said from his position at the rear of the fleet it was a natural job for him. Randy Oates thanked the fleet members for all the help with the FJ National Regatta. Commodore John Lane thanked Phast Phred (Regatta Chairman) and Randy Oates (National President). The competitors were dazzled by the slide show at the Awards Banquet. Shucks, we do that sort of show a lot.

Terry and Dorothy Johnson won the Spring Series with Randy and Jody Oates 2nd, Burt and Donna Mann 3rd, and Don and Jo Renshaw 4th. Twenty-four Thistles competed in the series with Chet Hight 1st, Max Mehlburger 2nd, and Lindsey Miller 3rd.

40 Years Ago

The Flying Junior Fleet will host its first regatta on Labor Day: The Arkansas Championships. Burt Mann was 2nd at the FJ Regionals in Kansas City, and won the Spring Series. Hal and BJ Daugherty won the Y-Flyer Spring Series, Chet Hight won in the Flying Dutchman, and Linda Grubbs took 1st in the Sunfish Spring Series.

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

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club
July 2011 Board Meeting Minutes
11 July 2011



Attendees: Nicole Claas Moore, Sheri Jo McLemore, Jack Myers, Robert Halstead, James Lovings, Jim Marone, John Bryant, Chris Troeger, Walt Bryde, Jeff Olm, Evan Daugherty, and Tracy Sykes.

Called to order at 6:07.

Officers' Reports:

- **Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore** – Nicole sent thank you note to Arkansas Life magazine. Letters sent to Roger Nesuda, Jon Claas, and David Sample regarding policy for crane use. Nicole will email a copy of the letter to the board.
- **Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead** - A committee has been formed to coordinate the Strategic planning session. First meeting will take place on 7/23. Will be planning the strategic planning process that will take place in the fall.
- **Secretary, Tracy Sykes** – Review of June Board Meeting Minutes. Were approved with change noted.
- **Treasurer, Kathy Blair (by Jack Myers)** – Financial Report was presented. Approximately 54K balance in the bank. Bills have been paid for Hawg Wild Regatta, LTS programs, down payment for Strategic Planning, and sand for the Hobie beach. Regarding the past due slip repair bills - A motion was made and approved to allow the board to foreclose if necessary on the docks and boats belonging to Bill Roach & Scott Hunter for failure to pay slip repair cost. Jack Myers will contact them one more time before the process occurs. Jack has agreed to assume the treasurer duties as needed by Kathy Blair. Motion was made to appoint Jack as temporary treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed. The secretary & commodore will sign a notice authorizing the addition of Jack Myers to the role.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership, Jeff Olm** resignations – Bob & Kim Edmonds, Howard Warren, Craig Rechkemmer. Wayne Lile would like to change to associate member. Sam Caruthers would like to change to an associate member.
- **New membership** - Chris & Maria Troeger, owners of a Catalina 25. Libby Wilson & Matt Bratcher – O'day. Woody & Sharon Powell – O'day, Paul Dickson – Catalina 22, and Daphne Davenport – Flying Scott. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the new members and membership changes.
- **Race Committee, Chuck Blair** - not present. Jon Claas has been doing the races in Chuck's absence. We will need another person to take Jim Marone's place. He will start back sailing soon. We need to start drafting a keel boat schedule. Jim Marone has volunteered to be Keel boat race committee chairman.
- **Equipment, Chuck Blair** - not present. The Kenner needs a bilge pump and the top needs to be replaced. Jon Claas was going to call David about the top. Nicole will call David to see if he would like to fill in for Chuck in his absence.
- **Docks & Slips, Jim Marone** – Letters have been sent to those slip owners who own slips where repairs are necessary.
- **Grounds, Werner Schwarz** – Septic System (CAW project) – not present. Project still underway. Is expected to go thru August. Electric line was cut during the project and this has resulted in the water pump not working. Werner is working on the issue.
- **Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill and Steve Tribett** – not present. Water is out in due to water pump issues. Picnic tables have been ordered.
- **Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise** – Wednesday Fun night was held. There was a

good turnout. LTS participants were informed that they can come out on Wednesdays and get more sailing time.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **New Breakwater, David Nigus** - not present. Jeff Olm – committee met in June. Price has increased since the 2009 budget was created. Motion was made to approve the expenditure of additional funds of approximately \$16,000 total. Was seconded and approved.
- **Existing Breakwater, Jack Myers** – There are some holes in the breakwater currently. Will need only a small work party to make the repairs one morning. There will need to be an expenditure of approximately \$500. No budget item exists for this expense. Agreed to use funds from the docks line item.
- **Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright** – not present . Will look to include the Arkansas Life article in the Mainsheet.
- **Website, Robert Halstead** - 13% more traffic than this time last year. A lot of persons are using the Contact Us feature.
- **Public Relations, Evan Daugherty** – Friday night sailing activity is scheduled. Need to ensure that life jackets are present for all. Evan distributed a handout listing the upcoming events. Gary Jobson will be here on 9/28 at the Clinton Center. Many thanks to Evan and Jack for their work. Jobson has requested that the board meet with him prior. We will think about locations for a lunch beforehand.
- **Regatta, Drew Daugherty** – not present. Labor Day regatta plans should be starting.
- **GYA, Bud Thurman** – not present.
- **Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore** – 26 students. 5 boats were filled. Want to do a Learn to Crew class in the fall.
- **Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell** – not present. First Fun Night was successful. First day of Junior races was held. 7/23 will be the next race day. A Sunfish was damaged and a mast not recovered after a capsize. We will repair the boat.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet, John Bryant – no news.

B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi - not present.

Flying Scot, Walter Bryde - no fleet news. Walt is working on final numbers for reimbursement of damages incurred to his boat during the sail-offs.

Hobie, James Lovings – The Hobie fleet would like to build a wood deck on the Hobie beach. Motion was made and approved to approve the Hobie fleet’s construction of the deck.

Thistle, Garry Roberts – not present

Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd - not present. Fleet party will be held on 7/30 at Greer’s Ferry. Y Nationals – Drew and Evan placed 3rd. Mark & Ben 11h & 12th.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Jim Marone introduced a discussion regarding associate members use of club boats. A motion was made, seconded and approved to not restrict members from use of club boats. Nicole has formed a committee that will review the current by-laws and make recommendations for updates needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary