



April 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



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COMING UP

- April 3rd - Keelboat Race: Second Series
- 1230 hours
- April 4th- Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- At the Law Offices of Gary Green
- April 16th - 17th- GMSC Spring Keelboat Regatta
- at the GMSC Pavilion
- April 17th - Keelboat Race: Second Series
- 1230 hours
- April 30th - Spring Clean-Up Work Party (*time TBA*)
- April 30th - Spring Fling - 1800 Hours at the Clubhouse
- May 1st, 15th, 28-29th- 2011 Centerboard Racing Schedule - 1st series

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GMSC JUNIORS GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Saturday, April 30
GMSC – Pavilion/Junior Hut Area
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- 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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GMSC Junior Program Summer of 2011 Opportunities to Volunteer

Looking for ways to stay young and keep fit? Have I got an opportunity for you! Come out and work with the Junior Program!

The kids are fun to be with and it is exciting to see them learn how to sail and improve their skills throughout the summer. And of course, trying to keep up with them as well as helping them rig/launch their boats keeps you fit as a fiddle!

Below are just a few of the opportunities for you to participate. Take a look and if anything strikes your fancy let me know.

- **Photographer** – capture the fun happening throughout the summer
- **GMSC Website administrator for Juniors** – update the website with the new/photos upcoming events
- **Reporter for Mainsheet** – Junior News/Happenings
- **Boat Maintenance**
- **Junior Learn to Sail:**
 - o Sunfish coach – Tom Tirrell is going to do the class room instruction but we need a coach who will be hands on helping the kids with rigging and reminding them of the basic how to sail without going in irons, running into the breakwater, etc. There will be another person to assist as well as someone who will drive the chase boat when the kids are out sailing.
 - o Opti assistant coach – assist Tom Tirrell with helping kids rig, learn how to sail an opti when they are on the docks/water.
 - o Chase boat driver(s) – someone who is proficient in driving a motor boat, can drive safely around kids in boats and in the water. This person will work with the coaches as needed and be on the watch for kids safety that week.
 - o General gopher – There are all sorts of things that fall under this job :)
 - o Friday Lunch Organizer – this is the end of the week celebration of JLTS. Simple lunch of hot dogs or hamburgers or whatever the leader of this project decides. Lots of volunteers to help. Just need someone to take charge.
- **Fun Nights** – Help with rigging/launching boats, assist with potluck supper set-up
- **Flying Junior Adventure Sailing** – Chase/Safety Boats, etc.
- **Junior Races** – Race Committee, Chase/Safety Boats, etc.

For more information on any of the above areas contact: Paulette McConnell, Cell: 501.908.5455, email: pmccon@acxiom.com

COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

I am excited to let you know that GMSC is sending a team of board members to U.S. Sailing's Inaugural Yacht Club Summit on 1-3 April. Rear Commodore Chuck Blair, Vice Commodore Robert Halstead, Secretary Tracy Sykes, and Public Relations Chair Evan Daugherty will be attending the first annual event to learn best practices, innovative programs, how to make our club prosper in the current environment, and how to improve our club's services. The GMSC board felt this summit was an excellent opportunity to help our club better promote sailboat racing.

The summit is being moderated by Gary Jobson and opens with a presentation on "An Action Plan for Growing Sailing." There are general sessions to be attended by all that include Communications, Long Range Planning, Junior Programs, Building Membership, and Recruiting Volunteers. We will be well represented at the four choices of breakouts that include Refurbishing Club, Information Technology, Collaborations with Community, Financial Stability, Regatta Management, Club Image, and Increasing Race Participation. Look for reports in future editions of The Mainsheet on these subjects from the attendees.

It is great to be back out racing! Thanks to David Sample and volunteers for working

Race Committee. We have had a fine time on the water since racing resumed in March. Seven boats (combined A Fleet and B Fleet) participated in the first few keelboat races and that number should grow as the water rises. Several additional boats will attend the Spring Keelboat Regatta on 16-17 April, see Notice of Race enclosed. Please utilize our online registration for this event.

We have our annual Spring Fling pot luck party on Saturday, April 30th followed by the first centerboard race on Sunday, May 1st, see the Centerboard Schedule enclosed. The lake level is getting closer to the bottom of the launch ramp but it still has a way to go. I am hoping we will be able to launch at the ramp but we may have to take turns on the crane. We will do whatever it takes to get out there to sail our dinghies this summer! It's about time to remove the cover and dust off your centerboard boat (or catamaran). If you don't already have a crew lined up, you may utilize our Crew Pool on our website. We have numerous eager candidates listed. Also, contact your fleet captain to let him know you are looking for crew, as we also direct potential crew to fleet captains.

Let's go sailing!

ATTENTION SLIP OWNERS: THE WATER IS RISING!!!

If you are a slip owner, please monitor your slip closely as the water level rises. If you have any questions as to how to manage the changes, please contact our Docks and Slips Chair, John Bryant at John.Bryant.ASP@Airgas.com or 501-350-5899. There will be a work party on Saturday, April 23rd, time TBA. Please attend to get help with your slip.

**Grande Maumelle Sailing Club
Junior Program
2011 Calendar**

April 30– 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 Terrill, Instructor

Due to snow days 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 – 4 pm 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

Start at 6 pm 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

2011 CENTERBOARD RACING SCHEDULE

1st Series

May 1, 15, 28-29 (Memorial Day/Hawg Wild Regatta)

June 5, 19, 26

July 10

2nd Series

July 24

Aug 7, 21

Sept 3-4 (Labor Day Regatta), 18

Oct 2, 16

Adult Learn to Sail – June 11-12

Baptist Regal Regatta – Oct 15th

Centerboard Championship Regatta – Oct 22-23

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club

2011 Spring Keelboat Regatta

16-17 April

You are cordially invited!



Saturday, April 16th

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, April 17th

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.

Regatta Chairman

Drew Daugherty
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Grande Maumelle Sailing Club

February 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

2-7-11

Attending: Ben Guise, Sherri Jo McLemore, Kathy Blair, Robert Halstead, Jeff Olm, Vicki Tuthill, Chuck Blair, Paulette McConnell, Blake Byrd, Nicole Claas Moore, Anthony Jacuzzi, Garry Roberts, Tracy Sykes

Meeting called to order at 6:12

Officers' Reports:

Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore
 2011 Objectives will be presented later in the meeting.

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Nicole wanted to confirm that all committee persons have a role & responsibility document. Paulette McConnell will create her own for the Junior Sailing Program.
Steve Tribett will be joining Vicki Tuthill as Clubhouse co-chair.
Drew Daugherty will be Regatta chairman.

Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead

Long range planning – Robert reviewed World Café idea from Sherri Jo and he also met with Barry Goldberg. He recommended going with Barry Goldberg to facilitate our long range planning session.

Secretary, Tracy Sykes

Review of January Board Meeting Minutes. B. Guise moved, R. Halstead seconded, and the minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer, Kathy Blair

Reports were presented as a part of new business.

Committee Reports:

Membership, Jeff Olm

Ryan Younger has applied for associate membership. J. Olm. has endorsed the membership. Ron Carmen has submitted resignation of his full membership.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to admit Ryan as an associate member.

Race Committee, [open position] There are some possibilities but no one has committed.

Looking into scheduling a March fun race.

Equipment, Chuck Blair – No repairs identified to date. Spirit has been refueled and primed and is ready to RACE.

Docks & Slips, John Bryant and Jim Marone – update emailed from John. Demolishing slips is complete. Dredging on harbor side of L dock is complete. No parking lot damage was incurred during the process. The total was a \$1,200 expense. Still some steel along shore that needs to be moved.

Grounds, Werner Schwarz – no report

Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill and Steve Tribett - Vicki reviewed clubhouse and took measurements for items that are needed. Ben Guise's key broke off in the clubhouse door. Will need to use the other entrance until the key can be removed. Chuck said he would look into it – and Ben will assist.

Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise – We had great participation at the Soup/Rain Party. Thanks go to Ben & Sherri Jo for coordination and planning.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

Breakwater, David Nigus - work is in progress.

Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright – Mainsheet should be in mailboxes at this time.

Website, Robert Halstead – Larger number of users in Jan 2011 than 2010. 15% increase in search results over the past year. 200 visits from Arkansas.com sailing page. FB generated 74 visits this past year. Nicole requested that the February racing dates be cancelled on the web page calendar.

Public Relations, Evan Daugherty – no report

Regatta Chair Drew Daugherty – no report

GYA, Bud Thurman – no report

Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore – no report

Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell - draft of calendar sent to parents for review and posted on the website. Snow days may impact the start date. Waiting on the centerboard schedule. Tom Coleman is still planned to be the instructor.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet, John Bryant - races for February officially cancelled and March tbd. Something will be planned for the Spring Regatta.

B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi – plans will follow the detail above for A fleet.

Flying Scot, Walter Bryde – no report

Hobie, James Lovings – no report

Thistle, Garry Roberts - no news

Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd – no news

Old Business: none

New Business:

List of Objectives presented by the Commodore.

- Parking log repair and reseal- Nicole discussed the project with Carl Garner and she passed along his recommendation that we repair and reseal as opposed to applying an additional layer of asphalt. Carl felt that the cracks would reoccur.

- Pavilion Refurbish - Nicole talked with Jeff Lee, a former member, about the pavilion refurbish effort. He is working on rough plans. She anticipates that this year would be a planning effort. We would likely need a capital campaign to fund the project.

- By-Laws Committee

Assign Members to review documents. Three major categories of information: General Information, Bylaws, and Club Rules. The committee would propose updates and changes to be presented to members for approval.

- “Protect Our Drinking Water” Signage

Work with Watershed Management team.

- CAW Lease Renewal Committee

Assign Members to review existing lease and prepare negotiations for the upcoming lease renewal with CAW.

Question asked if anyone knows about building a new septic field for the downstairs head. Jack Myers had mentioned in the December meeting.

Kathy Blair, Treasurer, presented the February financial report. Currently have approximately \$53,000 available cash. All outstanding bills have been paid except for the Kiko’s Corner concrete bill which has not been submitted for payment.

R. Halstead moved, C. Blair seconded that the report be accepted.

Kathy presented the proposed budget and made a motion that we approve the proposed budget.

Various line items were discussed and reviewed. Kathy will make the following modifications:

Will research the line item for Memorial Day regatta. Is different than the 12/2010 report of \$1550.

Will modify the breakwater expenditure to be one section at \$12,000/section.

Will modify the Kiko’s Corner expense to \$5,000 instead of \$7,000.

Printing Mainsheet will be increased to \$4,200 to fund a full year of Mainsheets.

Motion was made to table the current motion until the next meeting. Adjustments will be made so that the total impact can be reviewed. Motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary.

GMSC Newsletter - April 2011

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

5 Years Ago

Commodore Mark Barton announced the Spring Keelboat Regatta complete with Welcome Aboard dinner (Friday) and another dinner after the Saturday races with free registration and meals for first time competitors. As Drew would say, "Can't beat that with a stick."

Drew was arranging for the "Champion of Champions" regatta with a gas allowance for Y skippers who brought a boat and North Sails planned to provide new sails.

Meanwhile, the A-Fleet leaders overall were Samples/Johnson and B-Fleet keelboat leader was the Commodore, Mark, who had just returned from Y Mid-winter races on Lake Norman in North Carolina sailing a wooden boat built in 1980.

Junior Learn to Sail prerequisites were announced by Karen Hunter, the ultimate teacher. Gag: homework two months early. John (Dr.) Lane submitted the first of these columns written by the Phast One for March 1991.

10 Years Ago

Commodore Jeff Olm announced the completion of the new T-dock which with the new launch docks had cost the club about \$40,000. Next to be considered were the boat slips.

Bill and Suzanne Blair resigned but were granted a lifetime honorary associate membership.

Dennis Yarbrow and John Webb of the Water Board met with the GMSC board to discuss safety concerns such as chemical storage, tires, fire extinguishers and water safety classes. The Annual Chili Cookoff was set for April 1st. The winning chef would receive the Silver Ladle Award.

Chris Durney promised Chateau St. Michelle 1998 Sauvignon Blanc and Beaulieu Vineyard 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon to those attending Mainsheet night. And the Spring Fling announced theme was "Summer Camp" with each fleet responsible for a cheer, a group song, and skit.

Meanwhile, on the race course, David Nigus (J-24) and the three J-80's: Jackson, Durney and Mehlburger were leading the A-Fleet.

15 Years Ago

In April, an unplanned man overboard drill was undertaken, unfortunately. In a 30-knot breeze, three people went overboard during a spinnaker-up broach, two of them without PFD's. After 10 or 12 minutes in 48° water, people are pretty helpless. We probably have the coldest lake in the U.S. with a winter sailing program. Our crash boat, unfortunately, was parked at the dock when the incident occurred. Three out of four J/22's had crew going overboard during the season. The Board responded: crew on keelboats that do not have lifelines must wear a PFD at all times racing. They also said that the new inflatable PFDs were okay.

On a lighter note, the Commodore went to the Hobie fleet meeting and discovered that they actually had an education program, and that they had decided to divide the Hobie fleet into A and B divisions. Chuck Toland modeled (quite nicely) an inflatable personal flotation device for all to see.

Further good news: the downstairs bathrooms were once more in operation after replacing the pump and the water line. But the hot water in the clubhouse was now out.

Race Committee Chairman Bud Thurman indicated that the keelboat season would be longer, going through April 28 due to a bylaw change for the beginning of the Centerboard season.

20 Years Ago

Commodore Jim Burgett published the guidelines for associate membership. Chet Hight had been seen finishing a race with his mainsail only part way up, having broken his halyard. The Thistle fleet met at Captain Phast Phred and Cathy's house with the plan for a Swim-A-Thon. Because of the cold weather, however, just plain old meeting and eating occurred. David Mahan was absent so he was immediately elected Inter-District Regatta Chairman. After that, everyone went back to watching the Razorbacks play basketball.

The Hobie Fleet, with Jeff Olm as Great Leader, planned the Buckwheat Regatta on Lake Ouachita for the last days of March. Back at the Lake, Jack Myers had two crew members slide overboard during a sudden wind change.

25 Years Ago

The so-called Performance Fleet, now our B fleet, had eight boats on the line routinely, with Pat O'Donnell in the "folk" boat, winning three out of five races to start the second series. Buster Jones and Paul Moore won the other two. Delbert Plante had a collision with Paul Moore, and about that time, Drew Daugherty and David Nigus on White Trash ran head on into Phast Phred at the start. A collision at sea can ruin your entire day and possibly cost you a bunch of money.

Paul Moore carried his science project into the second semester, checking the water temperature of the lake every week. It was a steady 70° in October, and by January it was in the mid 40's; but by mid March, it was back up in the mid 50's, possibly because of the large quantities of beer consumed by the sailors with the resulting byproducts.

The Mahans, the Jordans and the Phast One were just back from the Thistle Mid-Winters in St. Petersburg, where 44 boats were led by Greg Fisher, who was first overall, followed closely by Ched Proctor. Big Tom Richards was there and sent us a set of sails back to Little Rock so Steve Atherton proudly used a white spinnaker with a razorback on it.

30 Years Ago

The clubhouse deck was finished just in the nick of time for the Spring cocktail party, which tested the strength and endurance of the construction. Immediately afterwards the work party started on a breakwater, using the thousands of tires that were everywhere – some containing ice, some with snakes, and a few that had neither. The Hobie Fleet had its annual beach party, which means they spread a truckload of sand over their boats and old beer bottles and cans.

Randy Oates and Paul Moore went to Georgia to bring back a Y-Flyer. Paul, of course, went along to make sure it was properly equipped for jumping launch docks. Rich Freeman and Tim Fitzgerald took a Flying Dutchman to Miami for a national competition. At the Flying Junior Fleet meeting at John and Lou Lane's house, apparently the main item of business was badmouthing Randy Oates for deserting the fleet.

35 Years Ago

Hal Daugherty and Chet Hight bravely conducted sailing seminars, desperately trying to teach our skippers some of the rules. Marvin Maune and a cast of dozens built picnic tables for the deck and along the shoreline. Joe Whitesell put formica on the countertops in the kitchen, while Bill Blair was in charge of

cleaning the area around the crane – affectionately known as Buster’s Erection – which is firmly anchored into Kiko’s Corner.

Just to liven things up, Terry Johnson and Leroy Nelson dynamited rocks to level the road into the newest parking area, and Danny Cook (dentist-at-large) and Gary Hestir refurbished the crane and hoist, finally installing a beer can at the very top.

40 Years Ago

Commodore Max Mehlburger brought to town a beautiful wooden Flying Dutchman from Europe. After drilling multitudes of holes, he equipped it with a mast from another continent. Meanwhile, Chet Hight and Jon Claas sailed at the Flying Dutchman regionals on Lake Pontchartrain, barely missing 1st place. They were followed closely by Ed Grubbs with Kiko Villalon as crew.

Termites were a worry for the wooden boat owners. The Flying Dutchman and Thistle sailors – 28 brave souls – met at Ed Grubbs’ house, where Jerry Blackburn received a Good Sport trophy after getting 34 stitches for a wound received in keelboat racing. That same day, Don Roescheise managed to break his beautiful new mast into at least two pieces while sailing his Flying Dutchman.

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

It’s Time for the Spring Fling!

The 2011 Spring Fling is on Saturday, April 30th, at 1830 hours. Bring your best finger food (hors d’oeuvres or dessert) and your best boating stories! GMSC will graciously provide beer, wine, soft drinks and music! Get ready for the limbo contest and other fun and games! Music and dancing from 6:30 to 10:00. Come early! Stay late! The cost of admission is your food dish.