



January 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



COMING UP

- January 16th - Fun Race and Supper - 12:00 hours
- January 30th - Keelboat Race: **CANCELLED** - 12:30 hours
- February 6th - Keelboat Race: Second Series Begins *(likely to be cancelled)* - 12:30 hours
- February 7th - Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- February 20th - Keelboat Race *(likely to be cancelled)* - 12:30 hours
- March 6th - Keelboat Race *(likely to be cancelled)* - 12:30 hours
- March 7th - Board Meeting - 18:00

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PRAY FOR RAIN...



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...LOTS OF RAIN!

SAILOR'S FRUSTRATION AND HOPE

It has been over a year since I've last raced my keelboat. Normally the 6 month period when summer racing occurs gives me more than enough withdrawal symptoms. But a whole year! Wow. Will it ever end?

This once in a lifetime (hopefully) non-sailboat racing experience happened due to an alignment of my health, repair work on the dam and the usual fall drought conditions. The water level as measured at the Wye Mountain gauge stands at less than 7 feet (the gauge by the dam has been out of the water for months.) That's over 9 feet below the spillway. Measured from the high point last year when the Lake was 2 feet over the spillway the loss is more than 11 feet.

Drive out to the west end of the Lake to see the low water impact. Then go look at our launching area. Next go out on the T Dock. You can look down on the breakwater when the east wind pushes it close to shore. Finally take a good look at the slips. Many are sitting on the ground. Several boats are stuck in the mud, high and dry. Don't attempt going out a walkway and down a steep ramp. Instead walk out on land and just climb on.

My slip is located at the deepest water level of the new slips built after Hurricane Guthrie struck. Right now there is approximately 9 inches of water under my keel. Not much if the drought continues. Normally the Lake starts to fill back up by mid-December. It's January and the weather man for the next 10 days predicts little, if any, rain. A pessimist would say : OK down 9 feet, late winter and spring rains will add 3 to 5 feet of water which brings us to a minus 4 or 6 feet. The typical summer/fall drought creates another 3 to 5 feet loss. Net possible level between now and next year's rainy season is a minus 7 to minus 11 feet.

So pray for rain. Lots of rain!

In the interim, play sailboat racing games in your mind or on your computer. Think of all the great races you've been in and maybe won. Come out to the Lake and clean up the exposed shoreline. Come to the Fun Race Day party on January 16th.

Pray for RAIN. Lots of RAIN!!

If that doesn't work....

PRAY FOR RAIN. LOTS OF RAIN!!!!!!

Jack Myers

“Summon the Rain” Sail and Supper

Sunday, Jan. 16th

12:00 – Boat/Crew Assignments

1:00 p.m. - Harbor Gun

Supper, Libations, and Rain Summoning Rituals to Follow

Are you craving the feeling of wind in your hair? Are you missing your sailing buddies? Join us Sunday for a FUN race! We have a few boats that can still get in and out of their slips. Arrive at noon to be assigned to a boat and participate in the race. All are welcome!

Afterwards, join us at the clubhouse for warm food and cold beer! Together we will use our collective power to chase away evil spirits and SUMMON THE RAINS to fall on our dwindling lake! And if we can't raise the level of the lake at least we'll raise our spirits!!! See you there!

COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

Another year has passed and we're enjoying the cool temperatures of Arkansas winter. Normally, we would be out racing in all our gear, watching the eagles soar between races while we sip our hot liquids, and hoping the wind speed and the temperature are not close to the same number.

The spillway project has proven to be quite disruptive to our racing program but we will sail again. Instead of looking at our lake as half empty, we can try to view it as half full and appreciate the 50 years we have had racing and all the beauty it has to offer. While we wait for the rains to fill her back up, we can get work done around the club, make plans for the future, and have some fun events. While not everyone can or will take their boats out right now, those who dare to navigate the shallow waters may like to participate in a fun race or two. Watch for notices of club clean-ups, fun races, and social events in the coming months.

Notices of events are posted on the web site, sent to you via email, and posted in The Mainsheet. If you do not currently receive emails from GMSC and would like to stay current on upcoming events, please go to the web site and, in the Member Services section, update your information in the online club roster. If you need help with this, please contact our Webmaster, Robert Halstead.

With the new year comes our new GMSC Board. These are the people who will be volunteering their time to take care of the business and upkeep of our club this year. When they call on you from time to time to help, please lend a hand. Thanks to each of these members for their extra time devoted to our club.

2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

Commodore	<i>Nicole Claas Moore</i>
Vice-Commodore	<i>Robert Halstead</i>
Secretary	<i>Tracy Sykes</i>
Treasurer	<i>Kathy Karr Blair</i>

Committee Chairs:

Membership	<i>Jeff Olm</i>
Equipment	<i>Chuck Blair</i>
Docks & Slips	<i>John Bryant</i>
Grounds	<i>Werner Schwarz</i>
Clubhouse	<i>Vicki Tuthill</i>
Social	<i>Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise</i>

Fleet Captains:

A Fleet	<i>John Bryant</i>
B Fleet	<i>Anthony Jacuzzi</i>
Flying Scot	<i>Walter Bryde</i>
Hobie	<i>James Lovings</i>
Thistle	<i>Garry Roberts</i>
Y-Flyer	<i>Blake Byrd</i>

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs:

Breakwater	<i>David Nigus</i>
Mainsheet	<i>Kim Cartwright</i>
Website	<i>Robert Halstead</i>
Public Relations	<i>Evan Daugherty</i>
GYA	<i>Bud Thurman</i>
Adult Learn to Sail	<i>Nicole Claas Moore</i>
Junior Learn to Sail	<i>Paulette McConnell</i>

The Farmer's Almanac predicted a wetter-than-normal winter, which I hope proves to be accurate. I look forward to seeing you at the lake soon, whether we're sailing or just toasting by the fire.

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club

Board Meeting Minutes

November 01, 2010

Attending:

Nicole Claas Moore, Robert Halstead, Anthony Jacuzzi, Tracy Sykes, Jeff Olm, Jerry Carter, Jim Marone, Jack Myers, Mark George, Drew Daugherty, Chuck Toland,

Officer's Reports:

Commodore: Nicole Claas called the meeting to order on November 1st at 6:08 PM. Chuck Blair has asked Nicole to run the remainder of the board meetings for 2010.

Vice-Commodore: Nicole asked all positions to write up a description of their positions for better continuity of our board members.

Secretary's Report: Review October minutes. Approved with corrections.

There was discussion around how to best handle the minutes for 2010. As there was no Mainsheet for the first part of the year, the minutes were being posted to the website, but when the mainsheet started being produced again, the minutes were not getting posted anywhere. The decision was made to publish the minutes online to get caught up, post the two most recent set of minutes to the Mainsheet, and get the minutes back in the Mainsheet going forward. A blurb would be added in the Mainsheet letting members know that the minutes had been posted online.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Myers reported that we had about 52k in the bank and all bills are paid, with the exception of the Kiko's Corner repair, and all receivables are current. We know there are several addresses that are incorrect and we need to discuss how to keep up to date. This is an issue for both online and financial records.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jeff Olm reported that Wade Brock and John Thomas applied as associate members. Both were accepted as members to the club. Patty Watz Opitz has been terminated for no longer paying her dues.

Grounds: Werner Schwarz not present, but it was reported that CAW is holding a shoreline cleanup and would access to GMSC property. An email was sent to GMSC members asking for volunteers.

Docks & Slips: Not present. It was reported that Kiko's Corner has been fixed. Thanks Carl for taking care of this! Jack reported that additional work is needed on the breakwater and will be scheduling a weekend for work. Nicole is going to follow up with David Nigus on the proposed breakwater. Nicole will follow up with David on options to possibly notify the members whose slips are most at risk of major damage.

Equipment: It was reported that the crane is not currently useable. David Sample and Carl are going to hire someone for repair work. We are in the process of getting an estimate to get all the work done that we can while it is down.

Public Relations: Not Present. It was reported there were about 195 Facebook friends.

Clubhouse: Jim Marone reported that the clubhouse is in good shape and ready for winter.

Race Committee: Not present. It was reported that racing in November has been cancelled due to the low water conditions. B Fleet has offered to hold practice races on race days in November

Social: Jerry Carter reported that the food for the Fall Ball was planned, will be held at Temple B’Nai Isreal on Nov. 13th. Jerry and Jeff will get a formal invitation sent out early this week.

Learn to Sail Program:

Adult Learn to Sail Program: Nicole Claas Moore, no report

Junior Learn to Sail Program: Not present, more discussion around the idea to get the Flying Juniors in shape with the possibility to have fleets sponsor a boat.

Mainsheet: Kim Cartwright mentioned that she is pulling together articles for the next Mainsheet and as soon as the postage is ready, it will go out.

Website: Robert Halstead reported the calendar has been updated with the November cancellations of the keelboat schedule. Website utilization is down 20% from October of 2009, but I can’t track the utilization of Facebook as part of our online presence.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet: John Bryant was not present, but Nicole reported that Bruce McMath is working with Richard Cook to get trophies for the Fall Ball. A fleet voted to suspend racing during November due to the current water and crane conditions. All skippers have been asked to send contact information for anyone wanting to be included in A Fleet communications.

B Fleet: Anthony Jacuzzi, racing has been suspended until the water comes back up. There are 7 and possibly 8 boats when we get to race. Laurie Driver agreed to organize food for the race days throughout the winter.

Flying Scot: Mark George reported that the last fleet meeting was held on Saturday, October 30th, and that Walt Bryde has become the new fleet captain.

Thistle: Not present, No Report

Y-Flyer: Tracy Sykes, No Report

Hobie: No Report

Laser: Not present, No report

Old Business:

The by-law amendment did not pass at the annual meeting. Elections were held to elect officers for 2011. Nicole will look at pulling a subcommittee together to better look at getting the by-laws up to date, available to the members, and call a special membership if needed to approve changes.

New Business:

The board discussed how best to handle the Annual Meetings to more correctly pertain to the business at hand. The venue is left up to the Social Chair and will be discussed next year accordingly.

We discussed our opportunities to support the Regal Regatta or other options on how to use our time that will make the most use of our club as well as what we get out of these types of events.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned around 7:47 PM to Cajun’s Wharf

Respectfully submitted by Robert Halstead, Secretary.

CAT TRACKS

For everyone who was not at the Fall Ball, you missed a good time! But, the Hobie Fleet was well represented.

First of all, the event kicked off with an excellent welcome from Chuck Blair via videotape. It was very entertaining and he reviewed the 2010 highlights of GMSC. Chuck, you did us proud!

Thanks to Jeff Olm for reading the Hobie results. Although we did not have a trophy presentation, he acknowledged everyone's hard work and credited the crew members on each boat. Crew members that were recognized were Lisa Ragland, Philip Buck , Melissa Clifton, Jonathan Nigus, and Leslie Vickery. Again, thank you Jeff!

2010 HOBIE RESULTS

First Series:	1st Place - Nigus	2nd Place - Ragland	3rd Place - Lovings
Second Series:	1st Place - Blair	2nd Place - Schwartz	3rd Place - Nigus
Overall:	1st Place - Nigus	2nd Place - Blair	3rd Place - Lovings

Jeff was also recognized by Nicole and several others for his Race Committee Chairmanship. We missed him on the line, but he'll be back!

Werner won the very prestigious Linda Sexton award for his hard work and dedication at the club since he and Wanda returned. Congratulations Werner on a very well deserved award!

James Lovings name was mentioned many times in several presentations to Garry Roberts. (Garry won quite a few awards) He acknowledged James for his crew work and mentoring of himself and crew members.

And, Jonathan won the Top Centerboard Crew award for 2010.

We had a great 2010 racing season and welcomed new members Clark Philips and Scott Landers and their families. We're also excited about the 2011 season...rumor has it another new member will be added with ties to the Y-Flyer Fleet. Welcome all!

David Nigus, Secretary - Hobie Fleet 241.

GMSC Anecdotes from History – January 2011

**5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40
YEARS AGO**

By Dr. Fred Kittler

5 Years Ago ~



New Commodore Mark Barton quoted David Samples and Drew Daugherty extensively about sail trim. The long-range planning report suggested our sailors check out breakwater at Cedar Mills Marina on Lake Texoma as well as Shiloh Marina at Greers Ferry Lake. A concrete launch dock in the Hobie beach fortunately was not built, but improved bathrooms at the parking lot area were built along with Sunfish/Laser/Pram docks.

10 Years Ago ~



Dr. Dick Martin resigned, sold his four-time Ultimate 20 champion boat and moved out of state. Jeff Olm became Commodore as the T-dock and walkway were under construction. . .Again. David Nigus was Docks Chairman, Bob Edwards was Equipment Guru, and Carl Garner continued as Racing Chairman. Max reported 181 regular members and 40 associates.

Mainsheet Editor Chris Durney said newsletter contributors could enjoy Sterling Vinyards' Sauvignon Blanc, Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages, both 1999, or Guinness Stout.

15 Years Ago ~



New Commodore Jim Mulhollan was excited to begin his year, wishing only that Lake Maumelle was two feet deeper, that all GMSC members had lake front property, and that everyone sailed Flying Scots. He brought on Drew Daugherty as Vice Commodore, Dick Booth as Secretary, and Ben Guise as Treasurer. Chris and Dana Durney began their tenure as Mainsheet editors.

Dick Martin and crew won the Ultimate 20 National Intergalactics at St. Petersburg, winning four out of five races. Roger Menges of Danville, California was 2nd, Kent Morrow from Washington state was 3rd.

Meanwhile at the Lake, several sailors had approached Slip Czar Bill Owen to build new slips. Congratulations were in order for Rich Freeman and David Sample for winning the overall A-Fleet championship and the Win Shorey Memorial Award. Trish Brierley was the Linda Sextion Service Memorial Award winner. The infamous Flying Buffalo Award went to Phast Phred—a two-time winner for crashing into the Committee Boat with every boat he owned.

20 Years Ago ~



Rear Commodore (that is to say, retiring) Bud Thurman celebrated his birthday, but only his mother and God know how old he is. The first editor of the Mainsheet, Bettye Jane Daugherty, disclaimed that it was her idea to start the Mainsheet, but we all know better. Randy Oates brought Greg Fisher of North Sails to GMSC for a slide show and seminar on going fast and sail trim. Miss Phyllis suggested several New Year's resolutions:

- I resolve to tack in the headers and jibe on the lifts.
- I will wet sand my centerboard at least once before the series.
- I resolve to replace my centerboard gasket this year.
- I resolve to replace all the fittings my crew has been telling me to replace for the past five years.
- I will maximize compliments to the crew, and minimize my criticisms.
- I will say thank you to the Race Committee after each race.
- I will attend Club Thistle after each race and bring suitable libations.
- I will come to each race day.
- I will enjoy the competition regardless of where I finish.

25 Years Ago ~



The ominous Keelboat Slip Rules were published, having been compiled by two lawyers, no less. The Fall Ball was a considerable success, with Margaret Proctor in charge of the whole thing. The slide show was so good that it was run again. Commodore Carl Garner had taken some beautiful pictures in the dense fog. Coreen Frasier was awarded Most Valuable Crew, and the Most Improved Skipper was Joe Dempsey. Dudley Rodgers received the Shirley Rush Sportsmanship Award.

The 1985 Fall Keelboat Regatta had 36 boats sailing in four fleets Saturday and Sunday—all in light breeze with fog on Sunday and compass headings the order of the day.

Monday Night at the Movies reviewed the America's Cup races from 1851 to 1983, and Max Mehlburger gave a report of his Bermuda to Tortola passage, most of which was through a storm.

30 Years Ago ~



Construction of a new dock was moving along nicely. Many have braved snakes, ice and sore backs to bring thousands of tires to the lake for a new breakwater. James Lovings turned out to know how to drive something besides a sailboat—his 18-wheeler technique was something to behold. The Sunfish fleet—Greg Oates, Jeff Rodgers, John Williams, Blake Hestir and Scott Hunter, plus Jon Claas, Phast Phred Jr., and Noel Kelley loaded and unloaded tires tirelessly.

A rules seminar was hosted by none other than Max Mehlburger. Chet Hight summarized the December races, including finishing the December seventh and thirteenth races after dark.

35 Years Ago ~

Commodore Don Renshaw, who was not sailing on the day of the capsizing, thanked 17 stout-hearted people for resurrecting *Peppermint Patty*, now known affectionately as *Peppermint Turtle*. It capsized on the far side of Long Island during the midst of a downhill screaming spinnaker run.

There was 170 nice smelling, well-dressed and glittering people who showed up at the Fall Ball, vaguely reminiscent of some dirty old foul-smelling raggedly looking people occasionally noticed at Lake Maumelle. The KIC (Kitchen Improvement Committee) was born, and a plea for a larger refrigerator and an additional oven was submitted.

40 Years Ago ~

B.J. started Volume II of the Mainsheet with a certain amount of awe to the response of the first issues. Monday Night at the Movies featured the Friendship Sloop Regatta in Maine, and the 1967 America's Cup races.

The sun deck was progressing nicely under the capable leadership of Hal Daugherty, who was pressed hard by Russell Brown who couldn't wait to start cooking hamburgers on the new deck.

Commodore Max Mehlburger promised to leave his New Year's Eve party in time to be at the lake gate at midnight, so he could change the combination to the new year. Any of the club ladies who would like to wish him a Happy Year with a kiss were accordingly invited to be present at the lock changing.

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

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR, JIM MARONE

Over the past four years, I have had the opportunity to act as Clubhouse Chair and I'd like to thank all those who gave their time and efforts to make all our events so special.

Starting with the 2006 C of C, when we hosted all of those fine sailors from around the country, I have had the best position to meet and greet everyone that came to our club - the position of "behind the counter".

Seeing the impression that our facility makes on visitors, I decided to complete some projects so that our clubhouse would be more inviting, inside and outside. We began with repairs to external lighting on the path, repaired water pump lines and even fixed our water cooler. After these projects were completed, we moved forward with new appliances in the kitchen.

Over the last two years, our improvements have been dramatic. We now have outside power on the deck, gutters so you don't get soaked going out the door, and most noticeably, we have new tile floors. Special thanks to Milan Rakish for an outstanding job.

A few finishing touches still need to be addressed. So, if you can lend a hand, please help Vicki Tuthill as she takes over the job. She will need someone to do the finish wood trim and a real tall person to hang a few more burgees.

Thank you all for trusting me with our clubhouse.

Jim Marone