



March 2011

The Mainsheet

Grande Maumelle Sailing Club



COMING UP

- March 6th - Keelboat Race: Second Series
- 12:30 hours
- March 7th - Board Meeting - 1800 hours
- March 13th - Keelboat Race: Second Series
- 12:30 hours
- March 26th - Flying Scott Fleet potluck - 18:00 hours
- March 27th - Keelboat Race: Second Series
- 12:30 hours

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICOLE CLAAS MOORE

As commodore, one of my responsibilities is to set our club's objectives for the year, which I presented to the board at the February meeting. I feel it is important for our membership to be aware of these items so we can all work together to achieve our goals. If you have any expertise that you would like to contribute, or if you have suggestions regarding anything at the club, including our objectives, please feel free to contact me. I may be reached on my cell at 501-539-0793 (VM or text) or my personal email address at sailing@arkansas.net.

We always have infrastructure upkeep and it is time for us to repair and seal our parking lot. We're also getting estimates to replace the picnic tables on the clubhouse deck. We were not able to install David Nigus' new breakwater last year due to the low water, so we're planning on following through with that project this year, pending a rise in the water level.

An idea that was brought up several years ago during the planning of the GMSC 50th anniversary is refurbishing our pavilion to make it more functional, attractive, and safe. We are now in the architectural planning stages and will explore our design options, get cost estimates, and look at funding possibilities this year. Anyone a stone mason?!

As members of GMSC, a leaser of property on Lake Maumelle, our first responsibility is to be good stewards of the lake and to protect our vital resource of clean drinking water. I would like to raise our awareness and review our practices so as to ensure we are all doing everything necessary to achieve this goal.

Our fifteen year lease with Central Arkansas Water is up for renewal soon. I am going to appoint members to a committee to prepare negotiations for our lease renewal with hopes of enjoying another fifteen years of sailboat racing on Lake Maumelle.

GMSC's General Information, By-laws, and Club Rules have not been updated in a number of years and have out of date information and policies in them. I am appointing members to a committee to review and make recommendations for changes to bring our policies up to date. Of course, any recommended changes to our By-laws will be submitted to the General Membership for a vote during our Annual Meeting.

These are just the nuts and bolts of our club that must be addressed in order to support our primary purpose of promoting sailboat racing. GMSC is a unique club in that we separate our centerboard and keelboat racing seasons so that everyone may enjoy the benefits of experiencing both programs to become better and more well-rounded sailors. If you are a centerboard boat sailor and have never raced a keelboat or vice versa, I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and find a berth on the other side. I am certain you will learn valuable new skills!

As a result of our nearly constant access to sailboat racing, GMSC has produced a number of national champion sailors in a variety of boats. One year, I remember counting fifteen GMSC members who were national champions at our club. That is a quantity any club would be proud of, especially one in a land-locked state! One cannot become a national champion by racing only at his or her home body of water. One must travel to regattas regularly. If you have never been to a regatta, please talk to your fellow fleet members, find a good regatta to attend, and get your boat road ready. You will only get better and have fun doing it.

As your commodore, I want each of you to know I am interested in hearing any of your thoughts, suggestions, or constructive criticisms that will help make our club better, especially those that will make our grounds cleaner, our infrastructure safer, our members happier, and our sailboats faster.

To quote Max Mehlburger, "If it weren't for racing sailboats, I would not know any one of you." Cheers to sailing.

GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 06, 2010

Attending: Robert Halstead, Gary Roberts, Nicole Claas Moore, Chuck Blair, Jeff Olm, Anthony Jacuzzi, Werner Schwarz, David Nigus, Chuck Toland, John Bryant, Blake Byrd, Evan Daugherty, Jim Marone, Jack Myers, Paulette McConnell, Jerry Carter, Robert Voyles

Officer's Reports:

Commodore: Chuck Blair called the meeting to order on December 6th at 6:08 PM. No Report.

Vice-Commodore: Nicole reported that she has received follow up on most of the position descriptions and asked for anyone who has not gotten back with her to review.

Secretary's Report:

Review November minutes. Approved with corrections.

Review 2010 Annual meeting minutes as submitted by Tracy Sykes. Approved.

It was reported that all minutes had been posted online as well as being sent to the Mainsheet editor to print either the most recent two month's minutes or more if needed.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Myers reported that we had about 51k in the bank and that all bills are paid. All bills are paid minus Kiko's Corner and work for the crane repair. All receivables are current and Jack has met with Kathy Blair to start transferring the treasure's duties. Jack will complete the 12/31 accounting duties before formally transitioning the duties.

Jack made the resolution to have the officers changed at the bank and the PO box, which was passed unanimously. All necessary paperwork will be filled out and stored for records.

Max Mehlburger is holding some documents on Spirit documenting its Coast Guard documentation. A copy is saved with the Treasurer's documents. Max takes care of any and all renewals at this point.

Sherry Joe had extra copies of 50th anniversary DVDs. If you paid during the 50th anniversary or would like a copy of the DVD, contact Sherry Joe.

Fall Ball was a success and under budget. Way to go Jerry!!

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jeff Olm presented an associate membership application from Howard and Trish Warren. Jeff will follow up to get some additional information.

Grounds: Werner Schwarz reported that there had been a lot of cleanup with three dumpsters being removed. A really good work party was held on December 5th, moving the water pump another 40 foot out into the lake. Werner has agreed to be ground chairman for another year.

Docks & Slips: David Nigus presented that nothing new to report and no slip owners appear to be preparing their slips. He has been working with John Bryant to transition the position. **IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SLIP. DO IT NOW!**

David reported on the breakwater design and the committee. The committee met in August, dividing up the responsibility to complete the project. Construction was planned to start in October and cancelled the meetings as nothing can be done now with the water condition. The water needs to be at the solid launching ramp. Project is still expected to be within budget.

Equipment: Chuck reported that he is back in the saddle for the equipment chair and that the crane is now working properly. It was prepared by Barney and Dave Taylor. We will still need to get it certified and we will work on that. Additional work will be done to add additional support concrete on the water side of the crane. It was determined that there was no need to sandblast the crane. We can paint if wanted to avoid further corrosion.

The Wellcraft is about ready, but the Kenner needs some lower unit work.

Public Relations: Evan, No Report on events and no reports from Bud on GYA.

Clubhouse: Jim Marone reported that the clubhouse is in good shape and ready for winter. There is plenty of water pressure in most places, but the cold water in the bathrooms need work. It sounds like there is mud in the pipes.

Race Committee: Not present. Nicole reported that Bruce McMath would help out but that we need a more permanent person to fill the role.

What do we want to do about the regatta? – officially cancelled.

Social: Jerry Carter reported that the Fall Ball was a great success. There were about 110 people.

Learn to Sail Program:

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

Junior Learn to Sail Program: Paulette, Prams have been put up and the sunfish have been turned over. The lines and additional equipment have been hung in the shed. The Sunfish will need repair work this year.

Mainsheet: Kim Cartwright, not present. We are working on getting the December Mainsheet submitted. Submissions are due the 15th of the month before.

Website: Robert Halstead reported the calendar has been updated with the December cancellations of the keelboat schedule.

Website utilization continues to drop the later part of the year, but is within 5% YTD compared to 2009, possibly due to the lack of winter racing this year.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet: John Bryant reported they are working on setting an A fleet meeting Dec. 19th at the Oyster bar at 6:00.

B Fleet: Anthony Jacuzzi, no report.

Flying Scot: Not present, no report

Thistle: Gary Roberts, No Report

Y-Flyer: Blake Byrd, No Report

Hobie: Chuck Toland, No report

Old Business:

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.

There were discussions around what we can do for a charity event as well to raise funds for a local charity. (Sail America, Lukemia, Sherriff, Special Olympics) Nicole is going to lay out some plans for these activities.

New Business:

Discussion popped back up around getting plans to work on the pavilion. We will get some drawings / designs done. Possible have members buy stone or bricks to help offset the cost.

Commodore photos need to be done to get caught back up.

GFLYC is ending their bouy racing. What can we do to get a few of them involved at our club. Nicole will try to reach out to them to see what we can do.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned around 7:24 PM to Cajun's Wharf

Respectfully submitted by Robert Halstead, Secretary.

GRANDE MAUMELLE SAILING CLUB
JANUARY 2011 BOARD MEETING
1-3-11

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Commodore Nicole Claas Moore

Attendees: Robert Halstead, Nicole Claas Moore, Jeff Olm, Kathy Blair, Jack Myers, Mark George, Werner Schwarz, John Bryant, Jim Marone, Vicki Tuthill, Chuck Blair, Paulette McConnell, Jill Fry, Kim Cartwright, Ben Guise, Sheri Jo McLemore

Officers' Reports:

Commodore, Nicole Claas Moore
 Nicole welcomed the 2011 Board of Directors.

Vice-Commodore, Robert Halstead

Minutes from December presented for review.
 Nicole will need to send to Tracy the latest version of the annual meeting minutes.

Secretary, Tracy Sykes – Review of December Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and minutes were approved with changes noted.

Treasurer, Kathy Blair – Financial Report, 2011 Budget discussion

Kathy Blair reported that we have \$51,192.52 in the bank. She presented a full set of financial documents. BOD members should review the budget amounts from last year and submit budgets to Kathy and Nicole at least 3 days before the February board meeting. Kathy stated that she will accept receipts scanned and emailed to her.

Committee Reports:

Membership, Jeff Olm
 Howard & Patricia Warren would like to join as an associate member. Roger Nesuda has endorsed them. They have a Catalina 25 that they are currently keeping at Jolly Rodger Marina. Mark McEntire's associate membership terminated due to non-payment. Warren membership approval motion was made, seconded, and vote passed by the board.

Gabrie Ten Have is upgrading to a Flying Scot membership from associate. She bought Dick Berryhill's boat. Jeff will complete the paperwork to have the membership classification changed.

Race Committee, [open position]

Bruce McMath will be available only thru January. We are still looking for a race committee chair for the remainder of the keelboat season. Bruce will be available for a fun race on 1/16. Nicole reported that boats should be able to get out of the slips in the cove. Board agreed to have a fun race day on 1/16. One fleet. Dinner will be provided afterwards.

Equipment, Chuck Blair

Both of the chase boats (Kenner & Wellbuilt) are at the lake in the water after quite a few improvements. Crane is working fine. Certification is still outstanding. Looking for resources in Little Rock to do the certification.

Docks & Slips, John Bryant and Jim Marone

Looking into dredging around the L dock. Would also like to rent a trackhoe to pull out docks between B&C docks that are stuck up in the air and need to be destroyed. Poles will stay for the new docks. Motion was made by Chuck Blair to allow John Bryant to spend approximately \$2,000 to complete the work to remove the docks and dredge. Robert Halstead seconded and was approved by the board.

Grounds, Werner Schwarz

Nicole reported 4 or 5 styrofoam blocks are sitting on the shoreline. Came from the slips and need to be picked up and stored.

Clubhouse, Vicki Tuthill

Jim Marone has developed a clubhouse to do list and it was forward to Vicki. We are looking for someone to put the molding around the floor tile. Still an issue with cold water pressure in the bathrooms.

Social, Sherri Jo McLemore and Ben Guise

Will coordinate party items for the 1/16 party.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

Breakwater, David Nigus - email report provided. Will have a meeting in January on the planning for the new breakwater. Cannot do it until the water rises.

Mainsheet, Kim Cartwright – December Mainsheet delivered and working on January and it will be out soon. There is a 1/15 deadline for submissions for the February Mainsheet.

Website, Robert Halstead

Will update new officers and the 1/16 event. Job descriptions will also be posted. Asking for input on enhancements. There was a request for a more friendly photo gallery.

Public Relations, Evan Daugherty – no report

GYA, Bud Thurman - no report

Adult Learn to Sail, Nicole Claas Moore – continues to receive inquiries regarding the ALTS. Junior Learn to Sail, Paulette McConnell - Discussion regarding pulling the Sunfish off the docks. Recommendation was made to leave them on the docks. Date still pending for the JLTS classes. Discussions regarding the Flying Juniors and having the fleets adopt a Junior and spearhead the upgrading and maintenance for a specific boat. She will schedule a rigging day and will ask Jon Claas if he would lead that session.

Fleet Reports:

A Fleet, John Bryant – meeting held at the Oyster Bar in December. Racing cancelled thru first series. Will meet again at the end of January.

B Fleet, Anthony Jacuzzi – no report

Flying Scot, Walter Bryde - Mark George provided the report. New boat owner mentioned above. A fleet meeting will be held in February.

Hobie, [Chuck Toland > TBD] – James Lovings will be the new fleet captain.

Thistle, Garry Roberts – no report

Y-Flyer, Blake Byrd – no report

Old Business:

Jack is looking for direction from the club regarding the Regal Regatta. Nicole communicated that we are in favor of supporting the event for another year.

New Business: Sheri Jo brought up “World Café” sessions as a method to gain membership feedback. This could be used as a part of the long range planning process. Robert will consider it.

Chuck is coordinating the commodore photo. Missing John Bryant and also Mark Barton and Sheri Jo McLemore.

GFLYC – have not reached out to them yet to see how we can get them involved in racing at GMSC.

No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Sykes, Secretary.

GMSC Newsletter - March 2011

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

5 Years Ago

Five years ago, Karen Hunter led off with an update on the Junior Sailing Program facilities including a long launch ramp of concrete, new Sunfish and pram decks. And a quote from Harry Potter, "Fawkes is a phoenix, Harry. Phoenixes burst into flames when it is time for them to die and are reborn from the ashes."

The Keelboat A-Fleet First Series winner was Johnson/Sample team with Craig Parins winning the B-Fleet.

John Lane listed the "5 Years Ago" column as January 1977 authored by Randy Oates. Dan and Helen Mystic continued it until John Lane as Mainsheet editor persuaded Phast Phred to take it on regularly in March 1991.

10 Years Ago

A six-day monsoon saw the slips higher than the walkways. The Water Board staff met with Commodore Jeff Olm for a safety inspection especially of the docks. Cedric Williams said Kon Tiki needed rebuilding with a taller mast for dock repair work.

Patsy Kane, daughter of SuSu and Dr. Jim Kane and Suzanne Lee, a previous member of the San Francisco Yacht Club, joined as associate members. Mainsheet editors Durney promised Chateau St. Michelle Sauvignon Blanc 1998 and Marietta California Old Vine Red for those contributing an article to the Mainsheet.

Kim Tribett outlined a fun social calendar for GMSC including a chili cook-off on April Fool's Day followed on May 5th by the Spring Fling. Husband Steve Tribett turned 40 on March 4th celebrated by a "surprise" party at the clubhouse – announced in the Mainsheet. Big secret.

15 Years Ago

New Commodore Jim Mulhollan accepted Kees Oudegeest's generous offer to have the GMSC board meetings at the luxurious Paine Webber office, and Julie's Restaurant seemed to be the appropriate place to go afterwards. Motor boats were dispatched along the shoreline to pick up Styrofoam and other trash during the annual cleanup efforts at the lake.

Sleepy vandals were breaking into keelboats and spending time there. In fact, one J/24 had a toothbrush left behind. The Board listened to a proposal to stop spending several thousand dollars to repair the launch docks each year, and spend a little more for metal docks, encapsulated foam and better protection. On February 11, with the wind gusting to 30 knots and three foot watercaps, the water temperature was an even 40°. One foredeck crew went overboard from a J/22, fortunately while wearing a life jacket. Mac and Bubba McDonnell did a perfect return and recover maneuver, and the crew was back on board in about three minutes—though plenty cold.

Max Mehlburger related a November 11, 1993 race on Lake Pontchartrain wherein a crewman fell overboard from a J/24. According to Max, he was not wearing a PFD, and the skipper threw a life ring. The first try to pick him up failed as the boat was moving too fast, and the boat stalled just before getting to the overboard sailor the second time. Approaching for the third try, the young man slipped under the water and was lost. Practicing man overboard drills is not only useful, but may be a life-saving exercise.

20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago, new members of the sailing club were Hampton and Nancy Roy, joining with a Hobie 16. The Board was attempting to define an Associate Member. A committee was appointed to set new ratings for the A-1 fleet. Mainsheet editor John Lane was ecstatic about the February 3rd race day – warm air and medium breeze; but was less so about the 17th – fog and no wind.

From a great distance, Randy Oates wrote, he was not proud of his days on the foredeck of the *Polish Swan*, a Santana 21 with a noted crew of John Lane, Phast Phred and Don Renshaw. Oates earned a hard hat for his efforts, including getting hit in the head with a spinnaker pole two or three times per race day.

Meanwhile, the Thistle fleet had scheduled a meeting and swimming party at Phast Phred and Cathy's for March 9th, not realizing that winter is cold and water is cold, and swimming is not advised. Two new Thistles were expected on the start line: one the Explorer Scouts had diligently redone, and a blue boat that Tom Lovett, son Forrest and wife Jane had labored over mightily for several months.

The Flying Scot Fleet met at Sue and Doug Buffalo's house, mainly to admire Doug's reworked kitchen. Things deteriorated when Commodore Mulhollan read a list of one-line jokes:

The Buffalos contributed: "You must be a sailor if . . . "

1. Your best tan is on the top of your feet.
2. Your most expensive shoes are topsiders.
3. Your best watch runs backwards.
4. You have duct tape in your first aid kit.
5. You pass a car on a four-lane highway and yell "coming up!"

6. Your sails are newer than your car tires.
7. Your boat has a better paint job than your car.
8. You own more than one Jimmy Buffett tape.
9. You can always find your foul weather gear, but you can't find your umbrella.
10. You plan your wedding around the race schedule.
11. You think gourmet dining is Stone's Market.
12. You won't buy a Porsche because you can't put a trailer hitch on it.

Meanwhile at the lake, Barney Taylor won the Fall Series with four firsts and three seconds. Steve Koehler recruited from various fleets and, with crew Gary Hestir, Burt Mann and Carol Garner, his Islander was in 2nd place.

25 Years Ago

Monday Night at the Movies featured a transatlantic single-handed sailboat race. Australians in their Eyedeen footers racing in San Francisco Bay with 14 knots of breeze upwind and 30 knots downwind. It was enough to make you want to give up sailing. Dr. Jim Hunter and his wife, who had moved away to Iowa City with a Y-Flyer, reported that the temperature was all the way up to minus two degrees, and the white stuff on the ground outside was not grits.

Meanwhile, an urgent medical bulletin from Dr. Outrageous described sailors in the Caribbean, who rubbed limes from their gin and tonic over the bodies of their female crew, causing "Club Med Dermatitis": A contact rash to furocoumarin. Seems like a waste of good limes.

30 Years Ago

Commodore Phast Phred called a work party three Saturdays in a row (power mad) to finish the clubhouse deck. Max Mehlburger inspired the skippers with four sessions on racing rules.

The Flying Junior fleet planned a meeting at John and Lou Lane's house, featuring Mexican decorations and food. Dudley Rodgers and Randy Oates went sailing in a Y-Flyer on an unusually warm February day. The club psychiatrist met them upon their return. Chet Hight analyzed the big boat racing days with torn sails, broaching with spinnakers up and other general foolishness.

The Polish Navy arrived at the dock. When the crew tried to put the outboard motor below, it jumped off the back of the boat and into the lake. John Lane reeled it in with the gas line, noted that it needed a good rinsing out anyway. Meanwhile, the floating t-dock was resurrected from the depths of the lake and brought ashore, where club engineers scratched their heads on how to reassemble it.

35 Years Ago

A Gulf Coast 23, *Peppermint Patty*, managed to capsize with the spinnaker up, and a cranked-up keel. Bob Pitt's Gulf Coast 23 was dismasted, and Max and Dudley dismasted their Santana 21 on a breezy afternoon. Meanwhile, Jon Claas was planning to go to the Olympic trials, crewing on a Flying Dutchman, and then on to the Thistle Mid-Winter races in St. Petersburg. Jon will sail on anything.

40 Years Ago

Gary Hestir labored mightily to help install cabinets and appliances for our very first kitchen ever at the clubhouse. Ed Grubbs was using his sharp pencil and a large piece of paper to design a parking lot and a road to the clubhouse. Big Tom Richards invited all of the members to come to his "Learn to Sail Better" classes.

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

KEELBOAT RACING TO COMMENCE IN MARCH

Mother Nature finally smiled upon us and provided needed rainfall in early and mid February to bring the lake level back up to about where it was last October. The large storm that came through Arkansas on the 24th of February dumped rain exactly where we needed it, in the watershed west of Lake Maumelle. This one event caused the lake to rise significantly. This should be enough to allow for most keelboats to splash at the crane on the south side of the walkway (4-5' depth). We have done additional dredging along the L-dock that should accommodate getting boats out to the lake. It is recommended that you take your own measurements before launching to ensure the water is deep enough for your boat along the dock from the crane to the end of the L-dock.

The rise in the water level has coincided with David Sample's doctor clearing him for activity and he has volunteered to resume as Race Committee Chair and his offer was accepted by the commodore. Therefore, David will hold keelboat races for the remainder of the keelboat season. The Second Series began in February and ends in April. It is up to the members of A Fleet and B Fleet to determine whether or not to count the races toward a series but we will definitely hold the Spring Regatta (16-17 April) for which trophies will be awarded. If you are unable to sail your boat, please coordinate with other sailors to find a berth.

Let's go sailboat racing!