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The Islander

Newsletter for the Greers Ferry Lake Yacht Club

Notes from the Commodore



The new year is off to a great start! We began with the Commodore's Dinner to celebrate the previous year and look forward to the new year. Toward the end of January, five boats braved an approaching storm front and competed in the Frostbite Race. Many of our sailors are excited about several new activities on the 2010 calendar. Be sure to go to our website (<http://www.gflyc.com>) and reserve the dates.

Members of GFLYC decided to keep the Bridge for 2009 for another year. Thanks for your support and I want to personally thank George Yerger, Terry Majewski, Dwight Segraves, and Paul Carson for their ongoing work for our club. I continue to encourage 2009 members to renew their membership for this year and we are currently working to encourage other sailors to become a part of GFLYC. Information about our club, including membership is always available on our website.

Bill Lammers

2010 Bridge

- Commodore – Bill Lammers
- Vice-Commodore – George Yerger
- Secretary – Terry Majewski
- Treasurer – Dwight Segraves

Upcoming Events

- Feb 13 Midwinter Cruise Valentine's Day Dinner at Red Apple Inn
- Feb 27 Shiloh (Taylor) Island Race Pizza Social

Recent Events

Commodore's Dinner



On January 9, members gathered at the Anderson House Inn for drinks, appetizers, and dinner. The facilities worked well for our group, although we may have overwhelmed the staff at times. After dinner, the party moved to the Lammers' house for dessert, drinks, awards, a slideshow, and a club video from 1984. Christina Lammers did a wonderful job of transforming and decorating the house to host the club. As folks finished their cheesecake, the Commodore presented trophies Paul Carson (Spring Series, Boat of the Year), George Yerger (Spring Series, Twilight Series, Fall Series,

Yachtsman of the Year), Dwight Segraves (Frostbite Series), Mark Johnson (Singlehand Race), and Jerry & Martha Sanders (Most Improved Racers). In addition to the racing awards, the Commodore presented Rod Linder with the Dirtiest Fender Award and Terry Majewski with the Fouled Anchor Award.

After the awards, we watched a slideshow with pictures from 2009 that brought back many good memories – racing in the cold, socials at the Lammers' house, dock parties, summer swims, sailing at sunset, a dock full of pirates, the lake filled with white caps, the lake as smooth as glass. Speaking of memories, Rod Linder brought a video that he took of the Goat Roast two-day race in 1984. Images of boats, the marina, Mark Johnson, James Carson, Dodd Daggett, and others 25 years ago was interesting.





Frostbite Race



of 2010. A course was set to keep boats relatively close to safe harbors. All boats got off to a good start at the buoys of Eden Isle Marina. Paul Carson on Runaway and George Yerger on Sirocco lead the fleet as we approached the east side of Goat Island. Rob and Dave on Mental Floss were next and Bill Lammers on Cool Change and Jerry & Martha Sanders on Wild Eyed Love brought up the rear. With a

port rounding of the island, all boats ran into a wind shadow on the west side of the island. Sirocco passed Mental Floss on the inside. Then it was a long upwind beat to the buoy at Heber Springs Marina. Up to this point, the winds remained lower than forecast (about 8-10 mph) and all skippers wondered whether the darkening skies would foretell stronger winds. After Goat Island, the order of boats did not change and the winds did not increase until after the race. There were a few stronger puffs near the finish line and several pushed Mental Floss over on her side pretty good. Although



Runaway crossed the line first, her low PHRF rating meant that she had to give approximately 30 minutes to boats like the Catalina 22s. Thus, the order of finishers was Sirocco, Mental Floss, Runaway, Cool Change, and Wild Eyed Love. Mark Johnson on Turtlebug II did not make the start but was able to get some sailing in as well. After the race, sailors gathered at the Lammers house for a nice hot pot of chili.



Upcoming Events

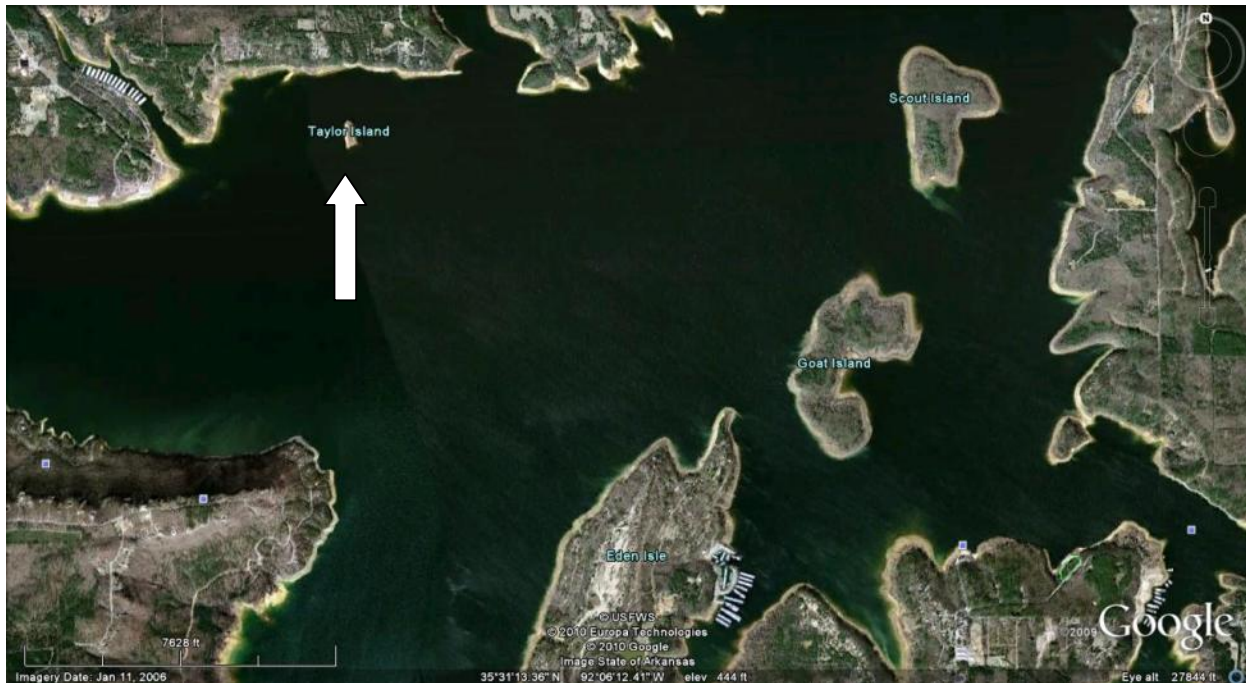
Midwinter Cruise – Feb 13

I don't know if GFLYC has done a winter cruise in the past but it is one of the new events on this year's calendar. Obviously, sailing in the winter can be on the cool side. However, each season of the year has its own benefits. In the winter, you often have a nice breeze, you have the lake to yourself, you can look for eagles, and you can see more detail along the shoreline. Sailors and boats will gather around Q and R docks at Eden Isle Marina at 10:00 am and, depending on wind and weather conditions, decide on a destination for the cruise. At the destination, we will probably raft-up for lunch and then plan to be back at the marina by 3:30-4:00. Several of the club Admirals have convinced the men to take them to the Valentine's Day Dinner at the Red Apple Inn in the evening. The Inn will have a buffet with prime rib, spinach and blue cheese stuffed chicken breast, and orange roughy as the entrees. They will also have a salad bar and dessert bar. The meal will be accompanied by a strolling violinist and backup singers. The cost for the evening is \$27 + tax + tip. Groups of 9 or more require a reservation. So, if you would like to join us as a group, contact Bill Lammers (Commodore link on the club website) as soon as possible.

Shiloh (Taylor) Island Race – Feb 27

Our next club race will be an island race with Shiloh Island as the furthest mark on the course. The specific course will be determined on the day of the race. Wind conditions will be considered in an attempt to plan a race that will be about 3 hours long. Skippers and those interested in crewing should meet on Q-dock at Eden Isle Marina at 11:00 to get instructions. We will start the race at 12:00 noon. We encourage those who have not raced before to join us. Racing is a great opportunity to play with your sail controls in order to achieve optimum speed toward a destination. As always, our club also encourages those who would like to sail along as crew to meet with us on the dock so that we can put you on a boat. This is a great way to be introduced to sailing and/or racing. For dinner, everyone (racers,

nonracers, guests) is invited to meet at 6:00 at Larry's pizza in Heber Springs (down the street from WalMart).



Contribute to the Islander

Got a sailing story to tell? Recently went on a sailing trip to the Bahamas or Caribbean? Want to share some history of the Greers Ferry Lake Yacht Club? Want to sell some gear? Have some pictures to share?

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