

Good afternoon, Lake Conroe Sailing Association!

Our 2022 season got off to a great start, beginning in March with the Power Squadron's courtesy inspection, followed by the annual Blessing of the Fleet and wrapped up with a great Commodore's Kick Off, followed by appetizers at The Wave. The first social event was a wonderful "Full Moon Dinner Cruise" to Conroe Lake House (formerly Wolfie's), and our Spring racing series is off to an exciting start, with 3 races down. Our third race had to be canceled, due to high winds. Club membership has grown this year, as well, with the joining of nine new members.

New members:

On behalf of the Lake Conroe Sailing Association, let's welcome aboard our newest members:

Tim Elliott

Jimmy Jones

Eric & Patricia Culp

Blase Dragna

Daniel & Diane Erb

Luis Fuenmayor

Dave & Michele Hopkins

Steven & Carolyn Lahaie

Peter Mason

We would also like to thank our previous and current members for renewing their memberships.

You made LCSA's 2021 season a fun and memorable one, and we couldn't do it without your continued support. Thank you!

Even if you're not out sailing with us each week or joining us for the socials, we're glad you're a part of the club!

From the Commodore:

Sailors,

Crew members don't forget to sign up on Gerrit's new crew roster every week (see his notes on this change below). Captains, don't forget to check this crew list and invite them to sail with you. We have not seen as many members ready to crew this year. The more the merrier.

Thank you,

-John Moulds

From the Vice Commodore:

Last year was a good year for the club after coming out of the COVID pandemic with a lot of existing members re-upping their membership and signing up some new members. We had a good turnout for the racing season and fun was had by all. We are off for a good year with most of the members re-upping again this year and several new members joining.

Racing this year got off to a great start with a banner number of boats racing in the first two races even though the weather wasn't in our favor. I am looking forward to having banner turnouts for this year's racing, not to mention our monthly full moon dinners and other social events.

Racing coordination is a lot of work; planning the races, watching the weather, overseeing committee boat crews, matching the want-a-be crews with boat captains, and

managing the race results. I want to thank Gerrit for the work he has put into planning our racing season with new race courses and racing verity.

This mix-up will make the racing more challenging and fun, and hopefully increase the interest in our club racing and other activities.

If that isn't enough, he is also stepping up and filling the duties of our club secretary and is now authoring our monthly club newsletter.

I Want to thank all the existing members for staying with and supporting the club and the new members for joining. This year promises to be an exciting year for sailing and socializing.

Remember: We Can't Direct the Wind but We Can Adjust the Sails.

-Bob Lenhart

From the Secretary:

There have been a few questions about why everyone is Blind Carbon Copied (BCC'd) on the email announcements.

The reason for this is for the privacy of our members and to keep everyone from accidentally "replying all" to the 75 or so email addresses.

It's also to avoid our club membership list from getting out where it could be used by other groups to distribute spam email to the group email list.

I'd like to extend a big round of thanks to:

Anna Mode for keeping our membership roster and records up to date...not an easy task when we've seen so much rapid growth and change in our club this year! Anna has also done a great job keeping our budget balanced and financial records up to date and still finding the time to get out there and run the Committee Boat! Thanks, Anna!

Speaking of the Committee Boat...Next time you see **Jim Hall**, be sure to give him a firm handshake and thank him for allowing us the use of his pontoon boat which serves as our Committee Boat. Without that boat, we don't have a racing program. Thank you, Jim!

-Gerrit Rickwalt

From the Treasurer:

March was our kickoff and membership dues were officially due then.

37 Members renewed in 2022

9 **New** Members joined in 2022

Please remember to update your online membership forms if you have any information that has changed (e.g. email address, phone numbers, home address) Also, be sure to add your birthday info so we can give you a shout out!

-Anna Mode

From the Activities Coordinator:

Our next Full Moon dinner Cruise will be on Tuesday, April 19th at Akashi Sushi.

From the Race Coordinator:

The 2022 Spring Series is off to a great start, with three races under our belts. The first race started out strong, but the wind died out after about an hour, resulting in several boats having to "Finish in Place".

The skipper and crew of the J/29 "*Phone*" were first across the line and also won on corrected time.

The second race's winds weren't much better, but that at least gave us the chance to try out our 75% "short course", which proved to be hugely successful.

All boats finished that race, with the J/29 "*Phone*" crossing the line first, but Mike Hallett and crew aboard his Catalina 22 "*That's What She Said*" were the victors on corrected time.

Mike Hallett currently leads the Spring Series with a score of 38, followed by Dave Hopkins, who is hot on his heels with a series total of 36 points!

Our third race was canceled, due to high winds.

Due to the higher number of boats racing, the orange race course marker buoy has been moved from 75 yards away from the lighthouse to 100 yards out, in order to allow better maneuverability during the start. The starting line remains 100 yards wide.

The last race of each month will be one of the new 3-leg races, and the last race of each series will be a pursuit race (details outlined in earlier email from the Race Coordinator).

Our first 3-leg race of the year will be Thursday, April 28th.

Be sure to sign up for the Committee Boat sometime during each series. We need at least 1 captain and one helper to set the marks.

It's not fair for the same people to crew the Committee Boat from week to week so that we can all enjoy the races...Also, we like to sail, too!

New crew procedure:

Instead of emailing me every Monday with your crew availability information and me emailing it out to 75 addresses, you can now go to the club website and type in your own information. That way, I'm not sending out multiple emails in the days before a race, especially if somebody's availability changes.

Skippers can go here and see who is available and contact crew volunteers directly.

As soon as you confirm that you are crewing for someone, please go in and take your name off the availability list so you aren't getting contacted by skippers still looking for crew.

(See example, below)

By now everyone should have a parking pass for the Thursday night races. If you do not have a pass yet, please let the Race Coordinator (Gerrit Rickwalt) know and he will email you one. All you have to do is print it out and place it on the dashboard of your vehicle on Thursday nights.

Please note that this parking pass is for Thursday night races only.

If you haven't created your RaceQs account yet, it's not too late! It's free, it's helpful, and it's fun!

If you have RaceQs questions, please let Gerrit Rickwalt know.

<https://raceqs.com/>

See you on the water!
-Gerrit Rickwalt

From the Education Coordinator:

Now that the fleet is properly blessed, I'm expecting some safe, fun races!
-Dick Morton

Upcoming Social events:

Our next Full Moon dinner Cruise will be on Tuesday, April 19th at Akashi Sushi. The water is deep enough at Waterpoint Shopping Center to safely sail in, but you are welcome to drive there, too...Just show up! we love seeing all our members at these events!

April birthdays:

Jimmy Jones - April 8th

Lee Spivey - April 18th

Lynn Tabet - April 7th

Thanks again everyone for making Lake Conroe Sailing Association such a fun, welcoming, and enriching club!

We're looking forward to an exciting season of racing and a relaxing and fun year of socials!

See you out on the water!

Sincerely,
Your Board,

John Moulds, Bob Lenhart, Anna Mode, John Davis, Dick Morton, Gerrit Rickwalt