

Good afternoon, Lake Conroe Sailing Association!

Well, June started off with a whimper and ended up with a bang!

It came in like a lamb and went out like a lion!

Even though the winds might not have always cooperated and it was hotter than hot, we were still able to sail all 5 races this month, some requiring a few modifications, but we got it done!

We also had a fun-filled (and BIG group) for our *Full Moon Dinner Cruise* to Monty's Lighthouse, and a full roster of students for Dick Morton's sailing class at the Montgomery County Library. We even got to sail following the class this year!

Our club continues to grow, with new members joining every month.

New members:

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

Ray LeBlanc

Joe and Connie Carey

July birthdays:

Victor Scammel – July 7th Happy birthday, Victor!

From the Commodore:

July!!! The year is half over and it feels like we just started. Time to power wash and polish for the boat parade photo op the 9th. A great time to catch the family waving at the camera. I am also ready for another trip to Conroe Lake House. See you at the races.

-John Moulds

From the Vice Commodore:

June didn't bless us with good racing weather...hot & little to no wind. However, our club showed its colors by continuing having banner turnout for our racing. Thanks, let's keep up the good show.

Don't forget hurricane season is here and predicted to be an above-active season. Might be a good time to check dock lines, fenders, boat covers, and the like to ensure our boats are ready to handle adverse weather.

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

-Bob Lenhart

From the Secretary:

The [Lake Conroe Sailing Association](#) website has had some additions to it that I think you will enjoy and find useful,

There is a "MORE" tab on the home page which now includes links to our Facebook page, our [YouTube page](#), and the [RaceQs](#) homepage.

Also included are the archived LCSA newsletters, our current racecourses, and a list of the LCSA racing handicaps.

Also, if you are looking to buy, sell, donate, or trade any sailing-related equipment, let me know and I can include it at the end of the August newsletter along with your contact information so that members can contact you directly.

And if you have anything club-related or of interest to the membership that you'd like included in the newsletter, please let me know and I'll try and include it in the August newsletter.

-Gerrit Rickwalt

From the Treasurer:

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:

Upcoming social events:

Saturday, July 9 - Boat Parade at Seven Coves Marina (10:00 am)

Tuesday, July 12 - Full Moon Dinner Cruise to Conroe Lakehouse (6:30 pm)

<https://lakeconroesailing.com/socials>

-John Davis

From the Race Coordinator:

June was an "interesting" month of racing to say the least, featuring races where the wind was out of the north, to races where we started out with no wind to races that ended up with lots of wind! It was an awesome final race in June, which was a 3-leg

race with abundant and steady wind. It was an amazing capstone to our June racing month.

Attached at the end of this newsletter is the July wind rose for Lake Conroe. As usual, we're expecting the wind to be from the south-southeast the majority of the time, with 36.5% of the winds being "calm" (less than 2 mph). Our July wind patterns should be fairly close to those from June.

!Race time change!

Due to the overwhelming majority (13 out of 15 votes), the four July races will have their start times moved to **7:00 pm**.

This is possible due to the later sun sets, and will provide slightly cooler temperatures, the chance of wind picking up a little later, and allowing some of our racers who may not always be able to participate the chance to make it to some of the races before we move back to 6:00 pm starts, beginning in August.

Below are the top 5 standings, as of June 30. It's a close series!

Summer Series standings as of the end of June are:

- 1) Peter Mason - "Hole Shot" - 36 points (3 first-place finishes)**
- 2) Pat Tabet - "Press to MECO" - 34 points (1 first-place finish)**
- 3) Josh Terry - "Razzledsah" - 27 points (1 first-place finish)**
- 4) John Barnes - "Jay Bee" - 25 points**
- 5) Steve Lahaie - "Runaway" - 24 points**

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.

Thank you to our Committee Boat crews for signing up and helping set up the courses and run our races!

June's Committee Boat crews were:

Gerrit and Joan Rickwalt, John Davis, Steve White, Victor Scammel, Dave Hopkins, John Moulds, Bob Lenhart, and Buddy Simons. Thanks, again for all of your help!

Crew sign-up procedure:

The crew and Committee Boat sign-up procedure is running smoothly. *Thank you all for helping make it such a big success!*

If you're interested in crewing...don't be shy! Go to the website and sign up...there are always skippers looking for people to crew.

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.
I've also included a parking pass as an attachment on this newsletter.

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 course!

-Gerrit Rickwalt

From the Education Coordinator:

Our annual basic sailing class was a huge success!

This year we even got to take several of the class participants out on the water, thanks to John Moulds and Bob Lenhart.

-Dick Morton

Upcoming Social Events:

Our next *non-racing* sailing events include the following:

Boat parade at Seven Coves Marina at 10:00 am

Full Moon Dinner Cruise on Tuesday, July 9th at Conroe Lake House at 6:30 pm.

Note: The water is deep enough at Conroe Lake House for many boats to safely sail in (be sure to check the depth personally, if you are in doubt).

You are welcome to drive there, too...Just show up! We love seeing all our members at these events!

What are our members up to?

Buddy Simons recently participated in, and completed the [Texas 200](#) event.

The Texas 200 is a grueling endurance-sailing event held every year along the Texas Intra-coastal Waterway.

He wrote up a fantastic, descriptive summary of his voyage, which is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Next time you see Buddy at one of the social events, be sure to ask him about his experiences during this year's Texas 200!

Maybe if you're lucky, he'll even let you sail with him aboard his beautiful modified Melonseed, "Poule d'eau"...and if you buy him a beer, he may even show you how to correctly pronounce it!

Joan Rickwalt will be traveling to Jamestown, Rhode Island to participate in the annual "[Rooster Week](#)" sailing event, where she will be representing Lake Conroe Sailing Association while sailing Rooster class sailboats.

Prior to Rooster Week, 2014, there were only 3 Rooster sailboats in seaworthy condition. They were an "endangered species".

Since 2014, **eight** new Roosters have been built (three of them down here in Conroe), bringing the total number of sailing Roosters to eleven!

BUY/SELL/TRADE / LOOKING / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Andy Truscott has a spinnaker that needs a new home. The sail was run for some time on his Catalina 25 and is in great condition, with no rips or tears.

Details:

Asymmetric Spinnaker.

Luff 28' 8"

Foot 19' 3"

Leach 31' 3"

Lightweight coated nylon

White with light blue tri-point "star"

If you are interested in this sail, make him an offer. You can contact Andy at: andy.j.truscott@gmail.com

-John Barnes is looking for a swage press for his forestay.

If you have one available or know where to obtain one locally, please contact John directly at: hebarnes66@aol.com

-Peter Korchinsky is looking to buy a Catalina 22.

If you know of anyone selling a Catalina 22 or have one for sale, contact Pete directly at:

petekorch@yahoo.com

-Dave Hopkins (you may know him from his boat, the spring-series winning J/29 "**Phone**") is coordinating the *Micro-Mainframe Distance Regatta*, which will be held on Saturday, September 10th. The Notification of Regatta is attached in full at the end of this newsletter.

The *Micro-Mainframe Distance Regatta* is the oldest, still-running regatta on Lake Conroe (first held in 1987).

If you have any questions, would like to help out, or are interested in participating, please respond directly to Dave Hopkins at: j29phone@gmail.com

Note: This is not an LCSA-sponsored event.

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

We'd also especially like to thank **Jeff Taggart** of the Southern Empress for all of his continued support for our club and our members!

Thanks again for a great month of sailing and activities!

Have a happy, fun, and safe Fourth of July, and we look forward to seeing you all out on the water!

Sincerely,
Your LCSA Board,

*John Moulds, Bob Lenhart, Anna Mode, John Davis, Dick Morton, Gerrit Rickwalt
(editor)*

Attachments:

Buddy Simons' Texas 200 report

Micro-Mainframe Distance Regatta Notice Of Regatta

LCSA Thursday night racing parking pass

Lake Conroe wind rose for the month of July