

Good afternoon, Lake Conroe Sailing Association!

Well, July started off hot, stayed hot, and ended hot...

We had several social events and some interesting experiences on the racecourse.

Despite the heat and pop-up storms, we still had lots of sailors turning out to the Thursday night races and to the social events and classes.

Our club continues to grow, with new members joining every month. It's undoubtedly due to the positive word of mouth and presence out on the lake that's grabbing people's attention. We receive several contacts per week from folks wanting to get more involved with sailing and wanting to learn to sail.

So keep up the great work everyone, you are all fantastic ambassadors for the promotion of sailing on Lake Conroe!

New members:

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

John Wilson

Charlie Wilson

August birthdays:

8/6 John Moulds

8/13 Tami Riner

8/23 Anna Mode

8/26 Dustin Adams

8/28 Brad Ballard

8/30 Steve White

From the Commodore:

July was hot; August is hotter, but there is no place better to be than on the lake. Sail up to Akashi Asian Bistro Tuesday August 9th at 6:30. Great Chinese food, grilled dishes, and sushi. The food was great last time. Member social August 20th at 6:00, always fun and, the last month for the summer race season. Stay cool on the water.

-John Moulds

From the Vice Commodore:

I don't remember July being this hot in the past. In spite of the weather, we continue to have banner turnout for the racing. Good job. We must be doing something right! Looking forward to continuing to see good turnout for this year's racing season. Don't forget our Full Moon Tuesday dinner, Aug 09th. The Akashi Asian Bistro has good food. And, plan to join your club members for the upcoming Murder in Paradise Event on Aug 20th. It will be a new event and should be fun.

-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:

Tuesday, August 9 - Full Moon Dinner Cruise to Akashi Asian Bistro (6:30 pm)

Saturday, August 20 - "Murder in Margaritaland" Murder/mystery dinner (6:00 pm) - Point Aquarius Clubhouse

Saturday, August 27 - Learn to Sail class at Montgomery Public Library (9:00 am) Montgomery County Public Library (Conroe), with on-the-water sailing portion of the class to follow (weather-permitting).

<https://lakeconroesailing.com/socials>

-John Davis

From the Race Coordinator:

July was somewhat of an "interesting" and frustrating month...

It was very hot all month long and most of us saw little to no rain during the entire month.

As for our races were concerned, we only got two in. Sigh.

The first race saw our island marker buoy playing "kangaroo" as it bobbed free of its anchor location and bounced down the course in the wind and waves.

Our second race saw a ferocious thunderstorm pop up right as the boats were heading to the starting line, which was very strange, as the radar indicated that all of that energy was located south of us and moving away. Visually, however, we saw quite the opposite, and we were met with one hell of a storm on the lake.

The third race was our standard down-and-back race...boring by comparison!

What would have been our fourth race of the month last week was canceled at the last minute, due to conditions which looked ominously similar to the conditions experienced during the stormy second race. However, last week's weather cleared at the last minute and it turned into an absolutely beautiful evening to be out on the lake. Thankfully, all was not lost and a few intrepid souls made it out onto a mostly empty lake for a fantastic evening of sailing!

On that note, thank you for signing up for the phone bulk-texting list. That will help me effectively communicate with you on the racecourse in the event of a sudden, unexpected cancellation or change to the race. I'll be sending out a test text this week to ensure I have everyone accounted for.

Attached at the end of this newsletter is the August wind rose for Lake Conroe. As usual, we're expecting the wind to be from the south-southeast the majority of the time, with 39.6% of the winds being "calm" (less than 2 mph). Our August wind patterns should be fairly close to those from July.

Speaking of weather...if you'd like to take an online SKYWARN Storm Spotter class, you can follow this link:

https://www.meted.ucar.edu/education_training/course/23

Later in the fall, the National Weather Service will be hosting an in-person class. Anyone who spends time on the water (especially sailors) would benefit from the class. I'll provide updates when the in-person class is announced.

!Race time change!

Due to sunsets beginning to get earlier and many folks heading back to work or to school, we are moving the race start times back to **6:00 pm**.

We'll keep the 6:00 start time until the last race in October, which will be at 5:30.

Hopefully, August temperatures will be their normal hot selves, and not unseasonably hot, as we saw in July.

Below are the top 5 standings, as of August 1st. It's a close series!

Summer Series standings as of the end of June are:

- 1) Peter Mason - "Hole Shot" - 60 points (4 first-place finishes)**
- 2) Pat Tabet - "Press to MECO" - 54 points (1 first-place finish)**
- 3) Josh Terry - "Razzledsah" - 45 points (tie) (1 first-place finish)**
- 3) John Barnes - "Jay Bee" - 45 points (tie)**
- 5) Steve Lahaie - "Runaway" - 41 points**

Please 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!

Remember, we need a minimum of two people on the Committee Boat for each race. Without Committee Boat crews to set the marks and record the times, we don't have a race.

July's Committee Boat crews were:

Josh Terry, John Barnes, Joan Rickwalt, John Moulds. Thanks, again for all of your help!

Be sure to bring your 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:

Lake Conroe Sailing Association will offer free introductory "Learn to Sail" lessons at Montgomery County Memorial Library, 104 Interstate 45 N, Conroe, TX 77301, 9 AM until Noon on August 27th. Seating is limited due to Covid guidelines still in place so you must sign up in advance at our website: www.lakeconroesailing.com under the Membership tap go to "Drop Us a Line". If conditions and boat availability allow, we will also try to spend a small bit of time on the water on Lake Conroe in the afternoon to apply the skills learned.

If you and your boat are available to teach new people on Saturday afternoon (August 27th), please let Bob Lenhart know at BLPE@peoplepc.com

-Dick Morton

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: jebarnes66@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, and thanks again for a great month of sailing and activities!

Sincerely,
Your LCSA Board,
John Moulds, Bob Lenhart, Anna Mode, John Davis, Dick Morton, Gerrit Rickwalt (editor)

Attachments:
Micro-Mainframe Distance Regatta Notice Of Regatta
LCSA Thursday night racing parking pass
Lake Conroe wind rose for the month of August