

Good afternoon, Lake Conroe Sailing Association!

April was a good month for the club, with 3 of 4 scheduled races sailed (one having to be called off, due to high winds), a delicious Full Moon Dinner Cruise to Akashi Sushi, and several new members joining. April 28th also saw our first 3-leg race of the season!

New members:

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

Steven R. White

Dustin Adams

Tim Howard

Luis Fuenmayor

From the Commodore:

-John Moulds

From the Vice Commodore:

Spring racing in April had banner turnouts for racing in challenging weather conditions, let's keep it up in the months to come. If you aren't racing and have internet access you can watch the race from The Lake Conroe Lighthouse live web cam real time: <https://www.see.cam/live/us/tx/lake-conroe/lake-conroe>. Pretty neat.

For those that didn't make the Tuesday night full moon dinner at Akashi Asian Bistro they have an impressive menu and the food was very good. Looking forward to May's sailing, lunch and dinner activities.

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

-Bob Lenhart

From the Secretary:

2022 is off to a great start at LCSA! Fun races with new courses, lots of social events, and delicious food shared with wonderful people have made the first few months of the 2022 season a lot of fun!

The racing program has 4 more races in the Spring Series and right now the competition is tight!

Our membership continues to grow as well, which is an encouraging sign that we, as a club, are doing things right.

If you have anything club-related or of interest to the membership as a whole that you'd like included in the newsletter, please let me know and I'll try and include it in the June newsletter.

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

-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:

May has some fun activities coming up...

See the "Upcoming Social Events", near the end of the newsletter for the details.

-John Davis

From the Race Coordinator:

Our Spring racing series is off to an exciting start, with 5 races down and 4 to go. We've had some exciting races this year, with some challenging races in gusty conditions.

Last week saw our first 3-leg race of the 2022 racing season!

Our first Pursuit "reverse-handicap" race will be coming up at the end of May as well.

This race will be a 2-leg pursuit down to the island marker and back scheduled for Thursday, May 28th.

Speaking of winds...

Have you ever heard of a *Wind Rose*?

A wind rose is a diagram which shows the dominant wind speed and direction, based on data collected over many years.

Attached is the wind rose for Lake Conroe for May. It is based on the average wind speeds and directions from 1997-2021.

The May wind rose shows that we can expect winds to be mostly out of the southeast/south-southeast for most of the month. Perfect for our courses!

I have attached the wind rose for May at the end of the newsletter.

Current *Spring Series* standings as of the end of April are:

1st place - Dave Hopkins "*Phone*" (55 points)

2nd place - John Barnes "*Jay Bee*" (42 points)

3rd place - John Lane "*J Bird*" (40 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!

April's Committee Boat crews were:

Anna Mode, Victor Scammel, John Moulds, Gerrit Rickwalt, Steve Lahaie, Josh Terry and friend, Matt. *Thanks, again for all of your help!*

New crew procedure:

The new 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.

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:

If you are interested in crewing or learning how to become more proficient in your role as crew, please take a look at the PowerPoint slideshow attached at the end of the newsletter.

The slideshow was written by Dave Christensen, who is a member of the Galveston Bay Cruising Association (GBCA).

He has assembled a very informative set of slides about crewing qualifications and responsibilities and has given us permission to share this information. Thank you, Dave!

I hope you find them useful, as they apply to what we do up here on Lake Conroe as well.

<https://gbca.org/>

-Dick Morton

Upcoming Social Events:

Our next non-racing sailing event will be the Saturday, May 7th destination sail to Papa's on the Lake. We plan on departing Seven Coves Marina at 10:30 am.

The next Full Moon Dinner Cruise will be on Tuesday, May 17th at Fajita Jack's at 6:30 pm

The water is deep enough at Waterpoint Shopping Center (where Fajita Jack's is) as well as at Papa's to safely sail in, but you are welcome to drive there, too...Just show up! We love seeing all our members at these events!

May birthdays:

5/4 Gerrit Rickwalt

5/10 Patricia Culp

5/15 Luis Fuenmayor

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!

See you out on the water!

Sincerely,
Your LCSA Board,

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