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Commodore's Log

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This cool summer heat has come to an end with a wonderful Labor Day. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the cruise but all who did have nothing but rave reviews for this one. Thanks to Jeanne and Ron Briggs for making this year a great cruising experience, we will not mention "The Storm." Read more about it in their Cruising article.

I did have the opportunity to be on Lake Texoma Saturday/Sunday. Steve Hanes and I crewed for Mike Jones during the Wunderlick Regatta, which was set to be a 25-mile race beginning Saturday evening at 6:30pm out of Grand Pappy's marina. This was an unbelievable night. The clouds cleared around 5 just in time for the race. We were in the main and jib fleet to avoid racing the 50 miles that the spinnaker fleet, which consisted of boats with handicaps less than 100, sailed. We didn't want to be finishing after the sun rose. We were in the third start and by the time we rounded the first mark by

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Final Fall Fling Full-Moon Mini-Cruise Lake Joe Pool October 6,7

The final cruising event of the year will be a get together at Joe Pool Lake (in south west Dallas county)--Saturday/Sunday October 6,7 (and Friday if you wish). And if you can't bring your boat, plan on driving down for dinner Saturday night at Lynn Creek Marina. Here are the details.

Launch at Cedar Hill State Park marina on Saturday morning. (You can also launch at Lynn Creek Marina and at Lynn Creek Park) We'll be at the Joe Pool ramp from 10:00 a.m. onwards to get you oriented. Sail Saturday during the day. Saturday evening dinner at the Oasis Restaurant at Lynn Creek Marina around 6:30-7:00. Spend the night in the Cedar Hill State Park Marina (we are working on getting permission), or anchored on the lake as preferred. There is now a restaurant (of sorts) at the Cedar Hill Marina—fine for breakfast, but not exactly a dinner location! There is also good camping in the state park.

Directions to Cedar Hill State Park marina: take IH 20 west out of Dallas; Exit on 1382 (it's 2 exits west of the intersection with Loop 408); go south on 1382 about 4 miles to the park entrance on your right. It will cost you \$5 per person to enter the park. Go straight at the stop sign beyond the entrance booth to the marina and boat ramp. (It takes about 35-40 minutes to get to Joe Pool from Richardson via North LBJ, IH35, Loop 12 and Loop 408.)

The Oasis Restaurant at Lynn Creek is really nice, reasonable prices, with air-conditioning inside and an outside deck bar, and several courtesy slips. We can easily sail over from Cedar Hill State Park with the full moon. And if you don't bring your boat for the weekend, drive down and meet us for dinner!

Directions to Oasis Restaurant at Lynn Creek Marina: go west on IH 20 and exit at Great SouthWest Parkway (the second exit after 1382); go

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the dam we had passed most, if not all of the boats in the second start. Had some 40 footer playing with us but he decided to give up forcing us into the shore line when we asked if his draft was less than 16 inches. He made an immediate deviation back on course. Should have heard those guys scrambling to gibe that huge whisker pole. The sun set without a cloud in the sky and gave way to a full moon surrounded by hundreds of stars. Due to light winds they finished us early at a mark past Solders Creek. The wind came up about then so we finished sailing the race and crossed the line outside of the marina. The course was 22 miles and we sailed 23.5 miles total distance according to the GPS. The results are what you would expect from Mike Jones. FIRST, actually we were the slowest boat in the race and we were physically the first boat to finish in all of the boats in the main and jib fleets. And this included several J24's and other race type boats.

BY-LAW CHANGES- Please review the ballot to modify the by-laws to open the club to other trailerable sailboats. This also includes the name change to the Venture Sailing Club of Dallas. The vote will take place during the October Membership Meeting. If you will be unable to attend that meeting mail your vote early or give it to someone who will be attending the meeting.

Next up, the fall race series. I hope to be there and I hope you will be able to attend too. See you on the lake. ♣

25 FLEET REPORT

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This month's 25 Fleet sick report includes Wilma Liggett and me. Wilma has a broken arm. Wilma you got to learn when Les wants his dinner he wants his dinner. I pulled the muscles in my back working on a broken chair. Sandra has me in physical therapy so it's getting better. I didn't know cooking and washing the dishes would help a bad back, but I guess she knows best.

The vacation report is short. Bobby and Janelle are back from Germany. They had a good time but Bobby said the beer glasses were

too small. See if they had taken my beer drinker's book they could have found the big ones. Everyone is back so it's time for Sandra and I to go. We are planning a trip to Maine and Cape Cod in Oct. I hope the heat wouldn't be too bad then.

Les and Wilma's grand son Mark took second place in a Laser regatta in Corpus last month. Wilma clapped with one hand. Scott McKenzie raced as crew in the Americas Cup Jubilee at Cowes England last month. The race was a reunion of Americas Cup winners, he was abroad America3. Marshall has sold Big Mac to a couple from the Bayview Boat Club. He and Carol have been racing with them on Big Mac to get them used to the boat and have won 2 first places in the Wednesday B-Fleet. Boy what some people will do to keep from racing me. ♣

Labor Day 2001 Cruise Report

We said **Be Cool** would be the theme—and, by golly, it was wonderfully cool! We must live right (although that's hard to believe)! You missed a great one if you weren't there. John and Kay Vaughan sent out some e-mail which summarized the event beautifully, so we'll just reproduce it:

I think any of us who attended this cruise will say it was one of the best Texoma cruises we've been to. Great Weather, pleasant temperature, nice breeze especially at night for good sleepingbig- wide- beach at Wood Island ...Huge Fuulllll moon....Sumptuous food...super campfires both nights with games by Ron (he's a natural) and yourself....goood friends and lots of stories...catching up.....sailed a lot.....deer walking by the water in the early morning (heard about them..didn't see them) ..and the only storm we saw was way off to the south Saturday night....saw the big poker run....from right in the middle of it.....and aerial acrobatics to boot by a couple of planes over the island.

(and they forgot to mention: a firework display on Sunday night to culminate the Noodle contest)

Congratulations to all winners and participants of the Labor Day Cruise activities! See the winners box for a list of winners. ♣

WINNERS BOX

Winners of the *Skippers Cookoff* :

Appetizer: Dave Taylor—*Gingered Shrimp*

Main course: John Vaughan—*Mexican*

Cornbread (not your madre's old bread; it was a meal in itself!)

Dessert: Duane (don't know his last name!)

Pineapple-Coconut Pie

Winners of *What To Do With a Dozen Half-Noodles*:

The creativity of the suggestions was awesome—and surprisingly respectable!

1st (tie): Bobbie Schmidt—*Reincarnate as plastic Pink Flamingoes* (so every

boat could have one, not just Larry's)

1st (tie): John Vaughan—*MultiPurpose*

Extenders (for your marshmallow roasting stick, etc., etc., etc., but you needed to be there for the demos!)

I've just realized why John enjoyed the cruise so much. He cleaned up on the prizes. And he actually wanted to win the half noodles (as stabilizers for his diving tanks in the car trunk!)

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south following signs to the Lake Ridge real estate development. You'll come to the marina on your left in about 5 miles.

Bring a friend: Some club members may not be able to get their own boats to Joe Pool, so if you're bringing yours, ask another member to sail along with you on Saturday and have dinner at the restaurant. They can drive home afterwards. They don't need to sleep with you! ♣

Race Chairman

Al Barboza

Well folks, it's about that time to put the boat in order for our Fall Racing Series, which starts on September 15th at East Fork Marina. (Depends on the Lake level). Skippers Meeting at 9 AM in the parking lot.

The Summer Series is over. But for the few that participated, it was a very relaxing time. Yours truly was not able to race the series because I had no LIGHTS. I found out the hard way, not to leave water in the boat and not to let the wires get wet! I will need to re-wire the whole boat. Oh well, live and learn!

I hope that all the boats that were damaged at the Memorial Day Cruise are all race ready. I would like to see some new members turn out for the races this year. It's a good way to learn all the tips and tricks for your boat and have some fun doing it! We need to see the 26X's and the few 23's that I understand are now in the club.

Here are the Race Dates for the Fall Series:

September 15th race 1 and 2

September 29th race 3 and 4

October 13th race 5 and 6

October 27th race 7 and 8

If there are any questions about the Series, please call me at 972.270.1048 or E-mail me at

hummer431@home.com

Let's have a good turnout this season and I'll see you all on the water.

I have been in contact with the Lavon Yacht Club and it looks like we may not have a Challenge this year due to lack of participation from their club. It seems that they have a low membership and lack of interest in racing this year. (Sound familiar)? I will talk more with their race chairman in the near future. Maybe, we can do something different this season! ♣

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

15TH - FALL RACE SERIES 1 & 2

18TH - MEMBERSHIP MEETING -

'POT LUCK' SUPPER

29TH - FALL RACE SERIES 3 & 4

OCTOBER:

1ST - BOARD MEETING

13TH - FALL RACE SERIES 5 & 6

16TH - MEMBERSHIP MEETING

27TH - FALL RACE SERIES 7 & 8

NOVEMBER:

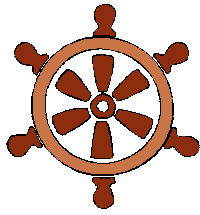
5TH - BOARD MEETING

20TH - MEMBERSHIP MEETING -

'POT LUCK' SUPPER

DECEMBER:

8TH - Y/MYC HOLIDAY PARTY



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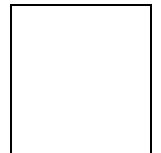
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When: Tuesday, September 18, 2001
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: 1835 Walnut, Carrollton
(First Christian Church - 1 block north of
Joesy Ln & Beltline Rd.)
What: V/MYC - POT LUCK SUPPER!!
Drawing for \$'s - Must be present to win!

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Absentee ballot & copy of proposed by-laws mailed to every V/MYC member