



The Mainsheet



Commodore Jones

Calendar

April

No BLSA Events
this month

Just get out there
and get your
boat ready
for another great
season on
Brookville
Lake

From The Helm

By Randy Jones Catalina 310 ~ Fever III Slip B-1 at Quakertown Marina

It's great when plans come together isn't it. Saturday 3/19 at Kents Marina BLSA had a Board meeting, the well attended Ice Breaker / sock burning social and great weather again for this event 4 years running. Several members got there boats uncovered and Beglin went sailing with a full crew including Past Commodore Dave Masters. Your Board resolved several pending issues along with regular business. Please see attached Minutes for details. The next Board meeting will be at the Liberty Restaurant May 7 at 9:00 AM, and then several of us will go to Steves Marine to move the

Barge (committee boat, safety boat) to Hannah Creek for commissioning. Please feel free to attend the meeting and help out with the commissioning. The membership drive is coming along well, however about half of you need to get your payment in to Mike Burd. The roster will be printed soon and you surely want to be included. May 21 is the kick off to summer at Brookville, with the first races and the Welcome Back Cookout. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this. No more count downs or weather reports.

Randy

Problems with water line scum, yellowing etc.?

It's a fact of life on Brookville Lake and actually one of the easiest spring maintenance items to fix.



The above is a picture of my waterline before and after using Mary Kates On & Off.

It works like magic on water line scum. Give it a try.

Bill

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Social Calendar

Mike Chrisman.....Catalina 250 ~ Escape Slip 38 at Hanna Creek Marina

About 40 members joined us for the Ice Breaker and Sock Burning held March 19th at the Kent's Harbor fire pit. Thanks to Kent's for providing the location and firewood. Thanks also to Bill Ralston for setting up the event and preparing the soup. The wind made the day a little chilly, but this sailor is not one to complain about too much wind at Brookville Lake. Lucky Bill Beglin was able to sail later that afternoon. Past Behavin' looked good out there.

At the last Board meeting the Board approved the purchase of a new grill. For you grilling fans, this will be a vast improvement in how we cook for our social events. Cooking with gas will allow a more consistent heat and better

tasting results. This grill will also allow for more versatility in what we prepare for events. However the best part about this is that we are no longer limited to the sometimes swampy picnic area for grilling events. Having worked the grill at BLSA events in the past, I would like to personally thank the Board for making events



easier for our hosts.

Related to hosts, I was again amazed at the willingness of BLSA members to come forward and volunteer to host events this year. All events except for the Pig Roast are fully hosted. Thank you to all who have volunteered. For the Pig Roast the Casadas have

agreed to help. A few more volunteers are needed to pull off the biggest event of the BLSA social year. This is typically a nice afternoon spent relaxing in the Hanna Creek circle. Please consider volunteering for this event. If you are interested, please contact me at mchrisman513@gmail.com. Our next event will be the Welcome Back Cookout on May 21st. Look for a different theme this year. I want to put our new grill to good use. I don't know all of the details yet, but break out the Chianti.

I hope to see everyone at the lake soon.

Mike C

Harbormaster Update

Cory Chadwick.....Tartan Piper 3100 ~ Panda Slip E-50 at Hanna Creek

Safety Equipment and Your Sailboat

Did you know that over 25 percent of all boats fail an initial boating safety check. Have you ever wondered if you have the right safety equipment on board? Provided below is a list of basic safety items everyone should have onboard depending on the length of their boat. Most of the information below was extracted from the U.S. Coast Guard's public website. Some information was from a review of an, "About.Com" web source, discussing Coast Guard boating safety equipment requirements and an IDNR web based source. Because we are located on a small inland lake, not all of the below requirements are mandatory. All items required on Brookville Lake are indicated by marking the end of the discussion as IDNR and US Coast Guard. Items marked US Coast Guard only are not required on Brookville Lake but are recommended to ensure your safety.

1. Personal Flotation Device or more commonly called a PFD - every person on board your boat must have a PFD available. If your sailboat is over 16', a

throw able PFD (Type IV), such as a life ring or horse shoe, must also be available. **[IDNR & US Coast Guard]**

2. Fire Extinguisher – the number of extinguishers and type of extinguisher is determined by the size of the boat and whether you have an inboard engine or enclosed fuel storage container. If your sailboat is under 26' and has an inboard, you must carry one B-1 type fire extinguisher. Larger sailboats, 26 to 40 feet long must carry two B-1 type extinguishers or one B-2. A B-1 fire extinguisher has either 4 pounds of carbon dioxide or 2.5 pounds of Halon. A B-2 fire extinguisher has 15 pounds of carbon dioxide or 10 pounds of Halon. **[US Coast Guard Only]**

3. Audible Device – a horn, whistle or bell is required at all times aboard a sailboat over 16 feet. One way to meet this requirement besides a whistle or bell is a small, pressurized air horn. **[IDNR & US Coast Guard]**

4. Visual Distress Signal – if your boat

is under 16' it must have one electric distress light or 3 combination (day/night) red flares **when operating between sunset and sunrise**. If between 16-26', you must have everything above plus one orange distress flag; and if your boat is 26-40' everything mentioned with a choice of substituting three hand-held or floating smoke signals for the 3 combination red flares. **[US Coast Guard Only]**

5. Navigation lights – this is the number one area where most failures are recorded when someone has an initial safety inspection. Any sailboat that operates at night must have proper functioning navigation (running) lights. **[IDNR & US Coast Guard]**

6. Ventilation – If you have an enclosed gasoline engine or enclosed fuel tank compartment on a pre 1980 boat, you must have natural ventilation. If your boat was built after July 31, 1980 and has an enclosed gasoline engine or enclosed fuel tank compartment, it must have an exhaust blower. **[IDNR & US Coast Guard]**

Sail Trim Teaching Tool

Bill Beglin.....Beneteau 323 ~ Past Behavior'

Slip E-40 at Kent's Harbor Marina

The website www.Nauticed.org has a slick little interactive tool that will help you teach novice sailors the basics of good sail trim. It takes most people awhile to understand and get a feel for proper sail trim and this is a nice tool to help shorten that learning curve. Remember you always adjust your sails to the relative wind direction. Relative wind is shown by your mast head wind indicator and it is the wind direction your sails are 'feeling.' This is also the wind you feel on your face as the boat is moving along. It is called relative wind because it is the direction of the wind relative to the boat. This is why as the boat accelerates the wind direction may seem to shift. What you actually seeing is the combination of your boat speed and direction and the true wind speed and



direction. go to <http://www.nauticed.org/sailing-instructor> and you'll see the interactive graphic. The small red carrot shown on the diagram is the relative wind direction indicator. In the center at the bottom is the rudder which you can use to steer the boat. As you turn the boat the red indicator will rotate around the dial, indicating wind coming at the boat from a different direction. When you release the rudder the boat will return to the original position but you will notice the wind is now coming from the new direction. You can then trim the main (gold) and jib (blue) controllers, while watching their combined effect on the speed indicator. Check it out, it's free!

Vice-Commodore Notes

Mike Burd.....Bavaria 32 ~ Wind Swept Slip D-30 at Kent's Harbor Marina

Membership is coming along and on a pretty good track, the social budget has been approved, nearing approval of the racing budget, hopefully at the next board meeting. We also have strong participation in the jib crane "H-frame" fund. Please get your dues in with-in the next week or so as we are compiling the membership booklet for publication.

Mike B

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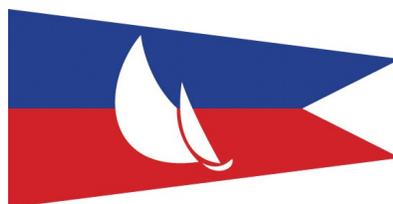
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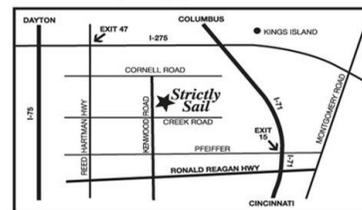
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Hobie 33 'Wicked Witch'