



Highland Yacht Club Soundings

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SEPTEMBER MEETING: September 12th - HYC – Italian



2003 Highland Yacht Club Fall Regatta

Notice of Race

September 13th & 14th

Highland Yacht Club, Woods Reservoir
Tullahoma, Tennessee

Highland Yacht Club is pleased to announce our upcoming 2003 Fall Regatta. Our annual Fall Regatta is open to the public and we would like to invite everyone to enjoy a weekend of racing, great food, and fun. Area racers are welcome to join us.

Rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of U S Sailing, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions will govern this regatta.

Expected Classes

Handicap Dinghy Coronado 15 Catalina 22 Handicap Cruiser Handicap Catamaran

Entry Fee: \$35 (less \$5 w/ U S Sailing membership). This includes all meals and beverages for the skipper. Additional tickets for all meals and drinks are \$20 for the weekend or are available separately.

Schedule:

Saturday

9:00 Registration Opens
9:00 Brunch
10:30 Skipper's Meeting
11:30 Racing Begins
6:00 Dinner

Sunday

8:00 Coffee & Breakfast
9:30 Racing Resumes
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Awards

1st Annual Poker Run by Becky Thomas

The 1st Annual HYC Poker Run was held on July 4th, 2003, with Larry Thomas (Captain 3 Legs) serving as the race director. A pre-race cocktail hour provided by Rich and Debi Merrill got all the racers ready to go for the goodies and fun festivities.

The suggested donation to race was \$5 per boat to be awarded to the Skipper with the highest poker hand. A trophy was awarded to the skipper with the hand closest to spelling Pokher Run.

The race got underway with a Skipper's Meeting at the main pavilion. The rules were explained by Cap'n Larry and the first clue was issued. The 13 skippers and their crew who entered into the race all made a mad dash to the beach area to search for the buried treasure chest which contained clue number 2. Once that treasure chest was found, the hardy sailors ran to their boats and headed out on the water for fun and frolic.

There was a man overboard drill, Let's Make A Deal was played, coolers were checked, and challenges galore were available for many a game sailor to play for the rights to the trophy or the money pot. John Garibotte showed his best side to the club (and blinded many of us) during the raft up and open swim call issued by Cap'n Larry during the race. Water guns were out in full force, as were empty Frozen Margarita Mix buckets, as racers doused one another in an effort to stop their opponents from winning the racing leg of the event and to cool off the hot racers. The race concluded with a hula hoop contest and a pie eating contest. Then it was time to tally the hands of cards for the prizes.

Matt Crawford won the poker hand for the \$50 pot. He generously donated the winnings to the HYC Fallen Sailors Scholarship fund, perhaps setting a precedent for next year's winner. Way to go you Pirate!

Wendy and Paul's friend from Florida, Bill (last name escapes me now, but he owns the Big Fish dinghy, Wahoo) won the spelling of the words POKHER RUN with all letters present. Bill took home a hand-painted trophy custom designed by Larry Thomas for the event. The losing poker hand belonged to Scott Henninger, who was awarded the job as Race Director for next year's event.

A good time was had by all and it made for a wet and fun event to kick off the 4th of July activities. Kudos to Larry Thomas for using his imagination and creativity to make the clues and the race a success. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the water for the 2nd Annual HYC Poker Run next July 4th.

HYC Fallen Sailors Scholarship News

The HYC Fallen Sailors Scholarship Committee met on July 30th for the purpose of evaluating Fall semester 2003 scholarship applicants. Two applicants applied for the scholarship and the committee voted unanimously to award both of them \$250 each for the fall 2003 semester.

The new recipients for the HYC Fallen Sailor Scholarship are Jeremy Gillard of Tullahoma, and Melissa Bergevin of Johnson City, Tennessee. Jeremy is the son of HYC members Tom and Frances Gillard of Tullahoma. He will attend Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro where he plans to pursue a degree in the computer science field. Melissa is the daughter of HYC members

David and Beverlee Bergevin of Tullahoma. Melissa is a returning East Tennessee State University student pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

The HYC Fallen Sailors Scholarship Committee wishes to extend our congratulations to both of these deserving students and wish them the best as they pursue their educational endeavors. Gillard and Bergevin join our first recipient, Motlow State Community College student Leslie Eggleston, as our 2003 scholarship recipients.

1st Annual “Hot Flash Dash” Regatta

The 1st Annual “Hot Flash Dash” Regatta was held at the club on Sunday, August 10th. This regatta is special since it is a “women only” regatta. We had four boats participate in this first event with everyone having a fantastic time.

The “as of yet un-named” Catalina 22, with Sally “360” Ranstrom as skipper, won both races and finished in first place. Her crew consisted of Kathy Hornsby and Dawn Utley. Although they were the obvious winners, the fact that all three husbands were manning the committee boat did not go unnoticed.

Other participants were Cap’n Becky Thomas aboard *Breakin’ Wind II* with a crew of Valerie Sanders, Donna Cayce, and Angie Garibotte, Cap’n Kim Dolan aboard *TiKi* with a crew of Debi Merrill and Cyndi Dolan, and Cap’n Wendy Moore aboard *Toulouse* with her crew (sorry ladies, I don’t remember your names.)

The event started out promising with a light wind but turned sour when Wendy Moore’s halyard went to the top of the mast without the sail. In true “never say die” fashion, Wendy sailed with just a headsail and had a great afternoon of sailing.

In the first race, the Ranstrom, Hornsby, Utley boat was off to a significant lead when suddenly, upon rounding the “A” mark, Sally decided to make Mike’s new Mylar sail into a spinnaker. After a wonderful 360, they went on to win the first race (although I heard it was beer-less).

After a change of course, the second race started off with a less than perfect start. Rounding the “A” mark was definitely like being on a slow boat to China. When *Breakin’ Wind* finally found some wind, they decided to just sail off into the sunset and enjoy the afternoon.

At an awards ceremony held after the races, Sally was presented with some “Back Off” mud flaps as the winning skipper. Everyone had a great time and we plan on having more women’s events in the future.

Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog. Several members have expressed a concern about this problem at the site. If the problem continues, restrictions on pets may have to be implemented. We don’t want this to happen, so remember your PUP and...

Pick Up Poop!

Labor Day Race

HYC will be conducting a "practice" regatta, in order to prepare for the 2004 C15 Nationals on Labor Day, September 1st at 1:00. Any and all boats are encouraged to participate. All boats will be scored as "one design", so the main purpose of this event will be to give the Race Committee a chance to brush up on their protest skills. Bring your red flags!

Sunday Races Resume

The Sunday Racing Series resumed on August 17th at 2:00. These races are for fun and practice for the upcoming regatta. Everyone is invited to come out and race.

Mike Wasner ran the committee boat on the first Sunday, and Matt Crawford on the second. Volunteers are needed to man the boats on future Sunday's. If you would like to volunteer or learn how to work the committee boat, let Mike or Matt know.

Kentucky Lake by Kim Dolan

We headed out about 8:30am on our way to Kentucky Lake, about 3 ½ hours away. This was really going to be cool. We had rented a 5-bedroom log cabin on Kentucky Lake and were joining my family for four days of fun and sun. My sister was bringing two jet skis, so we were set.

About a mile from the house, the boat and trailer started weaving back and forth across the road. We weren't even going 55 mph yet. This does not bode well for the rest of the trip. We proceeded to drive to Nashville at 50 mph.

We stopped at Sam's to load up on beer and thought if we put the motor and rudder on the foredeck we could get more tongue weight. Dang, it's getting hot out here. Seemed to work some, we could now cruise at 55-60 mph. As we are going through Nashville, the strap on the boat pops loose and we have to bail the interstate to fix it. (Are those projects over there?)

At 12:00 we were suppose to meet everyone in Kentucky for lunch. We aren't even to Clarksville yet. We stop in Clarksville to pick up my daughter and her boyfriend (the pierced/tattooed one) and had lunch at McDonald's. (not what I was expecting) We are then back on the road again with them following slowly behind us. The strap has popped off two more times as we drive through Kentucky. It is really scary standing on the side of the interstate with trucks screaming by. Who's idea was it to bring the boat anyway?

We finally arrive at the log cabin at 2:45. We are worn out and edgy but the place is fabulous. Shortly after we arrived, everyone else pulls in with stories of their wonderful lunch. We tell our tale of woe and everyone explores the cabin.

Tim and I decide we need to get the boat in the water. The owner had told me there was a launching ramp about a mile away. We find the ramp with no problem and start setting up near a parked sailboat. We have the mast up and are about ready to back up when Marshall (the pierced/tattooed one) says, "Are you going to clear that power line?" Who in their right mind puts a power line across

the launching ramp! Tim is sure we can make it, but he also still swears we weren't aground that day. After viewing it from every angle, we drop the mast and move the boat to the other end of the parking lot where, if you make a sharp turn into the ramp, you can avoid the power lines. The mast goes up again and we finally manage to get the boat into the water.

The next morning dawned with lots of sun and lots of wind. Around 9:30 we headed out. As we entered the main part of the lake, we could see probably 100 sailboats cruising along the far side of the lake. It is so wonderful. It is Sunday morning and the lake is packed with all types of boats. We sail for an hour and haven't had to tack yet! We get to the other side and realize that we are one of the smallest boats out there. They are beautiful and big. One even has three masts. We cruise around and have a great morning. We head back for lunch and I realize we have been sailing for hours and we've tacked maybe 4 times. After lunch, more sailing.

There was no wind on Monday so we all decided to jet ski all day. Tim really enjoyed it. Seems two jet skis on the lake is also a race. Later that evening a huge thunderstorm rolled in and scared the bejeezus out of everyone. It was right on top of us with huge bolts of lightning and tremendous thunder. The boat rode out the storm with no problems and we breathed a sigh of relief.

Tuesday morning we got all our things together and made plans to leave. Everyone else headed for home, but Tim and Cyndi headed down to the boat to drive it over to the ramp and I drove the van over. We had found a public launching ramp a little farther along the lake that was really nice (no power lines) and it also wasn't as steep as the other. Tim backed the van down the ramp and had the back tires in the lake and the trailer was barely underwater. Tim pushed from behind while I worked the winch and we got her back on the trailer. We started getting the boat ready to go, folding sails, stowing gear, etc. My cell phone rang and it was my mom. They were about 20 minutes from home and we haven't even dropped the mast yet!

We made sure we had addressed all the problems we had on the way to Kentucky and the ride home was much smoother. We made it in about 4 hours and that was even hitting Nashville at 5:30. Even though we really only had one good day of sailing it was worth all the trouble getting it there for that one day. Kentucky Lake is beautiful and the company was even better. If you get a chance, you should definitely sail there. It was a vacation to remember.

Wednesday Night Dinner by Tom Bentley

Come out to HYC, sail to Arnold Officers club by about 6:00 each Wednesday night, and join the rest of us for a cook your own steak or chicken, corn, salad, potato, a glass of wine or a beer. It is open to all.

We can raft around the club dock if we have a large group. It will make for a nice night sail back, just make sure your running lights are operational. If you can't leave in time to sail, just go directly to the club. If we don't take advantage of this, we might lose it. We are not only doing ourselves a favor but we are supporting the Arnold Club as well.

Weiss Lake Regatta by Mike Wasner

After a short two-hour drive from HYC, Jeff Utley and I arrived at Weiss Lake in Alabama on Friday evening. As we prepared to step the mast, we were greeted by the locals offering food and drink. With the boat safely tied up in an empty slip, we retired to the deck for the happy hour. Frozen margaritas were plentiful, but we stayed with the beer. The entertainment was a talented sailor playing his guitar and singing nautical songs.

Saturday morning we were up early and decided to wash the boat. We were embarrassing some of our neighbors. This was our first taste of the heat. We were in a fleet of 7 C22s. Most of the racers were serious. Throughout the weekend, any time we had decent wind, six of the C22s were in a close pack regularly changing positions. Great racing, while the wind lasted.

We got a decent start in the first race and were looking good till the wind shifted on our last tack to the mark. We were close to making it, but when we pinched up to get around the mark, we ran over it. Need more wind to force the boat around with momentum. As we did our 360, the fleet quickly passed us, but we were still with them. The downwind leg was uneventful. Upwind we started trying to use the shifts and stay in the wind. We were successful and rounded second with the other boats at a good distance from us. The positions stayed the same to the downwind finish. When the adrenaline is pumping from a good race, you don't realize how hot and soaked with sweat you are. We quickly dropped the sails and went for a swim.

On the second start the wind was dying. The wind had shifted and you could not cross on starboard. We came in on port with the fleet. The wind had continued to die. We tried to tack without momentum, and were not successful. We fouled the only starboard tack boat. We still got away from the starting line OK. Once a minor puff came by we got enough speed to do a circle. Then we were stopped again. On the next puff of wind, we completed our other turn. This had us at the back of the fleet again. Luckily, on the downwind leg, the wind filled in from A mark and caught us up to the fleet. Then the wind went extremely light. I would call it dead except I found out what dead air was on Sunday. We stayed in the breeze and managed to sneak up into 3rd for the finish. RJ and April found the breeze and pulled out a first in this race.

After the racing, we all got back in the water and tried to cool off for a while. The steak dinner was excellent. We were beat after a day in that heat and sun, so the Nashville fleet retired to hotel to watch the Titans play on TV in the air conditioning.

Sunday started with good wind. The boat was even healing on the way out. Once the start approached, the wind started to die. It continued to die during the countdown, which is my excuse for being 20s late for the start. Can't do that with this crowd. RJ tacked to cover us. When we finally broke away from him we were on a header. At this point we were a ways behind the fleet. We got it back together and started working towards the fleet. About 30 min after the start, the wind died. If you saw something in the water, it took several minutes for the boat to pass it. Smoke was going straight up. At one time a couple of motorboats passed in front of us. The waves caused us to start going backwards. Then the boat started to turn 180 degrees. This upset Jeff, but I pointed out that at least we were moving in the right direction again. We almost quit at this point but felt an ever so light breeze. We rode on this until it died. Finally we had enough sitting, baking, and bouncing. One hour and 50 min into the race, we withdrew. I think all the other C22s finished, and I am proud of them.

We have decided that Weiss Lake must be the hottest place in the world. Once the boat was put away, we got in the air-conditioned truck and headed home. If the RC was going to finish the cruisers, they would be out there for several more hours.

Thanks to Jeff for going crewing for me. I always learn something from him. I also want to complement Lucian for knowing when to call a race. I think the RC at Weiss Lake was trying to give us heat stroke.

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Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes August 15, 2003 - HYC

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ATTENDEES: Paul, Zeke, Jacob & Ellie Grace Stevens, Wendy Moore, Max Hailey, Tom Gillard, Sally & David Ranstrom, Matt & Dixie Crawford, David Bergevin, Lucian & Donna Cayce, Richard & Debi Merrill, Dawn & Jeff Utley, John & Valerie Sanders, Becky & Larry Thomas, John, Angie & Ian Garibotte, Kathy Hornsby & Mike Wasner, Dori & Scott Henninger, Tim & Kim Dolan, Kevin LeMay, Bob & Eldri Paulk, Clyde & Lynn Rooker, Andy Myrick & April Golden, Nancy & Carlos Bussche, Richard & Marie Thomasson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Vice Commodore Becky Thomas.
2. July minutes were amended to reflect that Sally & David Ranstrom were present. Kathy Hornsby pointed out that only \$50.00 from the Pirates Day Race was donated to the Scholarship fund instead of the \$55.00 that was reported.

3. Treasurer's Report by Mike Wasner:

Building Fund	\$ 273.73
<i>(Pavilion awning approved at \$250.00, but not spent yet)</i>	
Dock Fund	\$3212.36
<i>(Dock floatation has been ordered but not paid yet – (\$1500.00)</i>	
<i>(Addition material for new dock - \$1500.00 EST.)</i>	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 558.64
Regular Spending	\$2518.03
Junior Sailing	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Funds in checking and savings:	\$6587.76

****Total equals assets including checking and Savings account**

4. **Harbor Master Report – Matt Crawford.** Rich has started working on the dock. He is waiting on the floatation to come. Thank you Rich. Those who are on the waiting list might want to contact Rich to volunteer time or money to help push this project along.
5. **Port Captain – Tom Gillard** Thanks to all who helped clean up the site after the last storm.
6. **Scholarship – Max Hailey** Max reported that scholarships were awarded to Melissa Bergevin and Jeremy Gillard in the amount of \$250.00 each.
7. **Communications – John Garibotte** reported that lightening stuck his computer and he has been unable to update the web site. Enhancements will be made to the website. The Fall Regatta will be posted, several roster updates will be made and more pictures will be posted. **Kim Dolan** will put the notice of race in the next newsletter.
8. **Hot Flash Dash - \$45** was donated to the Scholarship fund from entry fees collected. Four boats entered. Sally Ranstrom, Kathy Hornsby, and Dawn Utley on a Catalina 22 took first place. Thanks to the race committee consisting of Mike Wasner, David Ranstrom, and Jeff Utley. The women had a great time and would like to do this again.
9. **Regatta Report – Becky Thomas** Becky passed around three sign up sheets for people to volunteer to bring casseroles, help serve or prepare and clean-up. Becky would like to race in the regatta this year so volunteers are needed. If you didn't get to sign up on one of the sheets, you please contact Becky.
 - Don Jones is contacting the Ski Club to arrange for chase boats.
 - David Bergevin will provide batteries for the 2 way radios
 - Jeff Utley will handle the out of town race notices as well as get air force permission for the regatta
 - Dixie Crawford will get the wine
 - Carlos Bussche will get the beer truck
 - Becky Thomas is handling the trophies
 - The caterer we used last year is not available for this year so we are obtaining quotes for catering the Saturday night meal. If you have any suggestions, please let Becky know.
 - An on-site company will provide T-Shirts this year. The company will provide the artwork free of charge. They will have all sizes of short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts to choose from, as well as polo style shirts. T-Shirts will be \$15.00 and you may pay by check, cash, or credit card. 20% of the sales after taxes will go to the club.
 - We will have a brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday lunch will be hamburgers and hot dogs.
 - If anyone has suggestions for entertainment, please contact Becky. Angie Garibotte will call a band that may donate their services. More to come.
 - Sarah Hailey and Kathy Hornsby will handle registration.
 - Matt Crawford reported he having the committee boat serviced and hopes to have it ready for the regatta. Kim Dolan will check on getting the committee boat we had at the last regatta as well.
 - Lucian Cayce found the buoys he would like the club to buy for the regatta. They are 21 ½" wide and are \$71.99 each. Debi Merrill, the Thomasson's, Valerie Sanders, the Wright's, Andy Myrick, and the Ranstrom's and Dolan's are going to donate one buoy each to the club. A big thank you for your generosity.
 - If you are willing to help on the committee boat, please let Lucian know.

10. Outcome on Proposals –Becky Thomas Becky reported on the outcome of the recent vote on five proposals. At the next meeting, Dawn will provide the exact count of for and against for each proposal.

- **Proposal 1** to limit membership passed
- **Proposal 2** to increase storage fees passed
- **Proposal 3** to require membership involvement failed
- **Proposal 4** to build a bath house failed
- **Proposal 5** to purchase a boat for race committee failed

11. New Business –

- Clyde Rooker announced that he has the sticker/decals for sale at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The decal will identify your car as being a HYC member car so you don't get a ticket from the base patrol. Once the cost of printing is recovered, the rest of the money collected will be donated to the scholarship fund.
- A suggestion was made to give the registrants a hand stamp or ticket showing that they have paid for their meals. After much discussion, it was decided to make an announcement prior to the night meal reminding everyone that had not paid, that they needed to do so.
- Max Hailey made a motion to hold a recall vote on proposal # 2 because he felt that the members did not realize they were voting to increase all the storage fees. The motion will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Mike Wasner reminded everyone that the Sunday Race Series would begin this Sunday. Race time will be 2pm. Matt Crawford said the committee boat will be available in the near future and that we need volunteers to run the races. Mike will run the one this Sunday and Matt will run the one next Sunday.
- The Thomason's were recognized as new members and owners of a San Juan 21. Welcome to the club.
- Labor Day races will be held Monday, September 1st. Skipper's meeting at 1pm.
- Angie Garibotte asked permission to use the club the Saturday afternoon following the regatta for Ian's first birthday. Everyone is invited. Happy Birthday, Ian.

13. Adjournment – 8:15 PM.

Recorder – Kathy Hornsby