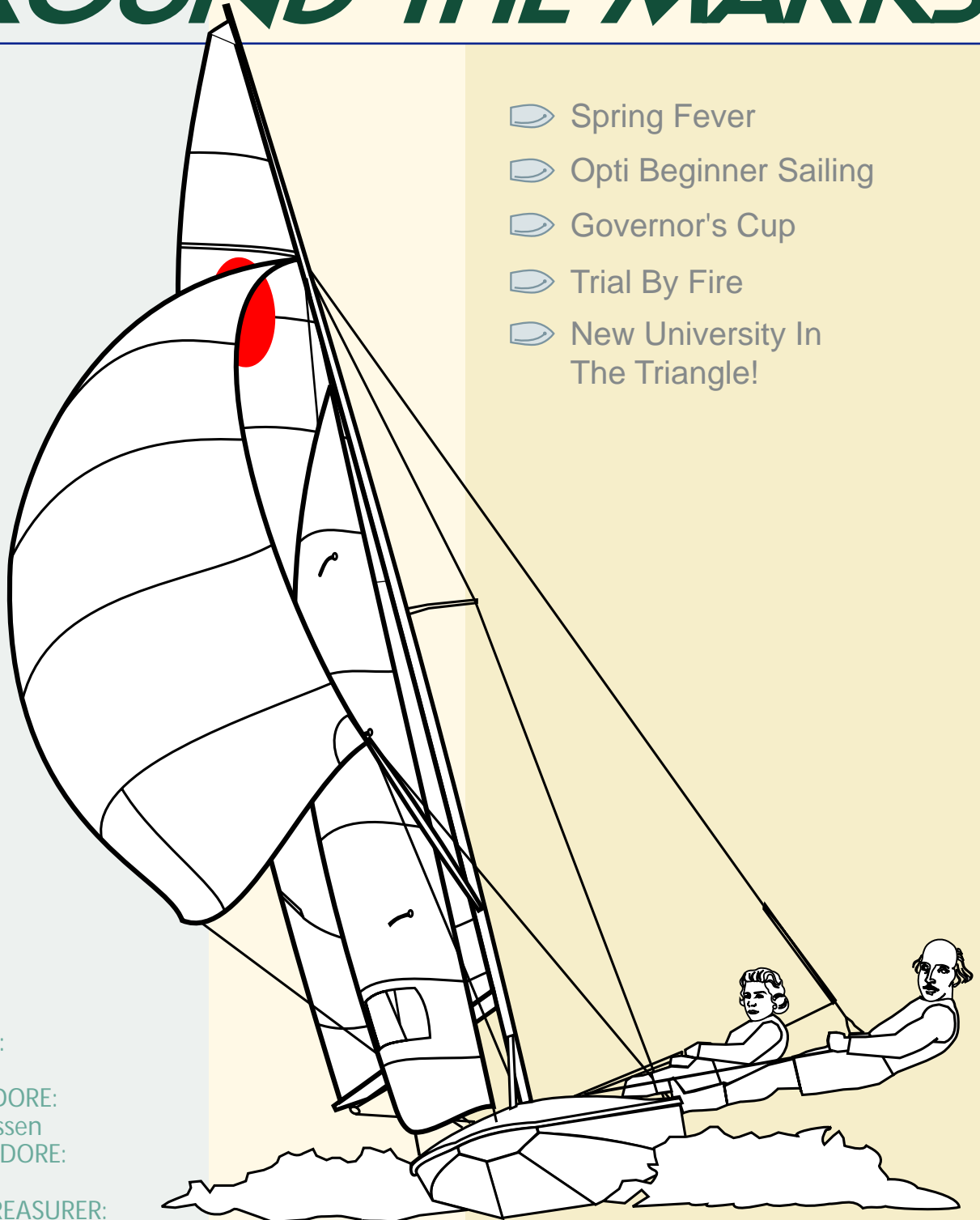


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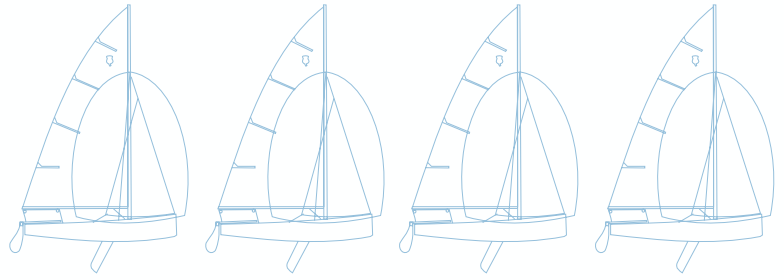
David Brown

Besides being Commodore of the Club I am also the treasurer of the Carolina Sailing Club Foundation. It's difficult to fulfill all the responsibilities of both jobs but I enjoy them both. As we got through the year the foundation and the club will try to formulate a plan so that we can all reap the benefits of the two organizations and decrease the amount of work. If you have non-profit experience and would be willing to help us with the plan please contact me at this e-mail address: jnorton@moneymailer.com.

Both the club and foundation are doing very well. We just had a great day of sailing at Jordan Lake with over 20 boats sailing. This weekend will be the Kerr event and although I missed the first Kerr weekend due to a conflicting Thistle Class regatta, I'm looking forward to sailing on Kerr Lake once again.

The foundation recently purchased a BRAND NEW vanguard optimist. This was possible due to generous donations and Layline's willingness to sell us a boat at cost. Thanks to Dave Batchelor and the people at Layline for making this possible. The new boat should be here soon.

John



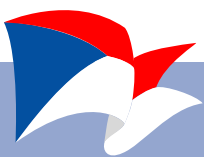
SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Update

Thanks to the Tanzers for a great set of socials and breakfasts at our April Kerr weekend! The Isotopes have got the social responsibilities at our next Kerr weekend May 15 & 16. The Junior fleet (Optis) and parents will be joining us. We continue to have our monthly socials the Friday before our Jordan Saturday each month at Out of the Park Sports Bar. Come on out to our next social June 11th at 6:30pm.

Preparations are being made to have breakfasts and socials at our special Regattas, the Governors Cup in June and the Oriental Sailing Social in July. John McLaughlin and I spent time with Grace Evans and the Oriental Merchants last weekend. The venue this year will be great for new motel rooms, good restaurants, and we will have a large area next to the ramps for parking boats Friday and Saturday nights with sticks up.

Alan Backus
Social Chair



Beginner Opti Lessons @ Lake Crabtree

The week of May 2 at Lake Crabtree in Wake County saw a great bunch of beginning junior sailors learn to single hand the Opti sailboat. A stiff breeze on the first

more great days of sailing.

Many of the kids paired up with a sailing buddy and all met new friends. They learned how to reach and run, tack, gybe, round a mark, make a landing, and right a capsized boat. Conditions on the last day were almost perfect. It was a great sight to the parents to see their kids sailing the Opti's so well by the end of the week. Obviously, there is much more for our junior sailors to learn and experience, as for us all, and the 2004 Junior events will help do just that.

Congratulations Alican, Sarah, Ellen, Julia, Evan, Abby, Haley, Agigail, Jesse and Haley! And thanks, too, to Thomas, Tom, Amy, and all the parents. We'll all look forward to the next big event - the Junior Sailing Campout - at Kerr Lake on May 15-16.



day of instruction, Sunday, made single handed sailing difficult for most of the juniors. Unexpected gybes with swinging booms made an impression on a number of kids, teaching them to pay attention to wind direction. After the on-the-water instruction ended instructors Thomas McElroy and Tom Hudgens patiently explained why things happened the way they did, a scene repeated at the end of every day of sailing. After a day off due to heavy weather, the intrepid group met for three



You're Invited To Camp With The Opti Sailors

**Henderson Point
Kerr Lake
May 15-16**



- Bring a tent and save the drive.
- ANY SAILORS (especially really cool Isotopes!) that would like to join us for camping are more than welcome.
- Sailing and camping are just really fun together.
- It is a lot easier to rig your boat if you are already at the lake.
- The junior sailors are fun to hang with.
- The junior sailor parents are excellent candidates to join your fleet.

Saturday

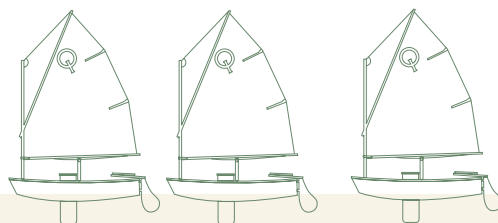
- After the CSC Social, sail (or drive) over to Henderson point for a hotdog and beans dinner.
- 9:00 campfire/storytelling.

Sunday

- 7:30 breakfast if you let me know your are coming, I'll bring the coffee.
- 9:00 back on the water.
- 1:00 pm pack up.

FAMILY CAMPING AT PRESBYTERIAN POINT-SITE IS RESERVED FOR OUR USE

Please give me a call or email (Youth Director: Amy Grobin, 968-4618, chistina.grobin@alumni.duke.edu) to let me know you are coming or if you have any questions.





The Governor's Cup Regatta is rapidly approaching and the Carolina Sailing Club is pulling out all the stops this year to ensure that this years regatta will be the most spectacular sailing event of the year for this region. This regatta is one of the oldest, largest, and most venerable in the Southeast. There will boats from all across the state and from all up and down the Eastern United States. You owe it to yourself to attend this years event.

The Governor's Cup Regatta will be held the third weekend of June, (19th and 20th). It combines tradition and contemporary ideas for a camaraderie of sailing, building new friendships while renewing old ones. The weekend always provides fun fleet racing no matter what the wind and weather decide to contribute.

The races at the Governor's Cup are exciting and colorful due to the large variety of boats that are competing for the Cup. Returning this year will be the Fireballs, Flying Scots, Isotopes, Lightnings, Tanzers, and Thistles. New to the regatta this year will be the Opti Green Fleet and PHRF boats. Last year, the Vanguard 15 broke out and joined us as a fleet, with MC-Scows, Buccaneer, and Laser represented in the open class competing on portsmouth handicap.

Each One Design fleet is in competition for the Governor's Cup, which goes to the boat that beats the most other boats in its fleet. All Dingy class boats are invited to join us. Last year, we had 91 boats on the water. We expect to see even more boats competing on beautiful Kerr Lake this year. Join us for a terrific competition.

We encourage all participants to visit this web address to add your name to the Scratchsheet for this years event - <http://www.carolinasailingclub.org/events/regattas/govcup/govcup2004scratchsheet.htm>

Download the NOR from - <http://www.carolinasailingclub.org/events/regattas.htm#gc>

5 7/8's Isotopes Experience Spring Fever 2004, April 8-10.

The Isotope Fleet traveled to Lake Hartwell, GA to join around 80 other catamaran skippers from Colorado, New York, Florida and places in between to spend the weekend enjoying the red clay, yellow pollen, and unpredictable weather and winds of the 6th Annual Spring Fever Regatta. Spring Fever is one large catamaran camping party. The goal

is to have fun, and get lots of catamarans out on the water. Competitive and new, young and old, the skippers

were reminded at the competitors meeting that sailing is fun, settle it on the water, and look out for each other.

Walter Brier and John Riley were both able to free up their work

schedules to be able to sail on Friday, as did the majority of participants. Eric & Joleen Rasmussen and Kemp & Jackson Harris arrived between 6-7 on Friday night, with enough light to get the boats unloaded and the masts up, before hitting the tail end of the pizza party and the front end of the dancing. Front end in that after finishing up pizza, we crashed Walter's campsite.

Walter had a lovely point campsite, secluded from other campers. Too bad about the poker game one site over that



lasted 'til 11:00pm. Also, being on the point meant that we were right close to the bass boats that were heading out at 6:30 in the morning, just after the geese. John, however, was right next

to a trash can that was collecting beer bottles through much of Friday night.

For the last couple of years, I've heard about Spring Fever, how it is too cold, too windy, too light. This year held true to form. With six boats, the Isotopes and Chesire (14ft version of the 16ft Isotope, or 7/8ths), were a class starting with the Hobie 17 and Hobie 18 fleets. Jackson, sailing the Chesire, sailed with Isotopes rather than the Formula 14 and Hobie 16 thanks to an Isotope friend, Sam Evans, who thought to suggest it to

us. Jackson definitely wanted to sail with the Isotopes rather than the spinnaker sporting

Formula 14s. Friday's racing was hot and light. The boats hung out for about three hours, when Race Committee moved from the middle of the lake with no wind, into a cove with a bit of wind.



The race started in light, steady wind, but subsequently died, resulting in a shortened course. Walter has yet to learn to watch out for the S flag on a mark boat. Walter was third across the line for a first place finish. It was a hot day on the water. No one knew what to expect for Saturday. The winds on Saturday started promising, though shifty. The Formula 18s were the first start, the second start was Inter 20 and Inter 17s. The third start was the Formula 14 and Hobies who were caught slight off guard, as their class flag was numeral pennant 4. The Isotopes were the fourth to start. Half way through the first race the wind shifted 180 degrees, lightened, then freshened. At the point that it reversed direction, Joleen was just approaching the first windward mark. Joleen had the opportunity to approach that mark about 7 times, before finally making it around. Even though he was in the fourth start, Eric, on Isotope 42 was the first boat of any class to

finish in the first race on Saturday. After that, he hit a mark in every race.

With only two races on Saturday, and one on Friday, RC posted a schedule change to start the racing at 9:30 rather than 10:45. Sunday's weather forecast was a bit grim with storms promising. We parked the truck close to the tent, and took foul weather gear into the tent. We made an early night of it, and this time there was no poker game next door, and we were up before the geese went through. It had rained some during the night, but the morning was clear, and not as cold as Saturday morning. Even so, I still put on my wetsuit as I could always take the top portion off if I got too hot. Walter made a coffee and biscuit run, while Eric did some lace repair on my trampoline.

The first race started shortly after 9:30, and we were again the forth start. The winds were picking up and. on our upwind leg, we were on a close reach, hiked out, with the windward hull

just out of the water, sailing though the downwind fleet. It was neat. Had to think starboard, port, windward, leeward a fair amount.

The second race was a downwind start for the fourth start, and the winds began to die. I was last to reach the windward mark, though I stayed in clear air, and avoided the pinwheel mess at the mark. Last around the mark in the Isotope fleet, and in the lessening air, I decided to go the left side of the course, rather than the right as all the other boats, every single one in all the classes, had gone to the right. Also, the wind was slightly better on the left side. It was the longer leg, as the finish line was closed, but if the wind held on the left side, the gambit might pay off. It was a slow sail down the lake. I watched as the boats on the right side of the line bunched up in the middle of the downwind leg near the committee boat. I watched as I sailed past them on the other side of



the lake, the lone boat. I kept sailing for a while past the pin before I tried to jibe for the leeward mark. I jibed, and I stopped. I jibed back, and went a bit further, jibed again, and was able to sail to the leeward mark. I looked up the course, and couldn't spot any Isotope sails. I looked back, and saw that I was ahead of Kemp and Walter. Couldn't spot Eric or John. As I approached the finish line, I still could not find any Isotope sails ahead of me. I whooped as I crossed the line, thinking that I may have been first. Sure enough, the others were all behind me. The clear air gambit paid off.

The third race had Eric and I starting port, which a couple minutes before the start was the favored tack, but at the start, the winds were square to the line, so we sailed behind the starboard boats, ending in not so bad a position on the lake and at least in clear air.

In the last race, the winds had picked up a bit and John, on starboard, was T-boned

by a Hobie 18, on port. The Hobie hit John square on John's port shroud chainplate, twisting it a little bit. The two boats were hung up with John's shroud embedded six to eight inches deep into the bow of the Hobie for about half a minute. The Hobie was less fortunate and headed to shore rather than finishing that race as its bow looked like a can-opener had been used on it.

The good wind did not last the race. As I rounded the leeward mark, I passed Kemp to windward, on the layline to the pin. Alas, the winds died as I approached, and rather than tack away, as Kemp did, I pinched for the pin, and managed to nicely hit the pin. Kemp finished before I did. I rounded the pin to finish again, and was forced to

tack back to starboard due to the small pack of boats on starboard heading for the pin. I did another 360 and sailed a bit up the line before taking to starboard for my third shot at the finish



line. What a way to end the sailing.

For five of us, it was our first time at Spring Fever, and for four of us, it was our first time sailing with many other catamarans. For Jackson, it was his

first time racing as a skipper. We all had a terrific time, in spite of our mistakes and mishaps. I found the

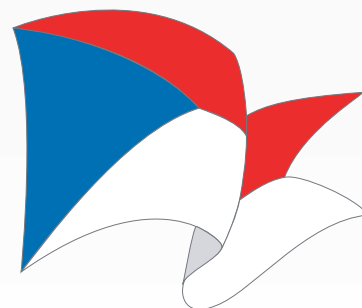
competitors helpful and considerate while looking out for each other. Scoring-wise, the top three boats in the Isotope fleet were only one point apart.. Every Isotope took a first this weekend. Since John was the only one with



two firsts, accompanied by two seconds and a third, he took first place. It was close and competitive in light and fluky wind conditions.

Isotope Class Standings:

- First –
John Riley
- Second -
Kemp Harris
- Third–
Eric Rasmussen
- Fourth –
Walter Brier
- Fifth –
Joleen Rasmussen
- Sixth –
Jackson Harris



You remember your first race.

You know the generous skipper who welcomed you on board and suffered your mistakes, your drive to improve and impress. So you can hear my nerves rattling recently, when John Pelosi finally invited me to crew at an out of town regatta -- the Potomac Cup, all the way up near DC.

I had heard legend of his district crew, Harold Broadwell and Clay Rumble, even met them briefly at the Borderline. But a couple weeks ago, for the April CSC race, Harold made the trek from Wendell to check out his future forward crew and see whether I could sail.

Test 1: passed. My invitation to the Potomac Cup was not revoked.

We left Friday afternoon with a cooler full of good beer and my stomach full of butterflies, excited! I suspected the highlight for these two was not so much the race, but the great Korean Barbeque John and Harold had stumbled into the previous year. How many times I'd watched

John drool as he recounted the meats, cooked in front of you, plus all those unique and plentiful appetizers that just kept coming. Henry and Avis Bridgers, along with their district crewmate Pat Terry, met us at that strip mall in northern Virginia, where sure enough, dinner surpassed all expectations.

I'm not sure I did the same on the water that weekend! I was just getting the jist of talking on the downwind leg, feeding my fellow crew all the information I could muster about other boats, when the Lightning on our hind quarter suddenly surged ahead several feet! "Looks like we're getting a puff," I warned, then "oh ----! The boat behind us just turtled!" Immediately, spray flew and so did we, planing off the water as Harold exclaimed in glee: "Tina, this is sailing!" Not for long.

Two broken masts and five capsized boats later, we wrung ourselves out on shore. A downpour and furious winds had forced us to douse the chute fast and let the jib

luff, whipping and snapping. To crawl onto the bow and lower the jib was too dangerous a risk in this weather, but to pull the blowing sail down flat by the sheets could have capsized us. Even at the dock, it took two people holding the boat and me fending off from inside it to prevent a crash. Needless to say, the race was abandoned for safety.

Talk about trial by fire! But I remember vividly when the squall first hit, my back against the main, leaning this way and that to balance the boat's pitches, all the while searching John and Harold's faces for clues of just how much trouble we were in. I see John's look of concern and Harold's seeming confidence, and I remember thanking God that I was with such an experienced and talented crew. You always want to learn from the best, but when the lessons are thrust upon you, it's nice to have teachers sharp enough to help you survive.

Tina Tenret

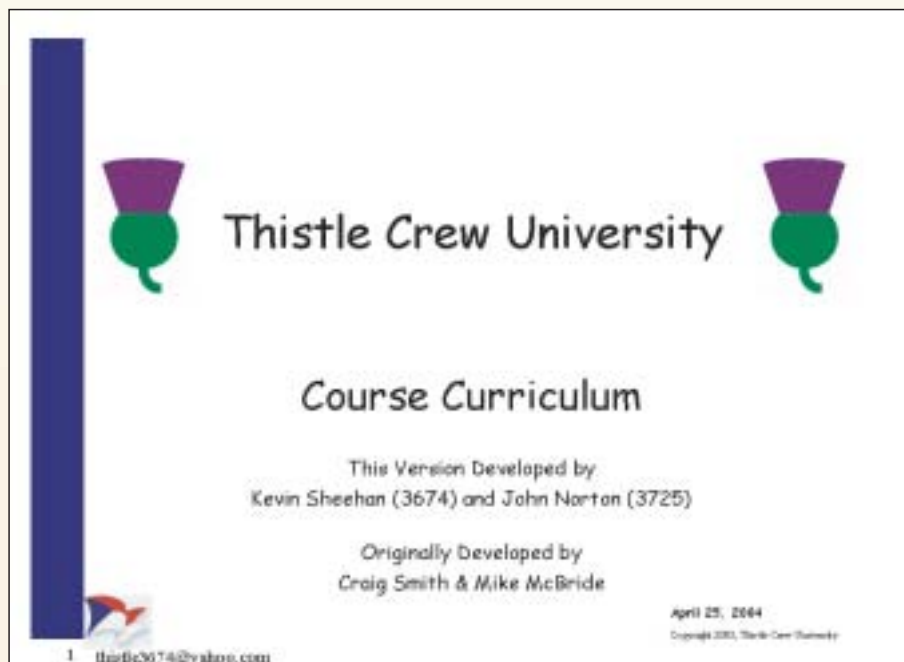


FORGET THE ONLINE DEGREE, GET THE ONLAKE DEGREE!

We had the first Thistle Crew University class Saturday April 24th at Lake Jordan. The formal, hands-on training class was held prior to the start of the Saturday informal racing series. Overall, the event was a great success! The course is conducted utilizing a fully-rigged, Thistle that was strapped to trailer in the parking lot. We ran through some basic fundamentals of sailing and racing, and then we actually performed hands-on simulated mark roundings and sail changes while rolling the boat and trailer around in the parking lot. Pretty

interesting and much more realistic than the standard classroom sessions..

We had 10 folks attend the class, and 6 of them went out sailing with Alan Backus, Flint O'Brien, and Kevin Sheehan (me) on our three Thistles. We were able to get in four very good and competitive races after spending about 1 hour on the course materials and hands-on training on a boat in the parking lot. We will be having another class in the near future so stay tuned to the newsletter for future announcements.

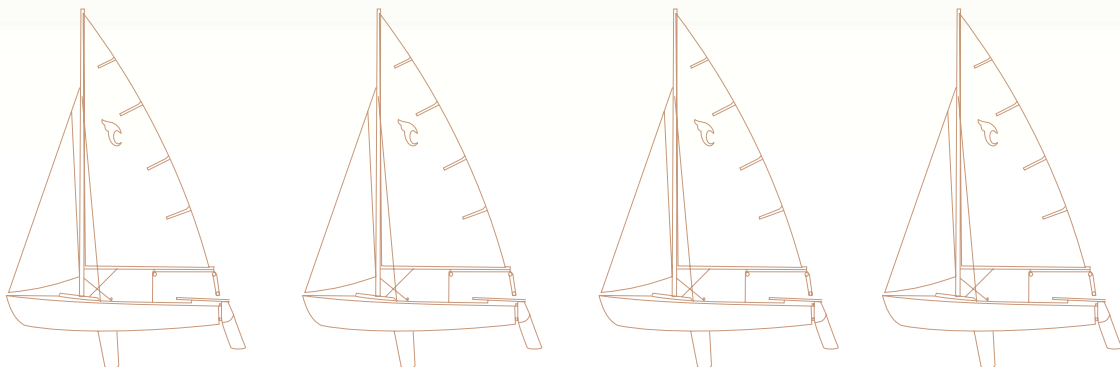


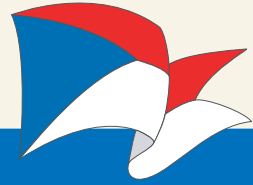
Tanzer 16 Racing Events In North Carolina

Please reference the following list of Tanzer 16 racing events in North Carolina. The activities sanctioned by the Tanzer 16 Class Association are summarized as follows:

- 05/22 **Tanzer Day @ Lake Jordan** (Fun Sail, Picnic, Boat Tuning Clinic, Party)
- 06/05-06 **NC State Championship @ Lake Townsend** with Mayor's Cup Regatta
- 06/19-20 **Governor's Cup Regatta @ Kerr Lake's Henderson Point**
- 07/10-11 **National Championship @ Oriental** with Oriental Sailing Social
- 08/07-08 **Mid-Atlantic District Championship @ Edenton Bay** Challenge
- 09/11-12 **Blackbeard Regatta @ New Bern**
- 10/09-10 **Indian Summer Regatta @ Lake Waccamaw**

The South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association will recognize the skipper with the best season score.





CSC Calendar - MAY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 CSC BOARD MEETING @ 7:15	7 MONTHLY SOCIAL @ OUT OF THE PARK 6:30	8 JORDAN SUMMER SERIES @ Vista Point
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 KERR LAKE SERIES @ Henderson Point
16 KERR LAKE SERIES @ Henderson Point	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29

