



Footnotes...

Commodore's Corner

Commodore: Steve O'Hagan

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Suppressing the strong urge to stuff him in a lobster trap and drop him in the water and even more forlornly we headed to the boat to go find an anchorage for the night. We stayed in one of the many Seal Harbors and it was beautiful. My daughter Colleen and I decided to explore in the dinghy before settling in for some spaghetti for dinner. The tide was low and as I looked in the water I saw hundreds of mussels within reach. Having already learned that they were edible I snatched up a few pounds. Well we ended up with the feast we hoped for and got to watch some seals popping their heads up above water.

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April Events

4/4 Wed. Warm up #3
4/7 1st Saturday Cruise
4/14 Wing Fling
4/15 3rd Sunday Cruise
4/22 Fair Winds #2
4/28 Around Alone Race
4/28-29 Boat Owners Overnight Cruise

May Events

5/5 Celtic Crossing
5/6 Fair Winds #3
5/12 Women's Skippers Race
5/19 Fair Winds #4

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Destinations

Cruising Captain: Lance Jones



Celtic Crossing! It's that time of year again. This year, Celtic Crossing will be held Saturday, May 5th. As it falls on May 5th, we'll call it **Cinco Mac Mayo!** Note Leprechaun with sombrero at right. As with last year's event, it will be a day long fun extravaganza! We'll have prizes for the best Celtic decorated boat, best Celtic song or dance, best Celtic spirit and the best MOB drill. A MOB drill? Yes, that stands for Mick Over Board. It is the Barefoot version of a Leprechaun toss.



As with last year's event, we will have a blessing of the fleet followed by the cruise to the marks. After the cruise is complete, the party will begin! We have Celtic Crossing Liqueur sponsoring us again so, if you were there last year, you know what that means! Lots to drink!!!! Food you ask? Our great friends at the Village Tavern have put together a feast fit for a Celtic King with Steak Pie, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Sherry Trifle for dessert! The Celtic band, **Póg**, will be playing again for us this year as will the **McLauchlan's**, **BorderCollies** and other Celtic musicians. Awards for the day's activities are being provided by Celtic Crossing Liqueur and LayLine.

Social Life

Social Captain: Kristina Luther

It's time to wish Old Man Winter farewell. The signs of spring are here—warmer weather, longer days, the beginning of Wednesday night racing...the layer of pollen on Lake Lanier. We have all sorts of great events planned for you as you get in the swing of spring.

Coming up in mid-April, we have the Wing Fling Potluck on Saturday, April 14th. The Wing Fling Potluck will be held at the Aqualand Pavilion beginning around 3:30 p.m. The Wing Fling party is held in conjunction with the graduation of our Learn to Sail program participants. This is a great opportunity to meet the Learn to Sail participants and welcome them to Barefoot Sailing. I'll be supplying a flock of tasty wings in various flavors. Please bring a potluck item to share for this event.

Also in April, I'll be hosting our after-race party for the Around Alone regatta on Saturday, April 28th. It's a great way to reconnect with your fellow sailors after your day of single-handed racing around the lake. We'll be grilling out for the event near X Dock. The after-race party will be \$5 per person.

In early May, join us for the Celtic Crossing on May 5th ('Cinco Mac Mayo'). This event is a lot of fun; you won't want to miss it! See Lance Jones' article in this month's newsletter for more details. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming events!

Race Rigged for Cruising

Lance Jones

What? Is this a joke? Whenever, I mention that I set my C-22 cruiser up to race; but, I use my boat to cruise, these where the responses I got.

Actually it isn't as weird as it seems. Many of your automobiles, while you don't race them, have features that were developed as a result of the influence of NASCAR, NHRA and the like. Why? It isn't because they want your car to race, it is because the solutions make sense. The new part or system may make your car or truck safer, more fuel efficient or handle better. The same is true of sailing.

I owned my cruising C-22 for a couple of years before I went out and built a racing C-22. However, I did crew on several other race C-22 racers such as Dennis Slaton's *Tar Baby* and Bob Scott's *Banshee*. What I saw on their boats made a lot of sense. Now to be honest, theirs are tuned to high state of readiness with ultra light halyards, sheets and other lines, Barney posts and Johnson bars.

So, why would I, a dedicated cruiser, want to set my boat up for racing even if I didn't intend to do any SERIOUS racing? The answer is... performance! Not the type you're thinking though.

As cruisers, we have all been in situations where we either needed to point a little higher to stay in a tight channel without having to tack several times; or, we are trying to beat a storm and have to get the most out of our boats to do so. This is where being rigged to race really comes in handy.

Many of us know that the C-22 is one of the best all round, smaller sailboats out there; but, it does have some shortfalls. Among the most notable is its heavy stern. One of the easiest ways to get that up farther out of the water is a light motor. Out of the question for a cruiser! So, let's move the crew forward instead. Many of us already sit forward in the cockpit when we are at the tiller anyway.

I moved my mainsheet forward on the boom so that it hangs free, just a bit aft of the companion way. It has the ability to be controlled from either forward or aft. One of the things I hated before this move was that sitting forward, I had to lean back to adjust the mainsheet AND the traveler. So, I added some turning blocks and new line to reach forward to near the winches. Now, when I come about, I let the headsail sheets free, and adjust the traveler almost in the same motion. So I have added performance (Moved weight forward) and comfort (No more leaning back) with these two modifications.

My other major modifications were to the sail controls. I added a Cunningham, adjustable boom vang and an adjustable out haul. The lines for these were run aft to the cockpit as well. Now, I can more precisely control the shape of my mainsail. I noticed an increased ability to hold closer to the wind and also handle more extreme wind conditions with these modifications. So in doing this, I am more likely to reach that next destination with fewer tacks and also handle more diverse wind conditions.

So far, most of my modifications were to help with the mainsail. My next modification has allowed me to get better performance from my headsail. This was accomplished with the addition of inboard headsail tracks. I added a two-foot section of one-inch T-track to the deck on each side that was centered on the aft cockpit bulkhead. It was placed as close to the side of the cabin as possible and still would allow the car to traverse the full length of the track. I am now able to bring my headsail in tighter which allows the boat to point better as well.

As you can see, all of these modifications are very simple. They do not take anything away from the basic purpose of my cruiser, which is...to cruise. However, they add so much to what the boat can do that it allows me to have a more enjoyable cruise.

I've always been one of those who believes that it is important to pay attention to what racers do or say. Since having my C-22, I've listened to some of the best such as Dick King, Dennis Slaton Winn Story, and the Brown family. They all have given me good advice that has made me a better sailor. While I'm still not a SERIOUS racer, I do think that their input makes my cruising, and my boat, better.

FOR SALE!

A new area for BFSC members to get rid of that junk in the trunk! BFSC Members can advertise their sailing gear that they have for sale, space permitting, free of charge. Non-members may advertise for \$5.00 per issue.

Assorted Blocks: Used fittings from salvaged C-22. Contact Lance (770) 330-4010

Beauty Salon: Kitty, at *Jewels Hair Salon* is offering their services at a 25% discount for Barefoot members. Call (404) 697-1067 to make your appointment today. You must mention you are a Barefoot Member and be able to do the secret handshake!

Boat: Allied Seawind "Sweet Piece". Sail #: 126 Contact Jan Griffith (404) 622-5157



BAREFOOT SAILING CLUB
2ND ANNUAL CELTIC CROSSING
MAY 5, 2007
“CINCO MACMAYO”

NOTICE OF EVENT

Come out and have fun in the Celtic Crossing this May 5, 2007. Come out and show the Lake Lanier sailing community who is or has the best Celtic Boat and Crew! Party with other sailors and have fun! Barefoot Sailing Club is the organizing authority for this Event. It will be structured similar to the 2006 Celtic Crossing. It is not a race; but, a fun, competitive cruising event. There will be a “Blessing of the Fleet” by the Celtic Patron Saint Churches. A Mardi Gras type parade of boats and the *Celtic Crossing* event itself. There will be several legs in the event. Judges boats will be stationed at three of the marks. At each Judges Station Entrants will be rated for Celtic Décor and Costume, Performance of a traditional Celtic Art, and Celtic Spirit. Prizes will be awarded in each category and a prize for Best Overall. Along the way, however boats may encounter a few surprises so be on your toes. Notice is hereby given that all participants, including spectators, officials, and support personnel, participate in this event solely at their own risk.

Rules

1. Normal rules of navigation apply. However, except for safety, they have been amended by the Celtic rule of order.

1. No rule, except for safety, will be strictly observed
2. Protests will have to be filed in either: Dublin, Ireland or Edinburgh, Scotland, in person, within 30 minutes of the event's end.

So here is how it's going to happen.

- Skippers get the designated course at the Skipper's meeting. The course will consist of marks on the lake in the Flowery Branch Bay and/or Chattahoochee Bay areas. At three marks the boat and crew will be judged on 1) Celtic Decoration and Costume of the Crew, 2) Performance of a traditional Celtic Art such as song, music and dance, and 3) Celtic Spirit. Celtic Spirit is left vague so as to encourage originality and creativity.
- There may also be a couple of surprise activities that will be a surprise! If you are aware of Celtic Nautical History, you will see what type sailor the Celts often produced! Be afraid! Be very afraid! And more importantly, be prepared for anything!
- A starting time will be given to each skipper at the Skippers Meeting. The starting time will be decided in a manner that will have all boats finish at about the same time to get to the party. A Staggered Start or variation of it may be used so bring your PHRF rating if you have one. Boats not attending the Skippers Meeting will be given a best guess start time on the water.

- The last mark will be the party. There you will be invited to take part in the Celtic festivities (Meal, if you paid for it, live music and other attractions).

Boats that are motoring:

- a. Boats that indicate they will motor at the Skipper's meeting will be assigned a "best guess" start time by the Event Committee.
- b. Boats that are motoring are not allowed to move clear ahead of any other boat participating in the event.
- c. Boats that start the event sailing and then change to motoring are required to motor back to a point where they will not be clear ahead of any participating sailing boat.

BE SAFE! HAVE FUN!

Entries

The Sailing Event is open to all auxiliary boats, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. It is a requirement that a person helm the boat. The power boats will have a similar, but, separate course.

Schedule of Event

10:00 AM SKIPPER'S MEETING at Aqualand Ship's Store parking lot Flowery Branch, Georgia
All entry forms and fees must be submitted to BFSC by May 1, 2007. You may enter after May 1st; however, meals and some items of the skipper's bag may not be available.

Noon Event Courses in Flowery Branch Bay near "R" mark on Lake Lanier

12:00 Blessing of the fleet

12:30 Parade of ships!

1:00 *Celtic Crossing* begins

4:00 All boats should be off the course

On Shore activities will be at the Pavilion at Aqualand starting no earlier than 4:00 PM. Direction will be available at the Skipper's Meeting.

Classes and Flags:

There will only be one class designated for this event: "Boats that are there to have fun." Flags, any Celtic flag will do!

Sailing Area

The On Water event will be in the Flowery Branch Bay and/or Chattahoochee Bay areas.

The Course

Courses will be designated by the event committee using permanent Corps, Lake Lanier Sailing Club marks, or temporary marks. Course will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

The Start

1. Event shall be started as described above.
2. Each boat shall have its own specific start time as described above. Start times for each boat will be obtained at the skipper's meeting.
3. The Starting Line is an imaginary line that extends no further than 20 yards and is perpendicular to the first mark. For a proper start, you must start within 20 yards of the proper side of the starting mark as indicated on the official course board.
4. Boats that are not starting should keep clear of the starting area as to not interfere with those that are starting.

5. All starts are based upon the honor system as no committee boat is usually available to keep an eye on start times. It is the responsibility of each skipper to synchronize his or her own starting watch with that of the official starting clock posted on the official course board at the skipper's meeting.

The Finish

The Finish Line is the Party. Sign in to show you made it.

Scoring

Boats will be scored on how well they reflect Celtic Traditions as described above.

Time Limit

Skippers must be at the party by 4:30. If they are not, you won't have as much to eat or drink!

Withdrawal

We hope you don't, but if you must, please still come and enjoy the companionship at the On Shore Party.

Protests

We are having fun. Protestor is required to provide the protested skipper with an appropriate refreshment at the On Shore Party. Please be safe.

Prizes

Prizes will be given for Celtic Décor and Costume, Performance of a Celtic Art Form, Celtic Spirit and MOB Drill (Mick Over Board). A Best Overall Prize will also be given. Due to the limited number of prizes, the winner of Best Overall will not be given any other prize even if one is deserved.

Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions, including any change to the schedule of event, shall be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

Trash

Any boat seen by the Event Committee throwing trash into the lake will be summarily flogged.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event. By their participation, any persons involved with this event acknowledge and agree with this provision.

Judged Events:

Best Decorated Boat

At this mark, boats will be judge on how well they are decorated to represent the Celtic traditions. In past events, boats had Celtic flags, shields, a fire breathing dragon and some had their crews dressed in traditional Celtic costumes.

Best Celtic Song or Dance

At this mark, the crew will perform either a Celtic Song or perform a Celtic dance. Some boats sang Danny Boy, When Irish Eyes are Shinning, or other more traditional Celtic tunes.

Best Celtic Spirit

This is a bit vague for a purpose. It allows the participant to be creative. We've had limericks recited and one boat played golf (A Scots game). All of these reflected Celtic spirit

Mick-Over-Board (MOB) Drill

A new event this year. When a boat crosses a start line, a Leprechaun will be tossed into the water wearing a PFD. The boat will be timed on how quickly they recover the Leprechaun. They then have to toss the Leprechaun into his pot o' gold that is located on the judge's boat. Points will be awarded for accuracy! Timing stops when the Leprechaun is picked up out of the water by the boat. You are not timed during your throw.

Best Over-all Boat.

The boat that best represents the Celtic world!

2nd Annual Celtic Crossing
Saturday, May 5, 2007
Skipper Information

(Name) (Home Phone)

(Street Address) (Work Phone)

(City) (State) (Zip) (E-mail address)

Boat Information

(Make/Type) (Length) (Sail #) (Reg number if a power boat)

Class

Sailboat _____
Powerboat _____

Are you willing to have your boat sponsored by an outside organization or person?

Yes ____ No ____

Are you willing to take visitors/sponsors on your boat?

Yes ____ No ____

Fees

Entry Fee Per Boat

Prior to May 1st \$10.00 X ____ After May 1st \$20 X ____ **TOTAL** _____

Includes Skippers Bag. (Skippers bag will include assorted samples from Castle Brands Liquors)

Meals only if reserved before May 1..... \$15.00 X ____

TOTAL _____

Please mail completed and signed form, along with a check (payable to **the Barefoot Sailing Club**) for the amount above to:

Lance Jones
5915 Nachoochee Trail
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

I understand that I am participating in the Celtic Crossing by my own choice and at my own risk. I alone am responsible for the seaworthiness of my boat, and my decision to participate is based solely on my own judgment of the conditions.

(Signature) (Date)

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