



APRIL 2021



Ahoy All-

Well I have to tell ya, life is starting to feel like it getting back to some kind of new normal. Hopefully you were at the last social and big vote that we had. If you were not able to attend, we had a blast! We had over 90 people at the event. Jen Estes did an amazing job! All the food was amazing and the room looked great! We did pass the budget and the vote to get rid of 2 of the Sailaway boats and get a new one. So we have had a lot of really exciting things going on! But wait there is more! We have a big crawfish boil and the Mayors Cup Regatta coming up! We have a full calendar and if you are looking to get plugged in or just wanting to volunteer just reach out. We would love to see everyone.

“If it's going to happen it's going to happen out there.”

-Eric Bechtel
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Good day, to all the people that stop and read the wind lines. I want to tell you that it's a good time to be in the Club. We are doing so much good it hurts. Thank you in advance to the members that came out to the social last week. It brought back the good times, and we need to thank Jen for all of her hard work that was put in for the setup and the food . OK down to the next good thing. REGATTA DAY!!!!!!! Below is the schedule for the event. We are also in need of volunteers for the event please reach out to me if you have time to help; there are very simple things to help with.

-Rodney Salazar
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Regatta Schedule

- **Friday April 30**
 1630–2000 - Late Registration at the Clubhouse plus launch assistance and boat slip assignments
- **Saturday, May 1, 2021**
 0730 - Complimentary Breakfast
 0800 - Registration Closes
 0930 - Skipper's Meeting
 1100 - First warning signal for race 1. (Additional races to follow)
 Lunch on the water; *(lunch is not provided, be sure to bring your own)*
 1730 - Refreshments, Silent, and Live Auction
 1800 - Dinner, and your favorite refreshments
 2000 - Silent Auction Closes
- **Sunday, May 2, 2021**
 1000 - First warning signal Additional races may follow. There are five races scheduled for the regatta
 1300 - No start warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday

The best thing ever is when John Martin Start the Regatta Day song.

*It's regatta day
 It's regatta day
 It's regatta day
 It's regatta day*

*Oh the merry bells keep
 ringing
 It's regatta day, today...*

*It's regatta day season
 Regatta day season*

*Oh whoop-de-doo
 Uh dickory dock
 Don't forget, to set your
 start watch
 Cause' exactly at, eleven
 o'clock*

*The regatta's gonna
 start!*

Written by: John Martin



Ahoy GSC members! The amount of people joining the club right now is so impressive. At the April monthly member meeting we handed out more burgees to new members than I've ever seen handed out in my time with the club. This is my favorite part of serving as First Rear Commodore. To all new members I say, welcome aboard friends! We're so happy to have you as part of the family. It was truly great to see so many new faces coming into the club and we can't wait to see everyone out on the water.



The big news right now is the Summer Sailing Seminar scheduled for Jun 5-6 and 12-13. Sailing Seminar is a sailing course held over two weekends where people can learn how to sail through a mix of practical and classroom instruction. The seats to the seminar are filling up fast and it's shaping up to be a great couple of weekends teaching people how to sail. What we need now most is volunteers to help to make the event amazing. The club is asking for anyone interested in volunteering their time to please do so. You can either reach out me personally at fristrearcommodore@grapevinesailing.org or register to volunteer on the website. Whether you're a boat owner or not there's a volunteer opportunity for everyone! If you're a boat owner, please sign up to take students out to learn how to sail. If you're not a boat owner, please help us to put on a great event. Many hands make light work and it's because of you all that this club is so strong and special.

-Asa James Potter
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Race Captain – A Great Start!

Spring Series started out with a fantastic turnout! We had 19 boats on the water, with another 8 that will be joining us during the series, for a total of 28 boats registered for the Spring Series! Our Race Committee managed to get a course set despite shifting winds. We were not daunted by the light winds, and everyone rose to the challenge of finding the [Cat's Paws](#) out on the lake!



Our introductory fleet came out to race as well, and it's not too late to join us. We have 5 boats in Fleet 7! Here's a quote from one of our participants: "Thanks to all of you for a great, no pressure experience today. It was truly enjoyable, and I can't wait until next time!" Don't miss out because racing seems like it is daunting, you can ease into racing, and have a great time doing it!

We have had some great training sessions on Zoom these past weeks. A huge thank you to Mike Lipari, our Education Chairman, and to Jerry Thompson who is a US Sailing National Judge and our Regional Race Officer. These training sessions have given both our new racers and advanced racers knowledge which will help them to get better starts, sail a faster course, and all in all have a great time on the racecourse.

As the weather warms up, many of our racers will be practicing on Wednesday and evenings. We will leave the dock at around 7pm, so if you would like to come out and practice, please contact your favorite skipper and see if they are going out. Practice includes basic sailing, as well as spinnaker flying and other more advanced sailing. I would encourage all skippers to post something on Facebook if they plan to go out and practice so that we can get an idea of who's out there, and hopefully everyone will invite other members so they can come out and see what fun racing can be!

Be sure to stay tuned to the GSC Website and Facebook pages and stay up to date on our activities. We will post our upcoming Fun Sailing, Racing, Regattas and Virtual Meetings on these pages. See you all soon!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Glenn Kimball, Hakuna Matata
RaceCaptainGSCTX@gmail.com



Hi!

Don't forget to register and get your tickets for the Crawfish Boil on April 17th.. Tickets will not be available at the door... visit the website at www.grapevinesailing.org and log in. You will not find a better deal for ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAWFISH! [REGISTER HERE](#)

Hopefully, by the time this is sent we will have seen many of you at the April social. Start planning for the May Social and Membership meeting. Scheduled for May 14th. We are going to do some Tex Mex so stay tuned for more information. Lots of opportunities coming up to socialize with your fellow members and potential

future members. With Mayor's Cup coming and the Seminar.. lots of chances to get to one the Lake and visit with old friends and new!



-Jen Estes
 Second Rear Commodore
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Dear friends,

I hope you are well and finding joy somewhere despite the winds being too high to sail the 22's very often right now. Thanks to those who have attended one of the 3 mandatory meetings we've hosted. There are still a handful of people who haven't attended one and won't be eligible to check out boats until this is taken care of.

We voted unanimously at our recent meeting to sell AWB and the Hunter and replace the pair with a single boat, so we're working on that. Our ideal boat would be a free excellent-condition Capri 22 fixed keel, so if you have a good lead on something that checks a couple of those boxes, please let Eric, John, or me know.

I'm looking forward to the Mayor's cup & sailing seminar, and hope to see you all there. Rodney is currently looking for volunteers to help with the Mayor's Cup (Apr 30-May 2). For those who can't make work parties due to work commitments, this could serve as a good substitute. If you

haven't attended a sailing seminar, I highly recommend it. You have limited time to sign up before the roster is full.

The club is forming a Risk Committee to research any ways we can limit risk to the club, with special interest in how SailAway is legally positioned. If you can offer service in this arena, we need your help! We have 2 members already identified, but need more!

As we look to the future of our monthly work parties, we want to start incorporating more learning opportunities. In May, Mike N will host a session on outboard motors. If you have special knowledge or experience you can contribute, please let John know as he will be heading up this part of the program!

May you be blessed going out and blessed coming in!

- Rowdy
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Kevin Moerbe

Passing the Budget is always a difficult and stressful time of year for the treasurer. I am happy to announce that we have passed the 2021 budget. Thank you all who were at the meeting or who voted by proxy. We look forward to making this year great for all of you members.

-Kevin Moerbe
TreasurerGSCTX@gmail.com



Hello all,

The Junior's 2021 season is off to a good start. We are continuing to practice and prepare for the Silly String Regatta which is currently scheduled for May 8-9. We are hosting this regatta, so any help on the water and on land would be greatly appreciated. We will be sending more information on volunteering soon, so stay tuned for more details.

Also, we are excited to announce our very first Junior Sailing Clinic! We will have classroom and on-water instruction led by Rod Favela on April 24th and 25th. This will be focused on Laser and

Opti racing skills.

Furthermore, we have been working hard on creating an even better summer camp experience in 2021. We have recently replaced our Pico sailboats with a fleet of new ZEST sailboats. Know someone who would be interested? Camp sign-up is now open. Please visit our website (sailgrapevine.com) for more details and help spread the word. Also, the Grapevine Sailing Club is generously continuing the 10% GSC member discount this year.

Hope to see you on the water soon!



The Grapevine Sailing Club was chartered in 1973 to sponsor and conduct sailing events for its members and to advance the sport of sailing to its fullest extent.

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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3
			7pm Unders tanding the Racing Rules of Sailing			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7pm Board Meeting	6pm Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing (What is New in 2021)	6pm Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing (What is New in 2021)	6pm Social and Membershi p Meeting	10am Sailaway Work Party 1pm Spring Series Races 5 and 6	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						1pm Crawfish Boil at the Pavilion
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						1pm Spring Series Races 7 and 8

May 2021

25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
						Mayor's Cup Regatta - Grapevine Sailing Club, 2500 Oak Grove Loop S #300, Grapevine, TX 76051, USA
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					1pm Spring Series Races 11 and 12 3:45pm Spri ng Series Awards Ceremony	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					8am Girls Got Guts	