



JULY 2021



Hello everyone!!!
I am back. I have been at sea for a long time now and I am happy to be back. There is so much going on right now and while I was gone. I owe a huge thank you to everyone on the board for stepping up and picking up my slack. We have a big event coming up, Wounded Warrior. I hope you get a chance to come out and get a chance to meet these heroes and spend some time on the water with them.



I am looking forward to seeing everyone and getting back to racing.

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

-Eric Bechtel
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Hey GSC members,

I hope that this wind lines finds you in good health and great spirits. We have had a great year so far. To recap a few great turns outs for Race, and for Mayors cup. The best turn out so far has been the Sailing Seminar. They were so many people that want to learn to sail. We tried our best to get the word out to sign up early. It was the largest Sailing Seminar to date, and I want to Thank Everyone that had a part in volunteering.

So if you're a skipper of a boat we encourage you to take some one new to sailing out. We have seen an increase in the Friday Socials, so there is no reason that you cannot find someone new to the club to take out. Plus this allows you to expand on your knowledge of sailing. With the advances in technology it's hard to stay on top of everything. We hope to see everyone out for the Wounded warrior sail July 17th. Check in is at 10am so don't be late. Even if you come out to say Thank You for Serving. We can always use members to help in greeting the veteran's, passing out water, and getting people to the correct boats.

See you on the water!

-Rodney Salazar
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Hello GSC members old and new!

The 2021 Sailing Seminar is officially in the books, and it was awesome to see so many new people fall in love with sailing. All said, we had 62 seminarians take the course and we are already seeing a big jump in membership numbers. It's a true testament to just how special the club is. I want to give a big shout out to all of the volunteers that made this event run smoothly. From the skippers who volunteered their time and boats (we had roughly 18 per day), to the people who helped with setup, lunches and everything in between. Everybody really stepped up to help put on a great seminar.

Three cheers for our instructors Mike Lipari, Chris Rousseau, John Rider and Julie Jacobs for putting together the curriculum and making the classroom portion engaging and educational. Lastly, I'd be remised if I didn't give a very special thanks to Jen Estes for all of the hard work with boat assignments (among countless other things), which is no easy task.

The first two days brought nice winds and the forecasted rain stayed away for some great sailing. The second weekend delivered little to no winds and some pretty high temps, but in classic GSC fashion we adapted and made the most of it. Many boats practiced anchoring in McPherson's Slough and several of us enjoyed a nice swim.

With the seminar behind me and some much-needed recovery, I am looking forward to continuing to grow our membership and provide some exciting educational opportunities throughout the remainder of the year. I'm honored to serve as your First Rear Commodore. See you all on the water!



-Asa James Potter
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Race Captain – Summer Race Series

The Summer Series is going strong with 28 boats registered! We are so excited to see such great participation in our Intro Fleet! Our racers are having a great time learning, and kudos to Skipper Bertrand of RX Sin for moving up to Fleet 5 and taking 2nd place in both first races of the season!

As I have mentioned before, many of our racers will be practicing on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Most boats 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 racing skills, spinnaker flying and other more advanced skills. I would like to encourage all skippers to

post a note on Facebook and shoot me an email, if you plan to go out.

We've had some wild wind for our summer racing! I thought I might share a little about the varying winds of Grapevine Lake as you never know what to expect. Just a few weeks ago we had winds lower than five or six knots, and the last week we have had winds steady at 15knots and gusts well over 20! What do you do about that? The answer is, adjust your sails accordingly.

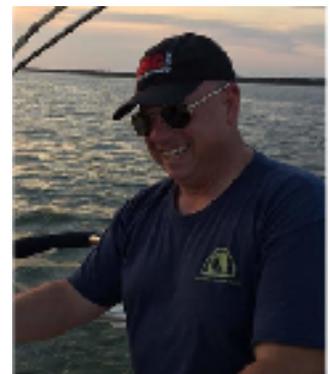
You might talk to some sailors who boast about not reefing their sails. Let me tell you, that is not wisdom there. Every sailboat is different, but one thing is certain, there is an optimum amount of heel (how far the boat should be tilting) and there is an optimum amount of force that the boat needs from the sails to get that proper heel and maximum speed. Be sure to research your boat, and know when to reef in the main, and when to put up less jib or a storm sail in high winds. You want to sail smart, and sailing overpowered just leads to your boat rounding up in the wind, lack of control, and not the best of speed.

So here's my advice, Reef Early, Reef Often, and Reef Deep! I believe that came from a seminar somewhere in my past, so I can't take credit for the wording, but believe me it is good advice. It is always easier to shake out a reef than it is to put it while under way.

I hope your summer is going great! 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!
all soon!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Glenn Kimball, Hakuna Matata
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Reminder, there is a membership meeting and social the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Please join us to visit, meet new members and take club business. And eat!! The club provides a main course, beer, wine, soda and waters. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. We will post The “theme “ on Facebook and the club website a few weeks ahead of time.



-Jen Estes
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Greetings Sailors!

Sailaway continues to add improvements to our program. Over the last month, we have digitized all of the past paperwork, and we are working with our software provider to enhance and automate our membership platform and check-ride status'. Many of you may know we've added a 2004 Catalina 22 Sport to our fleet, and we are in the process of getting her ready for a shakedown sail. We have a fantastic event coming up, The Wounded Warrior Sail. I hope you can join this wonderful cause, and I urge you to volunteer if you have the time and the means to do so. As a veteran, I appreciate celebrating our brothers and sisters that serve our country!

Fair winds Sailaway sailors! (under 20 knots 😊)

Be good or be good at it!

John W. Snelson II
Asst. Dir. Sailaway

Flag Etiquette

When is it proper to fly your nation's flag or ensign while racing? Well, there is no official RRS rule and nothing posted in the SI or NOR... If your sailboat is equipped, it may be flown while cruising to or from the racecourse, or while under power. It should not be flown during a race while you are under command of the Race Committee. If you retire early from the race and have notified the Race Committee, then flying the flag is appropriate to let the other racers on the course know that you are no longer racing for the day and will keep clear of those still engaged in racing.

The only national flags or codes you may see are with international regattas [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sail_codes] where the flag or code is on the mainsail.

All racing sailboats should keep a red protest flag handy [hoping you never need it] and any class or fleet flag is prescribed in the SI or NOR.

-- Keith MacDonald
Chief Engineer



Hello all,
The summer sailing camps are continuing to be successful. So far, we have had 3 two-week camps with around 35 participants per camp. Each camp is two weeks in length with Opti and Laser/420 race camps starting June 14th. These camps are a great way to introduce area children to sailing, many of whom have already expressed interest in the junior sailing team. So far this year, we have had a record number of camp participants

express interest in the Junior Sailing Team.

Camps are full for the rest of the summer, but registration for next summer will be open in early Spring 2022.

The Junior Sailing Team had four participants practice on a J22 and participate in the Sears Cup qualifier for the Junior J22 National Championship. The J22 race was held in Austin earlier this month and included our Grapevine Junior Sailing Team who raced against two boats from the Austin Yacht Club Junior Sailing Team.

The Grapevine Junior Sailing Team presented a formidable challenge, but did not qualify for the National Competition. Our team included Ashton Pigulski, Jake Rice, Caleb Schuanaman, and Julia Moore.

This event would not have been possible without the support and coaching of John Martin and Bob Scott and the practice on their J22 boats.



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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July 2021						
27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3
						5pm Raft Up at McPherson's Slough
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7pm Board Meeting				6pm Social and Membership Meeting	8:30am Sailaway Work Party 6pm Summer Series Races 3 and 4 8pm Summer Series After Party - Middle Finger Pavilion
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						Wounded Warrior
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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August 2021

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