

LKSC NEWSLETTER



The Newsletter of the Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club

Time Sensitive Articles:

- Word from Commodore page 1
- Fun Events Calendar page 2
- Grateful Red Trans-Atlantic Voyage page 3

Word from the Commodore

The first day of summer is almost upon us. There have been some excellent races already this season. A few gatherings at Alan's after the race gives everyone a chance to reflect on what they should have done better during the race. Also, it's a great opportunity to socialize with folks of similar interest. I encourage everyone to participate in our regular Thursday and Sunday races. You can come out to be very competitive or take a more relaxing approach. It doesn't matter which you choose to do. The main idea is to

have fun and enjoy sailing. In addition to regular races we have fun races and socials all during the summer months.

On June 20th we are having the 2 man race, so all boats need crew! If you are interested in crewing this is a great opportunity for you to get on a boat! Visit the website to express your interest in crewing and finding a boat needing crew.

Please check our website for dates and times.

See you on the Water!

Jim Gray
Jim Gray, Commodore

LKSC Summer Socials typically at 5pm after the race

June 20

- Steve Grant & Bob Arndt

July 11

- Alan Carlson 1-5 pm

August 23

- Ray & Rob Sherman

September 20

- Need a Volunteer



2008 LKSC Sailors starting the tacking contest at the LKSC Rodeo

2009 Race Season Begins

2009 event photos



The LKSC got off to a great start May 24th with our Fun Races every Thursday Night at 6:30 pm and our Sunday afternoon races at 3pm.

We also offer Fun Events each month. Please check our LKSC website for more information.

FUN Events Calendar:

June 20	2 man race
July 5	Tip over drill
July 11	Social at Alan Carlson's
July 18	Pirate Race
August 15	Sail Around
Sept 12	Rodeo Race
Oct 10	MC Slalom



REMEMBER to sign up for Committee Boat!!!

We need every member to do committee boat this summer so we can keep having Thursday and Sunday races.

Channel 72 on VHF Radios

Tune your radio to frequency **72** during races to communicate with the Committee Boat.

Most of us were able to purchase radios from West Marine last year at a group discount. If you don't have a radio and would like one, talk to Alan Carlson about our West Marine discount.

Lake Kegonsa Water Clarity

Did you notice how clear Lake Kegonsa was this year last month? Reports of up to 17 feet visibility from secchi disk readings were taken this year before lake turnover. That's a huge improvement over previous years. But we hope you were able to enjoy seeing the bottom of the lake from the end of your pier or when sailing!

Now of course the lake has turned over and the algal blooms are back and they seem worst than ever! With the Phosphorus ban in fertilizer we hope to see continued improvement in future lake clarity especially in the spring.

Is your Sailboat Registered??

Last Thursday, June 11, during our race, the DNR wardens stopped and gave tickets to boat owners without current registrations. REMEMBER all boats over 12 feet must have a current registration with the DNR. After the wardens stopped our regatta, they went to all the piers and checked fishing licenses...they checked fisherman on their pier at 9 pm!

So please take the time to make sure you have an up to date registration for your sailboat, the '09 registrations expire on March 31st, and so you may think its current when it's not, especially on your newly purchased or borrowed sailboat. The wardens stopped our boats in the middle of a Sunday race last year, so PLEASE don't let this happen to you!

Grateful Red sails across the Atlantic

The first leg of three across the Atlantic Ocean has been completed by Skipper Ken Johnson and his crew on the Grateful Red. They set sail in the Charleston, South Carolina to Bermuda Regatta on Friday May 29th and came in 3rd in the race. This is 770 nautical miles. They had a tracking device on board so that you could follow their location during the voyage. The first day they covered 220-240 nautical miles, great sailing with favorable winds and currents. They had one squall. The rest of the regatta was in light air. They were very excited to see an Atlantic Right Whale, since there are very few left on the planet!

The second leg of the sail began on Tuesday June 9th from Bermuda to the Azores, which may be the longest leg at 1900 nautical miles. They are expecting to take three weeks for this leg of the voyage. Ken's crew for this part will be Jack Yoes and Curtis Burgess.

The Azores are off the coast of Portugal. The third and final leg is from the Azores to Amsterdam.



Here's a photo of Jack Yoes, Ken Johnson, Curtis Burgess, Bridgette Wiefeling and Mark Schiesser sitting on Grateful Red's deck after the Charleston-Bermuda Regatta.

Ken's crew was hosted by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. This photo is of the 3rd place win by skipper Ken Johnson, and crew Jack Yoes and Curtis Burgess.



Ken has leased a transponder for the next 3 months so we can continue to track their voyage on www.iboattrack.com -- look under the "Cruisers" section for Grateful Red or the link below should take you directly to the page-- looks like they are still traveling slow (3.3 kts) but faster than they did on a lot of the first leg:

http://charthorizon.com/m/cz/map?vessels=Grateful_Red&history=TransAtlantic-Europe&vscope=all

Kristine Fauerbach is keeping a blog of the Grateful Red Adventure and she has posted about the time in Bermuda including some pictures:

<http://gratefulred42.blogspot.com/>

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=32.9095,-63.9239&ie=UTF8&z=12&om=1>



Grateful Red



3rd Place Trophy



Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club

P.O. Box 75
Stoughton, WI 53589

E-MAIL:
lksc@lksc.org



We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.lksc.org

Meet your LKSC 2009 LKSC 2008 Board of Directors

Jim Gray – Commodore	jim@lksc.org
Ray Sherman – Vice Commodore & Social Chairperson	ray@lksc.org
Susan Sylvester – Secretary/Treasurer	susan@lksc.org
Steve Grant – Scribe, Race & Regatta Chairperson	steve@lksc.org
Alan Carlson – Webmaster	alan@lksc.org

Membership

Membership to the Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club is open to anyone that has an interest in sailing.

Annual dues for 2009 are \$40 for a family

membership, \$30 for a single membership, and \$10 for a single child membership.

The application for membership is on our web

site, www.lksc.org.

Current members can renew at any of our meetings or by sending a check to LKSC, P.O. Box 75, Stoughton, WI 53589.

**LAKE KEGONSA
SAILING CLUB**
P.O. Box 75
Stoughton, WI 53589



**COMPANY NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, ST 22134**

