

The Happy New Year Sheet

January 2018

December's Tip of the Month: Celebrate the great SC weather

We are fantastically lucky to enjoy the mild temperatures of our state! Last week was shorts and sweat shirt sailing weather.....let's make sure we enjoy it!

Oh, how quick Mother Nature can turn on you!!

January's Tip of the Month: Wear clothes that will keep you warm from head to toe!

I don't know anyone who is a great fan of sailing when it's colder than 40f! Sailing last weekend reminded me of a cold weather sail early in my adventures on the water. I was foredeck crewing in the Hot Ruddered Bum (something like that any way!) regatta on Lake Lanier and it was blowing 10-15 with higher gusts. I had my new fancy foulies to keep the wind and snow flurries from bothering me but I hadn't invested in sailing boots yet.....who needs them in the south? Well I got a wet foot in an almost knock down and my tennis shoes were not adequate! A blustery fun sail turn into misery and I couldn't get to the Hot Buttered Rum(or Taco Mac) quick enough!

Dress right and these cooler days can be fun and adventurous!!

Club Events

The Iced Tea Challenge November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

At a risk of getting my Southern Passport revoked let me just say I am not a fan of Iced Tea so I am OK with other pleasurable beverages being substituted in this Challenge! There are numerous hostilities around the lake and your challenge is to get an iced tea at as many as possible! There will be a prize. We will organize some sails to meet these objectives but feel free to set up your own adventures! **We will be sailing for more iced tea on January 13-14, 2018. Let me know if you want to join in!**

Trivia Tuesday, January 16, 2017 6:45 meet for 7:00 pm game

It's been a while, but we can't sail in the evenings over the cooler months so let's get together for something more trivial! We are going to try a different location, Bistro on the Boulevard. <http://www.bistroontheblvd.com/home.aspx> 1085 Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo, SC 29063 All are welcome, Happy Sails Club members and friends! Let me know if you are coming for table size selection!

How High Are Those Wires? Sunday, January 22, Noon-5:00pm

Everybody asks how high the wires at Little Gap are and we do not have a definitive answer until now! We will take 2 boats including one Capri 22 and park the Capri under the wires. The other boat will take pictures from a distance and with a little math we should get a reasonable estimate of the height of the wires. We know a Catalina 30 tall rig and a Hunter 340 will go under them so parking a Capri 22 under them is not as crazy as it sounds! Member and guest event. This could be a great kids project sail? Gps coordinates(Lat and Long) to work distance and angles and heights oh my!

Virgin Islands Discussion, Wednesday, February 28th, In Town?

Between now and the trip in July we will have various meetings and discussions about where to go, what to see, what to eat where to dock vs where to anchor. We invite everyone to come and listen, interject, and suggest; whether you are coming on the trip or not!

Just Past Happy Hour Full Moon Sail, March 2, 2018 6-9pm

Member and guest event.

Blue Moon Sail, March 31, 2018 6:30-9:30pm

Member and guest event.

Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower, May 6-7

One of the Strongest Meteor showers of the year!! We will leave the dock at 11:00pm and return around sunrise! This year the meteor show will roughly correspond with Jupiter being relatively close by!