

International Boardsailing Club of Charlotte (I Be Sailing 'Cause Its Cranking), IBSCC Newsletter

December 2000 Issue

Season's Greetings IBSCC members:

The newsletter for this month is electronic format as the club is still in need of an editor, so meanwhile we will use E mail. You will find this second issue as lean on information as the first (we, the club officers, have received only sparse contributions), so do not delay in providing articles, events, classified ads, etc. that you would like to share with other club members. Current plans are to consolidate the electronic issues into a quarterly printed issue for mailing out by US mail.

Meanwhile, we encourage all of those who went on the Fall Club Trip to The Outer Banks, a sailing trip anywhere, or your own experiences right here in Charlotte to submit an article for printing. Surely there is something out there some of you have that is worth sharing with other club members.

Please E mail to Alan White at alannc44@ix.netcom.com, or me at reid.watson@d-fd.com, or Matt Pierce at matnew@netzero.net.

Matt Pierce has recently volunteered to pull together the 2001 electronic newsletters. Matt is a Windsurfing Rookie with a mission. Just having to began the sport this past summer, Matt was out with the best of the "Hard Core Sailors" this past Sunday, 12/17/00, in mid 40 (dropping to the mid 30) temps and winds with gust that matched the temperature values. Matt is also an airline pilot for US Airways, so air time for him is just another day in the office, ...er cockpit. On behalf of the club, thank you, Matt in advance for your efforts (and this issue's articles) in the upcoming newsletters.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Holidays and lots of wind (we all hope).

Club Trips:

FALL 2001 - HATTERAS

From Dimitri:

During the second week of January we have to come up with half the rent for the Knockout (fall vacation). As before, there will be a "first pay first get the spot" policy for club members. The trip fees will stay the same @\$150 per person. Therefore if you plan to go, then send your check to:

Dimitri Pourlos
6849 Fairview Road
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The dates for the Fall windsurfing trip are: OCTOBER 6-13 at KNOCKOUT. The house has been reserved already, and we have to pay half the rent by the first week of January. I realize it is a long way until October but if we want to continue reserving top houses, we have to act fast.

NOTE: Reservations open to all paid up club members - Send your \$10 to renew your membership and keep opportunities for reasonable club trips to Hatteras and other places (See renewal form below).

SPRING 2001 - Open to suggestions. No house reserved at Hatteras. Anyone interested should contact Dimitri at dpou246@aol.com

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New Links for Web Cam(s)

From Alan:

The club's website, <http://www.ibscc.org> has received some tangential publicity recently. Hatteras Island Surf Shop, who coordinated the recent Hatteras Island Championships, linked their website to one of our pages: <http://www.ibscc.org/video.htm>. The purpose was to have customers and interested parties to the Hatteras Island Wave Contest be able to view some of the wave sailing action from the contest last month. For the tech-heads out there, I used Dazzle software to digitize the analog video clips. Check 'em out!

I've put up several new, unannounced links on the homepage. One of the newer links is a live cam located at Station 29 on Sullivan's Island, S.C. The camera apparently uploads new images every 15 seconds. The IBSCC can have the same camera installed here at Lake Norman! The initial cost would be \$400 dollars to buy the camera and software. Additional costs might possibly be borne by me, as I would volunteer my blue house, on Norman Island, as the site where the camera would be located. (Unless you know of another volunteer). I also plan to have a cable connection installed soon. The camera would be mounted on my pier. It would probably face South, and, since my cove runs SE-NW, the optimal directions for viewing 'white caps' would be whenever the wind blows from the Southeast-South-Southwest-West-Northwest. I'm afraid Northeast-North winds viewing would be lacking.

Remember, the IBSCC website is yours too! If there is a link you would like to have put on the page let me know. Links are as good as bookmarks, especially if you are out of town often.

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Sailing Equipment Tip (for cold weather):

One of the latest successful techniques for comfort while sailing in the brutal temperatures of the NC winter is to use a muscle rub such as Ben Gay or Eckerd's brand Icy-Hot on your toes inside of neoprene boots. Not only will your toes stay toasty, but the boots will slide off much easier due to the lubrication of the ointment. Unfortunately, this slippery aspect also makes it less desirable for using inside full fingered gloves. I have heard that one can rub the ointment on the hands and let the skin soak it in for a few minutes and then wash/wipe the hands to eliminate the slippery excess. The amount absorbed by the skin is enough to make a difference on those brutally cold days when the hands are the first to go numb. I would also recommend using a glove that allows very little water in-leakage for best results. If this year's trend keeps up, and we only get wind when it is really cold, I make try this first hand under the rubber "Blue-ets" gloves I used a few years ago that I picked up at the local hardware store(Myers Park for those who would like to try it - about \$5 a pair.) These gloves designed to prevent scalding the hands for use in hot liquids are durable rubber, pre-curved shape, non-slip palm texture (don't wash your car with these - they will dull the paint if rubbed), and a lightweight cotton liner inside the 1 mm synthetic rubber outer layer...Oh yeah, they are blue. Also use a velcro wrist cinch or tuck the glove under the dry suit cuff to reduce in-leakage.

Always in search of warmer accessories,

Diana and Reid

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Lesson Learned:

At Ramsey Creek this past Sunday, the wind was blowing SW at 15 with gusts over 30. While rigging, I had to walk to my car to retrieve my fin. I had already rigged my 4.7 sail, so I placed my slalom board on top of my sail with the board between the sail and boom. I have done this before and thought it was safe from blowing away. Unfortunately it wasn't:

As soon as I got to my car, a big gust of wind hit, and both the board and the sail went flying towards the parking lot. I really lucked-out this time since the board and sail received only minor injuries, and there were no cars in the way. It could have been much worse with people or vehicles around. I guess that's one advantage when it is 35 degrees.

Since then, I have learned the best way to leave your board and sail if you have to walk away from them is to leave them connected with the board upside down resting on the base of the sail and to point the board into the wind. If the wind is really strong you may want to use your out-haul to tie it down to a picnic table or other object.

Hope someone learns from my mistake.

-Matt Pierce

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Sailing Reports for Sunday, Dec. 17th:

From Matt:

The wind at Ramsey was very gusty from the southwest. It varied from 2 to 30 mph in the cove, but was pretty good once in the clear. I was sailing on a 4.7 but switched to a 5.3 because I was having trouble water starting with the 4.7. The temperature was around 35 degrees. I was surprised that there were 3 other sailors at Ramsey and at least 3 at Blythe. Something I tried this time ? I was wearing a shorty underneath my semi-drysuit. I'm sure the pros would say that adds too much weight, but I was definitely warm enough. It's good to see the cold weather didn't scare everyone off.

From (Colorful) Dimitri:

What a day on Sunday 8am -4pm with some breaks between . Chet was at the lake at 6am and Dave S. at 7 am. Saturday morning was warm around 50 deg. and it started cooling all the way to 38 by 4 pm. I guess the water from the power plant keeps it a few degrees warmer . I began with the Roberts 8.6 and 4.7 sail for the SW winds until the clouds came . The wind went W-NW so we headed over at Alan's. There I used my W.O. and the 4.7 and I had a blast. The board is great. Very smooth in severe chop and jibes like a dream. It reminded me the Gorge animal by the way it stayed on the water. Should I mention the colors !!!!!!! Red , yellow and black board with a red and black sail . Absolutely a dream. It is quite fast with wind. It planed up a bit slower than Alan's 8.6 Fox, but I expected that since my board is a 8.2 . Alan tried it and he really liked it. I am ready to go again. This is a true heavy wind board. Did I mention the colors?

Members on the move:

Chris and Irene Cage are now residing in England. They moved there about 6 months ago, so the International thread in the club is still running strong. We hope to have a first hand report from Chris soon, so stay tuned.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Boards: BRAND NEW 1999 Flow 276's (2) \$525.00

Sails/masts combo: NEW 2000 8.8 Aerotech VMG and Powerex 520 Z-Speed 100%
List Price \$1,200.00 Both for \$680.00

Mast: NEW Powerex 430 Z-Axis Wave 40% \$150.00

Sail: 1989 Naish Nalu 4.25 Good condition \$100.00

Contact: Bob Stern
Windsurfing Charlotte
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1998 Custom Explosion 295 (295 cm or 9'-7" , 130 L). This Custom board is lightweight construction with carbon content. Excellent condition and perfect for lake sailing with 5.5 to 8.5 sail sizes. Complete with 17" stock Mistral fin, footstraps, foot pads, and board bag. Asking \$600. Contact Dale Bartlett at: jdbartle@dukeengineering.com, or call Reid Watson at 426-2922 (work), 347-8959 (home) to see board.

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BOARD

Roberts 8'-10" Slalom: High Wind design, 1998 model, excellent condition, Tuttle box. Da Kine Straps, pads, and G-10 fin included. \$450 OBO. Can be seen at the RIDE shop in Avon, NC.

MAST EXTENSION / BASE

Chinook Mast Extension, Tall Carbon, 48 cm (16") extension, 8:1 down haul. New condition. \$68.

Chinook Mast Base, single bolt, streamline tendon joint. New condition. \$48

FINS - G-10 and Carbon

Carbon: 44 cm (17.3") Curtis carbon fin. Tuttle base in excellent condition: \$75. Can be seen at the RIDE shop in Avon.

G-10: 12.25" True Ames, Tear Drop, G-10, Tuttle Base, excellent condition: \$75 OBO

Contact: Reid Watson 704-426-2922 (work) or Diana Watson 704-347-8959 (home) or VAIL8080@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of the year again - dues are due now and past due 1/1/2 001.