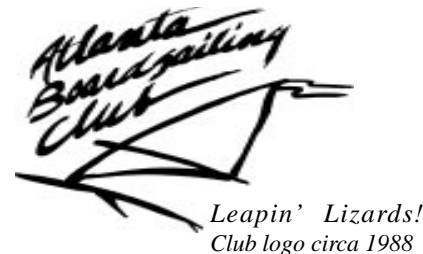


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Welcome to Our New Members

As you may notice from the new member notice on page 6, our Learn to Windsurf Clinic has swelled our ranks with new members and we hope you will remain with us after your three month trial membership. We welcome you all and wish to introduce you to our club.

First and foremost, don't take our newsletter too seriously. We don't. It's meant to be fun and we often poke fun at ourselves in the process. Nothing mean but always something to smile about. And that is probably a good introduction to the club itself. All of us enjoy windsurfing and the people who do it but we don't take it too seriously either. As former prez, Glenn Tanner, once put it, it's about fun.

For some of us the fun is the speed and thrills of a high wind day when you can't believe the grins per hour. For others its gliding along on a warm summer's day with a gentle breeze tugging at the sail. Some of us like competing and others would never spend a moment measuring themselves by how someone else is doing.

Okay, so some of that first experience may not have been totally thrilling. As adults, most of us aren't often faced with a new challenge that makes us start at point zero. (Kids are and that's why they seem to learn so fast.) But in the end, that's the joy. If you want, you can always continue to learn and improve. Yeah, other sports offer that but the difference here is that if you make a mistake, all you get is wet not a body cast. But it seemed that all of you were able to hold the sail in and go.

Think about it. Before you

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Club Under Hazing Allegations GBI, Dept. of Justice to Investigate

ACLU Files Suit

By Bob Windward and Carl Boardstein

The Atlanta Boardsailing Club once again was put under the pall of scandal and controversy as major allegations of hazing surfaced after the club's recent Learn to Windsurf Clinic. Our investigative reporters citing undisclosed sources within the ranks of law enforcement say that upwards of 20 un-

suspecting adults were forced to stand on unstable pieces of plastic, clutching at flimsy epoxy and cloth for support only to be dropped into the dark and turbulent waters of deep Lake Lanier. These victims were lured to the event under the pretext of a picnic and the promise of instruction in boardsailing but instead spent a day of fun, friendship and discovery.

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Gregg demonstrates to an attentive group of new windsurfers. Photo- C. Voith

"Get Back, Bucko"

New "100 Ft." Rule in Force for Personal Watercraft

by Wake N. Deface

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has a new weapon in its arsenal to keep our waterways safe. A new regulation restricts the operation

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July Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 pm at Virginia Ave. Volleyball Courts. Located on Va. Ave. halfway between Va. Highlands and Piedmont Park (Monroe Dr.) in Midtown Atlanta. These are sand courts so bring your bare feet and a picnic dinner. Questions? Call William at 404-237-1431 or Ed at 404-266-3572

Inside: Atlanta Site Guide* A Deal at \$3750* Girl Scout W'surfers *Want to Share Gear?* Hatteras Visited *For Sail

Welcome.... from front page and us

came, the idea of standing on a piece of plastic and gliding on the water was probably improbable if not preposterous. Yet, there you were, scooting along thinking, "Hey, I'm going!"

And yes, some of you were thinking (and even saying), "Gosh, this is so embarrassing. I'm falling and all these experienced sailors are watching. They must be fed up by now or surely thinking I'm the biggest oaf they've ever seen."

No, you aren't the biggest oaf. You should have seen us learn! Many of us didn't have the benefit of a patient teacher like a Gregg or Chris. No, we flailed and cursed, bruised and cursed, and cried and cursed. This being a family newsletter, let's leave it at that. That's why all those experienced sailors were out there. We want you to learn in a safe and supportive manner. We want you to enjoy the sport we know and love. We love teaching. If you think it was a thrill pulling in the sail and sailing along, it's even more of a thrill for us to watch you do it.

We printed recently an article from another club talking about how so many "beginners" measure themselves by looking at someone who has spent more time on the water. The wise writer encouraged that the only measuring stick is your own fun factor. As long as you are having fun, you are going in the right direction. As well, don't think of yourself as a "beginner" but an "up and comer". We all are in a way. We've been where you are and someday you'll be helping someone else to learn.

In the meantime, avail yourself to the club and its greatest resource- a bunch of really nice people. Take advantage of it if you ever have a question, concern or idea, let us know.

Send It In

Yes, we want your articles, thoughts, photos, complaints and stories. This is your newsletter. Mail it to the PO Box, send a floppy, email it or fax it. Doesn't matter. Call 404-237-1431 for details or fragakis@mindspring.com

Jobs We Should Have Had in College Dept.

My Life As An Instructor At Girl Scout Camp

We received the following post from Josh Hope:

Ahhhh, it feels good to be wired up again. I had to send my trusty Powerbook to Apple for serious display repairs. They fixed it, no charge, and fedexed it back in two days at their expense. Ya gotta love that.

Anyways, on to the meat of the matter. My father is a sailing instructor at the *Lanier Sailing Academy* teaching up through basic bareboating. This spring he had a student named Connie Polk who is the director for Camp Pine Acres, a Girl Scout camp on Lake Allatoona. She mentioned that they have a few sailboards at the camp but don't know how to use them. My father gave her my number and told her that I used to teach windsurfing. She called me and we worked out a deal for me to come out and teach windsurfing to some camp counselors.

I took the day off from work, loaded up my board and headed to the camp. They have three adult boards (including the O'Brien they bought from your referral) and about six smaller boards and rigs. I spent the day teaching six counselors ages 17 to 22. Three were from Georgia, one was from New

Mexico, one from England and one from Australia. Four had taken a basic sailing class the day before and the others had no sailing experience at all.

We went through basic sailing and boardsailing theory and rigging, did a little dry land simulation and hit the water. We had two of the adult boards rigged and in the water with one person on each. The others floated on boards while I paddled around on a board with a kayak paddle. We had a sunny day but not much wind to speak of. After about an hour we broke for lunch.

After lunch we continued to work on the basics of uphauling the rig and positioning the board. By the end of the day all six girls were able to get the sail up, get the board moving and maneuver the board to a fair degree. This included one counselor who didn't like being in water where she could not see the bottom. Welcome to Georgia.

We all had a great time. It was a lot of fun to see the girls get excited about a new experience. I encouraged them to stick with it and practice throughout the summer when they could. All in all it was a far sight better than a day in the office.

Flash! Reggae Regatta Results

reported by Gregg Cattanach

The Lake Lanier Sailing Club's Reggae Regatta was held on June 28-29. This year's event was blessed with a modest Northeast wind, enough that harnesses were used on the upwind legs. The mild temperatures and gentle breezes provided a good backdrop for summer racing. Quite a few ABC members also participated as either skipper or crew in other classes as well. I hope they had fun JUST SITTING there. (Just kidding...). The windsurfers had a good time with aggressive starts, tight races and long courses.

1. Gregg Cattanach- US 625
2. Dan Burch- US ATL 96
3. Scott Spreen- USA GA3
4. Chris Voith- USA 818
5. Franz Halaschek- US 15
6. William Fragakis- 2
7. Glenn Tanner- GT3
8. Steve Schmidt- US 987

Web Notes

If you are using newer versions of Netscape's (>2.0) or Microsoft's (3.0) browsers, we've been putting up some Javascript enhancements: This month's calendar appears via the Events page and the FAQs page has a handy calculator. www.commandcorp.com/atlanta.windsurf/



“What Really Goes on at Learn to Windsurf Clinics”

A Play in Four Parts by the ABC Actors Guild

Gosh, he's handsome... too bad he doesn't jetski...

Okay, and remember that as you fall, form is very important. POINT THE TOES! Now, do we have a volunteer for the simulator?

Grab the mast and bring it to the vertical position using the up-haul while keeping the feet on the center-

I knew I should have been paying attention. When does this thing I'm holding go boom? I see a kneeboard over there.... I bet those are real fun...



And see, at this point you are sailing... Nothing to it...

Hey, this isn't as hard as it looks. I wonder how fast you can go on one of these things?

Great, now you have it. Now all you have to worry about is spending the next 5 years learning how to do a planing jibe*

Now for a forward loop. Let me see... Sheet in and rotate? I think I've got it... Gosh, he's a great instructor but it's still too bad he doesn't jet ski...



Photos: Chris Voith. No animals, students or sails were harmed in the making of this strip

*The planing jibe- a 180° turn at speed in a smooth arcing curve- is the Holy Grail of the intermediate windsurfer.

“Board Review” Review: Hey, Am I Missing Something? Yeah, My Stinkin’ Wallet...

I must preface this by saying that I am ever grateful to the editors and writers of the major windsurfing magazines. I am a technogeek of the first order. Want to know the difference between Neil Pryde’s 9 different lines of sails? Just ask me.

So, with my usual relish, I read in a recent *Windsurfing* about the new AHD 310. This particular board has been mentioned in several recent issues and has created a bit of a buzz. Besides the fact that a Swiss board manufacturer has finally figured out what Florida board builders (ProTech and HyperTech) have known for years- big guys need big slalom boards, I read with piqued curiosity. It seems that AHD has seen the new Pontiac campaign (or maybe vice-versa): “Wider is better.” The board lowers the planing threshold for the “cruiser” weights from maybe 9 knots to 8 knots (an 11% improvement!)

One of the appeals of such a large board (10 ft) that lacks a daggerboard is that big guys can finally shortboard in real (i.e. conditions typical of the Southeast) wind. Personally, I don’t care. I weigh 145 and with a 7.5 I can plane in a ripple. That’s fine with me cause the same guys who are complaining are the same ones who used to beat me up for my lunch money, smash my face in basketball and don’t get blown away on the really big days. I figure they have this one coming to ‘em.

Personal biases aside, I figured that if, as the article claimed, the big guys can plane in 8 knots (about 9 mph of wind), I could be ripping on this stuff when the leaves barely rustle. I read on.

The reviewer waxed eloquent and enthusiastic on the board’s performance with a Neil Pryde VX3 8.7 sail. But something began to gnaw at my reptilian brain. Not only am I a technoweenie, but I am also a religious reader of mail order catalogues (but I

always call my local retailer first). The VX3? Isn’t that the caviar of race sails?

So I began to think about the ticket to ride this esteemed puppy. What will it cost a good sized bud to plane with us fleas. The following is based on MSRP prices and obviously discounts can be had. But if you want the best and you want it now, whip out the plastic, big guy, and quit’cher whining.

You visit your local shop. The little tag hanging from the board reads \$1599. It may seem like a lot but you also get footstraps and a fin. The sail? Oh, that’s one of those optional options like air conditioning in your car. Sails, unlike men’s suits, cost more for larger sizes and we’re talking almost 100 sq. ft of plastic. And, since, like an Oriental rug, this piece of engineering was handsewn by a worker paid in the “local” wage in a place faraway, it’s a very labor intensive product. Your motor will run you \$877. (Hey, somebody has to pay for those full page color ads.)

Great, you say, walking out of the shop. And then you realize that a sail doesn’t suspend itself in midair. U-turn. How much are one of those mast thingies? The recommended mast is the Pryde CK95 at \$537. You blanch and wonder if something less expensive would work. Well, maybe it would but the reflex time would be slower and a person of your taste and refinement would realize something amiss as the more vulgar (i.e. budget carbon) mast took an extra nanosecond to spring back after a gust. Plus it weighs almost TWO pounds more. No, we’re talking high performance here, cutting edge, state of the art.

And if you need a mast, you’ve got to have a boom. You start sweating as you think about next month’s credit card statement. In a mild panic you blurt, “What about a nice Chinook aluminum?” The sales clerk looks at you as if you had just said “Seadoo.” “Aluminum, Sir?” Why a sail of such size where the luff and clew (front and back) have different zipcodes demands the stiffness that only carbon can provide not to mention the weight savings of almost

3/4 of a pound. You swallow hard as the register rings up another \$369.

Well, masts just don’t reach out and touch the board, you need to connect them with a mast foot, and on such a big sail, an extension. At this point, a now cold sweat beads off your forehead. You insist on a Chinook extension over the Fiberspar carbon. You save \$30 but you hear another \$97 ching-ching.

Okay, the damage is done... You stagger for the door but the clerk reminds you that you need to get the sail out of the water. Oh yeah, an uphaul and harness lines while you’re at it. You ask the him if he couldn’t just throw those in. You get the stare of someone who wants to save money on a Benz by buying it without the hood ornament. Add \$35. Meanwhile, you figure that if you head off the mail carrier at the box when the bill comes, nobody at home will be the wiser.

Subtotal- \$3514. And when the clerk starts to add the sales tax, you realize that the tax alone is more than what you paid for your first used O’Brien if not your first car.

All teasing aside. The board sounds very interesting. The sail is world class. But, hello... \$3700? Is it really worth almost 3 times what the cost of a new Superlight II? A bit of disclosure and perspective are in order.

Granted, there are those folks whose bank accounts won’t suffer greatly by buying this rig. I don’t begrudge them either their hard work or good fortune and really wish I could be one of them. Then there are those folks whose account will suffer but must have the stuff because they are professionals, dead serious amateurs or just gear hounds. That’s cool, too.

But for the other 98% of us... \$3700 buys a whole lot of kid’s shoes, flowers for the sweetie, trips to Hatteras or a few windsurfing goodies (like a board and entire quiver) on the side.

Or, hey, I saw a used pontoon boat for sale on Stephens Rd. the last time I was going to Sunrise Cove. Summer sunset cruises...the family...the cooler...hmmm.... and I’d have enough change leftover to stock the cooler.

One victim was quoted as saying, "It was pretty obvious what was going on when we saw that they only worked these things on the beach on something called a simulator. Then when they put us on these contraptions, they either were swimming or paddling on a board or kayak. Bored sailing? I wasn't bored, I was exhilarated and now my life has changed. I will never look at a breezy day the same. I'm hooked on the Weather Channel and I've already cancelled all social obligations during the fall windy season. All I wanted was a boring day and this is what happened.."

GBI and federal investigators have questioned a number of people within the club in an effort to determine the depth of this gross violation of personal and civil liberties. Ed Marks, organizer of the event, has fled to an undisclosed location on the Banana River. Major players included Gregg Cattanach, Dan Burch and Chris Pyron who personally were involved in the pretext of lessons before setting the victims loose on water made treacherous by passing personal watercraft.

Another victim, speaking off the record, said, "they seemed like such nice people. I just had no idea that they'd convince me to plunge headlong into the swirling waters of the Chatahoochee with the lunatic idea of windsurfing. I was mesmerized. By the time the simulator session was over I was convinced I could stand on water... with a sail in my hand."

Chris Voith, Alastair Donaldson and Glenn Tanner were seen in the water refusing to lend aid and instead encouraging the victims to continue the "lessons". Jackie Greaner was responsible for feeding them and then setting them out on the water BEFORE waiting the mandatory 1 1/2 hours before swimming like all our mothers taught us. Gene Mathis has been fingered as the money man who fled to Hood River with the victim's funds. The GBI reports that he smoothly conned the participants out of \$10 on promises of food and in-

struction. Several participants had their entire coffee fund for the weekend wiped out. Complained one, "... no double expresso, no cappuccino.... what am I going to do?"

Paul Jordan supplied some of the equipment used. He dared to loose rank beginners on his beloved race equipment without hesitation. Other club members, Elena Merino and Michael Campsmith, participated under the guise of taking "lessons" to create an air of credibility. Eddie Brodeur was even so callous as to take advantage of his own family, casting them loose in the crashing waves.

The ACLU has weighed in as well. Said a spokesman, "It's clear that these folks had their rights violated and that they are entitled to compensation. We are filing a class action suit today in federal court asking that the club pay the unfortunate victims \$800,000 each for the mirth and joy they suffered and provide them each with a new jetski."

This is not the first time the club has faced scandal in recent months. Reports of jetski use, sailing on non-planing days and other political malfeasance have continued to dog this organization. Despite skyrocketing membership, experts at the Wall Street Journal declared the sport dying last summer and this seems to be one of the last nails in the coffin.

Our apologies to the reporters, Woodward and Bernstein, who broke the Watergate story.

From Our Mail Bag

Dear Sirs:

I was offended by your flyer for your recent Learn to Windsurf Clinic. It mentioned that its the most fun you can have with your clothes on. That's wrong and you should mention that to your readers.

A concerned member.

Ed.: Dan Burch, you sly fox. We forgot that you've had the experience of windsurfing in, shall we say, less than a harness. Your are correct; windsurfing can be a lot of fun without apparel, too.

News from Local Clubs

Fleet 12 in Tampa held a recent meeting at a local TV station where they learned the ins and outs of weather and forecasting. Much to their shock the long range forecast for the summer months was hot, humid and with a chance of afternoon thundershowers. Also the Titusville Crossing sail was moved to Merritt Island "because of gators at the start line." And we complain about jetskis!

The Charlotte crew of IBSCC spent the Memorial Day weekend on the Carolina coast where everyone encountered solid 5.0 to 6.0 conditions. Also they provided results of the May regatta that showed two Atlantans, Fred Dey and Gregg Cattanach in the top four. Sounds like the away team did pretty well, huh? We need to get those guys and gals to Lanier to battle on our treacherous tidal currents. Let's see how fast they go leeward of one of those 80 foot monster houseboats from Holiday Harbor.

The Mobile gang had their Shull Vance Bay crossing on May 10th in light and dropping winds. Sean Flynn, 12, set the record for the youngest one way sailor. Mr. Vance himself at age 73 shamed the young pups by sailing back in very light air. Master Flynn and Mr. Vance showed that, despite the image shown in magazines, windsurfing truly is a sport for all ages. Fifteen sailors made it across and six sailed back.

Highland Yacht club in Tullahoma reported a fun spring regatta. Our own Dan Burch took second in the "dinghy" class. This must have been a hard fought regatta from the following quote: "The drama, the tactics, the playing out of individual strategies, the razor-edged tension, and the cat-like reflexes- and that was the line for the barbeque."

The Berkeley Lake club (BLOW) once again plans their HiWind fest for late-July. While this event has been skunked for 17 years running, organizers are confident that this event will prove to be a success.

Wanted: People Who Want to Share Gear

So the question I get as prez 2 times a week is: "Are there rentals in Atlanta?" And the answer is no. Insurance, inventory, hours that you'd have to be available, etc. combined with the few number of actual users make it an unviable financial proposition. Our local dealer is much better off spending the windless summer working for Mistral in some exotic locale rather than waiting Maytag repairman-like for that one rental customer. The additional problem is that a likely location for such a business, say near Van Pugh (which would cater to the bigger spending winter crowd), is awful as a Van Pugh summer day is about the worst thing you can do to a beginning sailor. Imagine trying to ask a young beginner to uphaul as a huge houseboat sends its wake along with the 16 jetskis following it.

Here's where I need your help. A few of us have talked and the ideas are forming in the following direction: Members in the club need access to shared equipment that is stored at a reasonable distance from the water. A quick rejoinder is that the club should buy some used boards. I hesitate because if the individuals don't ante up something

Atlanta Guide continued

Suwanee Dam Rd. Turn left on Buford Dam Rd. Cross Dam. (Yep, you get to drive on the thing. If you can, without wrecking, look into the gorge downstream of the dam and imagine how pretty it was before the Corps of Engineers created the lake.) Park is on the right. From GA 400, get off at Exit 14, GA 400. Go east (turn left if you came from Atlanta because of the cloverleaf). Turn left at first stop light in about 1/2 mile. Turn right in another 1/2 mile on Buford Dam Rd. Park is on left in about three miles. No trailers! You'll get a ticket. Very crowded in the warm months and especially weekends.

Mountain View Last park before Brown's Bridge on east side of GA 369. Access to some neat island beaches when the lake is down and quiet.

Lake Allatoona- Galts Ferry Favorite spot for the Marietta crowd. 50

personally, the gear will get trashed in one season. If it belongs to the members as opposed to the club, I imagine each user will take much greater care of the stuff.

Old plastic and even recent raceboards can be had from \$150 to \$600 complete. Even shortboards could be added. The equipment is there to be had and at this level, the technology has been fixed for years and stuff 10 years old serves quite suitably.

The issues to be resolved are location, location, and access. And, this is where we need input: Where to keep it. Who has access. At what price. Who is responsible for maintaining it. It could be argued that this really is a club function. I would agree to the extent that someone steps forward and volunteers to chair the position. It could be also argued that perhaps a few interested parties could get together and form a cooperative. There's no motivation like self-interest.

I would like to hear and read some proposals. Call me at 404-237-1431, send them to the club address or email me at fragakis@mindspring.com. -wf

min. North on I-75 from Atlanta to exit 120 (Hwy. 92), Right 92. In approximately 1.5 miles, turn left on Kellogg Creek. Proceed approx. 2.5 miles. Take a Left on Galt's Ferry Park Rd (look for the brown sign for the park), bear left at the fork. Keep going through the gate next to the guard station if they are open. If guard station isn't open, turn left just before guard station and park on right and farright sides of the lot depending on launch choice. Because of the surrounding mountains, locals say this place rips on an East wind and works on NW. For the big fall and spring westerlies, even those who live on Allatoona make the trip over to Van Pugh on Lake Lanier.

Shouted at the boardsailing fleet at a recent regatta : "What do you windsurfers do when you get over 30 years old?"

Reply: "Heck, most of us are over 40!"

New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

Drew Hallett
David Richards
Greg and Kelli Baxendale
Sheila Hays and John Hassler
Michael Weiss
Will Lane
Kathy Patton
Ana Paniagua
Valeriy Roshko
Jose Diaz
Rosa Rodriguez
Edgardo Rodriguez
Liz and Doug Redford
Deborah Mason
David Halliburton
Laurie Asher
Leslie Wallace
Christine DiVizio
Amy Denicke
Kevin Beckwith
Karen Dorfman

We now have **109** individual and family members. Thanks, everyone!

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Calendar of Selected Local and Regional Events

July 5 - 6	St. Simons (Gold Coast Series)	Chip Hunter 912- 266-5576
July 8	ABC Club Meeting, Virginia Ave Volleyball Courts	
August 9	ABC Meeting/ Pool Party Chez Ed Marks & Jackie Greaner	404-266-3572
August 16-17	Port Royal, SC (Gold Coast Series)	Chip Hunter 912- 266-5576
August 30 - 31	Jacksonville (Gold Coast Series)	Chip Hunter 912- 266-5576
Sept 12-14	Seniors Nationals Hilton Head Island	
September 13 - 14	Highland YC (Tullahoma, TN) Regatta	Jeff Utley 615-455-0260
September 20 - 21	Pensacola Regatta	Steve Bogan 904-421-8909
September 28-29	10th Endless Summer Sailboard Classic	Tina Mazanek 904-421-8909
October 11-12.	19th Annual Atlanta Fall Sailboard Classic. Lake Lanier SC	Glenn Tanner 404-690-1121
October 19-26	ABC Hatteras Week. Rodanthe, NC.	Bruce Harris 770-934-6594
November 1 - 2	Sail Expo	Pat Nugent 813-785-6072

My Summer Vacation

by Simon Fragakis, age 4 1/2

Boy, were we excited when Dad told us where we were going for summer vacation. Someplace called Hatteras. I asked Mommy what Hatteras was. She smiled and said something about, "worse than a root canal." She told me that it is a long sandbox way out at the other end of North Carolionel filled with mosquitoes. She said that my sister, Mary, and I would sit in a dingy house, driving her nuts, while my Dad windsurfed from sunup to sun-down and basically ignored us.

I said, "like he does every October and November at home when the man on the Weather Channel gets excited?" She only looked away with a tear in her eye.

We took the long way up, staying with my uncle and aunt in Wrightsville Beach, NC on Saturday night. Of course, Daddy went sailing. We woke up early the next morning and Dad drove fast and cursed as we barely made our reservation for the Cedar Island/Ocracoke Ferry. Daddy says that most of his friends don't take the ferry but I was real happy that we did. I got to spend 3 hours walking around, watching the video about ferries in the lounge and feeding the seagulls. Mommy had a hint that the trip wouldn't be as bad as she feared and Daddy enjoyed watching the wind and swell.

As the trees were swaying from the wind, Dad sped through Ocracoke and we easily made the ferry to Hatteras Island. He had some funny things to say as we were stuck behind an tourist from Virginia who insisted driving 5 mph below the low posted limits all the way from Hatteras to Rodanthe. I guess it wouldn't have mattered if the wind hadn't threatened to blow the truck off the road the whole time.

In Rodanthe, we found our house and Mr. Tim was already outside with something called a 4.2. Quickly, Dad unpacked and got his something called a 4.2 out and we didn't see him again till dinner. That didn't matter because we discovered that our house was

pretty cool although it took a lot of steps to go from the bottom to the top.

I met my new friends, Dylan Carter and Austin Owen; Trey Tanner was hanging with his dad just up the street. Although they were a lot older than me, they were really nice and didn't



*My buddy Dylan shredding on a 3.2
Photo- T. Carter*

mind playing with me. Because the beach water was too cold and rough, we played in the Sound behind the house-it was a lot more fun anyway and played with squirt guns in the hot tub. Mom was really happy that I had friends to hang with and Mrs. Lindy to talk to.

It blew the next day, too, but Mom took us to the N.C. Aquarium and we really didn't miss Dad. There's lots of stuff for families to do in Manteo, including the Elizabeth II and the Lost Colony. And, there's the Wright Brothers Museum nearby. Other days, we walked on the beach or went out on the pier.

The next couple of days it didn't blow very hard but Dad probably had the best time of all. He took me out on his big windsurfer and I stood between his legs while we sailed around. We also borrowed Mr. Glenn's kayak and explored the marshes and the ship wreck

off the beach from the house. And we discovered the GoKart tracks. I love GoKarts and bugged Mom and Dad to go several times. Dylan, Austin and Trey all had a great time on the GoKarts. They went back a again, too.

Dad took me sailing a few times and we even kept up with Mr. Alastair, (sort of). We watched the big kids go out and sail with their Dad's help and we all had a great time. And when they weren't sailing, they rented a fishing boat and caught, well, they looked like fish.

The next day it blew and Dad discoverd why Mr. Tim and Mr. Gene had weed fins. He kept complaining that he felt like that he was collecting food for Mr. Ed (the horse). Dad really appreciated it when Mr. Gene let him borrow a weed fin.

The last day, we all went shopping in Avon and Buxton. I saw the sail I wanted and Dad has ordered a Pluto (Mistral 1.2) sail for me. Mom even enjoyed shopping at *Windsurfing Hatteras* and she thought the hats from *Fox Watersports* were real cool. I forgot to say that she ended up really having a good time because of all the people from Atlanta and fun stuff to do. I think it helped that Dad could sail so much yet be so close to us. I'm going to sail by myself when I go back next year. Dad finished the day with that 4.2 thing again.

Oh the drive back? Long but not as long as the wait to go back.

New Jetski Rules... from front page of personal watercraft (jetskis).

A personal watercraft must not exceed 5 mph if it is within 100 ft. of the following: an anchored or moored vessel; the shore; a wharf, dock, piling, bridge or abutment; or a person in the water.

Violations or concerns can be reported to the DNR at (Lake Lanier) 770-535-5499, (Lake Allatoona) 770-769-9680, or (24 hour Hotline) 800-241-4113. Our club wants everyone on the water to have fun but we also want everyone to be safe and respect the rights and safety of others.

Atlanta Sailing Guide

Our web site has some great information but many of you don't have access to it. Here is an excerpt: Sailing sites on Lakes Lanier and Allatoona. In the coming months we'll include othe sites outside of Atlanta.

Lake Lanier General Information

Lanier is Atlanta's closest big body of water, about an hour north. I-985 runs along the east side and GA-400 along the west. GA-20 runs along the bottom from Buford to Cumming and connects 985 and 400. GA 369 runs across the middle connecting Gainesville and Cumming. (For the curious, the Olympic rowing events were held on the upper/northern part, north of Gainesville where the lake is much narrower.) When it blows hard, local sailors head this way. When fronts come through, the 4 mile fetch in front of Van Pugh can offer decent 2-3 foot ramps which tend to be better on starboard. During the "season" (October through May) winds can be from 7.5 (10-15 mph to 4.5 (25-40 mph) as fronts allow with a few 3.5 days thrown in. The big days are usually accompanied by cold air so neoprene is a necessity.

The lake temperature can vary from 45ish in deep winter to bathwater in the summer.

Lanier is much calmer in the summer and is readily accessable to novice windsurfers. However, due to its proximity to Atlanta, the southern part of the lake can get very crowded from May to August and the more northern sites should be considered. After Labor Day begins the best part of the year as the water stays warm even into November and traffic drops off dramatically as football season starts. The 45-55 degree blasts of cold air are tempered by a dip into 65 degree water. Even in the middle of the week, parking is crowded at Van Pugh when a front rolls through. By New Year's however, the lake will have lost much of its warmth and the real cold weather sailing begins.

A last note: Lanier is at the foot of the mountains and therefore the underwater contours are as steep as the surrounding land. This means at many "beaches" the drop off can be quick. Children and weak swimmers should beware. Marked swimming areas tend to drop of more slowly

but be forewarned. Likewise, rocks and semi-suberged islands can stick up as quickly. Respect reef markers, especially when the lake is below full pond.

Van Pugh Park 50 min. N I-85 to N I-985 to Exit 2 (Friendship Rd & Lake Lanier Islands). Turn left at top of exit and go to stop sign. Turn right on Atlanta Hwy. In about one mile turn left on Gaines Ferry Road. Go straight, you'll pass one light (McEver Rd). Keep on for another 1.5 m until road deadends in park. Bear right and drive around past boat ramp and picnic shelter. This is where everyone in Atlanta goes for the big blows. An easy launch in west and northwest winds, Van Pugh attracts Atlanta's best when its 5.5 wind and below. Facilities include real toilets, pay phone, picnic area with shelter and BBQs. Cautions: Van Pugh gets very crowded from May to August. Unless it's really windy or a weekday, go to Sunrise in the summer. Also, this is not the best beginner spot especially on a westerly. You may get blown downwind to Chestnut Ridge Park which is a hike back and the swell and traffic make it somewhat annoying for beginning uphaulers (on the otherhand, you're more likely to get advice, both solicited and otherwise, here). Try Sunrise for anything west and Tidwell and Vann's Tavern for east. Also, in the big fall winds, the further you go out, the harder it blows. Consult one of the local sailors for appropriate sail size.

Van Pugh South 50 min. Same as above except bear left as you reach the end of Gaines Ferry. Continue straight into old camp ground until road dead ends. Park in one of the camp site slips. Nice small sandy beach facing west. This is much preferable to the regular Van Pugh launch for something SW or S as you don't have a wind shadow at the launch. Not a good summer weekend spot as you are very close to some major marinas and their heavy traffic.

Lake Lanier Sailing Club 55 min. N I-85 to N I-985 to Exit 3. Left on Spout Springs Rd. Right on Atlanta Hwy. Go 1/10 m to Spring St. and turn left. At end of Spring St. turn Right on Gainesville St. Continue across McEver Rd. on to Jim Crow Rd. (becomes Old Federal Rd.). Go a total of 2.3 miles to LLSC on left. Mem-

bers only unless it's a regatta.

Sunrise Cove 1 hr. N I-85 to N I-985 to Exit 4. Left on Mundy Mill (GA 53). In about two miles, road will seem to end into McEver (it actually becomes a lane past the light. Turn left on McEver. At second light turn right on Flat Creek Rd. Go about two miles passing one 4way stop. As road appears to end at gate to Marina turn right just befor gate into public day use area. Park near Portajons at bottom of the hill. This is a good (for Lanier) sandy beach and pretty shallow for beginners. But like all of Lanier, beware of dropoffs.

Tidwell 50 min. N GA 400 to exit 16. Turn right on Pilgrim Mill Road. Go until road deadends into park. Closest park to Atlanta for east/northeast. Because of the riprap on shore (rocks), launching can be a chore. Vann's Tavern is an easier launch and only 5 minutes further.

Two Mile Creek 55 min. N GA 400 to exit 17 (Gainesville). Turn right on GA 306 to first stop light. Right on GA 369 about 5 miles to Bethel Church road. Follow signs to end of Bethel Church road. Good place to longboard in summer as traffic is less than lower lake. Nice grassy point for sun and picnic. Other sites are better for shortboarding.

Vann's Tavern 55 min. The next best NE alternative since Athens Park, just up the road, was closed due to excess erosion. If my memory serves me correctly, named after the tavern associated with the death of the great Cherokee Chief Vann- I think he was murdered there- I could be wrong. N GA 400 to exit 17 (Gainesville). Turn right on GA 306 to first stop light. Right on GA 369 about 6 miles. Towards end of second (maybe third, I'll check) three lane section, look for sign on right. Turn right and follow until road deadends into park. Great place for anything from NE to S. Nice grassy rigging area and real toilets. It is directly across the lake from LLSC.

West Bank Alternative to Tidwell in a pinch. Possible launch for Long Distance Sail. Located on Buford Dam Rd about 1/2 m. west of the dam. From I-985 or Peachtree Industrial, take GA 20 west . About 5 miles turn right on

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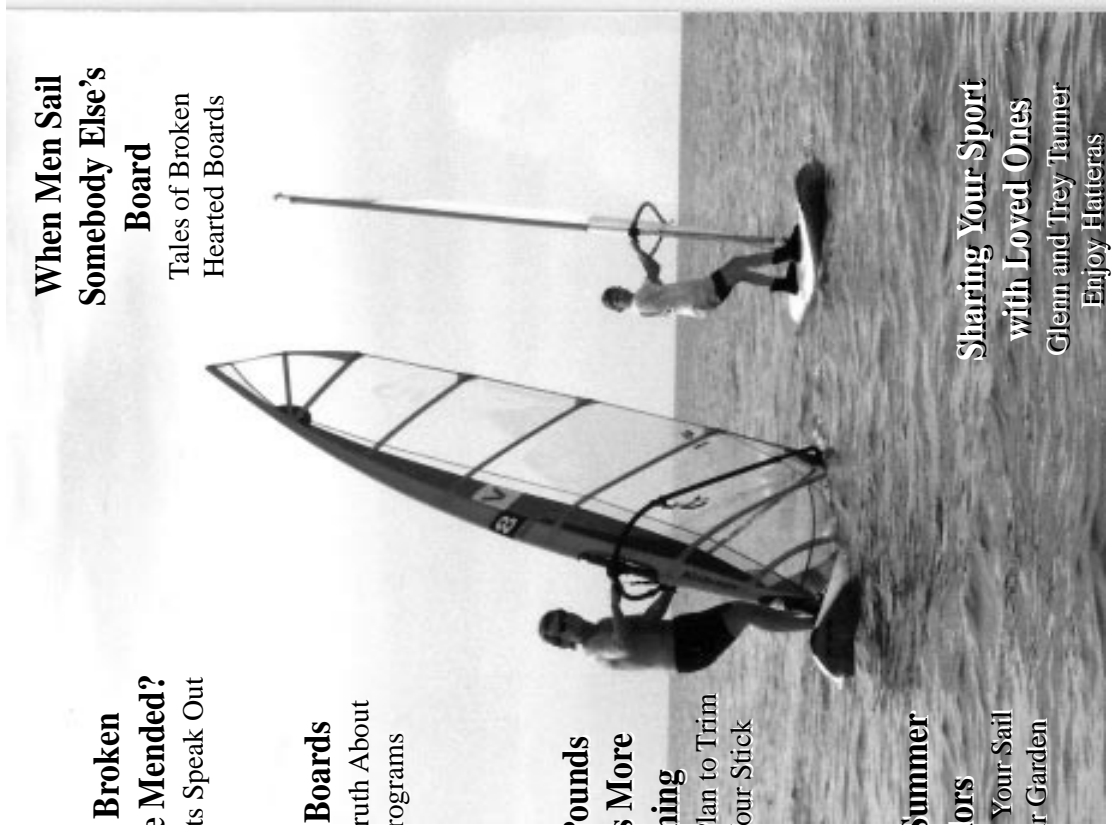
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August Meeting is on a Saturday! Pool Party!

Saturday, August 9, Noon. Chez Greaner and Marks. Potluck lunch. More details and directions in the next issue. **Mark your calendars.**