

The Lake Wind Advisory

Newsletter of the Atlanta Boardsailing Club

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Calendar

Upcoming club and regional events:

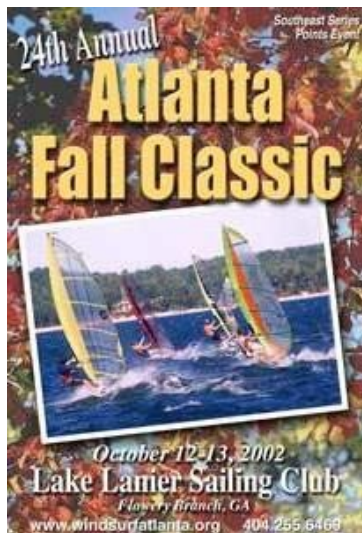
- **December 8 Holiday Party** 5-8pm at The Fragakis House featuring the always popular white elephant gift exchange! (note: no December meeting) See page 7 for details.
- **January 14 Monthly Meeting** Brandy House 7:30 PM agenda: review recent sailing sessions. Note: The Brandy House is on Roswell Rd. (US-19), 2.7 Mi. south of I-285 (exit 25). It's on the left (east) side of the road.

Club Trips

- **December 13-15, 2002** - Cocoa Beach, Florida (WOMENS CLINIC)
- **February 28 - March 2, 2003** - Merritt Island, Florida (MID-WINTERS)
- **April 27- May 4, 2003** - Outer Banks, NC
- **May 31-June 7, 2003** - Bonaire, N.A.
- **October 11-18** - Outer Banks, NC
- Also, check the forums for spontaneous weekend trips to Charleston and FL.

Fall Classic 2002

By Chris Voith



It seems pretty amazing that our Fall Regatta is the longest running windsurfing event in the country. This year's was the 24th installment. When you consider that sailboards had only been in production a few years in back in 1978 when the recently formed ABC had their first regatta, it's even more impressive. It was in the 90's that the Tudor Mistral Series had people really involved in going to lots of races and we had

some really big events in at Lanier and around the southeast. Our Fall '96 race had 100 registered sailors. Except for the Midwinters regatta, participation has generally dwindled since then, and for the past three Atlanta races, attendance has been way down. We had just 21 register this fall. The forecast for light wind and showers probably had a lot to do with that, but many would point to the fact that sailboard racing is simply in a state of change.

For the past several years, racing has become more and more fragmented. This is due in part to the dramatic advances in design. Formula boards are catching on in a big way nationally. Also, several manufacturers are heavily

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Cape Hatteras Fall '02

By Bill Herderich



Andrew Byars (left) and Dave Delorme (right).

This fall's trip to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina was quintessential Hatteras. It took place during the week of October 12 - 19. Some lucky folks even got to stay an additional week. Those in attendance were rewarded with some great windsurfing. Conditions on Monday the 17th were so strong (30-40 mph) that a couple of us had to sit and watch for not having small enough equipment. Other days provided nice 20ish winds and flat water; perfect for trying those carve jibes. There was also a couple light wind days where the big sails got some use. Andrew Byars even sailed his biggest sail ever, an 8.5.

It was on that same day that we also experienced the unique sensation of night sailing. It started out late one afternoon when Chuck Hardin convinced everyone to go out for a group slog, just for the sake of getting wet. After about

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promoting new one-design boards, notably Mistral and their Prodigy. As you know, the Prodigy is a kind of hybrid: wide-ish with a centerboard. It's billed as the "best of both worlds". Some would argue that the Prodigy type boards are a compromise that don't truly excel in any conditions. An Equipe, Mega-Cat, etc will dominate in light and medium air, while the Formula boards are unbeatable when it blows. The proponents of the one-designs like the Prodigy counter that this doesn't matter because everybody is on the same gear. That's true and if you've ever been involved in any kind of one-design racing, you know that it's relatively cheap, fair and a lot of fun.

Locally, the generic "Longboard/7.5" has sort of become the defacto one-design and this has worked out very well. Nobody has felt like they were held hostage to one manufacturer. Board and sail designs have converged on equipment that is similar enough to put the emphasis on sailing skill, tactics and strategy. For me, these are the essence of what makes racing fun. One of the big reasons the longboards have worked so well here, is the flukey nature of lake sailing. We can have an interesting and valid race in light, shifty winds on longboards, and if it's windy, they still work really well. Formula boards usually don't even leave the beach in light wind conditions. I know that part of the reason for our (and other regattas) low turnout this year was due to the people who stayed home unless the forecast "looks good for Formula racing". I'm not sure we get many forecasts like that, i.e. two days of steady 15+ wind. I know I'm becoming a dinosaur with this attitude, but so far, I still think the best all around raceboard for most conditions in the southeast is 12 feet long and has a centerboard.

The wind was so light this year at our Fall Classic that even longboards were not moving very well. Still, we managed to satisfy the Southeast Series requirement for qualifying regattas, by running three races. Because of the small group, it was possible to start the Sport and Open fleets together. While the Open fleet did two laps, but it was revealing to see who was where, at the first-lap finish for the Sport fleet. The Quigley brothers hammered everybody! Joe, from Indiana and Mike, from Florida are both flyweights, so the apres-race banter naturally evolved to proposals for "weight handicaps" and "displacement vs sailsize" schemes. The truth is, the Quigleys are smart sailors who sail a lot in light wind and they didn't miss a single windshift-- they were just better. And oh, by the way, Mike did this well on a stock IMCO! Pam Barron put her considerable racing experience to work to give the Quigleys a run for their money and finished 3rd overall in Sport, 2nd lightweight.

Dan Burch was no slacker either, beating everybody in the Open fleet with 3 bullets! I managed to place first in the 7.5 limited class. ABCers, Richard Genet and Bert Eskridge finished 1,2 in Sport heavy.

Our race committee, headed by Edith Collins, did another great job in the challenging conditions. Also on RC were Caryl & Bruce Barrett, Glenn Tanner III, Reid Collins, Keith Blankenship and Kevin & Lisa Osburn. Kevin also provided a charter board from his vast inventory. Thanks also to Gregg Cattanach who once again expertly handled registration and scoring. Tim Carter lent a hand Saturday and Windsense donated great door prizes and a certificate, good for discounts, to every sailor at the regatta. Whitecap Windsurfing also came through in a big way with door prizes-- thanks Chuck! Fiberspar gave two complete carbon mast bases... Remember, "Nothing says love like the Gift of Carbon". Thanks also to William Fragakis for (along with everything else he does) making registration a lot simpler via the website.

Of course a big part of what makes going to regattas fun, is the off-the-water stuff. The set up at LLSC is great for this too. We had free camping and provided all the meals, so you really didn't need to leave the racesite all weekend. The wildly unpopular BYOB policy at LLSC was revoked this year and Dan Burch was able to get beer sponsorships from Atlanta Brewing Company, Dogwood Brewing Co. and Sweetwater Brewing. Dan held a great beer tasting featuring their tasty brews on Saturday afternoon. Pam Barron, LLSC's Vice Commodore, generously lent her time and talent all weekend in the kitchen. (Since Pam spent much of the previous week preparing for and hosting a Lightning regatta, this was especially generous!). Lisa Osburn, Ginny Ferguson and I were also part of the kitchen crew. Thanks also to Greg Chinik who put together an awesome sound system, was Saturday night's DJ and had people dancing 'til the wee hours of Sunday morning (so I heard). Because motel rooms were scarce in the area that weekend (due to a Road Atlanta race), Greg was also good enough to put up an out-of-towner at his folk's house at LLSC. Ditto that for Reggie Strickland.

While many of you may not know Reggie, he has long been involved in windsurfing in Atlanta. He was one of the founding ABC members and we held our monthly meeting for many years at the Strickland General Agency. When I asked Reggie if he could lend a hand at the regatta, he said "Sure, I'll be there. Just tell what you want me to do". As it happened, he did everything-- from setting marks and lending expertise on Race Committee, to helping with the beer tasting, manning the grill and helping with the meals (including washing dishes!), to keeping me going in the right direction, to opening his home to a visiting sailor. Thanks a million Reggie!

In spite of the light wind, The 24th Atlanta Fall Classic was another success. It goes to show that you don't have to have a big regatta (or big wind) to have big fun-- We ate and drank like kings, partied like fools and I believe everybody got a trophy as well as some "fabulous door prizes". Finally, just about the time the last trophies were handed out and all the 'thank you's were said, and as if on cue... the wind

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came up, covered the lake with whitecaps and all who remained got in a satisfying session.

Race Results	
<p>By Fleet</p> <p>Open, Overall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dan Burch- Open 2. Chris Voith- Ltd. 3. Steve Bogan- Ltd. 4. Gregg Cattanach- Ltd. 5. Wright Finney- Open <p>Sport, Overall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Quigley 2. Mike Quigley 3. Pamela Barron 4. Pat Nugent 5. Greg Chinik 6. Richard Genet 7. Bert Eskridge 8. Tina Mazanek 9. Pat Park 10. David Durrant 11. DeeDee Park 12. Daniel Gutting 13. Martin Gutting 14. Kathryn Voigt 15. Steve Haase 	<p>By Class</p> <p>Sport, Fall Hvy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Genet 2. Bert Eskridge 3. Daniel Gutting 4. Martin Gutting 5. Steve Haase <p>Sport, Fall Hvy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Quigley 2. Pat Nugent 3. Greg Chinik 4. Pat Park 5. David Durrant <p>Sport, Fall Lgt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Quigley 2. Pamela Barron 3. Tina Mazanek 4. DeeDee Park 5. Kathryn Voigt

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Rodanthe crowd consisted of ABC Members Danny and Jennifer Johnson, Gene Mathis, Lisa Wise, Christian Thompson, Myra, Jerry Farr, along with other non-ABC members like Pip and Big Al.

As an added attraction this year, North Sports was having a dealers meeting right there in Avon. Everyone



Robbie Naish and his two new friends, Chuck Hardin and Chris Campbell

was excited about being able to see all the new equipment. The real highlight was being able to see Robby Naish. Chuck and Chris Campbell got to meet him up close and personal at a soiree held one evening (see picture above).

For those who have not made the pilgrimage to Hatteras, I strongly recommend it. You'll learn more there in a week than several years in Atlanta. The flat shallow water and steady winds let you concentrate on your skills without battling gusty winds and choppy water. If you fall it's just a matter of standing up to get back on. All your



Scott Geddie heaving too.

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30 minutes, we noticed a line of clouds heading out of the west. Right after the leading edge passed, while four of us were slogging in formation back towards the house, we started planning up one by one as if by magic. This enchanted zephyr lasted on into the night and everyone squeezed as much out of it as possible. Only when it became so dark you couldn't see approaching windsurfers in time to avoid a crash that everyone quit.

This year's participants included two separate groups, one in Avon at a house called "Le Spot" and the other about 25 miles north in Rodanthe at "Second Wind". The Avon consisted of Andrew Byars, Chris Campbell, Dave Delorme, Scott Geddie, Chuck Hardin, and myself. The

equipment gets rigged once the whole week and is stored under the house, ready to go at a moment's notice. You'll also be able to see all the latest equipment in the many shops there. The price of the trip is even quite reasonable. It worked out to about \$30 a day including food. Compare that with Aruba! If you're

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interested, check out the "Club Trips" on the web site for the dates of the next trip. Space is limited and they'll fill up fast as the date approaches.

Just one piece of advice though. If you break something (like your hand), make sure you do it on the last day. That's what happened to me!

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My Hatteras souvenir. You know it's been a good trip when you break something. Too bad it was my hand.

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2002; 7:30PM; Brandy House

Old Business: Sailing

New Business: Sailing

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Notes: The meeting was attended by the following members: Jamie Anderson, Greg Baxendale, Andrew Byars, Tim Carter, Greg Chinik, William Fragakis, Scott Geddie, Bill Herderich, Danny Johnson, Michel Krupa, Ed Marks, Gene Mathis, Carol Moon, Larry Nichols, Chris Pyron, Christian Thompson, and.

November 12, 2002; 7:30PM; Brandy House

Old Business: Sailing

New Business: Sailing

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Notes: Jamie Anderson, Greg Baxendale, Andrew Byars, Greg Chinik, Fred Dey, William Fragakis, Scott Geddie, Bill Herderich, Gene Mathis, Carol Moon, Larry Nichols, Pat and DeeDee Park, Chris Pyron, and Christian Thompson.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2002 at 7:30-Brandy House

Have you renewed your ABC membership?

Lake Levels

As of Sunday 11/24/02

Lake	Current	Full Pool	Difference
Allatoona	831.5	840.0	-8.5
Lanier	1064.5	1070.0	-5.5
Thurmond	319.1	330.0	-10.9

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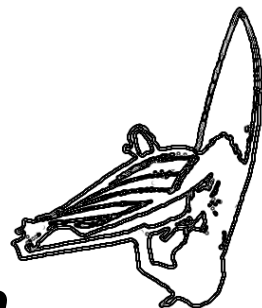
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Wedding Bells Ring for Brian and Kelly Butler

By Danny Johnson and Bill Herderich

ABC member Brian Butkus and his fiancée Kelly Euler tied the knot on November 16th at 2:00 PM in Indianapolis Indiana. The happy couple was last heard from as they embarked on a nine-day honeymoon in beautiful Maui. We'll have to get an update and see if Brian had time to get any windsurfing sessions in.

Some of you may be thinking that the name Butler was a mistake. Actually this is the new last name for both Brian and Kelly. Throwing tradition aside, they combined **Butkus** and **Euler** to form their new last name.

On behalf of Danny, myself and the rest of the club, we wish both of you all the best!

Windsurfing Goggles

By Bill Herderich

Here's an idea whose time may have come. Goggles for windsurfing. How many of use have lost pairs of glasses while sailing? I know there is at least one pair (mine) lying on the bottom of Lake Allatoona at Galts Ferry. Wouldn't it be nice to have a pair snugly attached to your head that would stay on in most falls? Well I've done a bit of looking around and may have found a solution. Both Dofino and Aqua Sphere have watersport goggles that fit the bill. The Dofino ones come with clear lenses for around \$6.00, while the Aqua Spheres are available in clear, metallic, and photochromtic and cost from 29.99-34.99. I'm not sure of the big price difference between the two manufacturers, but the Aqua Sphere's are all UV resistant (even) the clear. Their web site also talks about getting prescription lenses laminated on them. Here are more reasons to get some:

- Prevent irritated eyes from wind and cold
- Protect contact lenses
- Sail in rain with both eyes open
- See underwater to get you harness lines off and to make adjustments

See Aqua Sphere's web site at www.sealmask.com and I've seen them for sale at Sports Authority. The web site for Dofino is www.aqualeisure.com (under construction) and I've seen them at Wal-Mart before their holiday restocking. Pool supply or jetski retailers might also have them, as does www.amazon.com.



Dofino Watersport Goggles



Windsurfing Camera

By Bill Herderich

Here's a handy and inexpensive addition to your windsurfing kit that will ensure you keep those memories alive and can share them with family and friends. It's a waterproof camera from Vivitar called the Mariner. It consists of a fixed focus 35mm camera with flash, enclosed in a watertight case. The package says its good down to 9 feet so it would also work well for snorkeling.

The price is just under \$20.00 at Target, and that includes a battery and a roll of film. Such a deal. I remember buying a disposable waterproof camera for the same price during the Hatteras trip last spring. The really great thing is that you don't have to buy a whole new camera, all you have to do is reload it with a fresh roll of film. To see examples of the pictures, just look at the ones in the Hatteras article in this issue. All of them were taken using this camera. Now if I can just figure out how to mount it to the mast...



Welcome to the wind-powered world of Whitecap Windsurfing—your local headquarters for windsurfing instruction and equipment.

While the main focus is on the windsurfing scene on the **local lakes** radiating out from Augusta, Georgia including Atlanta and Columbia, SC, Whitecap also regularly covers the **nearby coast**, particularly from the Charleston area down to N. Florida.

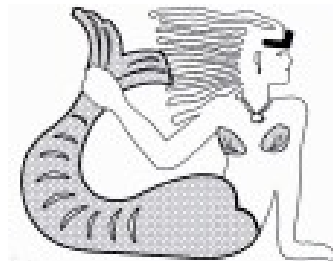
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Chuck Hardin-When it comes to windsurfing, I'm always at work—if you want to call it that—but often not in my office. If you miss me there, try the cell. If still no luck, I'm probably on the water. Leave a message—I will get back to you quick as a jibe on a 4.0 day!

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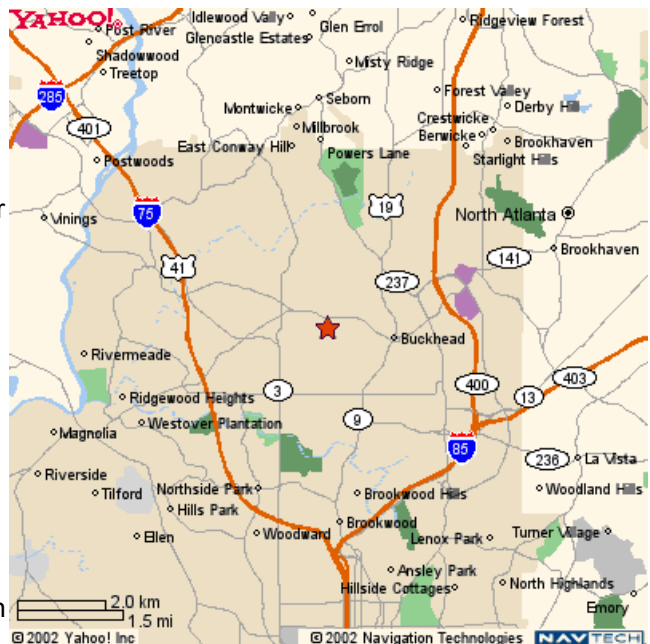
It's not just a Chip-O-Matic...

It's a Holiday Party!

The Atlanta Boardsailing Club Invites Its Members, Their Families and Guests to the Annual Holiday Party Sunday, December 8, 5–8 PM Featuring Dinner, Refreshments And the Incredible White Elephant Gift Exchange

Bring: Yourself and If you desire, a Gift (modest, nice, tacky or just that stinker you got last year and for which you still haven't found a use) for the White Elephant Exchange. You MUST RSVP by Dec. 5 if you'd like a meal (It's free!). There will also be drinks and snacks available so please come even if you are late in replying or don't want a meal. To RSVP, ask a Question or Offer to lend a hand contact Bill Herderich at 770-423-1002 (home), 770-703-6082 (work) or email at windlord@mindspring.com

Directions: 3227 Habersham is just south (1st house facing Habersham) of W. Paces Ferry. It's also just a couple of miles south of the Brandy House. Continue on down Roswell Rd and turn left just past the Landmark Diner. Just after you pass the next stoplight (West Paces) it'll be a white 2-story house on the left. Directions or Lost? Call 404-237-1431. Parking available on the northbound side of Habersham, same side as house. (The southbound is a bit unsafe as it's on a blind curve)



What is a White Elephant Gift?

You can bring something windsurfing related or something that just didn't plain work for you. We've had bunny suits, suits of armor, fun stuff for kids and windsurfing accessories that were still in good condition from useful booms to useless fins. We've had nice handmade gifts, games, books and tacky pictures, slippers and ties. Keep the gift modest and fun. **If you are stumped for a gift or an idea, come anyway and watch!**

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Holiday Party
Sunday December 8th, 5-8 PM
At The Fragakis house
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