

Ziggy, the
Holiday Party
Mascot.

The Atlanta Boardsailing Club's Lake Wind Advisory

The It's Been So
Long Since I've
Sailed, I'd Sail in
Snow Edition

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

ICEBERG GETS AJC COVERAGE

The Atlanta Boardsailing Club's annual winterfest, our Iceberg Regatta, will provide club members with the opportunity to shine in newsprint. Presently, the **Atlanta Journal Constitution** is planning to cover the event with both print and photo coverage.

Club members Chris Voith and Jerry Zeman have arranged for us to use the great facilities at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club this time. While we had planned to have the event elsewhere since the usual spot, Van Pugh, is closed for the winter, the LLSC can provide both the equipment and facilities that will help us put on a good show.

To encourage participation by a broader spectrum of club members, we will be making a few changes to the usual regatta setup.

1. As in years past, this is a fun event.

We will run whatever courses make this fun.

2. We will have separate classes for funboards (Under 12 feet with a centerboard or any poly board with a centerboard) and shortboards if we have enough sailors (3?) to make a class.

3. Club member and AJC photographer Dave Tulis will be snapping photos. This is your chance to get a photo of yourself on the water that doesn't look like a speck on the horizon

4. The clubhouse at the LLSC will provide participants with a place to get warm and even grab a hot drink. We'll put on a pot of cider (hey, it's the only thing I know how to make...). If y'all are real nice, we may even do a pot of chili...(Veggie of course, Kevin Osburn)

5. The recent warm spell means the water won't be bitterly cold. Do dress appropriately, however.



Scott Spreen and Dan Burch in the 97 Iceberg. Photo: Chris Voith

The Details

Date: January 17, Saturday. Check club web site or call 404-237-1431. If its bitter cold (say below 40ish) or no wind or rain) we'll try the 18th

Location: Lake Lanier Sailing

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Not Inside This Issue. Articles About:

- Kathy Lee Gifford
- Marv Albert
- Lisa Marie and Jacko (M. Jackson)
- Michael Kennedy's Tragic Death
- Any Ongoing Criminal Investigations Regarding Deceased Young Beauty Pageant Winners
- Cindy Crawford's Mole
- Ski Resort Trees Hiring either Johnny Cochran or Barry Scheckman

And It's Not Because We Didn't Try!

Join us! See page 6 for details.

Attention Current Members:

A lot of memberships expire in the next couple of months. Renew now and save the club money and keep my hair from graying any further.

Next Meeting

We're be at **Powers Court** on the February 10th at 7:30 pm.

Powers Court is conveniently located at the intersection of Roswell and Wieuca Rds. at the southern edge of beautiful downtown Sandy Springs, 2 miles inside the Perimeter. This central location is within 20 minutes of most of the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Area. Children, family and friends are always welcome, too.

Club.

Time: Noon

Directions: 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.

Who Can Sail? Any windsurfer is welcome. ABC members will get preference in the case of close finishes (just kidding...).

Equipment to Bring: The most participation will be in the raceboard class (One Designs, Superlights, Cats and Equipes). But bring what you have, we want you to get out on the water.

Courses: Lightwind conditions will favor traditional courses with a bit of upwind sailing. If its windy, we'll set fast reaching courses.

If You Hate Sailing in Cold Weather: Help us out. Come out on the Committee Boat and cheer us on. Or, stay near the blazing fire in the fireplace and laugh at the rest of us freezing our neoprene off in the water.

The New Year

One of the perks of being newsletter editor is that I get the opportunity to express my views and send it out to 120 people who may or may not care. It's the reward for folding and stamping the newsletter 120 times. It also is a great way to fill up an otherwise empty space as a deadline looms (as is the case today).

Actually, a lot of stuff I write never makes it in. We get so much good stuff from club members and friends that I get bumped to the back of the queue. But for a while, I've wanted to write about the changes occurring in the club, and the challenges and opportunities they present.

1) While we are the Atlanta Boardsailing Club, we actually represent windsurfers from all over N. Georgia and even quite a few from out of state. While a lot of us see each other at Lanier, we shouldn't forget those sailing at Juliette, Clark's Hill, West Point or even the Atlantic and Gulf Coast.

2) The internet has had a profound effect on where we get members and how we communicate with each other. (This is not one of those the Internet is the greatest thing since the Guttenberg Bible hyperboles.) Suddenly, sailors from Augusta, Atlanta and Columbus are talking to each other everyday at times, sharing their enthusiasms and just being

friends. It has expanded the circle of friends. It accounts for probably 75% of the way new members find us and join.

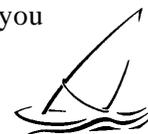
3) Both in terms of the number of members and the number of doleros in the treasury we can contemplate such things as the purchase of training, and rental equipment and explore shared facilities.

4) The number and size of events are demanding that we include more members in organizing and participating in them. The traditional posts of president, v.p., etc. are most likely overwhelming to all but the most (fill in your own adjective here) among us.

5) Despite the windsurfing industry (as opposed to sport) mindset that our sport is somehow in great distress, we see as many active windsurfers locally as we have in years if not ever. Equipment is getting so good that learning is no longer the tribal rite of passage that it used to be.

6) Since we represent such a broad geographical area, do we think about a club structure that recognizes sub-groups which have some autonomy under one umbrella or do we remain a single group?

Where do we go from here? Come to a meeting or drop us a line and tell us what you think.



West Point: Southside Alternative

I recently have had a couple of opportunities to sail at West Point Lake. West Point straddles the Georgia/Alabama border on the Chattahoochee southwest of Atlanta.

It offers a convenient alternative for those windsurfers who live south of Atlanta or those who seek water just a bit warmer than Lanier. It takes just one hour to get there from the southside Perimeter. It is usually 2-5 degrees warmer there than Lanier. At times, it can get frontal winds an hour or two before

Lanier, owing to its more western site.

It's easy to get to and the prime sailing spot for westerlies has a nice grassy rigging area. Often it is much less crowded than Lanier and in September and October offers a great alternative for novice sailors who feel uncomfortable on choppy Lanier. This year I sailed without a wetsuit well into mid October. Football season means most of the boat traffic is gone that time of year.

Directions: (Courtesy of Mark Smith)

Take I-85 South to exit 1 (West Point exit, hwy 18---about 65 miles south of Newnan); turn right off exit ramp and go partially through West Point and turn right at first stop light (about a mile from 85 exit); go about 2 to 3 miles and turn left at sign that says "Shaefer Heard Day Use Area." Follow signs to this area for Northwesterly wind, but will need to cross dam and go to west side of lake for North to Northeasterly wind; can rig in any one of a number of areas.



WAGA (Ch. 5) Tapes Cold New Year's Eve Session

Crew Learns Meaning of "Caution Advised on Area Lakes"

Local windsurfers got a chance to show their stuff for the camera on New Year's Eve when a crew from local TV station WAGA taped the chilly session. Dan Burch had initiated the concept with a producer from channel 5, and the idea that people actually enjoy Lake Lanier in the winter appealed to her.

After watching the weather over the Christmas holidays, the weather cooperated by delivering a classic 4.7-5.5 session on December 31. We had scheduled the crew to come out a couple days before based on forecasts and we were excited to see the forecast that morning: Caution advised on area lakes.

WAGA wanted us to provide a boat but I thought that asking anyone to

go out on such a day would be silly. Getting tossed around in 2 foot chop while your buds are getting air is a tall order if not unsafe.

After a night of phone calls and email, we assembled a good crew at Van Pugh South. **Mark Eberhart** was clever and arrived a bit early enabling him to get a primo interview slot. **Eddie Brodeur, Phil Duvic** and **Dave DeLozier** showed the cameras how to rig and dress for the conditions. Later arrivals included **Tim Carter, Chris Campbell, Jonathan Jewell** and **Chris Voith**.

Phil Duvic showed his stuff off for the camera jumping within feet of the rocks to stay close to shore. Everyone had a good time in the otherwise empty lake.

With a temperature of around 36-37 degrees and a 15-25 mph wind, we had the lake to ourselves. At least until the Department of Natural Resources boat pulled up to the beach.

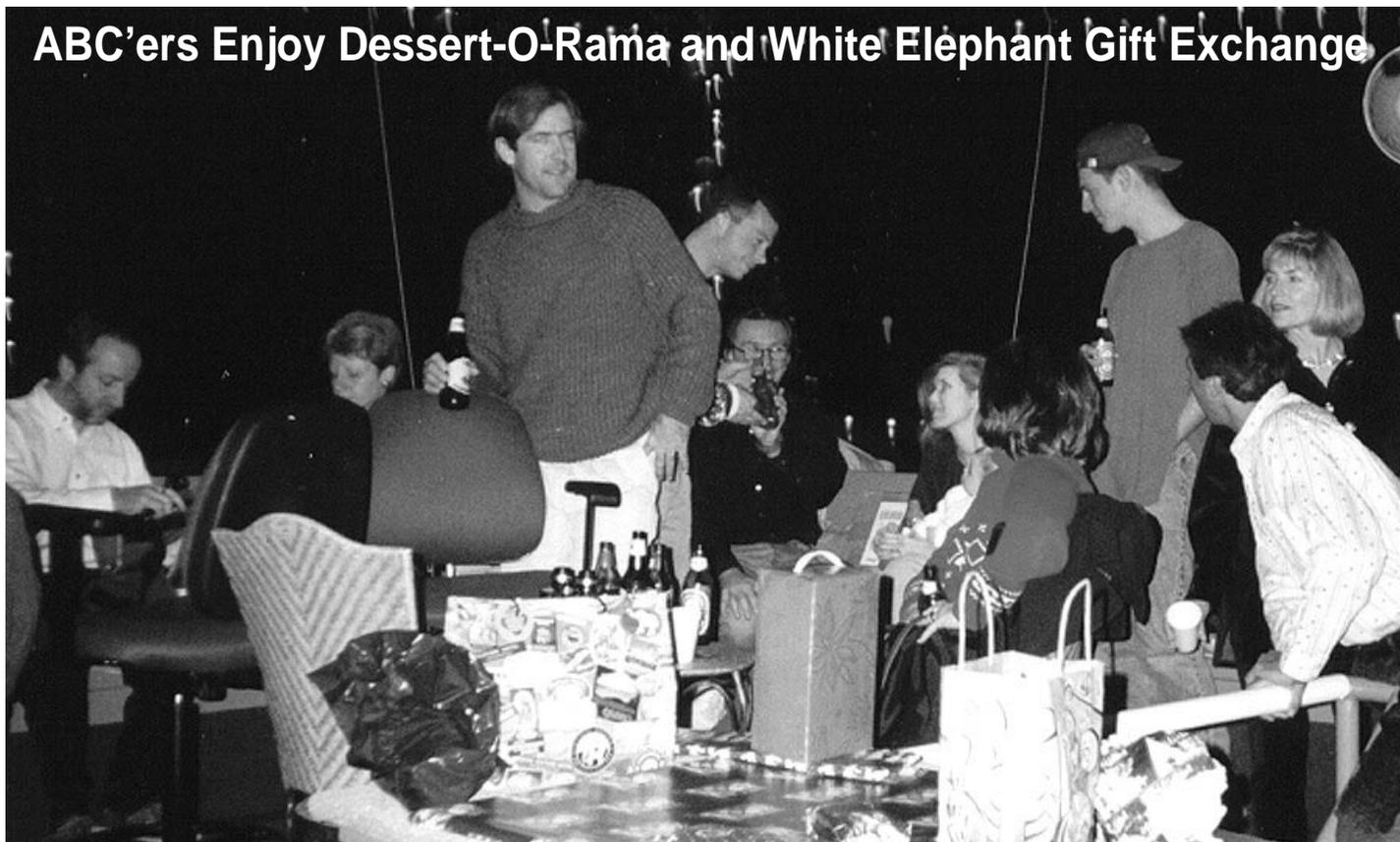
We had difficulty hearing what the officer was saying over the wind and waves, but didn't think what he was saying was good. We expected a stern lecture on the conditions and a request to get off the water.

Instead, he was telling the camera crew that the onshore wind wouldn't let him pick them up from the beach and that he'd meet them at the boat ramp. WAGA had asked the DNR to give them a ride! It must be nice to have connections. I can't imagine the response had we asked them to come give us a ride to photograph a big day. (Yeah, I can but I can't print it.)

Well, like the *S.S. Minnow*, this was an ill-fated voyage, too. Every time the boat would turn stern to the wind, a big swell would splash over, soaking the crew. After unsuccessfully trying to wave the guys on the water down into a cove (which would have required a 1/4 m. upwind sail to exit) they gave up,

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ABC'ers Enjoy Dessert-O-Rama and White Elephant Gift Exchange



More photos on next page.



Austin and Mariah Burch inspect a clock. They quickly put it down when they realized that the clock showed that it was way past their bedtime!



Ed Marks shows off his “Speed Foil”. Since this marvel of sailing technology is constructed of aluminum foil over a remnant of a daggerboard, Ed figures that he’s a shoo-in as new Lanier speed champ.



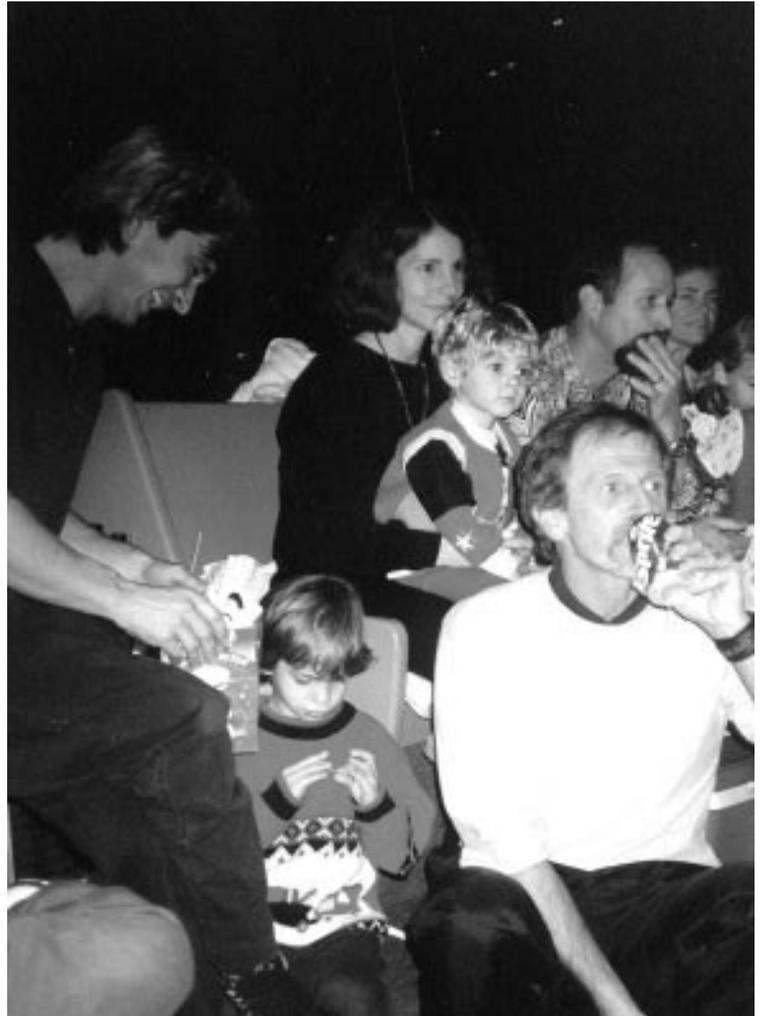
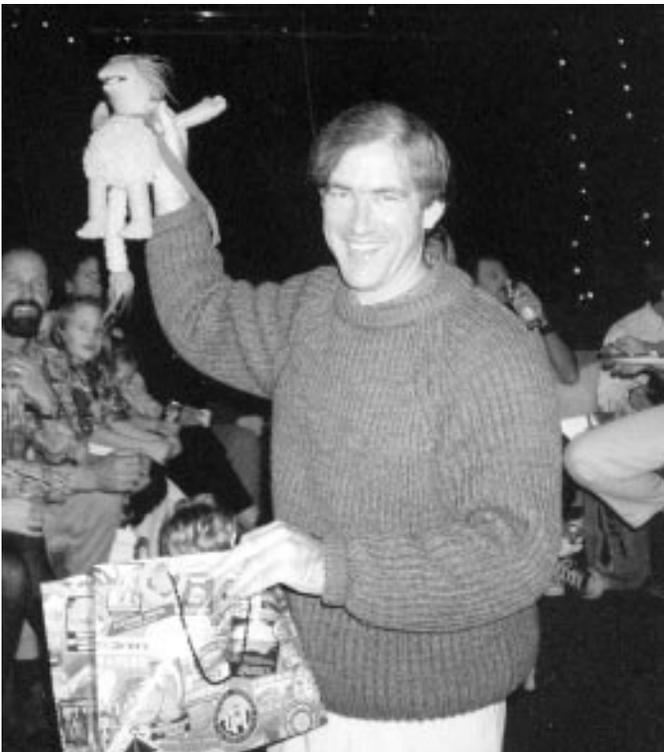
Paula Cattanach holds a windsurfing sculpture beautifully hand carved by **Pat Park**. We all thought in the low light that it was a tribal fertility totem until closer inspection revealed Pat’s painstaking work. And you thought folks only brought silly stuff at the White Elephant Gift Exchange....



Trey Tanner displays his new friend, Ziggy.



Rob Zuill shows off his new friend. It's hard to tell who's sweater is fuzzier.



Simon Fragakis checks his number, making sure he doesn't miss his turn. His sugar-crazed father looks on. **Tim Carter** waits to find out who scores the big Robby Naish poster signed by the big Kahuna himself. **Nancy, Austin and Dan Burch** wait patiently for their turn with **Ruth Smith**.



Photos: Josh Hope/ William Fragakis

New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

Frank Turner
Brian Lojko

We have **92** current individual and family members.

Join Us! Membership is still only \$20/yr. for individuals and \$30/yr for families. Join for 2 years and get a 10% discount on the second year (\$38 and \$57 total). Mail a check to ABC, PO Box 28376, Atlanta, GA 30358. Please include name, address, phone no., and an email address (if you have one).

Existing members: Remember, introduce a new member to the club and get three months added to your membership.

Expired? Check the address label. Don't miss the fun.

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soaked to the underwear.

The segment is scheduled to air on the 10 pm news broadcast the next time we get a good cold snap. Unfortunately, the weather turned warm right after the taping diminishing it's potential impact. Stay tuned on the email list and web site, we'll post the scheduled date as soon as we learn it.

Our thanks to Dan Burch, WAGA and the guys who came to put on a good show. We'll show the segment at an upcoming meeting.



You Think I Make All This Up Dept.

Jim Crooks sent this bit in from the latest (Jan. 98) issue of Reason magazine: "Ricardo Enamorado's jet ski stalled on Lake Michigan and he was hopelessly stranded- 500 yards from shore. The Coast Guard rescued him two days later.

'He was just sitting there, waiting for us to get to him', said a Coast Guard spokesman. Enamorado was suffering from dehydration. He apparently didn't know that Lake Michigan is freshwater."

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate if you could spread the word on the **Midwinter Championships**, March 6,7,8 1998. It is one of those regattas that has a little of everything for everyone. At the same time beginners are learning, top level racers are having a field day competing. Nikos Kaklamanakis (gold Medal in the Last Olympics), Mike Gebhardt and the whole US Olympic team have raced here over the years. Top open class competitors also make this regatta the true test of who is the best in the Nation.

Sport Fleet is not only competitive, it is great fun, and people from all over make this regatta the yearly gathering of longboard (and some shortboard) enthusiasts. Bring a friend and introduce them to windsurfing with certified instructors. I hope to see you here. Get the details at www.calema.com. or call 800-422-5362.

Tinho Dornellas, Calema Boardsailing

Dear Sirs:

Please don't sail alone this time of year. no matter how good you are, things can go wrong. Having equipment problems in the middle of the lake in 40 degrees can be fatal.

One of our friends made it in about 40 yards from shore (good sailor, just totally overpowered) and got cramps for the first time in both legs (front and

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back) and one arm. Fortunately, some of us were taking a snack break when we heard him yelling. it took us a while, though, to respond as this guy always yells when he's having fun. Anyway, two guys had to swim out to him and bring him in. His muscles were shaking so hard, he almost looked as though he were having a seizure. He was in terrible pain off and on for the next 45 minutes. He said he was really scared and learned a valuable lesson. I had given him a safety whistle with a harness purchase, which he wasn't using. The first thing he said when he saw me was that he was putting that whistle on for sure! Can you imagine if he had been alone and way out? Please be safe and take a buddy.

Happy New Year Everyone, Renee Jenkins

Ed: Several postings on the club email list recently pointed out the need for proper nutrition and hydration during winter sailing. Energy expenditure is tremendous in the cold weather and there's a whole lot of sweating going on under that wetsuit. To paraphrase an old cycling maxim: Eat before you're hungry, drink before you're thirsty and always sail with a buddy.

201- Boards & Rigs

Xantos 325, barely used w/ board bag \$700. **Gaastra M6** 5.5 and 6.6 sails, \$150 each. Gaastra 6.2 3 cam Race/slalom \$00. Call Robert Blazer 404-321-5365

1996 **Naish Kaholo** Race 7.5 Used 8 times, Great shape \$300 Call Greg Baxendale @770 578-8417 or GBAXENDALE@AOL.COM

F2 Strato (longboard), clamp-on boom, light and heavy wind sails (F2), Neil Pride wetsuit (women's). Take all for \$500. Great novice and/or lake board. Diane Paull 770-552-1366 dzine@mindspring.com

Bic Electric Rock (1992) Excellent Condition \$300 or best offer Jack Madden (770) 499-8229

O'Neill Drysuit 2 pc (Ronny style). Men's small (<140 lbs.) \$100 firm. Call Dan Burch 404-876-0007

FOR SALE: Two **Angulo slalom** boards. 9'-2" / ~105L / Straps / 2 fins / \$125. 8'-10" / ~90L / True Ames fin (Tuttle box) / Straps - faster than whatever you're riding now! / \$150. Tim Carter / 770-889-4203

'96 **Hot Race** 7.2, 6.3 @ \$250, 95-97 **Sailworks** 8.5, 8.0, 6.9, 6.5, 6.2, 5.9, 5.6, 5.3 @ \$325-225. '96 **Roberts Custom** Race 9-10 approx 120 ltrs. w/ Finworks 393 fin and straps \$750. Latest **Isl. Comp** Lightwind C-S Race. 14lb. 5-25 mph wind range. \$1450 w/ fin, straps, pads, bag. Dynafiber XL masts 500cm \$250, 460cm \$250. Gaastra '89 1-2 cam 10.0, 8.4, 7.2 @ \$125 John Danovic 770-775-2170

Weichart Alum. mast, 500/30mcs cc 2 pc. exc. cond. \$75 Mylar 7.6 RAF exc. cond. \$15 Call Bob Adams 770-751-1916 or email rea@command-corp.com

Hood River 3 cam Race 7.0 \$150, UP 5.5 twin cam \$150, NP 3.7 Slalom RAF \$65 Call William Fragakis 404-237-1431

North Masts (2) two piece Aluminum like new \$90 each, both for \$175. Ampro Grey Wave mast \$75. WSH tie-on booms (2) \$20ea. Call Chris Voith 404-250-0287

Beginner shortboard: Seatrend 9-10, 150 ltrs. w/fin \$200. '93 Sailworks 8.0 Race \$250 Call G.T. Brown 770-432-8553

Fanatic Ultra Cat (1991) Excellent condition with 7.4 ART monofilm race sail, mast, boom and all the extra equipment you need to hit the water. plus 5.0 ART RAF and 9.0 Neil Pryde camber sails. \$1,000 for entire package Call Chet Touton 770-645-1456

Gaastra 7.5m SpeedFoil and a 110-degree gold Windsurfing Hawaii boom with Chinook front end. 1 piece Mistral mast. Older but in great shape, good for novices in light summer air. \$100 for all Dave Tulis 404-634-3576

1991 **Mistral One Design** (IMCO) complete with 7.4 rig. \$725 Call Andrew Ziolo 404-233-5489

Mistral Ecstasy 8'4" great shape \$300w/fin/straps. Hyper Tech 8'8" new deck super fast \$300/fin/straps. 5.1 **Gaastra** Pro Race mono-film cambered sail \$75 obo **4.4** Gaastra Speed Slalom single removable cam \$50 obo 3.6 Areotech wave great

learner sail \$50 obo Call Mark Woodman 770-338-1903

96 **Neil Pryde 4.7** Wave NR, 1997 **Peter Thommen F2 295**, 134 ltrs. semi complete with bag and Northshore fin. Mint condition (basically new) \$900 Chinook slalom booms \$75 ea. Call Garrison Smith 404-256-1079

1990 Mistral Screamer DCS (103 liters, 9'1") with 3 fins, good condition, \$200. 1995 Mistral Energizer CHS (110 liters, 278 cm, 17 lbs.) with 2 fins, exc. condition, \$450. 1995 Mistral Electron CGI (later called Screamer 263, 263 cm, 87 liters, 17 lbs.) with fin, exc. condition, \$430. Contact Andy Keeler at akeeler@agecon.uga.edu or 706-613-1758

'94 **Equipe XR** w/ Carbon centerboard, fin & padded bag, Like New \$1200 '95 **Neil Pryde 7.5** Race w/ fiberspar mast and boom \$900 Board and rig \$2,000 call Jim Tafel 770-664-7885

For sale: (\$50 each) **North** mast sections Space Tech 30% carbon (flex top) Base 220 cm (2) Tops: 245 cm 220 cm 200 cm 180 cm AL 75 Base 220 cm Chris Zeitvogel (757) 249-1272 or czus7212@travelin.com

208- Accessories

Thule #300 Gutter mount feet and one set of Thule sailboard mounts. \$25.00 each or \$40 for both. Call Josh Hope 770-531-1056

Sailboard Attachment for Thule racks. Never used. Cost new \$80+, will take \$25 Call Jonathan Jewell 770-932-6327

319- Local Shops

WINDSENSE SPECIALS: (All in stock and all new stuff!!!) **Neil Pryde MPS 4/3** suit (XL) - \$165. **NP Cup 5/3** (M) - \$250. Adjustable **harness lines** - \$26. **Epic** padded board bag (275CM) - \$75. **DaKine** padded mast bag (for 2-pc masts) - \$60. **Oke Skin Dry** (1 men's size 9-10 & 1 women's size 4.5-5.5) - \$50. Gorge (8-8.5 M / 11-12M / 4-5W) - \$35. Fun (zipper boot) (11-12M / 12.5/13.5M) - \$30. **Chinook** 1-1/8" slalom boom - \$140. 770-888-1584.

Whitecap Windsurfing: tops by WetStuff, short and long sleeve lycra tops \$26, fleece tops \$26 Call Renee Jenkins, 706-868-7792

412- Real Estate- FL.

Burch's Beach House Englewood FL on Manasota Key. 2 unit duplex, each w/ 2BR & 2Baths Completely furnished and equipped. Great windsurfing, fishing & shell hunting. \$275/week Call Dan or Nancy 404-876-0007

601- Lost & Found

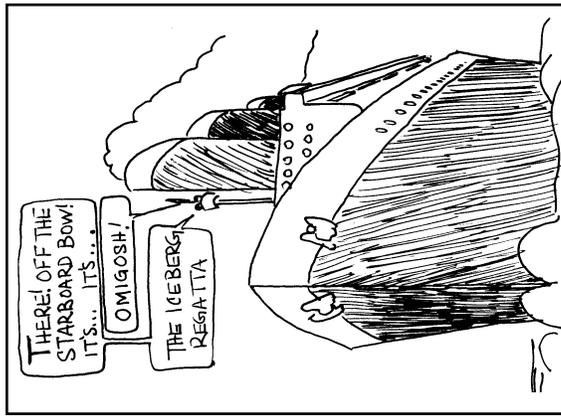
Lost: **Chinook 16" ext.** at Van Pugh South on Nov 23, Sunday. Call Bob Cozine 404-633-8135.

911- Editor's Note

Ads must be renewed every three months. Please let me know when you buy/sell something. We want to keep these as fresh as possible



while I love her, her bad mood lately is affecting our relationship. What do you advise? Signed, Sad Sack

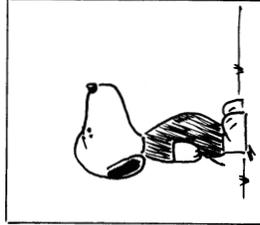
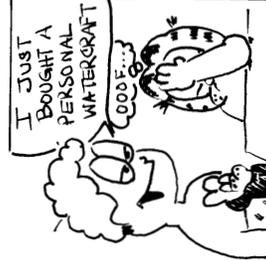


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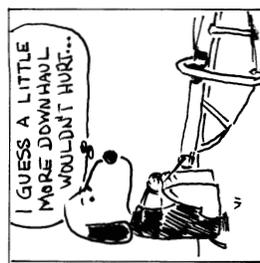
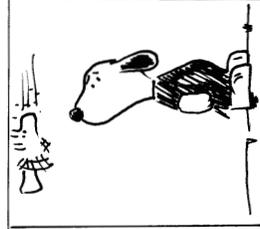
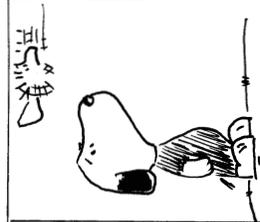
Dear Sad Sack,
 While typically you might assume that a change in behaviour is caused by changes at home, work or even physical changes, you should not overlook the fact that recently, it just hasn't been very windy.
 Wait until the next nice windy day when your beloved gets a chance to sail. Things will again be merry in your happy home.



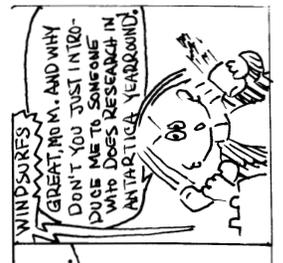
Garfield



Windups



Kathy



With apologies and appreciation to the respective artists.

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Upcoming Events

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Jan. 17 Iceberg Regatta

Feb 10 Meeting, Powers Court