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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Out with the old, in with the new. Year that is. 2022 saw us start to return to some semblance of normal... less distancing, more smiling. The cold weather is limiting some activities, but the lake is open year-round! We can certainly take advantage of the “warmer” days and get out to enjoy it!

A New year gives us a fresh start and a chance to make changes. KSC is a self-help club- we all know this – but do YOU do your part? This could be the year you jump in and help with a project, even if it's just cleaning up. Do you have a skill? (OCD properly channeled IS a skill) An idea? Are you just tired of seeing dirty windows? Think about how you could get involved and make the club better for everyone!

See you on the lake!

Robyn Strickland  
Commodore

# CHANGE OF WATCH INFORMAL DINNER

We will be having an informal changing of the watch dinner on Saturday, February 11th at 5:00 pm. Please mark this date on your calendar.

To sign up to attend this catered dinner use this link:

<https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/2023/01/03/2022-2023-change-of-watch/>

A few volunteers will be needed for setup and cleanup you can volunteer when you signup.

If you would like to volunteer use this link:

[https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/volunteer-social-events/?sheet\\_id=272](https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/volunteer-social-events/?sheet_id=272)

Thank you- Leslee Hiller

# INFORMATION ON 2023 KSC SAIL CAMPS

The dates for **2023 Sailing Camps** have been finalized and are on the KSC calendar. Registration will open (on the KSC website) on March 1 for KSC members. ***Members have priority through March 14.*** Any degree of relation to you is considered a 'member camper' for purposes of sailing camp -- child, grandchild, niece / nephew. Applications open to the public on March 15.

Please save the date for Sailing Camp!

June 5, 6 & 7 -- Basic Sailing Camp (Session 1) (ages 10 – 17)

June 12, 13 & 14 -- Intermediate Camp (by invitation or approval only)

June 19, 20 & 21 -- Basic Sailing Camp (Session 2) (ages 10 – 17)

June 26, 27 & 28 -- Opti Camp (8 & 9 year olds only -- very limited space)

Thank you,  
Liz Keenen

# KSC SAYRA YOUTH ALLSTARS FOR 2022

Please join me in congratulating our **KSC 2022 SAYRA Junior All Stars - Kayde Cody and Onyx Pruitt!**

During camp, Kayde took to sailing immediately, a real natural. She even came back as a Junior Counselor for our Opti Sailing Camp. Kayde was enthusiastic, well-mannered and showed a joy for sailing.

Onyx was our most improved sailor! He really came into his own as a sailor this year at Opti Sailing Camp! It was a pleasure to see Onyx advance to such a degree from one year to the next.

-Liz Keenen



The graphic features a blue background with a white pennant containing a red star. The text 'SAYRA' is in large red letters, with '2022 junior all stars' in a red script font below it. Below the graphic, the text reads: 'SOUTH ATLANTIC YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES AND CONGRATULATES OUR JUNIOR ALL STARS SAILORS NOMINATED BY THESE REGIONAL CLUBS!'.

Female	SAYRA Club	Male
Josie Sherry	Atlanta Yacht Club	Leif Carlson
Emily Sternkopf	Augusta Sailing Club	Ian Sternkopf
Bopha Shook	Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club	Lachlan Duer
Kate Zurinkas	Carolina Yacht Club NC	Andrew Simpson
Perrin Mueller	Carolina Yacht Club SC	Granger Osborne
Carolina Uram	Charleston Community Sailing	Jacob Folk
Anna Kate Horton	Columbia Sailing Club	Andrew Ettlemeyer
Lillianna Harris	Hobcaw Yacht Club	Oliver Berg
Madelyn McSweeney	James Island Yacht Club	Felix Hagar
Kaydence 'Kayde' Cody	Keowee Sailing Club	August 'Onyx' Pruitt
Anna Kennedy	Lake Lanier Sailing Club	Will Bryant
Camden Cockrill	Lake Norman Yacht Club	Trino Wollum
Molly Lovvorn	Lake Townsend Yacht Club	Logan Hayes
Lizzie Oetgen	Savannah Yacht Club	Patyon Brown
Kennedy Ford	South Carolina Yacht Club	Walker Neumann
Ella Neff	Western Carolina Sailing Club	Alex Parker

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# VIEW FROM THE STARTING LINE

## Race/Regatta Committee

The 2023 racing season has started with our first two HRB series race dates completed. Considering it is January, with the weather being a little chilly, we had a nice turnout of about a dozen boats participating each race day. The participants were mostly keelboats which was nice to see because we know we will see more dinghies come out for the fun as the weather warms up. Based on the first two race dates we look forward to solid participation in all the season series.

## New series geared to the occasional and casual racer

We are introducing a new series for 2023 called the JAM Pursuit series for cruising/auxiliary boats only, typically defined as a keel or swing keel boat equipped with sleeping berths, a galley, a head and an engine (inboard or outboard). This series is designed for the occasional or casual racer, but any regular PHRF B fleet qualified boat may join in the fun. The series will consist of ten race dates, roughly one per month, starting in mid-February and running through mid-November. The race dates are listed on the KSC calendar as Rec-Pursuit. There will be one race per day and each race will be 90 minutes in length. After 90 minutes a horn will sound and an announcement made over VHF radio signaling the end of the race. Boats that have not crossed the finish line will be finished in place and may immediately return to the dock. Following each race there will be snacks and discussion at the clubhouse. The discussion will be based on participant questions and observations by more experienced racers. We encourage participants to familiarize themselves with the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions located in the racing section of the KSC website.

You enter any of these races by attending the Competitor's Meeting on the day of a race and adding your name to the signup sheet.

The Race/Regatta Committee for 2023 is co-chaired by Rob Kaiser and Terry Keane. If you have any questions regarding racing please contact us.

- If you have more questions regarding the JAM-Pursuit Series, contact the Race/Regatta Committee below:

Rob Kaiser at [rrkaiser@cnrassociates.com](mailto:rrkaiser@cnrassociates.com) or (864)477-8299.

Terry Keane at [jtk7140@gmail.com](mailto:jtk7140@gmail.com) or (843) 368-5643

# CHANGES TO REGULAR SERIES RACES

For the avid racers the Race/Regatta Committee for 2023 would like to take this opportunity go over some changes we have made for the 2023 Season.

- This year the seasonal series will consist of three series instead of the traditional four and each series will consist of seven or eight race dates i.e. 14 to 16 races potentially. These series will be HRB (running from January to early April), Simmer series (running from late April to early September) and Fright series (running from mid-September to mid-December). This change will allow for as many as four throw-outs if sixteen races are completed in a given series. This means you could miss two race dates in an eight race date series with sixteen races completed without your series score being heavily penalized by DNC points.
  - We made a change regarding who can sail in the PHRF B fleet. In prior years a keel boat with a PHRF rating below 190 was required to compete in the PHRF A fleet. This year the PHRF B fleet will consist of cruising/auxiliary boats regardless of their PHRF rating, but such boats with a PHRF rating below 190 may race in PHRF A if they so choose.
  - We have changed the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 outside the three boat length zone of a mark from two turns to one turn. If you commit a foul inside the “zone” it’s still a two turns penalty.
  - The racecourse menu remains the same, but we will look to change up the usual course 5 or 6 with other courses on the course listing (like triangle courses), when conditions allow, to make life more interesting.
- Terry Keane and Rob Kaiser

## JAM PURSUIT RACE SERIES

What is a JAM Pursuit race you ask ?

First JAM - which stands for Jib And Main only. So, no Spinnakers in this series.

The JAM Pursuit race consists of staggered time starts dependent upon your sailboat’s PHRF rating ( Portsmouth Handicap Racing Formula). The higher your number the slower a boat is. Conversely the lower your number the faster a boat is.

In a pursuit race, the slowest boat (highest Portsmouth Rating) starts first, and the fastest boat (lowest Portsmouth Rating) starts last. So as an example, my boat Merit 22 has a PHRF rating of 216 and Rick Harper’s Beneteau 265 has a PHRF rating of 186. For this example, if these are the only 2 boats the Merit would start at the Start signal and the Beneteau would start 4 minutes later.

The advantage of the Pursuit style start is that there are fewer if any other boats starting at the same time. A crowded starting line has been a concern voiced by some of the current boat owners. After the start each boat does it’s very best to sail as fast as possible around the course.

# JAM PURSUIT RACE SERIES CONTINUED

THERE ARE TIME LIMITS!

The time limit to get to the first mark is 45 minutes.  
If no boat rounds the first mark within the 45 minutes the race will be abandoned.

The time limit to complete the racecourse is 90 minutes.

The Race Committee will sound a horn at the time limit and make an announcement over the radio.

Any boat not finished within the time limit will be finished in place and may return to the dock.

In theory, all boats should finish at the same time at the finish line but that is in theory!

So as a Jam Pursuit Participant whenever you start you should try and pass all boats ahead of you and defend against being passed by later starters. Easy, right!?

Not so fast.

There are many factors that will affect your theoretical performance. The advantage of starting first is that you are sailing in clear air.

The disadvantage of starting first is you cannot benefit from watching boats ahead and what the wind is doing to them. What factors are slowing them down? Avoid those factors if you can.

The advantage of starting later is you can see what is happening to boats ahead and for those falling into wind lulls or holes avoid and for those getting more wind follow.

The disadvantage of starting later is, as you catch up with the competitors ahead you will need to avoid getting into disturbed air shadows which will slow you down. Sometimes this is unavoidable such as when you are approaching the course marks at the same time as other boats.

Okay, have I tilted everyone yet!? AS WITH ANY RACE, PREPARATION IS CRITICAL.

1. Skipper and crew should read and have on board both the NOTICE OF RACE and the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS prior to race time.
2. Make sure your boat is in the best shape possible to race. Equipment check
3. Good Communication protocol between Skipper and crew is vital - For example - who is looking for wind - how is the wind report being communicated.
4. Who is looking for the Mark. How is the direction to the mark being communicated? "Over there" does not give the helmsman a clear answer. "10 degrees off the port bow" is more helpful.
5. Where is the nearest boat behind? Are they gaining or falling further behind
6. Where is the nearest boat ahead? Are we gaining on them or falling behind.

There are going to be after race briefings by more experienced sailors which are very useful in developing your racing capabilities. Effort in = Result out.

HAVE FUN!!!! ASK! ASK! ASK!

-Phil Cook

## CLUB MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

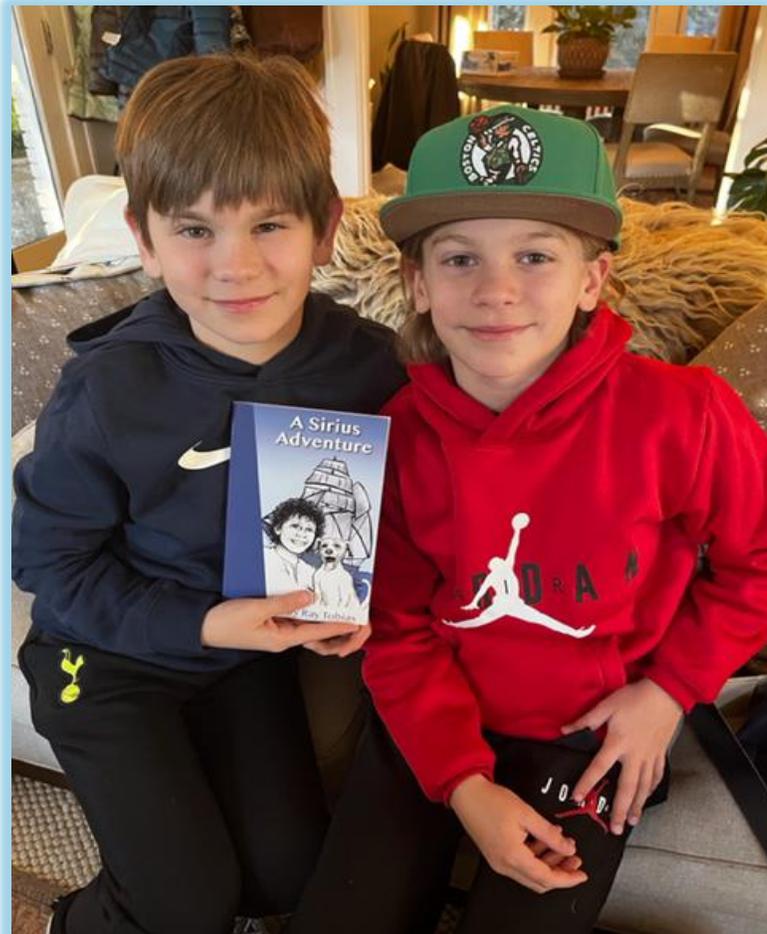
KSC Member, long time sailor and Past KSC Commodore Ray Tobias has recently completed and published his first book “A SIRIUS ADVENTURE”. The theme of the book (intended for Tweens and Tween minded adults) emanates from bedtime stories told to his grandchildren A’ille and Lachlan.

In the epilogue of the book Ray’s last paragraph is “On a clear winter night, look for Orion’s Belt and follow it to the brightest star in the sky, SIRIUS.  
I AM THE DOG STAR.”

“An 18th century boy and his dog are uprooted from a life of comfort when his father clashes with the monarchy over heavy taxation. They leave Portugal on a brigantine destined for Brazil when a storm pushes them off course and the Captain is injured losing his ability to navigate. The dog’s keen sense of direction can save the day but only one person believes the boy and he isn’t a sailor.”

Congratulations Ray on your most recent accomplishment!

-Phil Cook



*Young fans posing with Ray’s book, which he dedicated to his grandchildren A’ille and Lochlan*

# KSC BOAT DECAL REQUIREMENT

Dear Members with Boats Stored on Site,

**As passed by the Board of Stewards at the November 2022 Board Meeting, all boats being stored on KSC Property must have a numbered decal displayed on it.**

We now have those Decals in hand. I will place a folder with the first 100 of them on the desk inside the main Clubhouse tomorrow (Sunday).

**PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST NEXT TO WHICH DECAL YOU PICK.**

I will check on these intermittently and add more decals once they start to run low. I have enough for every boat on site and some extras as well.

This allows us to identify your boat and that it belongs to you should it get moved or placed somewhere other than your normal slip. Not everyone may be familiar with your Make/Model of boat, or that it's yours, so this will help simplify the identification process greatly.

**I DO NOT MIND PLACING THE DECALS FOR ANY MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE ME TO PLACE IT FOR THEM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO ASSIGN YOU A NUMBER AND STICK IT ON YOUR BOAT.**

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PHOTO FOR PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE IDEA IS THAT THE DECAL IS TO BE VISIBLE EVEN IF THERE ARE SAIL COVERS/COCKPIT COVERS ON THE BOAT.**

WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO TAKE ANYTHING OFF YOUR BOAT TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DECAL.

# KSC BOAT DECAL REQUIREMENT

A couple of questions were raised today, I'm including those so that it may help answer any confusion.

## DRY STORAGE BOATS

If you are not going to be leaving your boats in the water unsupervised at any time, you can place your decal on your trailer

## WHAT IF THE DECAL WILL NOT SIT COMPLETELY FLAT WHERE IT IS TO BE ADHERED?

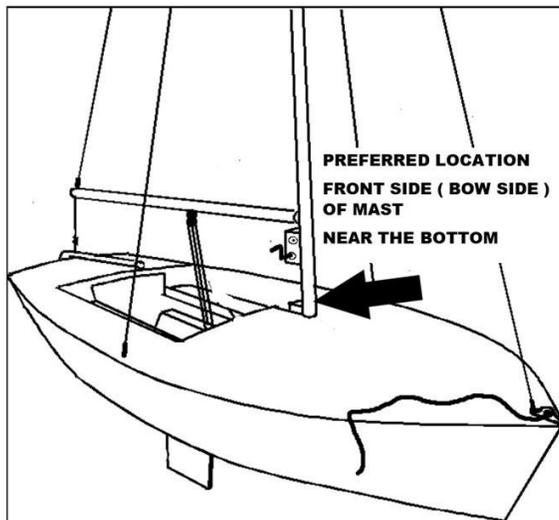
The Number Portion of the Decal is the important part, if it will help to trim down the Decal so that it will fit better without the KSC Logo, you can trim it down to just the number portion.

## DO I NEED A DECAL FOR BOTH BOATS?

Yes, each boat needs a decal, it does not matter if one is in Dry Storage and one is in a Slip in the water, you need one for each.

If there are any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Matt Davis  
Dock Master



# UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11, 2023 - HRB #3 SERIES RACE @ 1:00PM  
- CHANGE OF WATCH @ 5:00PM

February 18, 2023 - BOARD of STEWARDS Meeting @ 10:00AM  
- RECREATIONAL PURSUIT RACE #1 @ 1:00PM

February 19, 2023 - WOMEN, WIND & WAVES 2023 KICK-OFF  
LUNCHEON @ 12:30PM

February 25, 2023 - HRB#4 SERIES RACE @ 1:00PM