



CLSA Windword

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News From Cape Town, South Africa

By CLSA member Hugh Robertson

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Robertsons are participating in "social racing" at the Royal Cape Yacht Club.

From sunny and windy Cape Town....

We've been in Cape Town for almost two months now, with four to go on our sabbatical visit. Amongst the many wonderful things we've done and seen, sailing has featured prominently. On December 26 we got to watch the fleet of seven Volvo70 boats in the Volvo Ocean Race performing their In-port race in Table Bay right in front of my parents' and our block of apartments. These spectacular boats put on a wild show doing three laps of the course in 30 knot winds, planing at 20-25 knots with asymmetrical spinnakers on the downwind legs along the shore (photo). As usual the race was won by ABN AMRO 1 from Holland, and Paul Cayard's Pirates of the Caribbean did woefully because of knockdowns on all three gibes. As those of you following the race on-line know, Pirates and others have been plagued with malfunctioning canting keels, so let's hope the repairs done in Melbourne are sound and they safely negotiate the Southern Pacific where they are now.

The weather here is simply amazing in the summer, with constant sunshine and almost constant SE winds that rake across the Cape Flats between Table Mountain and the interior Hex River Mountains, and each afternoon reach around 30 knots. As a result there is a constant display of superb windsurfers and kite boarders along the shores of Table Bay, especially from our location at Milnerton north to Bloubergstrand. I don't have the nerve to try this ocean sailing myself, not to mention that the water is painfully cold. Instead I've been going north an hour to a large lagoon called Langebaan where there is warm, shallow water to practice kite boarding, and occasionally renting a windsurfer when the wind is too strong.

We've also been lucky enough to talk our way onto a local yacht for the "social racing" on Wednesday evenings at the Royal Cape Yacht Club. Our skipper is one CP van der Merwe on his Farr38 called Freedom. We've had two races, while two were blown out with winds over 35 knots. Even the last one was pretty hairy, with winds from 25-35 knots and boat speeds up to 11 knots on the broad reach. The two photos show Table Mountain in the background as we head out of the protected harbor (CP is in red). Soon everyone was wearing wet weather gear and we were on our ear getting wet much of the time with a number 4 jib up and full mainsail. Last Wednesday we placed fourth out of ten who survived the race, out of twenty starters in our fleet (one of two). Included in the carnage were two lovely 60 foot boats that simply had too much sail up and had to retire after spinning out one too many times.

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Finally this weekend we visited the harbor to see a replica of the Swedish boat Gotheburg, which original plied this coast on her way to China and back. The replica is magnificent and an amazing contrast to the sleek lines of the South African entry for the America's Cup 2007 race in Valencia, Spain, called Shosholoza (sadly out of focus on the left in the photo). They did very well towards the end of this past summer's racing in Europe, getting a couple of good finishes in the fleet races, but still losing most of their match races. We hope they continue to improve this summer in Europe so they can be a force in the 2007 Louis Vuitton races.

We enjoyed reading about the wonderful winter sailing Joe instigated, and are glad that Ben and Debbie Williams were able to take our O'Day 23 out for a spin. I hope the Spring brings good sailing to all at Clinton Lake, and we look forward to joining you for the August 26 distance race upon our return via Australia, Fiji, Hawaii, and LA.



Freedom 1

Gotheberg replica
and America's Cup
boat Shosholoza



CLSA Board Meeting Minutes March 2006

Submitted by Sally Kerber

Commodore Craig Rost called the meeting to order at 6 pm at The Farmer City Café.

Roll-Craig Rost, Dave and Betty Toland, Sally Kerber, Bob Miller, Gerry and Linda Christman, Rick Wojnar, Doug Walker, and George Sodemann.

Minutes- Minutes of the February 16th meeting were approved with the correction of Wednesday sailing beginning after Memorial Day.

Treasurer- Dave Toland presented the report. He said he will be renewing the insurance policy for club boats that will cover liability for a Snark, Sears boat, Lido, Ray Greene and the pontoon boat. The cost is \$29 each. He will notify the Port-a- Potty company to begin service April 1.

Race Committee- Gerry Christman stated the schedule will be same as last year with a few minor changes. He would like Frank Scotello to make up a Notice of Race for the Sail boards event.

Social- Rick Wojnar presented a Social Calendar. A few suggestions were made by the board. Rick will draw up a final schedule and send it by e-mail to the board for approval.

The Spring banquet was cancelled due to a lack of reservations. It was decided not to reschedule. We will try again next year. If that lacks interest then perhaps a Spring Banquet should be dropped from the calendar. It was suggested that those who usually attend events call and encourage others to attend.

Education- Bill Vokac sent a note to board members. The board wondered if the Girls in Science were planning on another event this summer. Membership cards will be printed. Dave Toland suggested that more than 100 be printed so that all members of a family can have their own card.

Windword/ Website-Bob Miller stated that he has been using Yahoo and that he has been donating the cost of an upgrade to CLSA. All articles should be submitted by the Sunday morning after the board meeting. Doug Walker suggested that a link for U.S. Sailing and other sites be added to the Website. Bob would like to add more pictures and would like any members with pictures to send them to him. He will select a few to be placed on the website.

Harbormaster- Work Day is scheduled for April 29th and a rain date April 30th. The committee boat will be power washed. The committee boat motor needs work, including a new ignition switch, adjustment of the gear shift, and the deck painted. Rick Atterberry should contact the marina to schedule the repairs. Dave Toland will coordinate with Rick.

Membership- We have 27 paid members with many more to come in.

Marina- Greg Forest reported that the dry storage cost is now \$350 and that CLSA members receive a discounted price of \$150 for 16ft and under and \$275 for over 16ft.

There is a no-wake law being enforced ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

He will provide dry land stickers for club boats.

The lake level is good.

Rear Commodore- No report



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Old Business- George Sodemann reported that the club stickers he could make at his company would not work since they are water soluble. He suggested Dean's Graphic that makes a rub on that is very nice. He suggested that stickers be sold to members for about \$5. He has contacted a T-shirt shop on the possibility of a silk screen for the sails of club owned boats. It was suggested to put large CLSA letters for the sails. He will look into this and report at the next meeting.

The Spring boat show is May 20. The marina is allowing us to use the pier for boat rides. The Power Squadron is interested in being there. More will be heard from Bill Vokac.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Next board meeting April 13th at The Farmer City Café.

From the Editor

Submitted by Bob Miller

Thanks to Hugh Robertson for sending along the article and photos from South Africa.

Doug Walker has put together an impressive list of web sites for sailors. You can see this list at: <http://clsasailing.org/Web%20Links%20for%20Sailors.htm>

Do you have photos you would like to share with CLSA members? We would love to use them in the Windword or on the CLSA web site (<http://clsasailing.org>). Send the photos electronically to sailing@ramiller.org. If you would like help sending your photos along, contact me at the email address above and we can get it done!

CLSA Classifieds

22 foot Spindrift, sleeps 4, has a porta potty, sink, alcohol stove, 12 V light system. Interior is in great shape. 9.9 Mariner electric start in great shape. Sails are good. Furling jib is good. There is a for sale sign on her now out at the lake. The track on the jib furler is broken, but we have the new one, just have not installed it. It has a retractable keel and a tilt trailer. Land storage is paid for this year. We really need to move her. We had been asking \$4,500 or best offer. Our phone number is 485-3545...Cathy and Steve Stiff

The Carlyle sailing association is selling several Sunfish. These inexpensive, 14-ft. boats are a great introduction to sailing. For details, contact Paul Hanson, (217) 288-5840; email at: PHanson@stcharleseng.com

Flying Scot 3204 built in 1978 and purchased by me in 1980, new from Bob Rundus. The boat was refurbished at the factory in 1991, centerboard shimmed and race rigged. It includes 1999 North sails with about 20 races on them. I won the 1991 or 1992 Midwinters, Challenger Division, having finished second twice before. This boat won the second race in the 1992 North American Championships, Championship division. The trailer is an aluminum Trailex of about 1992 vintage.

From looking at Scots 'n Water ads, it seems to be worth about \$5500 but I could make a deal for someone who was planning to sail it at Clinton. Contact Mike Hartman at 217-328-6740.

MacGregor 21: We have bought a Catalina Capri 22 and now need to sell our MacGregor 21. It is a 1983. It comes with a trailer, outboard, main and jib, and porta potty. I have it listed on the internet for \$1,950 or best offer. Patrick Roesler (ptroesler@sbcglobal.net)

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