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Former Editor's note:

Around here, there are some things you can depend on..... That the Tuttle Creek Lake winds and water are unpredictable..... That there are good people in the Blue Valley Yacht Club that will take any opportunity to come together for fun or helping a fellow sailor..... That Bart Bartholomew will have his camera handy..... That Bob and Jane Mullen are the eternal BVYC hosts, always doing something for the club. I just couldn't let Jane's latest email of Club happenings go by without recording it for posterity in our newsletter, so here it is, accompanied by Bart's photos.



Photo by Bart Bartholomew

MEMORIAL WEEKEND (OR BEFORE THE FLOOD)

The events started with a movie and popcorn on Friday night and the Annual Youth Sailing Benefit Breakfast on Saturday morning. The fun activity was the launching and sailing of the four Optimist Dinghies. Four of the builders, van Swaay, Loyd, Strouts and Otto, raced them in the harbor. After lunch the Long Distance Race was held and winds were brisk making for a good sail. DeAdre and Daryl then served a feast with hamburgers etc, etc, etc in the shelter.



Unless the water drops below 1090 before the morning of Saturday, August 7 there will be the first ever Summer DamSailors Coffee Club meeting that morning.

The Supreme Operating Barnacle



Photo by Bart Bartholomew

For Sail

BVYC CLOTHING -- New tee shirts have been received in all sizes. The cost is \$13.00. The older shirts will be sold for \$10.00 while quantities last. Hats are available for \$15.00.

Call Bob Mullen at 539-4759 for more information.



Photo by Bart Bartholomew



Photo by Wes Hamerley



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SALE and SAIL

Back on Saturday June 12th the Sale and Sail was canceled because of rain, thunder and lightening. Five vendors and 23 people were prepared for the event but ironically by what would have been opening time, the sun was out and the sky cleared.

The Sale was rescheduled for the next Saturday, June 19. I didn't even watch the weather report Saturday morning but when we got to the Club, the sky looked very threatening. We set up our tables and watched the weather. The first huge gust of wind scattered items and sent us scurrying to secure some and put some back in our trucks. We sat out a wild storm with gusts of 60-80 MPH and even hail. But sailors are a hearty bunch so when the storm passed, we again set up our wares. Counting the 9 people selling nautical items and about 11 who showed up to browse and buy and have lunch, we 20 determined people proceeded to have a good time.

We didn't get to sail because of the weather but Steve and Sharon Kettleon rode out the storm aboard their sailboat. The storm came in so fast they couldn't get back so they were aboard as their boat drug anchor.

Our new senior member to be, Jim Rhine brought items to sell and donated the proceeds to the Club. The items also included donations from Rosalie Thompson who, as well as Jim, is a former BVYC member.

The vendors would like to have another Sale next year hopefully when the rainy season is over!!! So start collecting your nautical items. Bob and I found some things we really had been wanting so we were thrilled. Greg Wurst came to buy a gaff hook which he has already been using. We did a little trading and giving away too. So, if you missed this year's event, plan to come next year.



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EVACUATION

The July 20 race had to be canceled because of high winds. We had had a lot of rain and the lake was quickly and steadily rising. That evening, after a picnic, the Martins and Mullens started some high water precautions. The Meermans (Jane's brother and his wife, Willyards and others continued the preparations and Bart expanded the poles to the Martin (birds) houses. Others moved dinghies, K-State boats, Scout boats and tables. On July 5th the Kettleasons and Mullens moved some boats and trailers toward the hedgerow in pouring down rain. When it was over and we were again dry and warm we decided it was quite an adventure and a bit of fun also.

RACELESS RACE

Henry Otto and Bob Mullen forged on and conducted a patriotic party on the evening of July 5th. The Corps shelter we had planned to use and was supposed to be awash at 5:30 PM was already unusable by 12:30 when we left the lake. The party was moved to a shelter below the dam and 24 adults (including a prospective new member and his family) and 4 children joined for a potluck with hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by Henry. Bob conducted a dry boat race. Henry invited everyone to bring as many flags as they wanted and did we have flags! All over! And Jim Rhine made it to the party with a flag sent by Rosalie. Jim said he likes belonging to a group who knows how to have fun!

EVACUATION—CONTINUED

Well, after the fun on Monday evening, the work started before 8AM on Tuesday. The pass in the ancient rock wall was found quickly and grass on the hill mowed to make room for all the boats and trailers. The commodore put out a report on that day.

There were 12-15 men who worked until 5:30PM, some all day and some could only stay part of the day. Kathy Crespino went for sandwiches and trimmings to keep up their energy. Bart, Steve and Jim kept the big tractor going. We have to thank Bart for keeping us informed by daily pictorial updates as the water came up. The Martins (birds) are now happily perched on extensions on the docks, the high water not seeming to bother them in the least. Bart, we miss your pictures.

Just when we thought the water was going down, it seems it may be going back up again so we're not out of the water yet!! There are still 12 boats on mooring balls, one at an odd direction but it seems to be secure for the time at least.

CURRENT AND FUTURE

If you are still with me I want to have you mark down August 21 as a day for a get together. When we have years like this with high water and less sailing, we need to continue with our plans to hold an event once a month and we've done that so far. The board meeting is August 2nd and more plans will be made and information sent to you as soon as we can. Just know that another party is coming up so be ready! Also, work days and clean ups will be needed so be prepared for that as well. A big thanks to those who are watching out for other club members' boats.