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Our mission is to dedicate our programs and resources to the growth of sailing through instruction and practice in a sociable, family-friendly environment, and by continuing our heritage of being a member-run organization

From the Commodore

By Dave Safirstein

This is the time of year to make New Year's resolutions. These are two I plan to keep: 1) grow the club's membership with qualified applicants, and 2) raise the level of sailing participation and competence at the club.

When prospective members tour the club, they immediately "get" our amazing value, sailing community, and beautiful waterfront property. If you listen, what they really want is a place to unwind. They want to do some form of sailing, whether it be day sailing or racing. They see LNYC as a place to bring the family together, or see the kids learn to sail or race. What they feel and what seals the deal is people want to be part of our LNYC community. I'm thrilled to have Kerrie Lalli at the helm as the Member at Large in 2019. She is an active racer who brings experience from serving on the membership committee.

A number of our members decided to start this crazy sport of ours after age forty. If we stay focused on the fact we are a sailing club with members that need training to get up to speed, good things will happen. Sailing is one of those activities that requires an investment in "tiller time". New members have to commit to put in the time to learn, and the club needs to provide learning opportunities in a fun, family-friendly setting.

Our number one avenue for training new adult sailors in 2019 is through LNYC's partnership with Lake Norman Community Sailing (LNCS). Any new or inexperienced LNYC member who joins LNCS this year will receive \$200 from LNYC to defray the cost of the membership. Taking lessons at LNCS will help get novices up to speed which will keep them excited about our sport and turn them into active long-term sailors. LNCS is run by LNYC member Sean O'Donnell, and many LNYC members volunteer as instructors during the informal group "Social Sail" program. They do their best to teach and train people in a fun social setting.

There are several other education opportunities for novice sailors (and seasoned ones). We had great success last year with Jeff Asher's Fun Sail concept on Fridays after work. A Fun Sail is a low-key sail that follows a typical race course set-up but is not scored. Any boat is welcome. After sailing we have some food and fellowship. Fleet Captain Tim Porter will also be offering educational opportunities in the off season. Mike Robinson will be hosting "First Sail", a US Sailing formal program to teach members and nonmembers. I am encouraging the Sail Camp directors to offer Adult Sailing. Your Board will work this year to make it easier than ever for new or inexperienced sailors to crew and get up to speed. Make one of your resolutions be to get the most out of your club in 2019.

Lake Level: 98.8 (down 1.2) Water Temperature: 55.3 F

Club Calendar

January 13th LNYC Board Meeting 3 p.m. February 3rd Super Bowl Party 5:30 p.m.

January 19th Ric Ferrar Memorial 4 p.m.

February 16th

Rules Seminar

Winter Social 6:30 p.m.

January 25th –27th SAYRA Hilton Head Winter Social 6:30 p.m.

February 2nd Polar Plunge Special February 23rd-24th 2018 Hewsons

4:00 p.m.

Olympics Fund Raiser
Chartering Discussion
Championship

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Vice Commodore

By Fred Jones

Welcome all to the 2019 sailing and enjoyment season at LNYC!

We are off to a busy start already. The submersible pump in the Clubhouse well decided to fail on the last day of the year. With no good records available and scattered memories we had a chore actually finding the underground well. It was under the ramp and repaired earlier this week. Many thanks go to Fred Herr for tending to the repair.

Steven Jones has accepted the Camping Chair position for 2019. Thank you Steven for all you do at LNYC. We will be reviewing the campsites, establishing a waiting list and adjusting some rules. If you have a campsite please review the rules and be sure it is neat and tidy. Let's make Steven's job easy this year.

There is a significant sea wall Project which needs to be completed adjacent to the hoist. If any of our members feel they have the core competency to take on the project, please have a look and contact me. Otherwise, it will have to be subcontracted at a significant cost. We cannot let it go to next year.

Tom Payne has proposed a volunteer work day on Saturday January 12th to clean up the open area recently cleared after tree removal, work on dry storage areas H&I and work on the dinghy storage area and beach. Please contact Tom or me if you can lend a hand. Tom has done a tremendous job with dry storage in general. Let's give him our support not only now but throughout the year. Thank you Tom.

We are looking for a new Grounds Chairperson to take over from Patrick Rykens who has done a superior job. It is not a time consuming or stressful job. If there is anyone interested, please contact me.

As your new Vice Commodore I look forward to an active year and enjoying participating in all of the volunteerism that happens at LNYC. Please contact me with any items you are aware of that need tending to with any of the building or grounds. Let's be the best we can be in 2019!

Rear Commodore

By Jeff Asher

We enter 2019 with the docks in great shape and the boats in good working order. The Livingstone has recently had annual maintenance done, and the other RC boats will have their annual service done in the next month. The "adopt-an-RC-boat" fleet program worked really well last year, and we'll continue that this year. The RC boat fleet is aging, so please be gentle with the boats and especially the shifters. We do have two non-working motors that are being combined to create one working motor to be kept as a spare.

The keelboat docks are full with a wait list. Please be aware that any boat in a slip should be in sailable condition, and we'll try to be better about consistently enforcing the club rules on member property kept at the club.

Fleet Captain

By Tim Porter

As the Club Fleet Captain, I am responsible for the racing calendar and the race committee duty roster. Working with Jeff Asher and the individual fleet captains, we started the scheduling process early, and the final calendar should be approved by the time this is published. Based on feedback from the membership, we have made a few adjustments - increasing the number of Fun Sails in the summer and holding around a dozen different clinics/seminars. Among the list of seminars is the Dave Dellenbaugh Starting and Upwind Clinic on June 8. This is an all day event and a great opportunity to learn from one of the best. This will fill up fast so check the website for details and registration. We will also have clinics covering topics such as sail shape, how to move up the fleet, weather, regatta management, and race management. Many of these clinics will be held on Saturdays after the club series races.

We are taking a different approach this year regarding the race committee duty roster. Thanks to the help of Dean Nelson we are utilizing an online tool to allow people to sign up for their desired slots. You should have all received an email inviting you to participate, and you can also find a link on the website. The basic process is:

- January Membership can sign-up using the tool.
- Early February Racing Committee will review the duty roster and complete assignments for those that haven't signed up online.
- April Assignments published in the year book.
- Ongoing Swaps and adjustments will be done online with the tool.

The 2018 Hewsons is going to be held on February 23-24, 2019. In addition to the racing we will have spectator boats, a panel style discussion with the skippers, and a sit-down dinner the evening of February 23. The winner will be given the opportunity to represent LNYC at the SAYRA Club Championship in Charleston later in the year.

Membership Update

By Chris Kicinski

Happy New Year to All!

Allow me a quick reminder to those members who travel and might want to take advantage of reciprocal agreements with other yacht clubs. LNYC Membership cards are available on request. Please email me your request at secretary@lnyc.org.

One additional reminder, if you intend to bring your dog onto the LNYC property, you must have signed an LNYC Pet Waiver and be fully aware of the LNYC Pet Policy. These can easily be found on the Documents Page of the LNYC website. Please email me your .pdf copy of the signed Dog Waiver at secretary@lnyc.org. Remember, as stated in the Pet Policy, Page 3 _____ The Signal

New Year's Day Soup Off!!

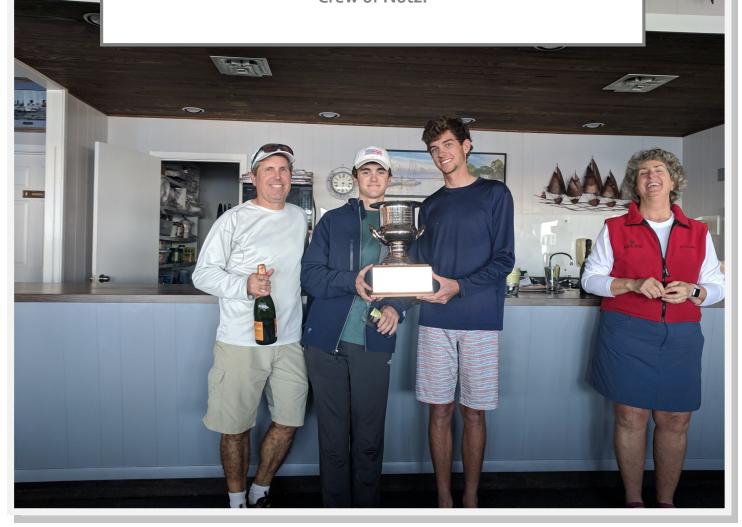


Photo by Mike Robinson

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Ice Bucket Winning Team

L-R Ken Corsig, Kenny Corsig, Garrett Mergenthaler
Crew of Nutz!



Treez Decker, presenter

Photo by Paul DiMarco

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"Any Member who brings a dog on LNYC property without a waiver on file may lose dog privileges for a period of one year."

Regrettably, we have received resignations from Chuck Hoover and Jennifer Chamberlin. Though we certainly will miss them as members, we wish them all the best!

The Board has been processing new applications, and I look forward to announcing new members in the next Signal.

Treasurer

By John Carter

2019 invoices have been e-mailed to members.

More than a few members have contacted me to explain they have not received their invoices. Unfortunately, there was a glitch with some invoices, so if you have not received yours, please contact me at treasurerInyc@gmail.com or curragh48@gmail.com

Thank you all for your patience and assistance.

Member at Large

By Kerrie Lalli

We have one new prospective member this month.

Bryan Evans - Bryan sailed when he was younger, cruising on the Chesapeake Bay. He has experience sailing on a Pearson 30 as well as on Hobie Cats. Bryan returned to sailing recently through Lake Norman Community Sailing, where he sailed Flying Scots with Dave Safirstein, Carol Sandke, and Dave Rink. He recently bought an O'Day 30 and has already had it out on the lake. Bryan hopes to be highly active in sailing, social, and volunteer activities around the club.

Community Liaison

By Carol Sandke

LNYC's feather flags are missing! Have you seen them? If you have them or know their whereabouts, please contact Carol Sand-ke (704-201-3707 or casandke@gmail.com).

If we can't find them, we may have to have new ones made. Does anyone know who created the artwork for these beauties? Thanks for your help.



LNYC Junior Program

By Scott Olson

Happy New Year! The Junior awards dinner has been rescheduled to Saturday March 2nd which is also the spring work day. I will send an invite via email and post a link on the LNYC Website to RSVP for the dinner.

2018 was a great year, and we have 3 sailors receiving awards for their performance in the SAYRA Jr GP in 2018: Nancy Rhodes for her 1st Place finish in the Sunfish class; Reagan and Raleigh Blair for competing in the Opti class and qualifying in their first year for the SAYRA GP. The SAYRA Annual Meeting & Junior Awards ceremony will be held at Sonesta in Hilton Head on Saturday, January 26th.

There is a Rules seminar at the Clubhouse on February 16th. Please visit the website for details.

There will be a memorial service for Ric Ferrar on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at LNYC. Ric gave so much to the club and sailors and especially enjoyed educating and sailing with the junior sailors. Anyone interested in attending should email an RSVP to sonya@frickhoeffer.com.

LNYC Sail Camp 2019, June 10-14

By Christy Sammons

Save the date: Sailing camp will be June 10-14. Plan to have an awesome time with family and friends! Registration begins February 15th. Check the Sailing Camp link on the Lake Norman Yacht Club web page after Feb. 15 to access the online registration.

Co-Directors: Christy and Stephen Sammons, Jenni and Chris Rhodes

LNYC Ship's Store

By Jason Blair

As the new Quartermaster for the LNYC Ship's store, I am excited to assume this responsibility with support from Jessica Blair and Bob Williams. We have very high expectations moving forward and look forward to serving the club via this initiative.

Before doing so, we do want to acknowledge the efforts of Barb Wiesenmayer and Marti Worthen for their long time commitment and tireless effort. Their service to the Ship's store over the past several years has delivered strong sales yielding a solid financial foundation complimented by a sound supply base. Thank you both for your service and on behalf of all LNYC members, you are greatly appreciated!

Please bear with us over the next few weeks as we transition

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these responsibilities. We'll be open for the upcoming Whiskey Society Meeting, the Cruising Seminar, and Commissioning Day. If in the meantime you require any merchandise, please do not hesitate to contact one of us:

Jason Blair 704-408-6018 Jessica Blair 704-962-9800 Bob Williams 704-995-7011

Thank you in advance for your business and we will see you soon!

Lake Norman Community Sailing By Sean O'Donnell, Center Director



Great news. In 2018, a committee of LNYC and LNCS members generated an agreement that is sure to help grow both organizations through mutually beneficial activities. This column will be an excellent source for LNYC members to keep abreast of the sailing center's goings on. A few examples of the synergy between the two sailing organizations are:

- LNYC members coming down and instructing brand new sailors
- LNYC members sailing in Social Sails at LNCS, meeting accomplished sailors who might serve as crew in club series races and/or fall in love with racing at LNYC and possibly become members
- LNCS pass holders crewing for LNYC racers in various club series regattas and more
- LNCS pass holders serving on race committee throughout the year

We think both LNYC and LNCS will be benefit from crossover between the sailing clubs. Stay tuned for more tips on how to get involved and grow sailing.

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Lake Norman Community SailingBy Dave Rink

This is a new article designed to keep everyone up to date on the happenings at LNCS. There are quite a few members at LNYC that also belong to LNCS. If you want to race year round, there's a special 3 month membership for LNYC members. In addition, there's a credit available for new LNYC members who want to learn and need more "tiller time". The format for racing is like a pick-up game; we put experienced skippers with a less experienced ones. You get to meet someone new and learn from them and/or they learn from you. If both people are capable of helming the boat, they alternate being the skipper from race to race. The boats are already in the water so it's quick to rig them and race.

Racing Update - We race Flying Scots every weekend throughout the winter (weather permitting), usually at noon on Saturday, or it's moved to Sunday, depending on the forecast. We had 2 racing weekends in December before Christmas where we had 5 and 6 boats on the line and had 6 races each day. Each race is only about 20 minutes but that gives you lots of practice timing your starts, rounding marks (wide and tight) and basic right-of-way rules.

Charter Update - We have a spring charter to the Chesapeake Bay scheduled for May 17th. There's only a couple of spots left, and you should contact Herb Schuette at 336-682-0408 if you're interested. There's a charter to the Caribbean in the planning stages as well.

Social Chair

By Treez Decker

I am this year's "social chair"—mostly in charge of organizing the Club Dinners—but I am happy to expand the role. I have sent an e-mail to all fleet captains with a link to a Signup Genius page where you can select your date(s) to host Club Dinners. I am available to discuss ideas for themes for the dinners and can assist with finding recipes or caterers. Let me know how I can help your fleet host a great event!

Flying Scot

By Smita Quinn

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday, enjoyed time with family, and maybe Santa even brought you the sailing accessory you always wanted.

The December 8th holiday party was fun and festive with the weather holding off just long enough. The random gifts, recognitions, fleet discussion and awards celebrated the fleet accomplishments. Gifts were given to recognize Carol Sandke for chairing the Fall 48, to Don Smith for being the Fleet 48 Grillmaster and to Marti Worthen for being the 2018 all around contributor.

Dave Rink volunteered to perform needed maintenance on the fleet boat, and there was discussion about adding a second club boat.

In the big news, Sean O'Donnell was awarded the Fleet Championship award and elected as the Fleet Captain. Bob Fields and Amy Barnhardt will continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Please thank Bob and Amy for the work that they do.

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Carol Sandke and Smita Quinn





2019 Officers – Amy Barnhardt, Sean O'Donnell and Bob Fields

Continued by Sean O'Donnell



First, a hearty thanks to Smita Quinn for serving as fleet captain for two years. My goal is to keep the momentum going that she created and get more people sailing locally and travelling to regattas in the district and beyond. Thanks, Smita, for stepping up and doing a great job.

Anyone needing help getting their Scot ready for the season, by all means contact me at sean.odonnell@LNSailing.org

And don't be surprised if you get a call from me. I'm determined to get Scots out of long term hibernation (you know who you are) and on the line! Please let me know if your Scot is available in case someone might want to participate in a club series as a guest.

By all means give new members a call to remind them of all the training, dinners, and events...even if it isn't a Scot event. If you're not sure what to say, here's a suggestion: It doesn't matter what you say. Just call.

The 2018 (yes, 2018) Hewsons will be held in Scots! Thank you to those that volunteered their boats at the annual Christmas dinner for the club championship which will be February 23-24, 2019.

Take a look at the new section in the Signal for Lake Norman Community Sailing. The community sailing center is a great opportunity to:

- Try your hand at instructing; LNCS could use your help
- Meet sailors who can serve as crew
- Meet sailors who might serve on race committee
- thomas3452@att.net
- Meet sailors whose families might love in love with LNYC and join!

I think I have a chairperson for the Great 48 and the Fall 48. My plan is to have a somewhat streamlined Fall 48 and have LNCS sailors pretty much run the entire on-land portion! These relatively less experienced sailors will love the opportunity, and I know they'll learn so much and enjoy meeting all the LNYC Scot sailors I've been bragging about over the years. (Picture the 'Thanks, Mean Joe' commercial.)

Highlanders

By Steve Hesler

After two years as Fleet 27 Captain, I'm giving the helm to Patrick Rykens. In return, I will be the new "scribe" for the Signal. I'll try my best to keep up the entertaining journalism that Patrick has provided.

The annual Fleet holiday party was held on December 16th. Members gave a big thanks to Sue Rykens for her handling of all the Fleet 27 social activities in 2018, as well as expertly arranging all the meals for the recent Highlander Pipers/Nationals this past October. Sue has graciously agreed to continue as the social chair in 2019 with help from Paddy Wigney. Also Becky Jones is staying on as treasurer. The Fleet is looking forward to an easier year in 2019 with just a "normal" Pipers regatta in October. Kirk Shultz and Mac McNeill have volunteered to chair the 2019 Pipers.

Congratulations to Dick Doyne and his crew of Chris, Noah, and Greyson Doyne for winning the 2018 Highlander fleet championship.

At the Class level, it has been announced that the 2019 Nationals will be held at the Sandusky Sailing Club on July 13 – 18. Go to http://www.sailhighlander.org/ for additional info. If you want to view some of the great on-the-water photos from the October 2018

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Nationals held here at LNYC go to https://www.facebook.com/pg/sailhighlander/photos/ and look for the Nationals folder.

Junior sailors: you are encouraged to crew on a Highlander during 2019. The fleet is active on all of the Series weekends and we expect to participate in the Fun Sail series this summer as well. Please reach out to Patrick Rykens or myself to find a boat looking for crew (patrick.rykens@gmail.com or shesler@carolina.rr.com).

It was great to see five Highlanders in the water for the attempted Ice Bucket regatta on January 1. The Fleet placed well in the soup competition! Mark your calendar for the Fleet 27 Winter Dinner Meeting on February 2nd. Look for an email with specifics on the time and location.

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By Treez Decker

Happy New Year! Thanks to all who attended the fleet meeting/social in December—it was good to see everyone! See the meeting minutes I e-mailed for details. Just a few reminders. The LNKC Icicle Series starts January 12, and you need a PHRF rating certificate to participate. I hope to see you out there! Keelboat Midwinters will be March 9-10; please plan to race.

See you on the water!

San Juan 21

By Patrick Rykens

Happy New Year!

Our first Regatta of the year is the Keelboat MidWinters March 9-10th. This is a perfect opportunity to test your racing skills versus the good luck of other San Juaners! Your scribe will be on the line.

The San Juan Nationals are to be held in Columbia, SC at the Lake Murray Sailing Club. The proposed date is the first weekend in October 2019.

LNYC Whiskey Society

By Pete Lalli

Looking to properly ring in the new year with some good whiskey? Had too much "quality time" with family over the holidays and need a break? Please join us for our next installment of the LNYC Whiskey Society on Saturday, January 12th at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse.

For this meeting, we will be tasting and comparing different whiskies from around the globe. The cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 9th to petelal-li@gmail.com.

Super Bowl Party

By David Bradford

Super Bowl 2019, February 3.

Doors open at the clubhouse at 5:30, game starts at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share and your own liquid refreshment. If you need further information, please contact David Bradford at 704 200-6518 or davidbradfordcarolina@gmail.com. Come out and support your favorite team.

Charter Panel

By Mike Robinson

Ever dreamed of sailing into a Caribbean sunset? Come learn how from our panel of questionable 'experts' on Saturday afternoon, February 2nd. Let's meet at 2 pm at the LNYC club house for some snacks, libations and a panel discussion about chartering (primarily Caribbean focused). You MUST PRE-REGISTER by emailing Mike Robinson at cap-ndar@cs.com.

Hospice Weekend 2019

By Emily Jones

SAVE THE DATE!! The Hospice regatta and party is April 26-28. Paul DiMarco is chairing this event for 2019 with assistance from Emily Jones. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved at LNYC, meet new people and support a great cause – Hospice and Palliative Care, Lake Norman region. Contact Paul or Emily if you want to be part of this fun weekend. A planning meeting will be held soon. Pdimarco65@gmail.com, emilyojones@gmail.com

Caveat Emptor

Due to space limitations, items are to be run for 3 months. Resubmit if more time is required.

FOR SALE

Older camper for sale. Inside has been about 80% stripped and renovated with hard wood flooring and white bead board. Buy it and finish my project! Dry. Bed and rug not included. \$800. Email Lynn at stallworthhl@gmail.com. 1

1996 Atlanta Olympic edition Laser #158727, blue hull, Excellent, competitive boat. Includes: Dolly, Top cover, Full sail - no full section, Radial sail & Radial section, all rigging and blades, New toe rails installed, Collie sailmakers blade bag, Collie sailmakers mast section bag. Price \$2,700. Contact Allison Binkley 704-578-4022 or adjones5@gmail.com 2

OPTI For Sale: McLaughlin built, sail #10403. Race Ready / N1 Race Dagger board & Rudder / Hull & Sail in great shape / Boat covers / Nothing needed but a sailor to go fast. \$1,500. Contact John Ketner at (704)516-2058 or Ketner@ecmins.com 2

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Sunfish for sail. It is in good condition with brand new sail, sail hangers, and newer lines. Priced right at \$300 or OBO. May consider selling trailer with it as package deal.

Please call Jason Blair (704) 408-6018 or <u>iblair425@hotmail.com</u> 3

1991 Beneteau First 265 - located on outside of "B" dock. It is a very fast cruising boat in excellent condition. Mahogany interior, separate bathroom, stereo with great speakers. Roller furling with 150 Genoa and main are two years old. 2 batteries replaced 1 year ago. Onboard dual battery charger. New diesel Beta engine (11) hours. All hoses, muffler, water strainer, fuel strainer replaced 2 years ago. It has Feathering three blade prop, cockpit cushions with Stern perch seats. Contact Tim Sheppard, 704-578-6615, thseppard2@carolina.rr.com 3

Flying Scot 1280 White hull, light blue deck, day sail or race ready with excellent race record, nice dry balsa core, "Trailex" aluminum trailer, two excellent suits sails - Mad & North, Spinnaker, Plastimo Compass & mount, vang console, motor bracket, rudder lift system.

Bill Ross (C)704.564.7418 Price delivered Lake Norman YC \$4,000 2

For Sale 25 ft. Suncruiser Pontoon (1991) 60 HP outboard engine, runs great. red canvas suntop, retractable with cover. Great for cruising around the lake, tubing. Seats raised 6 inches custom to accommodate guests with mobility impairment. No trailer. Currently in boat slip. Contact Jennifer Dolby 858-229-6060 jendolby@msn.com 1

Laser 159866 Backup boat from 1066 Olympics. \$2,000 includes trailer. Contact Michelle Maidt 704-551-0624 or mmaidt.home@gmail.com 3

1981 Edel 665 (21.8 ft.) Keel Boat- Skywalker- great stable boat for a family on Lake Norman. Fixed keel with 3'3" draft. Self furling 150 Genoa. Pop top for cabin head room, sleeps 5, 2 burner stove, head, swim ladder. Radio, on board anchor and rode, cockpit cushions and heavy duty tandem trailer included. PHRF rating by LKN Keelboat Council- 276. Only 2 owners. \$3900.00. Currently on trailer at LNYC. This boat needs a fixer upper mentality, not a lot of money to restore it to cruising condition. Contact: Wendy Papke Edgington 704-657-6212; Email: wendypapke@hotmail.com 3

Highlander #923. Peter Dolby's boat. Red hull. Fully equipped with all sails, sheets, fenders, paddles, etc. Includes trailer. Blue canvas cover in good condition. All in working order. We would love to see this boat sailing again! \$3800 Please contact Jennifer Dolby at jendolby@msn.com 858-229-6060 3

2007 Beneteau First 10 R. 3 cyl Yanmar. Excellent shape. Mainsail, 2 #1's (light air & heavy), #3, Asym spinnaker, reduced asym, code zero. Self tailers, 2nd forestay with roller furling with twin slots (minus drum and line), 2 batteries, auto helm, sleeps five, aft cabin, large head area. Large head area. Dave Sullivan 419-345-2092 1

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