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April 26 - 28, 2024

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Dear Sailors, Friends, Survivors, and Supporters,

The beach is getting warm, the azaleas are blooming and the wind is blowing (we hope). That can only mean one thing. The Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta is here again! This year is our 51st annual event and we are looking forward to sharing it with you and your family.

The Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta benefits the Leon County Unit of the American Cancer Society which serves Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson and other Big Bend Counties. Initially created in memory of a young sailor who died of leukemia, the Regatta now honors all of our friends, family and loved ones whom we have lost to cancer. We also celebrate those who are winning the fight against this dreaded disease.

We hope you enjoy your weekend at the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta. Make sure you check out the activities on the beach, sample the concessions and, most importantly, join in the fun at the auction on Sunday afternoon. We will have some great items up for bid and remember, all proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

So don't miss the fun and the sun . . . and please use sunscreen. Good Health & Good Sailing,

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Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta Foundation, Inc.
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American Cancer Society

American Cancer Society Programs and Services

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has programs and services to help people with cancer and their loved ones understand cancer, manage their lives through treatment and recovery, and find the emotional support they need. And best of all our help is FREE. The ACS provides support for all cancer types; breast, colon and rectal, lung, prostate, skin and all general cancers.

The American Cancer Society also offers many needed services to the cancer patient. We offer wigs for those women and men who may be experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment. We also provide bras and prosthesis to those women who have had breast surgery. Ensure (nutritional supplement) is also available to those patients who may be experiencing digestive problems. The American Cancer Society also offers transportation reimbursement, out-of-town lodging, and a pain medication assistance program to cancer patients. It is very important that the patient register

with the American Cancer Society as soon as they are told of their diagnosis, as we do not make retroactive payments.

The American Cancer Society also offers wonderful programs for the cancer patient such as Reach to Recovery, Look Good Feel Better. We also offer many educational programs that provide early detection treatment methods and health education information such as our Triple Touch program that provides breast health information, and Work Well Cancer Free, a prevention-oriented wellness program.

Please contact your local American Cancer Society office for more information. Call (850) 297-0588 to register as a patient in the Big Bend area (Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Gadsden, Madison, Taylor and other Big Bend Counties).

Program Descriptions:

HOPE LODGE

No cost lodging for patients and families during out-of-town treatment.

MAMMOGRAPHY PROJECT

Provides screening mammograms for indigent women.

REACH TO RECOVERY

One-to-one visitation program for breast cancer patients.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

Volunteers drive patients to and from cancer treatment.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Trained volunteers provide information about the American Cancer Society's services, programs, and mission.



2023 Event Chair, Angel Gainey (left) surprises Anne Taylor (right), ACS Representative with a \$60,000 check for the American Cancer Society.



51st Annual Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta April 26 - 28, 2024



LOCATION

Shell Point Beach, FL (30 miles south of Tallahassee).

DESCRIPTION

PHRF Sailboat, Windsurfing, Hobie Cat, Laser, Sunfish, and Weta Trimaran Races, plus other beach activities all to benefit the American Cancer Society.

RACE COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR

- Windsurfers - Saturday & Sunday Classes (Classes may be added or eliminated at the discretion of the Race Committee) Classes: Open Unlimited (≤ 12.0 m²), Open Limited (≤ 7.5 m²), Windsurfer LT (class-legal sail), Sport (≤ 7.5 m²), Novice
- Hobie Cat 16, Sunfish, and Weta Trimaran - Friday (if 5 or more boats wish to race) and Saturday.
- PHRF (21 feet & over) Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser Fleets - Friday (if 5 or more boats wish to race) and Saturday.
- Check the official schedule for times.

REGATTA GUEST PACKAGE FEES (non-sailors)

Guest package: \$55; after 4/17/24: \$65 (without Saturday night dinner: \$45, after 4/17/24 \$55); Includes one regatta shirt, unlimited beverages, one dinner, and entertainment.

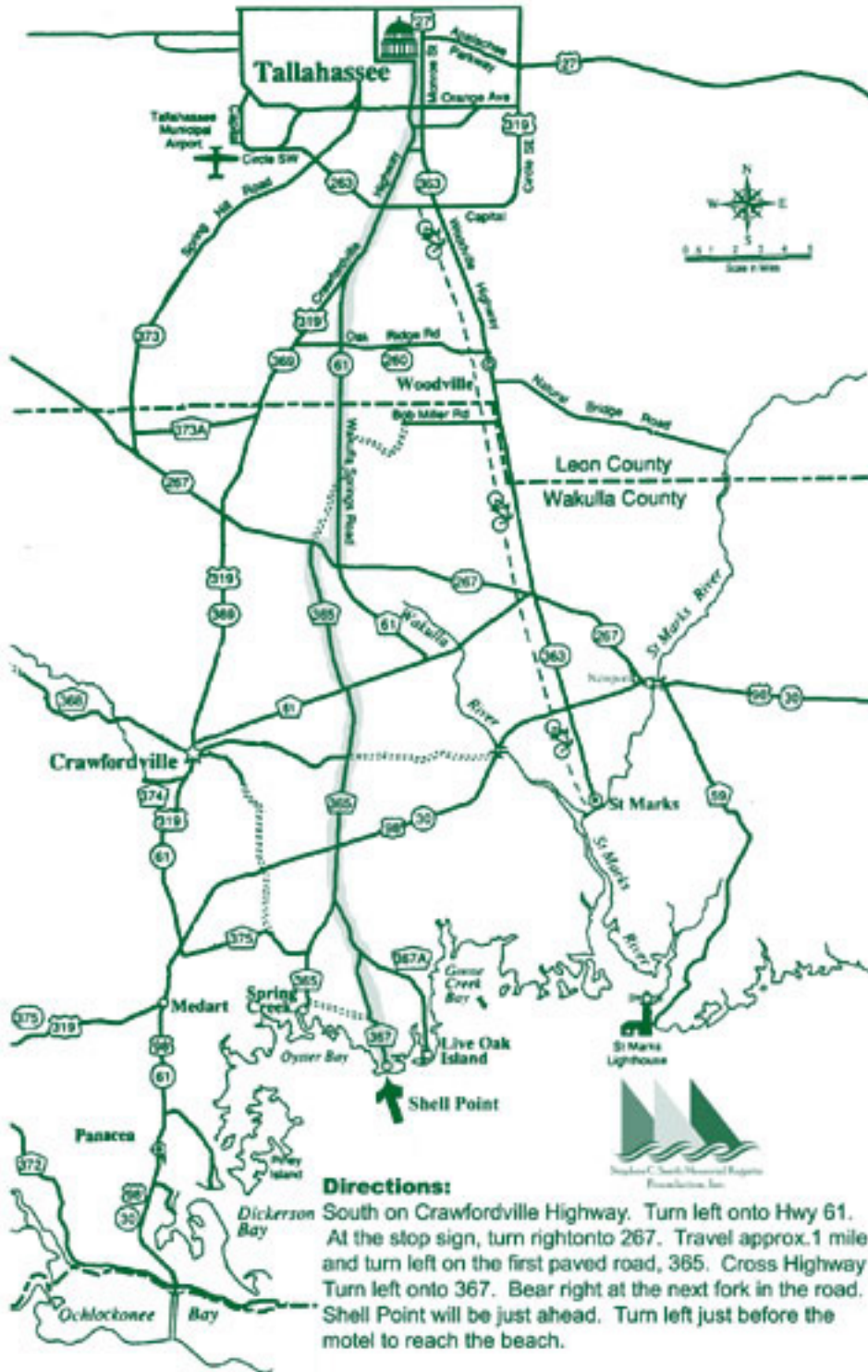
RACING REGISTRATION FEES

- Single Handed Boats: \$60, after 4/17/24: \$70; Includes one regatta shirt, trophy, unlimited beverages, one dinner, and entertainment.
- Crewed Boats: \$90, After 4/17/24: \$100 - Includes two regatta shirts, trophies, unlimited beverages, two dinner tickets, and entertainment.

REGISTRATION

- Online registration opens from March 20th through April 24th at 12:00 Noon.
- Early registration is March 20th through April 17th; this saves \$10 per registration.
- Additional t-shirts may be ordered now with your online registration for \$20 or purchased on the beach after the close of registration for \$20 each. Extra dinner tickets may be purchased now or on Saturday until noon for \$20 each.
- After the close of online registration, you can register at the beach Friday afternoon and Saturday (check official event schedule for times).
- ****Note:** All sailing participants must be duly registered before racing in any race. This means that sailors participating in Friday races must be registered online beforehand.

Map & Directions to Shell Point, Florida



Don't forget to visit our website at . . .

www.SmithRegatta.com

. . . for further information on the history of the event, accommodations, current Shell Point weather and event updates.

Schedule of Events

March 20th - April 24th

Online registration opens Saturday, March 20th and closes Wednesday, April 24th at 12:00 Noon. Early registration which runs through April 17th will save you \$10. If you miss online registration, you will be able to register at the event.

FRIDAY - April 26th

11:00 am - (negotiable) One Design Fleets racing on Friday the 26th for pre-registered Hobie 16, Sunfish and WETAs. Your registration will include swag, but we will make arrangements to give out beverage bands after racing on Friday.

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Pick up registration bags and late registration.

6:00pm - Evening Entertainment (also food available for purchase).

SATURDAY - April 27th

8:30 am - 10:00 am - Continental breakfast located near the registration tent/gazebo.

8:30 am - 10:30 am - Register to sail, windsurf or as a guest participant. Look for the tent/gazebo at the beach.

10:30 am - Skippers' Meetings - Skippers meet at the stage to get the skinny on where and when to race.

11:00 am - Boat and Windsurfer Races - watch the big boats cruise out to their courses and pick your favorite windsurfer to cheer for.

11:00 am - 3:00 pm - Concessions open burgers, dogs, grilled sandwiches, sodas, bottled water and more.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Dinner by Posey's at Apalachee Bay Yacht Club A fresh local shrimp dinner (chicken also available) for participants. Non-racing participants can

purchase dinner tickets separately or with their registration package. Luminary candle bags in memory/honor of your special people will be displayed along the sidewalk.

SUNDAY - April 28th

8:30 am - 10:00 am - Continental breakfast located near the registration tent/gazebo.

9:30 am - Skippers' Meeting - Skippers meet at the stage to get the skinny on where and when to race.

10:00 am - First possible race start for day two of racing for the windsurfing and Weta Trimaran.

11:00 am - Auction Paddle Pick Up.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Concessions Open Burgers, dogs, grilled sandwiches, sodas, bottled water and more.

1:30 pm - Awards Ceremony Trophies will be presented beach-side to the winners in all racing categories.

LIVE AUCTION - begins at conclusion of Award Ceremony. Bidding on the beach, bring your chair! Items range from artwork to boating gear and everything in between. You'll have a great time and it raises money for an important cause.

Chance Drawing Winners Announced at the conclusion of the live auction.





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GUEST PACKAGE *

*You can register online at www.SmithRegatta.com

(One entry form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. # (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____ (Please print legibly)

Club Affiliation: _____

Regatta Shirt Size Request: (# of each size) XXL ___ XL ___ L ___ M ___ S ___ YL ___ YM ___
YL-Youth Large / YM-Youth Medium

A full guest registration includes one regatta t-shirt, one beverage bracelet**, one dinner and entertainment. You may purchase a partial guest registration (no dinner) which includes one regatta t-shirt, one beverage bracelet** and entertainment - see price below. Additional t-shirts may be ordered now for \$20. Extra dinner tickets may be purchased now or until noon Saturday for \$20 each.

Saturday Night Dinner Choice: (enter number) Chicken _____ Shrimp _____ No Substitutions Please!

Entry Fee:

Early Registration Fee	\$55* w/dinner or \$45 without dinner	\$ _____
Later Registration Fee (after April 17, 2024)	\$65* w/dinner or \$55 without dinner	\$ _____
Total Extra Shirts (entry fee includes 1 shirt)	_____ at \$20 ea	\$ _____
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In consideration of you accepting my entry I hereby agree to all the Conditions of this event which I have read and understood. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta and fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing, racing, motor boating and all event activities, I agree to hold harmless the organizers of the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta Foundation, Inc., the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club, the Shell Point Sailboard Club, the American Cancer Society, the Wakulla County Board of Commissioners, and their officers, members, directors, employees and agents from any and all damages, losses, claim suits, actions, expenses, or liabilities which may arise from my participation in this event.

**** I hereby agree to pick up my beverage bracelet in person.
(Your beverage bracelet will not be given to someone else to deliver to you.)**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed entry form and check to: Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, 51 Royster Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327
For information visit www.SmithRegatta.com

The Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta



Spring is here and so is the 50th Memorial Regatta. Scheduled for April 28 - 30, 2023, this is the largest and longest running regatta in the Big

Bend area. Held at Shell Point Beach, the Regatta is for the benefit of the American Cancer Society in memory of Stephen Smith. Stephen was a local sailor who died from a rare form of leukemia at the age of 29. The event is presented by the 50th Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta Committee comprised of individuals from the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club, Shell Point Sailboard Club, and the American Cancer Society, with the help of numerous businesses and individuals.

Each year the Regatta has drawn as many as 200 registered participants and hundreds more spectators from all over the Southeast. The event includes offshore racing yachts, dinghies, catamarans, trimarans and windsurfers, the most numerous and, arguably the most colorful, participants in the Regatta.

Races are held both Saturday and Sunday with other events for sponsors, spectators and participants. Concessions, dinner and other entertainment on Saturday night, and a live auction on Sunday, are just a few of the activities.

The public is also invited to participate in the live auction on Sunday afternoon immediately after the trophy presentations. Everyone can have a great time and pick up some great deals while making a contribution to help in the fight against cancer.

In addition to many patient services provided to children and adults, the American Cancer Society funds research and public education, which is vital in the fight against this silent killer. The American Cancer Society receives no government funding and relies exclusively on the

generous support of private donations. Since its inception, the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta has been able to contribute over \$581,000, the majority of which has stayed in the Leon, Wakulla and other Big Bend Counties, providing educational programs and patient services to area residents.

Mission Statement

The American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.



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Biography of Stephen C. Smith

The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Hobie Cat Hot Line, Volume 3, Number 3(1974) shortly after the death of Stephen C. Smith.

“Most of us rarely get the opportunity to know the extent of human effort contributed by a person who is committed to getting something done well, and living life to the fullest. Such commitment, when it is accompanied by creativity is an extraordinary experience - one that provides profound inspiration. Knowing Stephen C. Smith was such an experience.

Stephen C. Smith died Saturday evening, February 16, 1974, of pneumonia, at the age of twenty-nine. We had known for two years that he had a rare form of leukemia and was undergoing treatment. We certainly were aware of the possibility of eventually losing him. But Steve’s commitment made that possibility seem less real, for he was at work every day until two days before his death. As in earlier months, when he went for weeks with a fever over 100, he continued as if nothing were wrong. Somehow he remained the same creative and witty Steve we had always known.

Steve was the most recent Art Director of the Intermediate Science Curriculum Study of the Florida State University and had been on the staff for more than eight years. His creative and effective art work was a major contributing factor in the success of this project.

Participation in sailing activities, and a lot of hard work for the Yacht Club and Hobie Fleet 43 won Steve the coveted Apalachee Bay Yacht Club Sportsmanship Trophy his last year. His good spirits lifted ours, and the warmth of his personality encouraged us all. We loved the work he did and the man himself.

The ABYC and Hobie Fleet 43 mourn the loss of this unique person. The Yacht Club’s annual regatta has been renamed the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta. “We are grateful for the experience of working and playing closely with Steve, of knowing him as a friend, and of being inspired by his commitment, his creativity, and the simple fact that he was Steve Smith.”



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The Shell Point Sailboard Club (SPSC) was founded in 1987 to serve the increasing number of windsurfers in the North Florida and Southwest Georgia regions. The club answered the need for a comprehensive, locally based organization dedicated to actively promoting the sport of boardsailing in all forms. In addition to our principal sailing venue of Shell Point Beach in southern Wakulla County, club members launch their craft at Alligator Point, Cape San Blas, St. George Island, and at many area lakes.

Specific objectives of the Shell Point Sailboard Club include: staging and encouraging attendance at regattas throughout the year; sponsoring instructional sessions, sailing clinics, and safety programs to aid both newcomers and veteran sailors; holding seminars on new developments in windsurfing equipment and

techniques; organizing swap meets and special events; and fostering good working relationships with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, local property owners and other yachting organizations.

Each year, the SPSC hosts or co-hosts two major regional sailing regattas at Shell Point, including the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta (spring) and the Endless Summer Sailboard Classic (autum), as well as numerous other smaller events geared toward the local membership. The club has several highly skilled sailors who successfully compete at the national level in US Windsurfing recognized regional sailing circuits, such as the US Windsurfing Southeast Series. We have also counted among our members the Puerto Rican women's windsurfing representative to the 1992 Summer Olympics, and three members of the US National Olympic Sailing Team.

We also assist local organizations in various efforts. And, during the warmer months, the club provides free windsurfing lessons for all prospective sailors at Shell Point Beach

through the Wakulla County Parks and Recreation Department.

The SPSC has grown rapidly from about one dozen founding sailors to about 70 active members. Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at District 850 in Tallahassee. We invite anyone interested in the sport of windsurfing to attend a club meeting or join us any weekend on the beach at Shell Point.

For further details on club activities, visit the SPSC website at:

www.20knotsnob.com

You can contact the club's commodore, Kristin Korinko using the website's contact page.



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The Bennett family wishes to thank you for supporting such a great event to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. We hope you have a great weekend!

A heartfelt note of recognition goes out to the Stephen C. Smith Regatta Planning Committee members, for without you this weekend would not be possible! It has been an honor to serve with you.

May those families impacted by Cancer feel supported by loved ones and this collective. For those lost too soon, may the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear how much we truly miss you and wish you were here.

- *Andrea and Adam*

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Founded in 1969, the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) is comprised of a group of people who share an interest in sailing, powerboats, cruising, sailboat racing, and the exchange of information to develop and improve sailing and boating skills, as well as the enjoyment of being on the water. From this comes camaraderie, where the ideas and traditions of sailing and boating are discussed, practiced, and followed.

There are approximately one hundred memberships, usually consisting of a couple or family, from Shell Point and throughout the Tallahassee and southern Georgia areas.

ABYC owns a clubhouse with a swimming pool and docks adjacent to the Marsh Harbour Marina at Shell Point. These facilities are the focus of social gatherings, programs, monthly meetings, dinners, regattas, and more. A bar for members and their guests is open during club functions. Club amenities include an ice machine, a barbecue grill, and a number of club owned boats for members' use.

ABYC is part of the Gulf Yachting Association. accordingly, ABYC members enjoy reciprocal privileges at other clubs from St. Petersburg, FL to Houston, TX.

Locally, ABYC conducts organized cruises to the St. Marks River, Dog Island and other destinations near and far. Throughout the year the club also sponsors a variety of sailing races, including regattas, both spring and fall "big boat" race series, and year-round dinghy racing.

ABYC monthly meetings offer programs for those interested in water activities. Topics are varied and range from the weather, boat maintenance, racing, marine ecology, maritime history, and exotic travel.

Social functions are also monthly throughout the year. These may include a variety of potluck dinners, cocktail parties and themed dinners, sometimes professionally catered and featuring live music. Traditional annual events include the Commodore's Ball, Vice-Commodore's Regatta, and the Awards Banquet.

WHEN YOU JOIN

The privileges associated with membership are:

- Use of the ABYC Clubhouse pool and dock facilities by you and your guests;
- Participating in your choice of ABYC sponsored regattas, cruises, and formal and informal social events;
- Attending programs through which you gain more proficiency and enjoyment with sailing and other activities at the coast;
- Charging beverages at the state licensed ABYC bar;
- Enjoying privileges extended by other yacht clubs when visiting their facilities; and
- Camaraderie and the helpful exchange of information with like-minded, friendly people.

WHAT IT COSTS

The cost of belonging to ABYC is small relative to the overall investment one typically associates with purchasing and owning a boat. ABYC is owned by its members and Regular Members are required to purchase an "Equity Certificate" that represents their share of ownership of the club. The cost of the certificate is based on the Wakulla County appraised value of the club's property. Club privileges are extended to the member's immediate family including children still residing at home.

Boat ownership is not a requirement for membership, although many members own a boat of some type ranging from the small sailing dinghies to ocean-cruising yachts. ABYC provides members various opportunities to participate in boating activities.

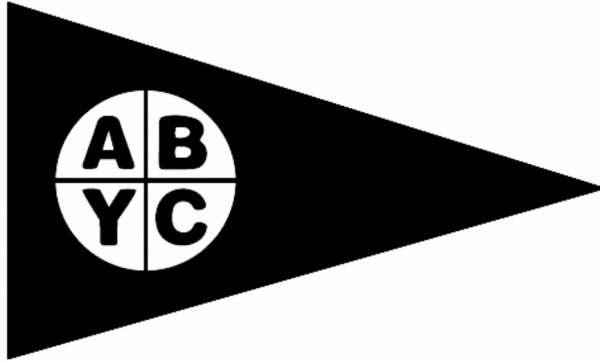
FIND OUT MORE

To obtain additional information about ABYC or learn about upcoming events, please contact any board member, or go to the web www.ABYCOnline.org, where you will find ABYC's newsletter, "The Mark".

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Brief History of the Beachton Yacht Club

The Club was conceived in February 1967 in the bar of the Fair Oaks Plantation manor house in the quail country of the deep South, near Beachton, between Thomasville, Georgia and Tallahassee, Florida some forty miles from the nearest blue water.

The purpose was to provide an opportunity to learn to sail, to sharpen sailing abilities through competition, but mostly to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends together in recreation. There were 20 charter members (some of whom had actually sailed before!).

This quote from an early history of BYC seems to capture the spirit of the organization, "Thus the Beachton Yacht Club was conceived in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and unsolemn levity. It is hoped that a kindly providence will keep its activities from ever being seriously formal."

The founders were:

Thomas Caldecot Chubb – "the inspiration". The son of Hendon Chubb whose father founded Chubb and Son, author and poet, winner of the John Masefield prize at Yale in 1920 and the Albert Stanborough Cook award in 1921, Tom Chubb was a Fellow of the National Geographic Society. He was a distinguished, cultured gentleman with great capacity for love for his fellow man and for all of nature. Tom Chubb wished to share the mirthful sport of sailing with his friends. At the time of the founding of the BYC, Tom's younger brother was commodore of the prestigious yacht club in America, the NYYC, founded in 1844.

Brigham "Boots" Britton – "the instigator". He grew up on the waterfront of Lake Erie in Cleveland, building his own wooden sailboat at the age of 11, and was later a member of the Yale swim team. Boots was described by classmate, Dr. Bud Yandell, as a great sportsman. Bud recalled the time that he and Boots chartered a schooner and sailed to New London to witness the Yale-Harvard shell races, during which time "they lived off of gin and graham crackers and they got awfully tired of the crackers" (a quote still used today by members). Brigham Britton was a founder of the Menton Harbor Yacht Club and Commodore of the Kollegewidgwok Yacht Club in Blue Hill, Maine. He was a genuine blue water sailor serving as navigator or watch captain on a number of ocean races to Bermuda, Halifax and Nassau. His son Charlie owned the Tartan factory in North Carolina.

Wallace Leon Neel – "the animator". Consulting forester, wildlife manager, naturalist and ecologist, it was he who implemented the idea. Sustained by his lovely wife, Julie, he organized, managed and enlisted members communicating as required to create a well organized surprisingly well disciplined association of "sailors". When drafted, Leon had never been aboard a sailboat in his life.

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(slightly revised by Irene Gleason 19 March 2024)



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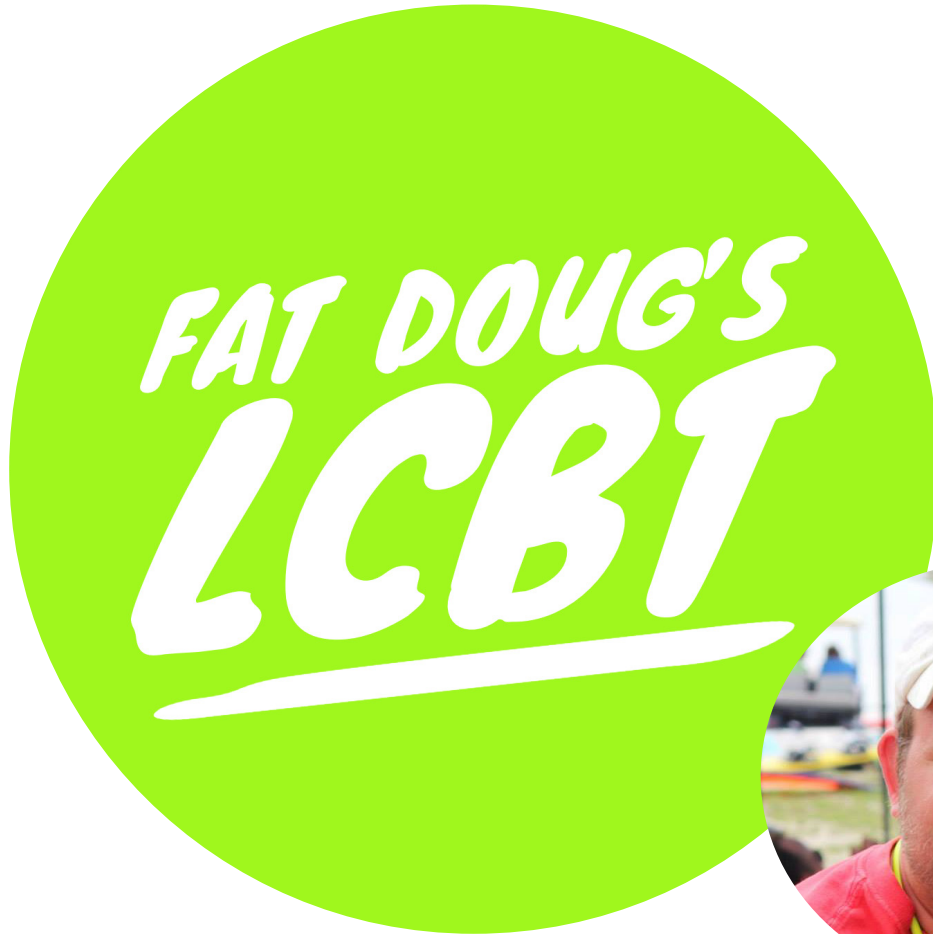
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