



## The Sailing Breeze September Newsletter

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### Upgrading our fleet!

To better match the needs of our programs, we're changing the mix of our boat fleet.

We are offering our performance rated Colgate 26 for sale. If you've not had the privilege to sail this high performance boat you're missing an exciting ride!

Co-designed by America's Cup championship sailor Steve Colgate, the Colgate 26 is a sleek and responsive rugged one design race class Ferrari with many features seldom offered on other boats.

For details visit our web site:  
[Colgate 26 For Sale](#)

### SEPTEMBER

### GROUND CLASSES

### Captain Dave's Tips



#### "Sailing is More than a Sport..."

The following is the third in a four part collection of "Things I've Learned About Life, Through Sailing". It is a realization of values and parallels between "Life" and opportunities for growth presented to me and my family during sailing. Hopefully you will look forward to and enjoy each brief article over the next several quarterly newsletters.

#### **Life Lesson #3-You can't teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and irritates the pig!**

We've all heard this phrase once or twice in our life and it's obvious that pigs don't sing. As a kid I always thought this referred to attempts to motivate the disinterested. With some literary license this could describe efforts to make someone or something do what they were not capable or designed to do.

How many times have we taken a short cut and used the wrong tool for the wrong purpose? Have you ever asked someone to perform a task for which they were not adequately prepared? Have you ever bought a boat that you thought was a bargain, only to later realize it lacked the core foundation or fundamental design to fulfill the need you intended. No matter how much you invest in improvements, a pig will always be a pig. That pig won't sing!

As a teen, I helped my dad build a boat. We picked a set of design plans that offered the best 18' boat for the money that was set aside for the project. Later as funds became available, we added the finest fixtures and instruments that we could afford. Unfortunately, due to an insufficient budget an inappropriate plan was picked, hoping that it could later be shaped into our dream boat. Too little was spent on the foundation of the dream, the design, and too much on the amenities. That pig did not sing!

Dreams require solid foundations too. No matter how much energy or funding is invested in the dream, without forethought, planning and preparation, a bad plan may not produce desirable results. Every time I try to take a shortcut or settle on a compromised approach, it often results in a waste of time and discretionary dollars. I'm not rich, and I realize that I can't waste resources on a project or dream that started with an inadequate or inappropriate plan.

(See Class Links Below)

Basic Sailing Theory  
9/29 & 10/1

Basic Coastal Cruising  
9/22 & 9/24

Bareboat Chartering  
9/29 & 10/1

Celestial Navigation a  
9/14 & 9/21  
(Prerequisite Coastal Nav\_a)

Celestial Navigation b  
9/28  
(Prerequisite Celestial Nav\_a)

Emergency Planning I Clinic  
9/9

Emergency Planning II Clinic  
9/23

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**ON-THE-WATER  
CLASSES & CLINICS**  
(See Class Links Below)

Coastal Nav n  
(Night)  
9/12

Celestial Nav c  
(Evening)  
9/28

GPS Navigation  
9/6

On-the-Water Training  
Every Weekend!

**YEAR ROUND!!!**

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In life as well as in boating, begin with the end in mind. Develop laser focus on the desired objective. Start with a foundation that will support the final dream. Selectively progress through the developmental phases at a pace or level that matches abilities, funding and time requirements that you can support at each stage along the plan. For example, start with a boat that can grow as your needs and funding grows. You can add accessories as funds become available, but nothing can overcome a poor boat selection that won't support your end objective. You won't be able to make that pig sing; no matter what!

The same is true in boating education. Learning "How" to properly operate a boat is important, but a proper foundation of fundamental knowledge is a critical investment. A Master Chef's knowledge is not limited to "How" to cook, but requires a thorough comprehension of the chemistry and physics involved. Boating is the same way. The first step of a well-executed plan is a solid foundation from which incremental growth can occur; as resources permit. To do otherwise may be wasting your time and irritating all involved.

## Upcoming Events...

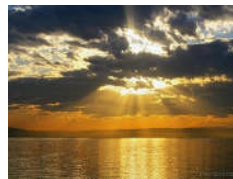
### SUNSET CRUISE

### ACOUSTICAL MELODIES WITH ACOUSTIC GUITARIST *BILL KAHLER*

**Saturday, September 6**  
**5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**



Enjoy the companionship aboard this relaxing sunset sail while enjoying Bill Kahler who will entertain us with some wonderful acoustical tunes as we sail along Lake Lanier and watch the sunset for the evening.



Light snacks and bottled waters are provided.  
No other beverages permitted.

A great way to introduce a non-sailor to the joys of sailing.

\*Windsong Sailing Academy is **not** responsible for changes in entertainer schedules or times.

\*Sunset Cruise will sail, weather permitting our operational window for safety.

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### Our Mission:

To provide a variety of sailing opportunities to those pursuing education, recreation or corporate adventures while sailing on Lake Lanier.

## GREAT ESCAPE!

### IN SEARCH OF BROWN'S BRIDGE

**Saturday, September 27**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Grab your family, friends, or significant other for this delightful cruise.

Great Escapes are 3 hour daytime themed sailing outings where participants pack or purchase a brown bag meal to enjoy while leisurely sailing along the shores of Lake Lanier.

The theme for this trip is IN SEARCH OF BROWN'S BRIDGE. Sail to one of Lanier's deepest bridge castings while hearing stories of lake history and lore.

Kick your sailing season into high gear and bring your brown bag meal and we'll provide the adventure!



### WHAT'S NEW?

#### NEW CHALLENGES AWAITS!

This season we have added exclusive outings for ADVANCED students only. Training oriented to reinforce intermediate and advanced proficiencies.

Navigation and Operational challenges vary each time you participate.



### Senior Sail Challenge Coming Up !

**Saturday, September 13**

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call or Register On-line

See our "[Calendar](#)" for upcoming opportunities.

## Tips and Reminders!



### For your first time sailing

- Dress warmly and appropriately. Make sure you have your own tethered hat, sunscreen, waterproof jacket, and non-slip, non-marking, closed-toe shoes.
- Use the toilet facilities nearby before you get on the boat.
- Safety is important - Life jackets are essential on a dinghy and recommended on a keelboat in certain weather conditions.
- Be careful not to stand on ropes or sheets and never wrap them around your hands as they can cause rope burn.
- Keep your hands and fingers clear of blocks and winches where ropes or sheets are.
- Hold onto something on the boat. One hand for you and one hand for the boat is a common saying.
- Don't leave keys or a mobile phone (or even a wallet) in your pocket as they may be lost overboard while sailing.
- Follow the captain's instructions and ask questions if you don't understand.
- Don't drop or throw anything overboard unless the fish will enjoy eating it.
- Let your Instructor know if you have a disability, illness, injury or condition that might affect your safety or ability to participate. Contact the facility you are sailing with beforehand if you would like to discuss exactly what the activity involves and what your limitations might be.
- Have fun!

*Credit Discovering Sailing*

We value your loyal patronage and strive everyday in every way to continue to earn the opportunity to serve you. You deserve the best that we can offer and are the reason we come to work each day.

See you on the water....

Sincerely,

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