



Beaver Lake Sailing Club

Organized 1965

Incorporated 1979



March 1965 - Jim Dunn's first sail on the newly created Beaver Lake.



Winter 1965/1966 - Jim Dunn organizes local sailors into the Beaver Lake Sailing Club.



BLSCL sails at the LaRue peninsula off the Mulhollan property. ~8 University personnel, dues are \$10 per year.

Summer 1966 - Regular racing at BLSCL (flags are raised from the shoreline).

Summer 1966 - 10x14 platform built on the shore of Paige Mulhollan property.

Labor Day 1966 - Held 1st Regatta at Prairie Creek (one race that day).

1967 - Club moves to Rocky Branch and sails out of the beach at the public use area.



1971 - BLSCL hosts 1st round of USYRU ODay Cup single handed competition in cat rigged FJs.



1969 - BLSCL hosts invitational FJ/Demon/handicap cruising class regatta (> 50 boats participate).



1969 - Club purchases a used party barge for a committee boat replacing the 'borrowed' pontoon boat (previously flags were raised from onshore).

1967 - Distance race added to Portsmouth Races (Jim Dunn takes 1st place and deeds the trophy back to the club as a perpetual trophy).

1967 - BLSCL sponsors a U of A student sailing club (Gordon McNeil, history professor, gives lessons from BLSCL Dock).



1967 +
Over a dozen new members are added.

1974 - BLSCL members take delivery of 5 Lasers for one-design racing.



1977 - BLSCL hosts 1st round of ODay Cup single handed Laser competition.

Spring 1978 - Due to deteriorating situations at Rocky Branch Marina, the club looks for its own shoreline location.



June 1978 - 'Arkansas Yacht Club Partnership' formed to cosign a note to borrow \$13,000 to purchase parcel of land and transfers debt and property to a newly formed non-profit corporation called The Beaver Lake Sailing Club.

1979 - BLSCL Incorporation: 8 charter members are Tom Jones, Jim Dunn, Bob Ellis, Gordon McNeil, Cecil England, Jerry Havens, Dave Pelphrey and Bill Guest.



Mid 1980s - Adjacent lot (where docks 4 & 5 are) is sold to members Dorothy and Lloyd Seaton and held til 1991 when BLSCL could afford it and sold to the club at cost.



1981-1985 Docks #1 and #3 added.

1985 - Dave Durst Memorial trophy is deeded to BLSCL.



1980-1985 Pursuit racing introduced using PHRF handicapping.

Winter 1980 Concrete launch ramp is poured.



1980 - Eight members loan BLSCL \$2,000 to build a dock.



1980 - Permission granted by Corps of Engineers to build a dock thanks to Jerry Havens, commodore, who strongly persuades COE to make it happen.



1990s - Docks 4 & 5 are added.



2004 Bryan Carr BLSCL Logo design adopted by BLSCL.

1993 - Vince Seidel plans and constructs a club trailer for larger boats (Ted Willis adds more axles for greater capacity).



1994 - Pavilion is completed and thanks to volunteer efforts cost is about \$6000.



2005 - BLSCL club house construction started.



2007 - BLSCL club house construction is complete. Most costs were underwritten by the Charlton family as a gift to members of the club; Jesse Johnson donated wood trim; Tim McMahon provided HVAC at cost.



2010 - The club house was re-dedicated as Charlton House in John Charlton's memory.



Dedicated to our Founders, May 2022, with special 'Thanks' to all who have since given their time, effort, capital & service to Beaver Lake Sailing Club.

Primary source document and other interesting BLSCL historical media available on BLSCL website under the About > History Of BLSCL menus or:

<https://www.beaverlakesailclub.com/history-at-blsc/>



2021 - A Club Truck is purchased for launching and pulling trailers from lake.

2019 - Hydraulic trailer is purchased for member use.

