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Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb 17., 2015

The Feb 17th. meeting will be at Stevi B's Pizza off Tom Hill Sr. Blvd behind Buffalo Wild Wings, in Macon. Plan to eat early so we can start the meeting at 7PM. Bring a friend or someone interested in sailing.

Meeting minutes for 17 Jan 2015

This meeting took place at the home of Jimmy & Charlette Harrell. After some games and a great meal with ham & turkey breast with lots of covered dishes, the meeting was called to order. The secretary forgot to take notes so this is just from an old guys memory.

Linda was first up with the report of the club's finances. We have some money in the account and there are no large unpaid bills except for the materials for the burgees which are still in progress. Linda and Bob hope to have some of them completed soon. Next on the agenda was the calendar review for the events for the spring and summer. There were quite a few scheduled but one stands out for this year. The Race day on Saturday the 4th of April. One suggestion for the name on this was "Peach Blossom Regatta" This event will be an attempt to do an open spring race like we have done in the past with the Cherry Blossom Regatta.. We will need volunteers for this event since our membership has decreased a lot since the Cherry Blossom Regatta days. Other events include the Cruise in March on Lake Sinclair, Treasure Hunt on April 17th. and quite a number of events listed in May.

The next item of business was the election of officers. Bob tried to find nominations for new officers before the meeting but was unsuccessful. We thought we had this all planned but the two volunteers for these positions (The Wellmans) are moving out of the area. There were suggestions that we keep the present officers but enlist Tim to be Vice to replace Linda. Anthony & Tim indicated something about railroading and finally agreed that they would take Commodore and Vice-commodore

for the next year.

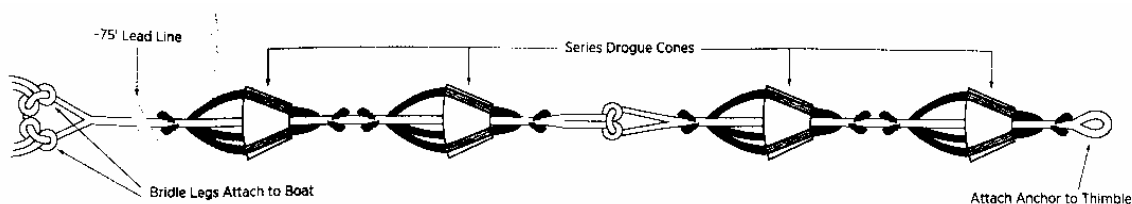
Bob Horan

Series Drogues by Bob Horan

This is a short article on a Series Drogue anchor system that I have aboard my Morgan 24. I made it years ago, so when I made my 3 month cruise on Lake Michigan in 2008 and my cruise to the Bahamas in 2009, I would have a sea anchor to use if I got caught in a storm and has some sea room to use it. I purchased fifty cone kits from Sailrite to start with, and then purchased the required heavy nylon line (from Pursers Place in Cochran) to put it all together & would use one of my mushroom anchors for the required anchor weight on the end of the series.. Many of the “Sea Anchors” out there are really designed to be fishing drift anchors. They only limit the boat speed to keep the boat from making too much progress over the sea bottom but are not designed to really stop the boat. They assist in keeping the boat under control. There are a number of links at the end of this article showing pictures and discussing the pros and cons of the various types of sea anchors & drogues. The top link to the Good Old Boat Site is probably the best and I would have copied & pasted some of it but thought I would just insert the link to keep me out of trouble.



Using the chart in the Sailrite catalog I decided that 50 cones would be enough for my Morgan24. I had planned to go off shore some but thought I would probably not get caught in really bad weather in the middle of the Atlantic. I made up three groups of cones so that I could deploy what I needed and would hopefully not be too much for me to handle. I used both 5/8ths and 1/2inch 3 strand nylon line. The line I selected seemed to be pretty heavy but the loads on this line can become huge depending on the storm you have encountered. A trip line to retrieve it was necessary so I would not be pulled off the boat trying to manage getting it back on board. I built mine a number of years ago and have never tested it. I hope to set up a test for it this year to see if mine will do what I need it to do when I really need it. If you would like to see the test using the Morgan 24 or do a test using my series drogue with your boat, let me know. I will report the results in the MGTS RUDDER.



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<http://www.cruisersforum.com/forums/f90/drogue-vs-sea-anchor-88323.html>
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<http://www.sea-anchors.com/prac.sailor.htm>
<http://www.oceanbrake.com/index.html>

The Dues are due

For those of you who have not paid your dues for 2015 yet, you still have time. Come to the Feb meeting at Stevi B's Pizza off Tom Hill Sr. Blvd behind Buffalo Wild Wings with an extra \$15 in your pocket. If you can't make the meeting, send a \$15 check addressed to Middle GA. Trailer Sailors, to Linda Locker, 116 Oakview Club Dr. Macon, GA. 31216

Do it now so you don't forget!!

Classified Section

21' Sea Pearl Tri - "Whisper"

For the ultimate light weight trailersailer, check out this Sea Pearl Tri. It has been well cared for, new canvas, nice 4stroke motor, and lots of goodies. It has been sailed all over Florida and the South East. The owner's health is forcing him to sell. If you are interested in this fine boat, contact Bob Horan and he will point you in the right direction.

1968 Morgan 24,

Located on Lake Norman in North Carolina.

If any of you are interested contact Bob Horan for info.



MGTS Calendar 2015**Feb**

17 Meeting – Stevi B’s Pizza
 TBD-Sailing Lake Juliette @ good weather

Mar

14-15 Lake Sinclair Cruise
 17 Meeting

April

4 Spring Race-Lake Juliette
 17 Treasure Hunt

May

2 Mug Race
 3-Jan Small Boat meet Cedar Key
 15-17 Lake Juliette Cruise
 22-25 Florida 120

June

16-Nov BEER Cruise
 16 Meeting

July**Aug**

18 Meeting
 29 Moonlight Sail OSYC

Sept

22 Meeting
 25-27 Moonlight Cruise

Oct

12-Sep Fall Cruise-West Point Lake
 20 Meeting

Nov

20-22 Moultrie Car Show

Dec

TBD Darian Boat Parade
 TBD - Christmas Party

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