

LORAIN SAILING

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Commodore CHRIS

From Commodore Merkle & Kim

First, I would like to thank everyone who showed up for our two general membership meetings. We were able to move forward with the dock improvements and are currently looking for the best pricing on corner dock boxes. The docks will be repaired, re-installed and completed by May 1st. If for some reason docks are not complete by May 1st, I've arraigned for limited temporary dockage with Matt Edwards at Spitzer Marina. Please contact me directly to make these arraignments.

The first week of April I will be traveling to Charleston for their Spring Regatta. Other members participating in the regatta include Darryl Headley, Dale Gormley and Warner Swartz. This is also the same weekend as I-LYA's Annual Spring Meeting. Even though I cannot attend, I encourage everyone to join the fun at the Sandusky Holiday Inn Friday night and represent LSYC.

In April we will hold our second annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for the Junior Sailing Program. We are looking for items to raffle at the dinner. Please contact Lynn Ensinger or Bobby if you can donate raffle items. This is one of the primary events we are holding to raise money for the Junior Program. Please plan to attend or donate.

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SEA SCOUT EVENTS

From Skipper Leo Sulda

The Lorain Sea Scout Foundation, chartered by the Lorain Sail and Yacht Club, applied for and got a twelve hundred dollar grant from the National Water Safety Congress to purchase an inflatable craft to be used to assist in teaching rescue procedures on the water. We are serious about Water Safety!

We operate from donations of people that share our interest. We had a fund-raiser Movie night recently and it was not very well attended. We would like to see more interest and donations to support what the Sea Scouts do.

Honorable mention goes to John and Mary Chapmen that donated a new depth sounder and a shade tree cover to our Sea Scouts.

Thankyou! Regina Shaw and Dave Hoffman, plus the parents of our Sea Scouts have also been staunch supporters of what we do. If you have a donation that you think would help, please contact me;

(440) 934-4042. Thanks to all the LSYC members for their continued support.

(Commodore Merkle Continued)

We recently purchased a new 420 from the Annapolis Yacht Club. As our junior program continues to grow, donations for purchase like this will become more and more important. We are in the process of applying for 501c3 Charitable Status so your contributions will be 100% tax deductible. Watch the web site and newsletter for more information on our exciting Junior Program.

T h a n k y o u
Kim Plato

HISTORIAN NOTES

Washington Whitecaps

By Paul Burik

And the budget battle begins! Last year The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy which was developed as an initiative by Great Lakes Governors, has outlined needs for restoring the vitality of the Great Lakes. These lakes represent 20% of world's fresh water and are a significant factor in the state's economies. Needless to say; for us boaters they are our summertime playground. The recommendations carried a price tag of \$20 billion over the next ten years.

The administration initially proposed \$70,000,000 for Great Lakes programs for 2007, but the individual initiatives were already scaled down. One of the main objectives: upgrading the sewage treatment plants in the watershed area had the budget reduced by 50%. Funding for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and EPA's Great Lakes Office was also reduced. Senator Voinovich, chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee, heard testimony about the state of the Great Lakes, the invasive species issue, the sewage discharge and contaminated sediment problems. The Senator acknowledged that we are at a "tipping point" and the need for action is now. He compared the situation to New Orleans. Before Katrina, requests for upgrading the levees were cut out of the budget. We all know what happened when the hurricane hit.

FROM THE AFT BRIDGE

Rear Commodore Fran Burik

March 12th, we had brunch at the Manhattan Deli. Food was good and we enjoyed the company of eight LSYC members or guest. Thanks Chuck for a fun time.

March 19th was our first 2006 General membership meeting. It was followed by a St Patrick's Day dinner, hosted by our own Irishman and his wife, Jack and Carol Hunt. The corn beef, cabbage and soda bread dinner, all prepared by Carol was terrific. Thanks again Carol for all your hard work!



April 1st---Spring Work Party & Fools Stew cook-off. (April Fool's Day). Get your recipes together. Prizes will be awarded for the best stews. The Youth Sailors will also have a fundraiser this morning –they will be selling donuts – bring your appetite Work begins at 9:00 am so bring some tools, your appetite for fresh donuts and stick around for stew, socialize, work and eat. Photo of Rich Wismer cleaning one of the ceiling lights last year.

April 25th is the next brunch. I hope someone will offer to be the host. All it takes is for someone to volunteer for being the contact person, picking a place to eat and calling the restaurant with the number of people that will attend and you get LSYC bucks for this too. LSYC

bucks can be used to pay for events, shirts and could help you in bidding on dockage. If interested please call me at 440-934-4420

April 8th is a theater evening, hosted by Paul Burik. We will see the hilarious and spicy "Full Monty" at the Beck Center. See the flyer that has been emailed out.

April 29th is a big event! Lynn Ensinger will be in the kitchen with her helpers cooking spaghetti dinners. The fundraiser will help send the kids to Put N Bay for race week. Last year was their first year attending as representatives of LSYC and they won the Sportsmanship award. (Go team!!!) Watch for a flyer coming out as a reminder to *Support your Youth Sailing Team!*



May 14th: Mother's Day Brunch hosted by Kathy LaValley and her gang. Kathy will need men to help in the kitchen with the cooking. Bring you Mom, you wife or Aunt Helen and enjoy the breakfast! Brunch will be served from 10am until 2pm.

May 29th: Memorial Day Services hosted by Chris and Kim. We will have food after the program. We look forward to *the official opening of the Boating Season*. (64 days at the writing of this article but then WHO's counting!)

June 17th: Steak Fry hosted by Paul Burik. I have had a few comments about the steaks we have been getting as being too large. Anyone with any complaints or comments on the steaks, please email me at ladybug3@centurytel.net. Thanks! I am sure Paul will be looking for helpers. Please let one of us know if you are willing to help.



June 18th: Father's Day brunch hosted by the Sea Scouts. This will be a fundraiser for the scouts.

I'm dreaming of a warm windy summer-hummmmmmmmm



June 24th: Dollar Burger Night – need a host for this evening.

*HOW MANY MORE
DAYS??????????????*

June 24th: Sandusky sails into LSYC. We need to have someone to be in charge of the welcoming committee. I will be out of town this week and need someone to be sure their needs are met and that they feel welcome to our Club.

Be sure to check the LSYC social calendar on the website. Everything is there up through Change of Watch. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.



**At The
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CHRIS
2006**

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