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SHIPS COMPASS by Commodore Fran

Our March 15th general membership meeting had about 40 people in attendance. Our guest speaker from ODNR, Dan Fuller was very informative. Dan talked about safety on Lake Erie and answered everyone's questions. Reports were given by the officers and a decision was made to have all fleets race on Wednesday nights. Please see Andy's article for further information.

Our St. Patty's Day dinner was wonderful. Eileen and Roy Holloway, their friend - Joanne Polito, the Gibbs, the Rhodes and Darryll Headley made it a very special time. Thanks Eileen for the delicious food!

Memorial Day will be here before we know it. Please send me your name if you have served in the service. I also need to get names of members that have passed away over the past few years. I would like to make this part of our Memorial Day program. Please start collecting phone cards to send over seas to the military personnel. If you prefer, you can donate \$10.00 and I will get a card in your name. Don't forget – we will be in the Lorain Memorial Day Parade again this year.

We are in need of volunteers to help with committees, events or just give us your ideas.

Vice Commodore Darryll

Happy Spring to all of our LSYC members!!!! Then more snow will the sailing season ever get here?

It was good seeing many of you at the general membership meeting and the St Patrick's Day dinner at the club house. Congratulations to the Holloways for putting on a great affair. If you missed the general membership meeting, I had the APRIL12th spring clean up sheet out for volunteers to sign up. Please if you can help out in any way, I would greatly appreciate it. The members we have show up the more we can get done and the faster we will be finished. Roy Holloway is putting together our annual spring clean up day GREAT CHILI COOK OFF for all of the hard workers coming out to help. If April 12th is a bust do to weather, April 19th is my plan B day.

We will be starting at 9:00 AM on the 12th. If you have not signed up for a specific task, the sign up sheet will be at the club on the 12th. I am hoping to see many of you there. To the members who already have volunteered, THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Darryll Headley
Vice Commodore

COMMODORES CORNER



Regina Shaw – Past Commodore, Business Manager, Blue Gavel Committee Member Regina has served the Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club for more than 10 years in a number

of capacities, including Commodore (2002), Treasurer and Business Manager. She was instrumental in the renovation of the docks and is currently active member of the Blue Gavel Committee and the Lorain Boating Educational Foundation, Inc., (LBEF - our newly established educational foundation). She is active with the LSYC regattas handling registration and the financial reports. She has an abundance of knowledge of the Lorain Yacht Club and the Lorain Sailing Club - the now combined LSYC. She is working with Dave Hoffmann to get the recently found 8MM films edited and converted into DVD's for the history of our club. Regina, treasurer of the Lorain Educational Foundation, Inc, has just completed the massive paper work and has submitted it to the State for the 501c3 classification. She was also involved in forming the Sea Scout Ship organization at LSYC. Over the years, she has created and set up filing systems for all LSYC records and written job descriptions for all of the positions held on our board. Regina is one of the members of LSYC that does a lot of behind the scenes work and needs to be thanked! The next time you see Regina, please be sure to tell her you appreciate all of her hard work.

From the Fleet Captain: Andrew Wilson

Before our General Membership meeting in March some of our club racers met to decide the club race schedule for 2008. We discussed the merits of hosting club races throughout the season on Wednesday evenings for both our "small" boat, and "big" boat fleets. A vote was held, and by unanimous decision of all who attended we will have One Night Racing back again. I know that several of you out there are adversely affected by this decision and I applaud those people who, for the most part, went along with this change for the good of the club. Thanks for "takin' one for the team".

As Spring blossoms and we all prepare our boats and our club for the coming season, I ask that all of us look to our neighbors, friends and colleagues to join us as new club members and dockers. Rental of dock space is a key part of our organization and a basin full of boats makes everything at the club that much better. In an attempt to promote the club race program we invite sailors outside the club to join us for Wednesday and Sunday racing. Paying the standard race fee and complying with club rules will allow non-members to meet us on the water and participate in our races. Please encourage those men and women you know to come out and join us regardless of skill level. I firmly believe that racing sailboats makes for better and safer boaters.

LSYC does not want to overlook the power boaters out there, you are valued members of this club and we need to hear more from you. Please tell me your concerns and desires so we can make the club better for all members. If anyone would like to take the lead to host some sort of fishing tournament or other power boat event I believe we could make that happen.

BULLETINS FROM BOBBY

Club emails to AOL members have been being returned lately. I know this is a problem with all the Spam coming in (I delete approx. 200 a day).

Looking at AOL's help center it may be a Spam setting that needs to be setup or as simple as adding manager@lsyc.info to your address book.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



Among our members:

Can you believe that it is almost May, time is going fast, and soon we will all be working on the boats. I hope that all of our members are well and we'll see them this spring. Let me update you on a few of our members. Marilyn Andres is still going through the Radiation and Chemotherapy treatments, but she is handling them well. She sleeps a lot, but that is to be expected. Collette Peters has her cast off and is healing well. I'm sure that all of us wish them well.

This is all the news I have, if anyone has anything to share with me and all the members of LSYC, please feel free to contact me at 440-365-6511 or dkkom@alltel.net. Remember, all news will be approved by the member prior to publication.



Junior Sail Program

Lynn Ensinger, Chairman

The Junior Race Parents meeting held on Tuesday, March 18@7PM was a success! We have kids that want to race! With support from parents and our membership, the Junior Racing Program will achieve its goals and become reality! Our speakers for the evening were John Gemberline (and son), Chairman of the I-LYA Travel Series Committee and Hank Reffner (and sons Nate and Ryan). John discussed the benefits for kids participating in a Junior Race Program and the Travel Series. Some of those benefits are: Building confidence, friendships, teamwork, sportsmanship, critical thinking, and acquiring sailing skills that will last a life time! Our next monthly parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 @ 7PM (LSYC). For any Junior Sailor interested in racing, please attend and bring your parents!! By the way, Ryan Reffner has been invited to try out for the National Opti Race Team and is traveling to Annapolis for that event in May. Congrats Ryan!!

Upcoming Junior Events include:

Junior Parent's Meeting @ LSYC, Tuesday, April 15 & May 13, @ 7PM.

Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Saturday, April 26, 2008, 6PM @ WYC Wheelhouse. DJ with dancing and a silent auction! Please attend and support our juniors!

Junior Race Practice, Tuesday Evenings @ 5:30PM, beginning May 13 (weather permitting). Ron Rychel is in charge of Junior Race practices. We need more volunteers to help on Tuesday evenings and to travel with kids to regattas.

Junior Sail Camp, Mon–Fri., June 16–20 & 23–27, 2008

If you are interested, please let me know or send me your ideas and I will pass them on to the proper person/committee. **Our Club IS what we make it!!!**

Please respond to VC Darryll's request for help with spring clean up. We need to get our Club ready for the upcoming season.

Approximately 60 days until boating season!

Fran Burik, Commodore

Commodore Burik watches Dan Fuller of ODNR speak at the March 15th Membership Meeting.



Thanks to **Eileen Holloway** and her "leprechauns" helpers for preparing great Irish dinner.



I-LYA/LBEF/LSYC Junior Travel Series Regatta, Saturday, August 23, 2008 Wine Tasting Silent Auction Junior Fund-raiser, September 2008 @ WYC Wheelhouse (Specific date TBA)

We currently have nine kids signed up for the first week of Sail Camp. If anyone is interested in signing up their kids for camp please call Lynn ASAP (440-487-7433) because it fills up fast!

Also, we need raffle items and higher priced merchandise to sell in our silent auction for the Spaghetti Dinner. If you can contribute, call Joyce Rhodes or Diana Komar. Thanks for helping us make our Junior Program great!

Lynn



District 7 Blue Blazer Social

A Reminder the District 7 Blue Blazer Social is Thursday Evening 7PM to 9.PM at 1 Bratenahl Place Lakeshore Blvd. This is a free event with drink and Hordy Hors.

I have received our Chapter Patches, I still do not know what they cost in total but they look fantastic. I look to see you all there.

Call me with any questions or directions. Dress Business Casual Blue Blazer and or Winter Uniform.

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FROM THE AFT
BRIDGE
RC ROY HOLLOWAY

On Saturday March 15th, LSYC held its first general membership meeting followed by a St. Patrick's Day dinner. There was a very good turnout as 41 adults and about a dozen kids enjoyed a great corned beef dinner. Thanks again to Eileen Holloway, Joanne Polito, Tom & June Gibbs, Bobby & Joyce Rhodes, Joyce's friend and Darryll Headley for pitching in to make everything run smoothly.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, April 12th: Will be the club's spring cleanup. If the weather turns foul, the alternate date is the following Saturday, April 19th. VC Darryll Headley will be posting volunteer sheets. There will be a **chili cook-off** so bring a pot of your favorite to share.

Like Spaghetti & kids? Plan on attending LSYC's Youth Sailing program's 4th annual spaghetti dinner at WYC (located at Spitzer Riverview Marina) on **Saturday, April 26th** from 5-7p.m. Watch for details of this fun event and important fund raiser.

Another reminder that **Cruise Week** will be from July 19th through July 26th. As in the past, Merle Dusek is planning some great destinations at the "islands" and in far-off Canadian ports; details to follow.

Once the season starts, we'll be developing an informal "**cruising board**" where members can post their travel plans to invite other boats to come along.

Think Spring... less than 60 days to launch!



**At The
HELM
2008
COMMODORE
FRAN BURIK**

Vice Commodore:	Darryll Headley
Rear Commodore:	Roy Holloway
Fleet Captain :	Andy Wilson
Treasurer :	Ron Rychel
Scribe:	Tim Yanda
Trustees :	
Chris Beal	Tom Gibbs
Chris Merkle	Merle Dusek
Operations And Business Manager	Bobby Rhodes
Fleet Surgeon	Craig Chapple, M.D.
Historian	Paul Burik

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Additional crew for Bristol 28 racing yacht for 2008
GREAT SCOT

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