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Coming UP

Gibbs Race Aug 26-27 LSYC to Kelleys and back

See page 4 for more info

Weekly Racing Summary - Wes Scott

Hard to believe but we're now half-way through this year's weekly racing season. The second series (Summer/Fall) begins in August and runs through the third full week of September.

In the Star class we were able to race eight (8) races on three (3) Sundays. Standings for the Spring/Summer series have Mike Pinter first, Jim Peters second and Ray Peters third. It was a tight series with rules on breaking ties required to set the series overall standings. The Fall series for the Star class starts on Sunday August 13.

The PHRF class sailed five of seven evenings. The first race was missed due to too much wind and too few boats. The last race of the series was skipped due to the opposite condition. For the Spring/Summer series Scott Peterson on Copacetic took first, Andy Wilson on Blustery placed second and Bill Maxwell on Nikn finished third. Yumm, Shearwater and Great Scot brought up the overall standings. The Fall series for the PHRF class starts on Wednesday, August 2 and I anticipate at least three more boats joining us on the start line.

PHRF racers are reminded that Wednesday night starts are 19:00 until August 30th when the start will be at 18:30 due to an earlier setting sun. (Photos on next page)



All photos by Wes Scott



2017 Lorain One Design Regatta

The 2017 edition of the annual Lorain One Design Regatta featured starts for four (4) Stars, six (6) Jet 14s and fifteen (15) Interlakes for a total of 25 boats on the water. Ohio-born, Wisconsin sailor Jeff Marguard took first in Stars, local sailor Bryan Parker took the gold in Jets and club member Brad Balmert finished first in the Interlake class.

The weather was sunny and comfortable, but the wind could have been a bit more predictable. The breeze started from the north and shift westward throughout the day. This owing to the absence of a sea breeze developing due to inland clouds and low temps.

We had great help on the course from Paul Kalister, Tim Parker and Dick Pinter who all provided boats to manage and patrol the course. All our volunteers were superb as usual and the dinner, provided by “Chef Kaspar,” was delicious.

Thanks to a good turn-out and the help of many club members we were able to turn a profit after paying all the event’s expenses. For those that have considered volunteering for our events, this is a great way to use your “sweat equity” to keep our membership costs in-check!





There was a reason why the Interlake regatta logo had a freighter in it!

Thanks to ALL: but especially to Wes Scott and Tim Parker who spearheaded the One Design and Interlake Nationals Regatta efforts! Joe Spainhourd hand made the trophies, Teri Parker handled the race paperwork, Dick Pinter RC, Claudia and Don Kaspar oversaw the food... and so many more. That is what makes LSYC, well LSYC!



2017 Interlake National Championship

We finished off the month hosting the 2017 edition of the Interlake Class national Championship. We had 28 boats turn-out racing in three divisions with the largest group racing for the Championship.

Weather was a challenge all week. Wednesday's Women's division worked hard to get in three races under variable and light breezes. Thursday's start of the Championship and Challenger races was delayed four hours awaiting a reliable breeze. Then Friday's races were kept to only one race due to winds that started in the low teens and quickly climbed toward 18 knots. No racing was held on Saturday as Friday's winds held strong throughout the night and into the next day. So while eight races were planned, the strange mix of weather kept total races to four.

Friday's quickly changing wind gave many of the inland-lake Interlakers the challenge of both high breeze and waves building to six feet. We had four Interlakes capsize. One boat turtled without recovery necessitating a two-day wait at anchor before conditions allowed retrieval. Weather was quite different from what is seen on lakes like Hoover near Columbus. While sailors awaited a breeze Thursday they were treated with the arrival of the 600' United States Steamship "Buffalo." Again, something one never sees on an inland lake.

Wednesday night featured an Italian meal sponsored by Dick Pinter. Thursday's dinner featured the Mexican stylings of the food truck Smash, Friday's annual meeting dinner was held at the Wheelhouse and Saturday's award ceremony ended with a burger and dogs BBQ prepared by club member. Members Balmert and Parker sponsored kegs of beer. Everyone had a great time both on and off the water.



(L to R) Seth, Will and Tim Parker – see note below

A personal note: As the Parkers leave Ohio, I want to thank Tim for mentoring me the first season at LSYC and always making sure I had a “ride”. If not for Tim, I and Fran may never have been LSYC members, served as RC, VC and Commodores – both of us, consecutively. We would have missed out on the camaraderie and the good times, the trips with Sea Scouts, LBEF meetings (hosted by Teri) and the many new events. Thanks Tim and Teri! Good Luck!

Paul and Fran Burik



The newsletter is produced by Paul Burik – enjoy and be active!

Jim Ward took the 2017 Championship followed by local sailor Bryan Parker in second and Ryan Kyle taking third. The three-boat Challenger series was won by Rob Frink and Betsy Bradley won the Women’s division.

Thanks to Professional Race Officer (PRO) Steve Harris of Buckeye Lake who agreed to squeeze in running this championship between running Junior Bay week and Senior Bay week in August.

We had seventeen sponsors supporting this event and countless, dedicated club members who volunteered multiple days in a row to make this event run like clockwork. Special thanks to Paul Kalister, Dick and Debbie Parker, Tim Parker, Mike Phinney and Dick Pinter for loaning their power boats in support of the series.

My personal thanks to Tim Parker who took over leading the planning team after my earlier medical issues forced me to drop out. The club is really going to miss the support of Tim and Teri Parker as they relocate to Florida this fall!

2017 Tom Gibbs Memorial Kelleys Island Race

It’s time to go to Kelleys Island again. The Ninth Gibbs/Kelleys Island race is schedule for the last weekend of August – August 26-27. The race entails a 25 mile race to Kelleys on Saturday, an overnight party and stay on the island and a race back to Lorain on Sunday. This year we’re returning to Seaway Marina for our docking needs. Seaway will also provide a picnic pavilion for the return of the traditional steak fry on the island.

Race information and application form are available on the web, everyone, not just racers, are invited to join us for the Saturday night party on Kelleys. So race-up, cruise-up, motor-up or drive-up and join us at the steak fry. The Kelleys Island ferry runs until 23:30! Use the race application to sign-up for the race, a dock and/or a meal(s) and make the Gibbs race and party your end-of-summer topper.