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SHIPS COMPASS by Commodore Fran



Commodore's Corner

A new year is approaching and many things are happening at the Club. The new board is busy planning for the 2008 season. We have programs, sailing classes, parties and many fun things being planned. If you have something you would like to see happen, please email or call me and I will see the correct person gets the info or calls you back.

Darryll Headley, Vice Commodore, will be in charge of the buildings and grounds this year. If you see anything that needs repair, please bring it to his attention. We try but don't always see everything that may need to be done. Darryll will need workers to help in the spring to get the Club ready for the boating season, summer for the annual Joyce Buick Pontiac GMC Regatta sponsored by GMAC, and for the fall clean up. He has some projects that he hopes to accomplish this year and I am sure he will be updating us as time goes on. Please be sure and give him your support when asked to volunteer.

Tom Gibbs brings much experience as Past Commodore of a club in Chicago. Tom will be working with Darryll Headley on the facilities committee. He and Darryll are into racing and I am sure they will be eager to help our Fleet Captain, Andy Wilson. Tom is also one of our CSA delegates

Roy Holloway is our Rear Commodore. Roy is putting together a schedule of events. I know he was talking about brunches and possibly a ski trip in the winter. Watch for his article to keep you up to date on things being planned. If you have an idea of a fun place to eat, a new show to see, Roy is your man! Call him or email him with your suggestions.

Merle Dusek, brings his experience as board member and trustee again this year. Merle organizes the summer cruises. He will be working with the Fleet Captain to coordinate events. If you have destinations that you would like to see the Club go to, please let Merle know.

Andy Wilson is our new Fleet Captain and is eager to get started. He and Chris Merkle, were at the I-LYA meeting the weekend of November 30th. Andy will probably have a lot of information for us in an upcoming newsletter. I'm sure Andy will be looking for people to help with the racing, the regattas and events going on this summer. Please watch for more information on the Regatta as the date has been changed.



Each month, as Commodore, I hope to bring to the attention of the Club at least one of our members who goes beyond the call. This month, it is Lynn Ensinger. Two years ago, with the help of several other members of our Club, Lynn started the Youth Sailing Program. We have had two successful years under her guidance and are approaching a third year. The first year about 20 kids attended a one week class and last year the Club held two weeks of sailing classes accommodating more kids.

Next April a spaghetti dinner-youth fund raiser is planned. A two week sailing camp is scheduled and the Junior Regatta sponsored by I-LYA will again be held at LSYC (LSYC was named the Best Youth Regatta of the year in 2006). Beginning May 6th, there will be a Junior Racing Clinic each Tuesday evening at 6pm. Lynn tells me that she has even more planned!

Please keep an eye out for the spaghetti dinner in April and lets all support our youth! Volunteers will be needed to work and donations for the raffle will be appreciated.

I am sure Lynn will be updating all of us on the progress of the program and please be sure to support her efforts by volunteering when called on.

Thanks Lynn and thanks to your support team!

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Chris Beal, new to the board this year as a trustee, will be keeping us informed of the One Design schedules. If you travel to races outside of our club, please let Andy, Chris Beal or myself know so we can print it in the newsletter. We need to know how our racers are doing!

Tim Yanda, a valuable trustee, is like the keel on the boat - he keeps our ship upright and heading in the right direction. Tim comes in as secretary and a Past Commodore of LSYC. He has much knowledge of our history. Tim is also very involved with the Youth Sailing Program.

Ron Rychel is our treasurer. Ron has been on the board for several years and does a great job with the financial planning for our Club. He works with Bobby Rhodes, Operations/Business Manager, and our Finance Committee in budgeting for the year. Ron reports on a monthly basis to the board and at all of our general membership meetings. As an experienced sailboat racer and power boat owner, Ron brings diversity to the board. Ron is also involved with the youth program.

Chris Merkle, brings much to the board as a Past Commodore of LSYC, I-LYA rep, CSA Rear Commodore, and LSYC trustee. He will be working with FC Andy Wilson on our annual regatta and other sailing events.



Bobby Rhodes, business and operations manager and a "go to" person at LSYC. Bobby manages to always be there when you need him, always finds a way to get what you ask done and never fails to lend you a helping hand. As operations manager, he runs the gas dock and supervises the workings of the marina and has taken on the business managers responsibilities and will be working closely with Ron and the Finance committee. He is a real asset to our Club.

I appreciate all of you volunteering to help me lead the Club to a great 2008 boating season! I look forward to working with each of you. Remember --- OUR CLUB IS ONLY WHAT WE MAKE IT!

Your Commodore
Fran Burik



November 3rd:

The **Change of the Watch** at the Westlake Holiday Inn was well attended with good food, music and camaraderie. It's a great event to get together with fellow boaters to end the boating season. Congratulations to all of the award winners. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

January 20th:

Mark your calendars for the club's first Sunday Brunch which is graciously being hosted by **Mike & Diane Komar**; location and other details will be provided shortly.

As I begin my year as RC, let me take a moment to thank the many volunteers that have contributed countless hours to making the LSYC events so successful. There are plenty of places to "float your boat", but the time and effort from you folks makes belonging to LSYC a real bargain. As Eileen and I discovered very quickly, it's an active club with great people who just happen to be boaters. We would encourage you to get involved, attend the many functions and volunteer, as even a couple hours will make a difference. As we start filling in the social calendar for next season, we would like to also have a brunch in February and are seeking someone to host the event. If you are interested in volunteering for the brunch or any future event, I can be reached www.roycat28@yahoo.com; comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU & YOURS.



A Message from Paul Burik

GCBA (Greater Cleveland Boating Association)

**Paul Burik, LSYC Delegate
Urgent Request to Boaters take
Action Now on the EPA Water
Discharge Permit Requirements**



As recreational boaters, we need to get Congress to pass legislation to exempt recreational boaters from the onerous EPA permitting scheme as it relates to waste water discharge and water run-off. Without this exemption, all water discharge – yes, your bilge pump or motor coolant discharge, even your deck washing run-off will be subject to costly permit or severe fines!

Here is a simple, easy way to let your Washington Representative and Senator know that you want them to support the legislative exemption to this regulation.

1. Point your web browser to www.boatblue.org/takeaction.aspx
2. On the left half of the site you will find a box asking you to enter your zip code, please do so.
3. Scroll down to the section "Action Alert" and in that box you will find a link to "Click Here", please click on it.
4. You will arrive at the "Action Alert" portion which offers you a choice of delivery methods of your message. The email option will be highlighted, if it is not, select it.
5. You will see form letters prepared for your Congressman and your Senator. The letters may be edited, if you so choose.
6. Fill in the "Sender" information.
7. Click on "Send Message" and you will have let your representatives in Congress know that this issue is important to you and that you wish them to support this legislation.

OR DO NOTHING AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE HASSLE OF GETTING WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS !!



Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club
Lynn Ensinger, Junior Program Chair

The US Sailing One-Design Sailing Symposium held on November 17-18, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio was a great event and provided a wealth of good information. The first day keynote address was presented by Jonathan Banks who is an international business management leader. Jonathan is currently the Executive Director of Sail America, the trade association for the U.S. sailing industry. Jonathan identified one of the keys to sailing's future success is to increase participation at all levels of the sport. By working together with all the constituents and stakeholders (i.e. boat builders, equipment manufacturers, sailing schools, class associations, etc.) we can raise awareness of sailing, build interest, and grow participation. Some of the highlights of Banks' presentation include: Sailing participation trends, Boat production numbers, Charter bookings Market and product trends, Market challenges, The dinghy market, One-design trends, Discover Sailing and Grow Boating update, and working with Sail America. Additional topics addressed were: Enhancing Class Marketing Efforts with photos by Fried Elliot, One-Design Insurance 101 by Sarah Davidson, Sail Fast programs by Skip Dieball, Selling & Fulfilling Sponsorship by Dan Cooney (US Sailing Marketing Director), and Adding Women to Your Fleet by Janet Baxter (past president US Sailing), Heidi Backus Riddle, Gretchen Backus Loper, and Connie Aguero. That evening, Dave Perry presented "Winning Moves in One-Designs" to a large crowd during a free "Mt. Gay drinks&cash bar" hosted by Buckeye Lake and Leatherlips Yacht Clubs.

The second day of the symposium was equally as informative. The keynote address entitled "How sailors Deal with the Adversities of Competition" presented by Dr. Stuart Walker was impressive. "Courage is always the surest wisdom," was Dr. Walker's parting words of advice. Additionally, George Fisher discussed basic responsibilities and the forming of a 501(c) (3). "Greg's GO FAST

Tips" program (by Greg Fisher) was well received and encompassed: Proper Equipment, Teamwork, Boat Handling skills, and Sail

In summary, the US Sailing, "One-Design Sailing Symposium" was packed full of useful information that ranged from Market Trends to Dealing with the Adversity of Competition. It was an enlightening and uplifting weekend filled with networking opportunities, good conversation, and fun!



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FRAN BURIK**

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 Rear Commodore: Roy Holloway
 Fleet Captain : Andy Wilson
 Treasurer : Ron Rychel
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 Chris Beal Tom Gibbs
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Operations And
 Business Manager Bobby Rhodes
 Fleet Surgeon Craig Chapple, M.D.
 Historian Paul Burik



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 Association & (GCBA)
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Welcome to Compass—Merry Christmas to All - Smooth Sailing to All in 2008!