

LORAIN SAILING

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SHIPS COMPASS by Commodore Fran

January was a busy month. I would like to thank all of our LSYC members that worked the boat show. We were able to help get signatures for the exemption for recreational boats from gray water discharge permit. If you were not able to attend or have not responded to Bobby's informative email about this issue, please check out the web site and let your senators and congressman know that we do not want any more fees put on boaters or permit to have to apply for. If this goes through, even sailboats, small fishing boats – anyone with a motor will have to get a permit for the water to flow back into the lake! Please take action now if you have not!

During the boat show, LSYC along with a few other clubs were presented a plaque for becoming a certified Clean Marina in 2007. Thanks to Bobby's attending classes, emails, going through an inspection and getting a few required supplies, we have qualified. The plaque was presented by the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Chief Pamela Dillion of the Division of Watercraft.

The board has been busy planning 2008's boating and social events. The first one of the year was the brunch on January 20th. Thanks to Diana and Mike Komar for being a great host and hostess! Check the calendar on the LSYC.info website for continuous updates – places to go and things to do.

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Vice Commodore Darryll

It was good to get away from the winter cold this January by attending the Cleveland in door boat show and dreaming of better weather ahead. After researching the Internet on out door seating and tables the board decided to forgo the idea of upgrading to new patio style furniture on the deck do to costs. The board and I will be looking at some new picnic style tables to replace the ones in the worse condition. February 16th will be the 2nd Annual LSYC Gutter Boat Regatta. The yachts are on order and will be arriving soon and the regatta entry fee will be \$15.00 per entry, which includes a boat, and \$10.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children with out a boat. Food will be provided and everyone knows where the drinks are at the regular price. A West Marine gift certificate will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd place. I look forward to seeing everyone at the regatta.

Please RSVP Bobby by February 9th to verify your entry.

COMMODORES CORNER



This month I would like to say thanks to Joyce Rhodes. Joyce is a good friend and a Kitchen Angel as P/C

Rich Wismer deemed her years ago. Joyce is always there when you need her and she always goes the extra mile. For the years I have known her, she has always been active in our Club even before officially becoming Mrs. Bobby Rhodes. Joyce helps with the youth summer sailing camp, has helped with the regattas - in fact, sometimes you can't get her out of the kitchen for the entire weekend. She has hosted events and is quick to say "I will help – what can I do?"

Besides being always available to help at LSYC, she is secretary of the Westlake Yacht Club. Joyce is, as I have been told by officers there, a go to for all the officers. She is on the restaurant management committee, finance committee and she assist in billing dues. Doing all of this while being secretary.

Besides all of the above, she works and takes care of a home, husband and daughter, Morgan (You will also see Morgan working around LSYC!)

The next time you see Joyce, please be sure to say "thanks for all you do".



U. S. SAIL
SAILOR OF THE WEEK
BRAD BALMERT



For Brad Balmert of Lorain, Ohio, life is all about sailing. He makes his living as a sailing instructor, coach, and owner of a small marine parts supplier, KB Marine. Even though it's in

the middle of winter in Ohio, sailing is keeping Brad busy. Not much of an iceboater or frost-biter anymore, Brad these days prefers to travel to Miami once or twice a month to enjoy sailing in warmer conditions and to coach a young Star sailor. When his travels or his company don't occupy all his waking hours, Brad is busy planning for his summer sailing season. It's looking like the upcoming summer will be another busy one on the water for Brad, who loves sailing his Interlake but can also be found on a J/22, J/24, Jet 14, Star, Tartan 10, and other one designs. In addition to his goal of competing in regattas, Brad also has plans to grow the junior sailing program at Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club. A certified US SAILING Level 1 instructor and Principal Race Officer, Brad thoroughly enjoys teaching young ones how to sail. "It's very rewarding to see kids get on the water for the first time not knowing what they're doing, and then to see them a few days later tacking, smiling, and showing off to their parents saying 'Look at what I can do!'" And while he enjoys teaching kids, Brad also would like to start teaching adults so he's planning to get his keelboat certification. "So many people live near the water, but don't sail. They don't know what they're missing." Luckily, there are passionate sailors out there like Brad who help grow our sport. Thanks Brad! For Brad Balmert of Lorain, Ohio, life is all about sailing. He makes his living as a sailing instructor, coach, and owner of a small marine parts supplier, KB Marine. Even though it's in the middle of winter in Ohio, sailing is keeping Brad busy.

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!

SEASCOUT UPDATE
BY
SKIPPER LEO



**CONGRATULATIONS
To LSYC Sea Scouts
Adam Frimel and Lance Kasper**

After competing in the 2007 William Koch regional Sea Scout Regatta held here in Lorain, Adam and Lance qualified to represent LSYC in the International Sea Scout Regatta that will be hosted by the U.S. Navel Academy located in Annapolis Md. July 13th to 19th. This event provides competition between U.S. and International Sea Scouts. The Event will be sailed in Vanguard 420 sailboats provided for the event. The winners will have their names inscribed on the William I Koch Sea Scout Cup, which was hand-crafted by the silversmiths at Garrard's in London; the same firm that manufactured the original America's Cup over 150 years ago.

FROM THE AFT
BRIDGE
RC ROY HOLLOWAY

On Sunday January 20th, a group of about 26 hardy souls braved the cold and attended the first seasonal brunch. It was originally scheduled for Herb's on the Lake, but due to unforeseen circumstances the staff never showed. Diana & Mike Komar being the quick thinking hosts moved the event down the road to Athena's Restaurant where good food and companionship were had by all.

Have a friend or neighbor who has a boat? Why not ask them to consider joining LSYC and docking with us this season. At last count, we had about sixteen open docks ranging from 27' to 35' and they couldn't find a better club to call home port. If someone has an interest, have them touch base with Bobby or myself for availability and a tour of the facilities.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

February 9th & 10th: LSYC annual ski trip to Holimont, NY is being coordinated by Matt Bruns 216-221-8300 or northpeakgrp@aol.com. Reservations are a must before February 1st to get you on the "guest" list as this is a private ski area; previously an e-mail "flyer" was sent out with the details and websites.

February 16th: The second annual **Gutter Boat Races** will again be hosted by Darryll Headley/VC. If you were part of last year's event, you know how much fun this is no matter what the age. There will be a flyer coming out soon with all the details and this is a great time to bring the youngsters.

February 24th: Kathy LaValley will be hosting the next Sunday brunch. A flyer will be sent with the location, times, prices, etc. in the next few days.



Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club
Lynn Ensinger
Junior Program Chair

Any parents whose kids are interested in Junior Racing are invited to attend organizational meetings to discuss goals and plans for a Junior Race Team. Assistance and input is needed by parents/members who can volunteer time to support classroom and on the water practicing, and traveling to Junior Regattas throughout the season. The Racing Team is for sailors who have mastered basic sailing techniques taught in beginner and intermediate classes and who would like to compete against sailors from western Lake Erie. Parents meetings (kids can come too) are scheduled at the LSYC clubhouse for Tuesday nights at 7:00PM on:
February 19 March 18 April 15 May 13

Additional dates to keep in mind are:

Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Saturday, April 26th, 2008 @ 6PM

Sponsored by LSYC and Westlake Yacht Club@Wheelhouse

We do have a DJ and music! Junior Camp, Mon—Fri. June 16—20 and June 23—27, 2008 Junior I-LYA Regatta, hopefully Saturday, June 28th, 2008(still tentative)

Junior Racing Practice, Tuesday evenings (as soon as weather permits)

Junior Bay, July 13—17, 2008

The Junior Program staff congratulates our own Head Instructor, Brad Balmert for achieving the honor of US Sailing "Sailor of the Week" in January, 2008. Brad's sailing and teaching skills support the growth and delivery of a top notch Junior Sailing Program in our club and community. Way to go Brad!! If anyone has information regarding Optis "For Sale", please let me know. I do have a lead on an Opti locally (thanks to Matt Basinski) and need to raise \$1000.00 to purchase the boat. Donations are appreciated! I am looking for a Junior Racing Coach and have a couple of possibilities. I need big ticket items for our "Silent Auction" and volunteers at the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in April. Any ideas for fundraising are appreciated!!!! Thanks, Lynn

LSYC Sea Scout Ship 289 wants to help!

In order to help we need NEW members. To qualify the youth must be turning 14 years of age or older in 2008. We have activities the year round and hold our meetings on the first Monday of every month. The skills learned go far beyond sailing. The meetings are run by the Sea Scout members and they decide the activities for the year. All activities have BSA-trained adults to lead them at every meeting.

If you have a youth (boy or girl) that wants to have fun and learn at the same time, just attend one of our meetings and see how much you can learn. Our next recruiting meeting will be March 7th. Or call Skipper Leo (440-934-4042) or Mate Paul (440-934-4420)

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Compass

The Sea Scouts are busy planning their year too. Paul Burik went to Columbus this last weekend for some leadership training. There were people from as far away as West Virginia. He enjoyed the sessions and even got a little skiing in on his way home.

In support of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association, I am asking anyone with a business to consider putting an add in the "Who's Who In Boating" for 2008. Adds cost as little as \$30.00 for the size of a business card and there are larger adds if you would like. You can have your name in as a personal patron for only \$5.00. This book has club rosters including LSYC, government information, calendar of events and much more. The GCBA is a non-profit group dedicated to the advancement of water safety and boating. If you are interested, please contact Bobby, Paul Burik or myself. Paul and I can be contacted at 440-934-4420.

In February I look forward to attending the "gutter boat races". I missed it last year—the flue kept me home but I heard it was a lot of fun. Be sure and get your names into Darryll Headlley. See Roy's column for more information. Also check out the next brunch that is planned. Approximately 120 days until boating season!

Fran Burik, Commodore



**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



CONGRATULATIONS BOBBY & FRAN



Award Presentation at 2008—Boat Show

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IS A MEMBER OF
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Association & (GCBA)
Greater Cleveland Boating Association**

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