

# LORAIN SAILING & YACHT CLUB



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## Commodore Lynn's Log



Thanks to all those members and friends that volunteered at our booth for the Mid/America Boat Show 2012. We spoke with many interested folks and provided information about all of our programs, membership, social events, winter speaker's scheduled, fleets, cruising, and of course dockage. We were fortunate to have a free booth which normally would cost \$1,000.00. Great networking occurred and new ideas collected.

Our "LakeErieWX" Weather Seminar, presented by Mark Thorton, is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012, 8AM—4:30PM. The seminar fee is \$30.00 which includes light breakfast and a hardy lunch! Everyone is encouraged to attend. Race committee boat volunteers will benefit from this seminar. If planning to attend, please RSVP to Bobby for planning purposes.

A General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>@4PM, followed by a festivity. Topics for discussion include: Marketing brand, budget, 2012 events, short/long term goals, and operations. Members are encouraged to attend!

Kayaking storage will be offered this summer. Cost is \$100.00 for the season which will include an associate membership. Storage racks are in the discussion phase. Your input is appreciated. A "Safe Boating Course" by the US Power Squadron will be offered at LSYC, cost is \$50.00/person. Date to be announced.

US Sailing Adult Keelboat Instructor Course will be scheduled at LSYC this summer in preparation for rolling out our Adult Learn to Sail Program. The anticipated date/s for the three day course will probably be the first three day weekend in June, 2012. The official dates are in the process of being confirmed.

**Thanks—Lynn**

## VICE COMMODORE Chris Glynn



Greetings fellow LSYC members. I hope the holiday season was enjoyable for all and that everyone is happy and healthy. This winter, if I dare call it that has been one of the strangest I can remember. The lack of snow and cold temperatures has allowed from some truly great fall steelhead fishing and I have heard reports of a good walleye night bite off the rocks in Lorain as well. If you are into that sort of thing, the steelhead have been biting on pink egg sacks, jig and maggot combos, and small nymph flies. Anytime the rivers flow between 200-300fps on the USGS website, water conditions are perfect to get some of these amazing trout. If you get out this season, do remember the limit on steelhead is two fish, and they are great smoked.

Once the fishing season ends, and I am sure even before then, I will begin to work on some of my projects around the club. The first of those is to straighten up the dry sail area. First impressions are everything, and I really want to make the club grounds look as nice and organized as possible. I plan on creating some parking spaces and assigning every boat in the dry sail area its own spot to keep everything organized. I will also be cleaning up the area behind the club house to get rid of unused items and clutter. We have worked really hard as a club to get where we are today, and the club has done nothing but gotten better since I have been a member. I intend to keep that trend going.

Finally, I cannot stress enough how much our club relies on participation. Not only do we rely on volunteers to help with events, but also keep some of our programs running. This season, if you all could, bring some friends down to the club. Whether it be for an event, or just enjoying a day on the water, get people to our facility. Show them what we have to offer so that we can attract new members and continue growing and expanding our facilities. Until the next time,

**Vice Commodore—Chris Glynn**





## Rear Commodore Don Kaspar



Cold winter winds are blowing, the lake gulls have taken over the marina, and things are quiet at the clubhouse. Our minds tend to wander and long

for the warm sun rays and gentle winds to come to cheer us up once again. While we wait for those warmer days, we are enjoying staying in touch with each other occasionally as some off-club grounds activities. Our first LSYC brunch was quite well attended in January. A big thank you goes out to Paul and Fran Burik for arranging a wonderful buffet brunch at The Vintage House Cafe in Avon. A very intimate and quaint eatery where the food was outstanding, and the company of all in attendance was even better! Our next brunch is planned for Sunday, February 19th 11 a.m.



at the Sugar Creek Restaurant, located 5196 Detroit Road (Rte. 254) in Sheffield Lake. This event is being hosted by Eileen and Roy Holloway. Reservations must be made by February 10 with Bobby. Don't forget to make your reservations for the St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 17th at 5 p.m. at the clubhouse. We are looking at scheduling a February Saturday evening dinner out as well. As soon as the location is finalized, a flyer will be sent out with that information. Besides the monthly brunches, we would like to have a monthly dinner. Kind of a Saturday night dock party, without the dock. I am looking for any suggestions of locations that would accommodate our group. Please feel free to email me at [don-jkaspar@hotmail.com](mailto:don-jkaspar@hotmail.com) with any suggestions or if you are interested in hosting a brunch or dinner. I am looking forward to seeing you at the next brunch!

**Don Kaspar**  
Rear Commodore

## FLEET CAPTAIN Wes Scott



Volunteers are the heart of any club or organization. For a yacht club, its racing program could not exist without them. For those still racing, filling the volunteer ranks is an easy and appropriate way to give back to a club that tries to fill your summer with racing while also offering you the chance to focus on aspects of a race you may have been too busy operating your boat to have notice. For those that are retired from racing or have never been involved before, being a volunteer means a piece of the action and fun that's always been just beyond the breakwall and outside of view.

The board has worked hard to assemble a schedule that provides many opportunities to race while spreading the major events over as wide a period as ten weeks of summer will allow. Generally the events breakdown into two groups.

Weekly the club sponsors Wednesday night fixed-course, PHRF racing, Thursday night one-design racing for Interlakes and Sunday afternoon races for our Star fleet. These are frequent but low impact on our staff of volunteers. Generally just requiring one Race Committee (RC) boat with crew of two or three to run each race.

There are also four more major events planned this summer. As mentioned above, we've tried to space them out so as not to overtax our volunteers or the club's resources. Our major events include a June PHRF Regatta, the July One-Design Regatta and the August Gibbs Memorial Island race. In addition this year the national Jet 14 fleet, through Jet 14 officers Bryan and Tiffany Parker, has asked LSYC to be the organizing body for their 2012 championship. This should be a lot of fun with 30-40 boats expected.



Both groups of events require varying levels of on-the-water help. The weekly events only re-

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quire staff for one RC boat. The larger Regattas will need not only extra help on the water, but shore support too. While galley support is crucial to the on-shore part of any successful regatta, shore support also includes helping visiting competitors not familiar with our club or Lorain and assisting with boat launching and retrieval at our one-design events.

In addition, Jet 14 sailors will be coming from many different cities and states with a large contingent expected from the mid-Atlantic area. So this year we'll also need help offering lodging either at your home or perhaps on your boat.



I've spent the last few years being the primary RC official for the Interlakes and helping out in the other fleets as needed. Being a member of the RC crew is a rewarding and

fun experience. The tasks are easy when shared, the scenery is great and you're often right in the middle of the action – especially during starts. Even if you've never raced, being a member of an RC crew is not a great challenge. And if you are a regular racer, being able to observe a race without the hassle of coordinating your own entry, can be a dream job.

I'd like to build-up our reserve of qualified RC crew. For those who've never done it before or at least not recently, may I suggest attending the US Sailing "Race Management" course which our club is hosting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It's a great primer for the novice and a refresher for experienced RC crew. The day includes lecture, discussion, materials and lunch. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for those willing to join the LSYC RC crew roster.

Finally, I know we'll want to continue the great tradition of superb regattas that LSYC is renowned for. To make that possible we'll be assembling organizing committees to start working the details this winter so that race day will be the smooth execution of a well thought out plan.

I hope you'll be willing to say "yes" if called upon to help. Even better I welcome your offer of help up-front. You'll find there's much more enjoyment than perspiration involved and when many are helping no one will be overworked. If you have any questions or want to talk it over, please drop me an email ([wscott@wowway.com](mailto:wscott@wowway.com)) or give me a call (440-243-6266).

**A correction to my January article. Due to a conflict with the Interlake Nationals, our one-design regatta has been moved up a week to the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Sorry for any confusion.**

## Practical Sailor Review of iPad and NAV Apps



There are many advantages to using an iPad on a boat. It can do anything a laptop can do, has an extended battery life (less if GPS is used), and has a larger crisper color screen than any of the small screen chartplotters. The iPad is very sturdy but not waterproof. It is recommended to buy a waterproof case or use a zip lock bag to protect it from moisture. There are two versions of the iPad2: WiFi only and WiFi plus 3G. If you are using the iPad on board, you'll want the 3G. If you already bought the WiFi-only version, you can get an add-on GPS receiver. The article's author counted 308 apps directly aimed at sailing, racing, or cruising. There are many others—such as the weather apps that are very useful. This month Practical Sailor looks at the three most popular navigation applications. Next month up and coming free or nearly free nav apps will be reviewed and part III will review weather apps. The author tracked down 14 navigation apps that will convert an iPad into a chartplotter. Three are recommended. The original iNavX gets first place for simplicity, flexibility and overall utility. Navionics is second, if your interest is being interconnected via Facebook, email and have a huge point of interest database. Third choice is Active Captain's user-generated content/Navimatics Charts & Tides, but there are better options for navigation. If interested in less expensive navigational apps under \$20 wait until next month's Practical Sailor report. If you don't subscribe to Practical Sailor and would like a copy of this article, email Lynn.



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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL**

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