

LORAIN SAILING & YACHT CLUB



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Commodore Lynn's Log



Hello! Change of Watch was fun and enjoyable. It was nice to have party folks from our boater friends at the adjacent GCBA party next to us! It made our party a little bit bigger and more fun! Good job Keith and Jackie Marsh! Our LSYC Regatta date is moving from August to a date TBD 2012 (One Day Only). This change will support greater participation in our regatta. Members of the board patched the crack by the Interlake hoist with cement on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Thanks guys you're the best! Better than shopping! LSYC will be represented at the "Mid-America Boat Show" January 13—22, 2012 in the One-Design Area. Volunteers are needed! I'll send out emails posting the open dates and times for manning our LSYC/LBEF Boat Show booth. On Saturday, February 5th, 2012 an all-day weather seminar by Mark Thorton will be offered at the club. Last year's weather seminar was excellent and Mark's web address is listed on the LSYC home page. Saturday, March 17th, 2012 is the date of the one day "US Sailing Race Management Seminar" with Steve Harris, Instructor. A "LSYC Annual Planning/Strategy Meeting" was held on Saturday, December 10th, 2011. LSYC Board, Blue Gavel, past Commodores, and general members attended. The major focus of the meeting was to identify goals and strategies to move our club and foundation forward to the boating public and local community. One important question asked was: Where are we now, where are we going, and what is our brand? A suggestion of creating an umbrella entity marketing brand called: "Lorain Boating Center" that encompasses all the boating opportunities that we provide currently. This idea is a golden marketing tool with which to reach a much broader audience and make us more attractive to sponsorships and grants. The Lorain Boating Center would be the "home" of "Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club", "Lorain Boating and Education Foundation", and all other programs, such as: Spirit, Sea

Scouts, Adult and Junior Learn to Sail, Junior Race Team, etc. The public would not have access to any equipment, programs, or grounds unless he/she were members. So it would be business as usual. The rules would not change. A proposal to implement an overall umbrella "marketing brand" called: "Lorain Boating Center" was voted on by the LSYC Board, past commodores, general members present, and passed! The primary goals identified for 2012 are: 1.) Dry Sailing Fees and Enhancements 2.) Marketing Brand and Improving Website 3.) Expand Adult Education Opportunities. Our current Board will focus on these 2012 goals and provide our membership with it's progress on a consistent basis. We welcome our membership's questions, thoughts, and ideas. Let us know what you would like to see happen at our club this year and in the future!

Happy New Year!

Lynn





Greetings LSYC members

Hope the holidays found everyone ready to go for next year. Time to think about when there will be time to get all the presents Santa brought to you onto your boat. We have been planning a number of events for this coming year. We will be having the traditional Sunday brunches this year I have talked to a few people who have said they would set up a brunch. I will be sending out a flyer with the information for the first one in January as soon as I can. As we get the information we will publish it on the LSYC website. We were also looking at possibly having a few other events during our off months possibly a cosmic bowling night and a trip to one of the local winery for a tasting session and get together. Stating in May when the boats start to get back into the water we will start up the Friday night dock parties. Note the change back to Friday nights. So if you have time, come down and join us. Claudia and I will be there and probably the usual Friday nighters. Bring a chair since most of the time we are on the dock anyway. If you have any suggestions or would like to help feel free to contact me at donjkaspar@hotmail.com

More to come next month as things get settled in for the new year.

So for now take care and stay warm.

Donald Kaspar



FLEET CAPTAIN
Wes Scott

I'm Wes Scott, your club's new Fleet Captain. I want to start my first newsletter article by personally thanking our former Fleet Captain, Don Kaspar, for the great job he's done keeping our racing program vibrant over his two year tenure.

Next a quick review of the racing schedule shaping up for 2012 at LSYC.

Yard and weather permitting, I look forward to starting weekly club one-design and handicap racing during the first week of June. As I take on responsibility for the

broader racing program I'll be looking for help keeping these events running. And I especially want to maintain the Wednesday night post-race BBQ gathering that has added to our club's social scene.

Our regatta and special events schedule is coming together nicely. We'll hold our one-design regatta on July 21. And we'll cap off the summer months with our annual Tom Gibbs Memorial race on the last weekend of August (25th and 26th). We're considering an alternate half-way point at the Islands and seek your input.

Adding some spark to the year, we're moving the handicap regatta from the end of July to the end of June – June 30th will be our big-boat regatta this year. We'll keep our one-day format used in 2011. Most thought that schedule worked great, allowing a good balance between time racing and time partying while leaving a weekend day free for visiting skippers to return home.

For something new, the Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club is honored to host the 2012 Jet 14 Class Nationals during the third week of August. The competition usually draw 30 to 40 boats for fast, fun, top-notch racing. We'll be using a Wednesday through Saturday format, starting on August 15th. Given that weekdays are involved, I wanted to announce the dates early so our great volunteers might schedule a day or two or more to help the club maintain its tradition of great race and shore-side organization.

Finally, the board worked hard to arrange a schedule that will spread-out the demands on club facilities and volunteers in the hopes that when asked you, our members, won't feel overly taxed. It's thanks to our member's willingness to pitch-in that we keep the club's costs (financial and personal) low and the fun high. I hope you'll respond favorably when asked to help out.

In the next newsletter I'll talk about some of those volunteer opportunities. But for scheduling purposes I wanted to mention that US Sailing's Race Management seminar returns to our club on Saturday, March 19th. This is a great, one-day class that will help tune-up your race experience whether running the race, competing in it or being a spectator.

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Great Lakes Basic Marine Weather Seminar
 Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club
 108 Alabama Avenue
 Lorain, OH 44052

When: Saturday, February 4, 2012
 Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Fee: \$30 per person
 (Fee includes breaks and lunch)
Registration and Additional Information

Contact: Lynn Ensinger
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Seminar Overview

Learn a little meteorology and reduce some of the uncertainty of boating on the Great Lakes. An enhanced understanding of basic weather principles and a few simple forecasting skills can improve cruise planning, racing performance and reduce the likelihood of being exposed to uncomfortable or hazardous weather conditions. It is impossible to predict the weather with total precision, but that doesn't mean that the weather is entirely unpredictable.

The Basic Marine Weather Seminar provides attendees with an understanding of basic meteorological principles and explores the conditions favoring the development of severe weather. Animated graphics and case studies of actual Lake Erie events are used to focus on the interesting and unique forecasting challenges associated with the Great Lakes. Attendees will also develop a basic daily forecasting resource kit based upon readily available government and university websites.

Seminar Outline

Section One: Introduction Section Seven: Observational Tools -- Radar and Satellite Imagery
 Section Two: A Solid Foundation (Basic Meteorological Principles) Section Eight: Thunderstorms
 Section Three: Interpreting Weather Graphics Section Nine: Waves
 Section Four: The Invisible Forces Controlling the Wind
 Section Ten: A Daily Forecast Routine
 Section Five: Clouds and Precipitation Section 11: On-Board Forecasting Resources
 Section Six: Dissecting a Low Pressure System Click here for a detailed Seminar Syllabus.



*The Swing
 City Big*

Band

<http://www.gethepswing.com/events.htm>

Barry Jensen played the base guitar with "The Swing City Big Band" at Rosewood Place, Lorain, Ohio on Friday evening, December 30, 2011. Most everyone knows that Barry is one of our multi-talented members who crews on a Star Boat with Ray Peters and is very involved in our LSYC/LBEF Junior Sailing Program. The dinner/dance was great fun! If anyone is interested in following "The Swing City Big Band", look them up on their website: www.swingcitybb.com. Some members are taking "Swing Dance" Lessons this winter, if interested email or call Lynn Ensinger. The Swing City Big Band will play in Lakewood on Friday evening, January 13, 2012. It is an opportunity for some swing :





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Leo & I wish you and yours a

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