



## Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club

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### Coming UP

July 8-10<sup>th</sup> – Cruise Week, see article

July 15, One Design – see Fleet Captain's Article

July 26-29 - Interlake Nationals

### Sea Scout Ship 289 “Odyssey

We have been busy over the winter. Two of the boys are working diligently towards their Quartermaster award. Currently they are working on completing the requirements for BSA lifeguard. This is probably the most difficult requirement to complete. It takes time and endless hours in the water, learning how to save someone. They are almost complete. We have been working to get Odyssey into the water and her mast up. We have completed 50% of that. We hope to be out sailing soon. The foundation also now has access to a power boat so we will be using that as soon as it is in the water. The ship and foundation is looking for a few good center console fishing boats as donations to start using in new programs. If anyone know of any please feel free to contact myself. The ship is also looking for sailboats in good shape to replace current boats. Remember the future of boating is in teaching the youth of today how to have fun with it. If you know of any please let me know by text, email, or phone.  
Donald Kaspar – Skipper

### Spirit of America

The three week program operated by Metroparks was completed in June at LSYC. Close to 90 youth participated in all kinds of boating activities from sailing and power boats to paddle boards and jet-skis! Safety on water is the primary mission, but an opportunity to experience a variety of boating types and the Lake is a plus. Number of LSYC members volunteered, especially with the sailing portion – thanks!! And thanks to Metroparks for operating the program and bringing it to LSYC. It is a fruitful collaboration. Submitted by Paul Burik.

## Cruise Week – July 8-10, that is this weekend!



Photo by Wes Scott

This coming weekend, we will have a 3 day group cruise weekend up at Sandusky and the islands. There is a small group of us (2 power boats, 3-4 sailboats), and we would like more company! Even if you cannot get there by water, please come by land to Saturday evening dinner in Sandusky (and/or Sunday).

Saturday we will be at Sandusky Paper District Marina, which has a restaurant on site, but we will walk/cab to another place for Saturday dinner. The itinerary for Sunday night is tbd, likely to remain at Sandusky Paper District, but we also might hop over to KI. If you are interested, please contact Jim Morse at [morsejh@aol.com](mailto:morsejh@aol.com) immediately.

A smaller group of us will continue on with the normal cruise week. We set up this smaller cruise weekend because we heard that a number of people could not get time off and a full week away was too much.



## Interlake Nationals

LSYC will be hosting 2017 Interlake Nationals this July 26, 27, 28 and 29. It is an honor for LSYC to host a regatta like this. Of course it will take many volunteers to make it successful! Please email Tim Parker at [timdparker1@yahoo.com](mailto:timdparker1@yahoo.com) or call at (440) 263 4365 if you can help. Measuring sails, registration, kitchen duty, parking management are some of the tasks needed.

Many thanks to Joe Spainhour for the 72 plaques we are making for trophies. Joe is cutting, routing and sanding the plaques.

## Big Bother/ Big Sister at LSYC

The last Saturday in June is has been set aside for accommodating a boating experience for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lorain County for last several years. This year we had 15 pairs of Sisters and Brothers come down to LSYC and see what boating is all about. Conditions were a bit breezy and seas were in the 2 foot range. Most of our guests held it together. After about two hours on the water it was time to come back in and enjoy Hot Dogs and all the trimmings. Thanks to all of our volunteer boats for lending their crafts and time to this worthy endeavor. The Captains had as much fun as our guests and we are attempting to arrange another event for later this summer. Photo below. Submitted by Joe Spainhour.





And the Stars are off.....  
Photo by Wes Scott

### **Lake Erie Algae Bloom**

NOAA has mounted an interesting web page about Toxic Algae blooms at their web page here: [https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/HABs\\_and\\_Hypoxia/](https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/HABs_and_Hypoxia/) Due to heavy rains early on in the growing season causing increased farm run-off, this year's bloom is expected to place second worse in the record books behind the 2015 bloom that caused the Toledo water department to shutdown. Pictures show that most of this year's bloom is still trapped west of Marblehead. But given the heavy downpours this summer that will probably change.



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

## **July 2017 Fleet Captain's Article – Wes Scott**

### **Race the Wrecks Wrap-up**

We had a good “Race the Wrecks” (MAST) race this past weekend (1 July) with five boats competing. Unlike last year (when we used a “pursuit” start) this year was a standard start with everyone off the line together. The weather was a bit crappy early on with a misty drizzle. But that cleared by the 11AM start and continued to improve to a glorious clear sky by half-way through the course. We went counter-clockwise around the triangle with no one beating the four hour duration of last year. Yet overall everyone was faster around the course.

### **Weekly Racing Results**

Last Sunday (2 July) featured the first Star class race of the season with three boats starting. It was a fickle breeze that kept shifting west during the first and second races before settling in and building by the third race of the day. The race committee ended up shifting the start line and pin twice until we satisfied mother nature's wind plans. The PHRF group tried something new last Wednesday (28 June) starting the race using a “Rabbit Start.” In this format one boat is “the rabbit” and forms a start line while moving past a fixed mark in a sequence of turns. The other boats then cross the “start” line formed by the Rabbit's passage and, once the rabbit tacks everyone is free to do the same. This approach allowed Great Scot to hop into the fray in an evening that featured a SSW wind in the upper teens with gusts to 25 knots but relatively flat seas and a harbor finish.

### **Lorain One-Design Regatta**

Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the 2017 edition of the annual Lorain One-Design regatta. This annual event brings in one-design boats from all around Ohio to race on Lake Erie. Racing will commence at noon and run until about 17:00. Following the races Chef Kaspar will be featuring a spaghetti dinner for those who raced and our volunteers. If you're interested we're always looking for volunteers and they eat lunch and dinner free for their service. Anyone else is welcome to also attend the dinner and awards, just contact Bobby to make arrangements.