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Commodore Headley's Headlines

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I believe, I see a light at the end of this very cold, snowy and dark tunnel. I want to thank Tom Gibbs for hosting the Valentines Day brunch at the Rose Café. Winter actually looked nice from inside the cafe. I would also like to thank Matt Bruns for hosting the annual ski trip. Those members who want to know what is going on at YOUR club please attend the March 14th general membership meeting and St. Patty's Day dinner. For the racers there will be a racing meeting at 3:30 pm before the general membership meeting.

Bobby and I attended the OEPA meeting during the Cleveland Boat Show, they would like to have all marina and yacht club members to stop using ANY type of soap for boat washing. This is not a requirement YET from the OEPA, but to work towards their goal the LSYC board is asking our members to use only BIODEGRADIBLE soap or no soap at all to wash your boats off. The club's power washer will be at your disposal if you wish to wash your boat with no soap, after Bobby show you how to use the pressure washer.

Please remember if you use the pressure washer, IT WILL FIND ALL OF YOUR LEAKS so be careful. I spoke to Werner Schwartz (Zebra Boat) last week he is doing well and wishes all of us well too. I have enlisted his help to find a J24 for the Sea Scouts. This year we will be hosting more events then ever, I ask all members that can help PLEASE come out and volunteer to make the events and LSYC be the best on Lake Erie! I hope to see everyone at the 3rd annual Gutter Boat Regatta and pot-luck dinner; we have some great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. I know because I picked them up.

From Amidships—Vice Commodore—Roy Halloway

Mark your calendar and arrange your vacation, as Cruise Week will be from July 11th through July 18th, with some folks departing for the Huron Boat Basin on Friday July 10th. This year's cruise will take us to Sandusky Bay, the Islands and into several ports in Canada. We are working on the itinerary and will have the route and ports determined by the next newsletter. One of the destinations being considered is Middle Bass Island's state park marina, which is scheduled to be re-opened early this year.



I am also in the process of arranging for a representative of Homeland Security to assist LSYC members & guests in obtaining I-68 travel/entry forms for those of us venturing into Canadian ports this year. The I-68 document must be renewed annually and it streamlines the re-entry process into the U.S.

At the General Membership meeting scheduled for March 14th, we will discuss changes being made to LSYC's Ground Rules to comply with the Ohio EPA's request to reduce pollutants into the water. Effectively, we will be requesting club member wash their boats with only a biodegradable soap or use the power washer.

Once the weather breaks, the repairs to B & D docks will continue. LSYC currently has 15 docks available for the season, so check with your friends and boating buddies about joining LSYC this year. I will also be working with Bobby to prepare the list of clean-up items for the Spring workday. If you have noticed any items needing repair and or improved, please let us know.

I can be reached at www.roycat28@yahoo.com as comments and suggestions are always encouraged.



Rear Commodore—Keith Marsh

Wow did February fly by! I would like to start off with saying thanks to Tom Gibbs for hosting the February Brunch and Matt Bruns for hosting the 2009 LSYC ski trip. We can't forget about the 3rd annual gutter boat

races, special thanks to Don Kaspar for hosting our 2009 3rd annual gutter boat races. March 14th will be our general membership meeting, stick around afterwards for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Make

sure you take a moment to look at the 2009 calendar of events on the website. If you have any interest in hosting one of the posted events or possibly another event not listed please contact me: marshkeith@aol.com or 440-289-1449.



**Lorain Boating Education Foundation
Westlake Yachting Club
& Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club are sponsoring A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the
LBEF Junior Sailing Program**

When: Saturday, April 25, 2009
Where: Westlake Yachting Club Wheelhouse
485 California Ave.
(Harbor Walk – Spitzer Riverside)
Serving Time: 6:00PM - 9:00PM



Cost: \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Kids **(12 and under)**
MUSIC AND DANCING until 11:00PM!

Prizes raffled all evening! - Silent Auction!
All proceeds go to the Junior Sailing Program

RSVP to lynn.ensinger@jenningscenter.org before April 24, 2009, Walk-ins are welcome!!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE—Diana Komar



Hello to All -

Not much to report this month. I have felt guilty for the lack of my Sunshine and Membership Committee reports for the past few months, but as usual, all boaters hibernate. Please forgive me for not publishing something, but if you have nothing to report, you don't report. The Membership Committee is working on a large mailing to hopefully improve not only membership but to help fill our empty docks. I'm not sure if it will be able to help us this season, but hopefully next season we will see a dif-

ference. Times are hard, and it is important that we get out the word that our dock fees are more economical than other marinas. I'm sure a lot of boaters will not be utilizing docks that they had last year die to the price of fuel and so forth, hopefully the economy will start to look better next year.

Soon it will be spring and things will be starting up at the club once again. Remember, volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Don't wait to be asked, speak up, we can always find something for

you to do. Also, we are working on the 2009 Cruise Week and will be publishing information concerning this shortly. It may seem like there is plenty of time, but it will be here before you know it.

Please feel free to contact me with any news, good or bad. We need to keep in touch with all of our members. I can be reached at
440-365-6511 or
dkkom@windstream.net

RACING CORNER—Tom Gibbs

As you can see, the LSYC calendar is filling up quickly. If you have any events planned that require the use of the Clubhouse please reference the calendar on the LSYC website and talk to Bobby about available dates. New for LSYC in 2009 will be our Adult Sailing and Racing Camp in May. If you are interested in raising the bar of

your of your sailing or racing for the first time, this will be a great camp for you. LSYC will host the camp at no cost to those attending. At this time, the camp will be held over one weekend. LSYC will present the information in the low stress classroom atmosphere and then take what you have learned in the water aboard

J-24's. LSYC members have donated the use of their J-24's to the program for instructional use. Thank you very much to those members. We will try to take the fear and mystery out of racing. Brad Balmert, Tom Gibbs--
Racing Corner





BOBBY RHODES—OPERATIONS MANAGER

CRUSING SAILORS (True cruisers)

Notice of Race

2009 "Cocktail Cruising Race"

Started by the Bayview Yacht Club

Race with the Mackinac Fleet

If you are interested in getting to the North Channel for cruising and sailing with the Mackinac Fleet, this may be of interest. BYC has approved a start for a point-to-point race to Rogers City for TRUE CRUSING BOATS. No need to sail all night. No need to sail in extremely bad weather. No need to sit with no wind. No need to sail a stripped boat. You can even tow a dingy. The race would start with the Mackinac Fleet (first start July 25, 2009). This would have all racers mooring each evening for cocktails, dinner and a good night's sleep. The race would continue the next morning. The race will finish in Rogers City with an informal picnic awards & cocktail party. Official BYC Mackinac Awards are to be presented at the BYC awards party in the fall.

Following the awards party everyone is only 30 – 40 nautical miles from De Tour or False De Tour (the North Channel entrances) or a short hop to Mackinac.

If this is of interest to you, please provide me with your contact & boat information. Reply to Commodore Bob Cowles at this link Bob@Cowles.info. I will send you a registration form. The entry fee is \$100 (tax deductible) for battle flags & awards. Sailing instructions will be e-mailed upon receipt of your registration form & entry fee.

Fleet Captain News

By Lynn Ensinger

Racing/Sailing Events, 2009

(Please refer to attached 2009 I-LYA
Tentative Racing Schedule)

Interlake Midwinters.....March 13—
15 Tampa, Fla.
North U Racing Rules Seminar. March 22nd
(Vermilion see flyer)
Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
.....April 25th (Wheelhouse)
LSYC Spring Series PERF& JAM Tune-up
Race 7PM,.....May 27
Junior Sail Camp.....June 15—19 & 22—26 &
possibly June 29—July 3rd
Cruise Week.....July 11-18th
LSYC One Design Regatta.....July 18th
Junior Bay.....July 19—23
Interlake Nationals.....July 25—28
@ Traverse City, MI
LSYC Regatta.....August 7-9
I-LYA LSYC Junior Regatta.....August 15
Kelly's Island Race.....August 22 & 23

My goal as Fleet Captain is to facilitate as many possible opportunities for sailing, racing, cruising, and sailing education at our club. Please share your ideas for new and different kinds of sailing events for the season. I am hopeful that our membership will consider changing back to big boat racing on Wednesday nights and dinghy racing on Thursday nights to support growth in all fleets. Women's race night is on my radar this season with Tuesday evenings as the target. I want to schedule a Kelley's Island Race and overnight this season, so watch for that date. Our race series schedule will be posted shortly, along with an updated registration. One of our goals is to host sailing seminars for our membership, IE: Racing techniques, safety, foul weather conditions. Beer and burgers needs rejuvenated and therefore will be! Look for your boat's turn at flipping burgers, the schedule will be posted early. Brad Balmert crewed with Skipper Jud Smith in the Star Fleet of the Rolex OCR, January 26—31, 2009 at Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida and came in sixth overall and made the medal race. Way to go Brad!

Fleet Captain—Lynn

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We have a production deadline of the 20th of the month.

Please feel free to contact us with articles you would to share in the LSYC Newsletter.
Questions: Contact Bobby Rhodes

MARCH - EVENTS AND TIMES		
MARCH 9	7:00 PM
Board meeting at LSYC		
MARCH 14	4:00 PM
General Membership Meeting—St. Patrick's Day		

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