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SHIPS COMPASS by Commodore Fran

April was a good month! Paul and I were out of town the week of the spaghetti dinner fund raiser, but I hear it was a lot of fun, thanks to Lynn Ensinger and her team! Also thanks to all who donated items for the silent auction.

We had a successful spring clean up in April too. The rain held out for a while but we had workers that just got outside and did what needed to be done anyway. "What is a little water to a boater!" The inside got a refreshing cleaning and organizing. We had chili and pizza for lunch – thanks to those who brought the chili and thanks to everyone who came out. If I missed giving you your LSYC bucks, please let me know and I will send them to you.



I am getting excited about Memorial Day and all of its events. We will be marching in the Lorain Parade again this year. The executive board, the sailing school, youth race team, the Sea Scouts and Spirit of America will be represented. I hope we have a good crowd from the Club to come and see us. After the parade we will come back to the Club for the Official Opening of the Season and the Blessing of the Fleet. Please try and attend. We will be sending a flyer out with information on times and food.

Vice Commodore Darryll

The weather is getting warmer and the boats are going in the water around my condo. It looks like boating season has begun. I would like to thank everyone how came out to the spring clean up day on the 12th.

I am sorry I could not be there. I would also like to give a big thank you to those members that showed up for spring clean up part 2 on the 19th. Thank you to everyone how helped.

See you at the club.

Darryll Headley
Vice Commodore

With Memorial Day fast approaching, please send me your name if you have served in the service.

I also need to get names of members that have passed away over the past few years. I would like to make this part of our Memorial Day program. Please start collecting phone cards to send over seas to the military personnel. If you prefer, you can donate \$10.00 and I will get a card in your name. Less than 30 days until boating season!

Fran Burik, Commodore



COMMODORES CORNER

As Commodore, if I need advice, Tim Yanda is one of the people that I go to. Tim is a Past Commodore, member of the Blue Gavel, President of the Lorain Boating Education Foundation, involved with the youth racing team and is active with the sailing school. Currently Tim is the LSYC Executive Board secretary. With all his involvement, he is a great go to person for anyone. With his steady leadership; he helps keep the board on an even keel.

Tim is a dedicated racer. He not only races at LSYC but travels to regattas around the Lake. While Tim and daughter Chelsea are racing, wife April is busy helping with our regattas. With the Yanda's, LSYC and racing is a family affair! Next time you see Tim and April, please be sure to thank them for all they do!

2008 Interlake Nationals

Our club has the honor of hosting the 2008 Interlake Nationals at our venue. This is short notice due to a fire at the Traverse City, Michigan Clubhouse recently (original site of the 2008 Nationals). A planning meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Thursday, May 8, 2008, at LSYC. Anyone who is interested in helping us by volunteering for any of the following committees: Sponsors, website, food, awards, T-shirts, media coverage, weather monitoring, photography, accommodations, parking, clean up crew, and class measuring is invited to attend. This is an opportunity to show off our club and provide an impressive National Event! Thank you! Lynn Ensinger, Chair/ Brad Balmert, ISCA VP, Northern Region.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



Hello fellow Dockers: So much is going on at the marina this month. Every time I go there I see many of us working on our boats. What a wonderful sight. I don't have much to tell you this month and what I do have to tell is not good news.

Sadly, I report the death of Past Commodore Charles A "Chuck" Shuster. Mr. Shuster was a member of LSYC for many years and captained the committee boat for the regattas. Cards may be sent to his wife, Shirley Shuster at 1142 W. Eighth St, Lorain, OH 44052-1568. I'm sure that it will mean a lot to Mrs. Shuster to know that we are thinking of her.

Lastly is my monthly update on Marilyn and Ed Andres. Marilyn had a rough time earlier in the month and was back in the hospital. She was severely dehydrated and need more blood to raise her red cell count and a round of antibiotics. She is now home and feeling much better. It is a rough time for both of them. Please continue to keep not only Ed and Marilyn in your prayers, but also Shirley Shuster and her family as they deal with the loss of Chuck.

One last item for all of our fellow veterans. Fran Burik has asked me to find all of our veterans and give her a list of them. Please help me with this and either call me at 440-365-6511 or send me a e-mail at dkkom@alltel.net. Thanks for you help with this.

Diana Komar
LSYC Sunshine
Committee Chairperson

BULLETINS FROM BOBBY

Just a reminder that the dry sailing seasons starts normally May 15 so we need setup a launch date for the winter storage boats to make room around the Club House.

Also keep in mind that you will need to remove you cradle, trailer, or storage stands at that time or you can store them at My Dock Box for a \$50 fee for the summer or another location you choose.

Please email me at manager@lsyc.info or call the club at 440-288-0500.

Club History, DVD Project Update Dave Hoffmann

Last year, a number of LSYC members took the unusual step of donating more than \$5,000 to preserve a large piece of our club's history. Their generosity enabled the club to digitize nearly 15 hours of 16mm film that documents many of the former Lorain Yacht Club's regattas from 1936 to the mid-1970s. The original color footage was remarkably intact and is now preserved on 15 DVDs. It provides us with a fascinating visual trip through the past of one of our predecessor clubs, and reveals some interesting insights into our history that, until now, have largely been hidden away or forgotten with age. For example, how many members know that LYC's original clubhouse and "marina" is now Hotwaters, the public launch facility on the West side of the harbor? Or that during the 1930s and early 1940s, hundreds of area residents, dressed in their Sunday best, would picnic on the hillside at Lakeview Park to watch nearly one hundred one-designs in half-a-dozen classes compete for club honors?



Junior Sail Program
Lynn Ensinger, Chairman

The Junior Sailing Parents meeting held on Tuesday, April 15 @7PM was well attended with kids and parents interested in sailing and possibly racing in our local regattas. With support from parents and our membership, the Junior Sailing/Racing Program will achieve its goals and become reality! Our speakers for the evening were Hank Reffner and Ron Rychel. Ron Rychel is taking charge of our Tuesday evening Junior Sailing program and is going to get his Level I certification in June. Ryan Reffner is currently in Annapolis trying out for the National Opti Race Team. Congrats Ryan!!

The Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on April 26th was a giant success! We raised approximately \$2900.00! Thanks go to Joyce, Bobby, and Morgan Rhodes, Diane Komar, the Kaspar family, the LBEF committee, LSYC, and Westlake Yacht Club. We also thank all of the donors of silent auction items, KB Marine, Westmarine, Blue Moon, Regina and David, Darryll Headley, Tim and Teri Parker, Tim and April Yanda, Roy Holloway, Bobby & Joyce Rhodes, Fran and Paul Burik and several other LSYC and WYC members. Chef Michael and Barbara Mills prepared the spaghetti which was wonderful.

Don and Lance Kaspar and Joyce Rhodes washed dishes and more dishes! Because of our fundraising efforts we now have a third OPTI for our Juniors to sail this season! Our sail camp is essentially full with 25 kids (we're thinking that we may need to go to a third week!)

Or that powerboat and hydroplane racing were once staples of the annual event?



And just what is the story behind the carload of swimsuit-clad beauty contestants who graced the 1937 event?

That's just a taste of what is buried in the hours of footage we have. To help make navigating the disks easier, and hopefully more informative, I volunteered to review all the footage and edit it down to a shorter, more accessible and viewable length. Unfortunately, the process is taking much longer than originally expected, primarily because of the huge amount of material we have to deal with and a complete lack of supporting information.

After spending much of the winter reviewing and annotating the footage, the editing process is now underway. However, rather than produce a definitive, History Channel-style production as was first envisioned, the first step is to create a single, summary disk that can be used as an index to the 15 master disks that are kept at the club.

Work will continue on this project throughout the Summer and Fall, and I hope to have the final disk ready to be distributed to those who financially supported the project by the holidays. In the meantime, if you, a relative or friend were around the club in those years and can help us identify the people, the boats and other details, I'd love to hear from you.



Upcoming Junior Events include:

Junior Parent's Meeting @ LSYC, Tuesday, May 13, @ 7PM.

Junior Sailing Practice, Tuesday Evenings @ 5:30PM, beginning May 13 (weather permitting). Ron Rychel is in charge of Junior Race practices. We need more volunteers to help on Tuesday evenings and to travel with kids to regattas.

Junior Sail Camp, Mon—Fri., June 16—20 & 23—27, 2008

I-LYA/LBEF/LSYC Junior Travel Series Regatta, Saturday, August 23, 2008

Wine Tasting Silent Auction Junior Fundraiser, September 13, 2008 @ WYC Wheelhouse. Volunteers and auction items needed!

We currently have twenty five kids signed up for Sail Camp. If anyone is interested in signing up their kids for camp please call Lynn ASAP (440-487-7433). We are looking for a "garage band" for our Junior Regatta I-LYA Finale regatta on August 23rd, if anyone has contacts call Lynn. Also, we need volunteers for lunches, and running safety boats, at Junior Camp. Thanks for making our Junior Program successful!

WANTED

Additional crew for Bristol 28 racing yacht for 2008
GREAT SCOT

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Enhance your summer season weekends

Race from seven different regatta venue harbors

Meet other racers at great après-race parties

Prior racing experience valued but not mandatory

Contact Owners:
Tom Gibbs 440-930-8764

FROM THE AFT
BRIDGE
RC ROY HOLLOWAY

We who have manned the club's galley owe **Chris Merkle** a huge "thanks". Chris recently installed additional electrical outlets and a power strip to accommodate the various appliances for the social functions.

On Saturday April 12th, the club held its spring clean-up and although the weather was a bit cool and damp, many of the projects were completed. Thanks to all that volunteered.

On Saturday April 26th, WYC hosted the LSYC's Youth Sailing Program's annual Spaghetti Dinner and raffle. Although the final numbers are not in, it appeared to be well attended, we all had a great time and another successful event; many thanks to **Lynn Ensinger** and her crew.

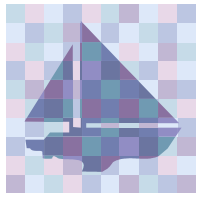
Dates to mark on your calendar:

Sunday May 11th, is the **Mother's Day Brunch** at WYC (Spitzer's Riverside Marina). It will be from 9:00 am to 1:00pm. Adults are \$6.95 per person and \$3.50 for kids 12 and under. Mom's eat for free and will receive a flower. Reservations are requested by May 7th but please pay at the door. A separate e-mail flyer is going out with all the details.

Monday May 26th, is the club's Memorial Day Celebration and lunch. As details are still being developed, a separate e-mail flyer will be distributed.

Cruise Week will be from **July 19th through July 26th**. As in the past, Merle Dusek and Mary Chapman are planning some great destinations at the "islands" and in nearby Canadian ports; details to follow.

Once the season starts, we'll be developing an informal "**cruising board**" where members can post their travel plans to invite other boats to come along. It's Spring... let's get those boats in the water!



**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	
Fleet Surgeon	Bobby Rhodes
Historian	Craig Chapple, M.D. Paul Burik

2008 Interlake Nationals

July 24—27, 2008

Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club

7/24/08 (Thursday) First day: Women and Junior Racing

**7/25/08 (Friday) Second day:
Interlake Racing
Championship and Challenger Fleets**

**7/26/08 (Saturday) Third day: Interlake
Racing
Championship and Challenger Fleets**

**7/27/08 (Sunday) Fourth day:
Interlake Racing Championship
and Challenger Fleets**

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IS A MEMBER OF
(ILYA) The Inter-Lake Yachting
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Greater Cleveland Boating Association**

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