



## *Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club*

### **E – Newsletter**

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#### **Coming UP**

**General Membership meeting and Clam bake** to end the season – Oct. 21 at 4:00pm

**Change of Watch**, also known as COW – Nov., date TBD



#### **Commodore's Corner – Ryan Pinter**

As we approach the fall and the start of the construction project to replace the seawall along the river (more on that from the Vice Commodore), I wanted remind everyone that all boats will need to be pulled out by the end of October.

The board will be working diligently through the fall and winter on plans to increase membership and dock rentals with new event and marketing ideas, potential renovations and repairs to the clubhouse and grounds which does include re-piling B and D Docks, drawing new business to the club from racing regattas to powerboat rendezvous, fishing tournaments, clubhouse event rentals, etc.

We want everyone to know that your loyalty has meant a great deal to this and past boards and we will be working hard on building the club membership, dockers and general income in hopes of being able to keep cost down.

I hope to see you at the Membership meeting and Clambake on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm, come and learn more about the proposed winter work!

## Changes in the Air! - VC Bryan Golden



**Bulkhead Project Update:** The City of Lorain is still on track for the work on the design of the new piling walls with the anticipated construction start date of November 1, 2017. The design calls for new sheet piling walls to be driven along the river, at the entrance to the marina, and along the interior of the river piers. The design integrates innovative fish habitat structure and calls for the installation of crib-like devices that will not only provide valuable fish habitat, but will also assist in in-marina surge reduction! The interior three (3) marina walls will remain intact in their current state. Work being completed will also include the demolition and subsequent replacement of the existing fuel dock building, replacement of the fuel dock distribution lines, and new waterline, electric, and sanitary service to the fuel dock building. The work is anticipated to be substantially completed by May 1, 2018, in preparation for the 2018 boating season. As this work will encompass the majority of the marina property, we have made plans to store boats in the upper parking lot and install a temporary fence for security.

Wow, I hope all of you are excited as I am to have all this work done to help improve our facility. Not only is this good for our facility, but hopefully this facelift will bring in new members.

In other news, it's hard to believe, but the fall clean up is just around the corner. The good news is that since the construction will be taking place, there is very little to do. If you have any suggestions on thing that need done, please let me know and I will look into them.

Thank you all for the great boating season and hope to see you at the annual clam bake coming up on October 21, 2017!

## Fleet Captain - Wes Scott

### Weekly Racing Status

The season is over for both our Wednesday night Auxiliary sailors and Sunday afternoon Star boats. It's been a good season with most scheduled races actually run and we've seen growth in our auxiliary fleet while our Stars have not declined.

In the Auxiliaries we had a pretty active Fall series with the highest turn-out in the past many years. I saw a lot of improvement in the boats that kept at it week in and week out even to the point that a couple ties on points had to be resolved through one or two layers of tie-breaking rules. Well done all.

### **BOLO – Be On the Look-Out**

We seem to have lost our "B" fixed mark. Last seen anchored 1.5 miles NE of the harbor on the club's race course and possibly seen north of the harbor days later. Not been seen or heard from since. If you see it please let the club know.



Thanks to Fleet Captain Wes Scott for all the pics! And for a busy season of sailing thanks to him and his R/C crew!



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

Congrats to Scott Peterson in Copacetic for taking first, Andy Wilson in Blustery for scoring second and Bill Maxwell in Nikn for finishing third. These results were not only good for overall standing but also for each of the Spring and Fall series. Below the first three finishers there was a real horse race between Ed Andres in Yumm and Bob Johnson/Tom Reed in Shearwater. Yumm came in fourth in the Spring (and Shearwater fifth) while Shearwater came in fourth in the Fall (and Yumm Fifth). In the end Yumm finished fourth overall.

In the Stars we had three boats in the Spring series and four in the Fall series after Thad Brej got his boat reassembled. Overall Ray Peters took first for the season, brother Jim took second and Mike Pinter captured third. But by series Ray and Mike exchanged fleet positions alternating between first and third with Mike capture the Spring series top honors. Thad did not compete in any Spring races and thus did not qualify for an overall standing.

### **Closing out the Season**

I plan to be presenting our Weekly and Gibbs race awards during the annual Change of Watch (COW) party to be held in November. Watch your future flyers and emails for more information on when and where the COW will be held.

While we haven't fully closed the books on our racing program's income and expenses I'm pleased to provide some preliminary information. Overall our fees for all racing including the Interlake Nationals totaled about \$13,000. With Expenses so far of about \$5700 that leaves the club with about \$7400 in net profit. About half of these dollars came from the Interlake Nationals so we'll be looking for other projects and events next year to keep racing at LSYC a positive contributor to the club's bottom line. I'll have more information later in the year once all the expenses have been posted.

I want to again thank all those that came out to volunteer their time this year in all the racing events the club held. Thanks to your efforts the club took in the equivalent income of renting four docks based on the net profit realized. This is an excellent example of how a few days of sweat equity can go a long way to supporting the club and keeping our member fees low.

Special thanks to our RC crews which included Dick Pinter, Lou Ruscitto, Scott Bartko and Karen Pleban. And in general thanks to everyone who spent a small portion of their summer keeping the club's racing program going.