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COMMODORE Kathy LaValley

Like every year, I refuse to believe the days are getting shorter. I cannot believe how time has gone by this summer. In August we hosted our annual regatta, sponsored by Joyce Buick-Pontiac GMC and GMAC Financial Services. A very special thank you goes out to Wanda Hartnuss from GMAC Financial Services for the role she played in obtaining GMAC's financial donation for our regatta. Another special thank you goes to Mike Joyce from Joyce Buick-Pontiac GMC for his sponsorship this year both for the Memorial Day Parade and for the Joyce Cup Regatta. Hopefully everyone stopped by the new vehicles that were at the regatta. If you're looking for a new car, please stop by your local GMC dealer, Joyce Buick-Pontiac, Inc. located at 1860 Colorado Avenue, Lorain. Our event was a success due to the financial support we received. We had a great t-shirt design again this year. If you weren't at the regatta and would like to purchase a t-shirt, you may still do so.

Thank you to all the hard workers at the Joyce Cup. Many members worked all three days. Thank you so much for making the event a huge success. Special thanks to Fran Burik and her volunteers just prior to the regatta. The facility and grounds looked great for our guests. And, of course again this year, a very special thank you goes to Chris and Kim Merkle.

FROM THE MID SHIP VC FRAN BURIK

The winds of September are upon us! Lake Erie is showing its pearly white caps to say it is the end of summer. All we can do now is bundle up for the fall season and look forward to warmer weather in the spring.

Thanks to so many of our members for coming out to help with the pre-Joyce Cup cleanup. It was a big success! It made me proud hearing comments about how clean the club looked. Even Monday, after the regatta, we had people in from Canada and they remarked to me –"How clean the bathrooms were". Thanks again to all the help before, during and after the regatta! We can pat ourselves on the back –JOB WELL DONE!!!

Our Joyce Cup Regatta was a huge success! Please see the list of companies that donated food, water and prizes. We hope that you will patronize them as they have supported us. Chris Merkle and his crew did a fabulous job. Kodo's to you and your support crew, Chris!



his friend dove into the dark waters to inspect the bulkhead.

We have been having some erosion at the gas dock area over the past few years. On August 6th, Doug Mowery

along with

CHRIS MERKLE FLEET CAPTAIN

Just a reminder that the Dirty Bottom series start's September 5th and we will be starting a half hour earlier, at 6:30pm instead of 7:00pm.

Dale Gormley, Don Kwilecki, Darryll Headley and myself are planning on racing The Green Island Race, over Labor Day Weekend in Port Clinton, we'll keep you posted with the results.

The Wednesday night award flags have been ordered, as the racing season winds down.

We are looking to do a Frost Bite series as well this year at LSYC.

There are still a couple of larger regattas to attend as well.

The Snow Flurries, at Port Clinton YC, on September 29th and the 30th and then The George O'Connell Fall Bay series, at Put-in-Bay, on October 6th and the 7th.

Chris Merkle and Darryll Headley won the Jim Crane trophy last year, aboard The Patriot Missile, for best overall performance between these two Fall Regattas.

They will attempt to win this trophy again sailing this time with Brian Huntley on The Infrared. Smooth sailing.

Chris Merkle

One of our ladies, Maggie Gormley skippered Sand Dollar to second place in the Women's race of the Joyce Cup regatta and was on the front page of the Chronicle. Way to go Maggie!!!

Sand Dollar skippered by Dale Gormley placed 2nd in its class at the Mills Race in June with an overall 2 out of 54 boats on the Governors Cup for the Mills Race



Chris Merkle, Darryll Headley and Austin Raymond, LSYC Jr. Sailor, have been racing this summer (pictured) on a boat owned by Brian Huntley of the Sandusky Sailing Club. They took first in class and first overall on the President's course during the Mills Race. Took 2nd in class during the 2007 ILYA Bay Week Race and 10th overall at the ILYA Regatta out of 29 boats.

[Congratulations to all of our racers!](#)

Great Scot, partnership of Tom Gibbs and Wes Scott in the month of August took a third in the I-LYA Cleveland Deepwater race, (Cleveland to Put-In-Bay, a second at the Joyce Cup (LSYC regatta) and a third at the Falcon Cup Race (CYC to Mentor).

We are proud of our racing members and would like to print your stats. Please forward to fransails@centurytel.net

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As I mentioned on Sunday of the event, they spent countless hours putting everything together so the regatta was a success.

Next year we hope to have additional volunteers on Friday and during the event on Saturday and Sunday.

Dockers – please watch your mail for contracts for 2008. Let Bobby know if you have any questions. There will be no increase in rates – again this year!

Please watch your e-mail for upcoming events. Darryll Headley is planning an Appreciation Dinner during September or October for those that volunteered this year. In October, we will have a General Membership Meeting. We're trying to coordinate the GM meeting with a Clam Bake. Dates to be announced shortly. Also, the Change of Watch is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3rd.

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Doug was able to get some good pictures so we could see where the erosion is. Along with the pictures and the report he is writing, I will send a letter to the City and the Port Authority to see if we can get work done to repair the problems before they get worse. Thanks for your "deep" commitment, Doug!

Our next event will be fall clean up. I am starting to work on a list of things that need to be done. If you have noticed something that needs attention this fall, please let me or Bobby know. Next newsletter will give date and time of clean up.

To all my good sailing friends
The Green Jacket & Carl Schwenzler Trophy (1st PHRF Overall); The Henry Schaffner Memorial Trophy (Tartan 10); Brush Trophy (PCYC 1st Place Boat) ... \$1 Bloody Mary's ... Hummers by the pitcher-full ... A three day weekend ... The Funday Race from Sandusky ... The Dedication Day Race from North Cape ... The NEW Foster's Cup Race from Lorain ... It's THE GREEN ISLAND RACE! It's coming up September 3 (Funday, Foster's Cup and Dedication Day Races set for Saturday, September 1. If you haven't yet registered, you can do so online at www.portclintonyachtclub.com. Just click on sailing events and then the Green Island Race Registration form, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. As always, I look forward to seeing you and all Our FRIENDS on Saturday, September 1 and we'll all get together and have a big party. Just remember, The Green Jacket is MINE!!!

All the best to you...and please forward this to all the your skippers

John Schaffner, I-LYA Delegate
Port Clinton Yacht Club

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Be sure to tell them you are from LSYC!
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Back to School?!

Yes, it is time for the kids to go back to school, but our Sea Scouts can look back at quite an exciting summer.

Whether it was sailing on Monday nights, as shown in the photo from late August sail on "Random", or sailing up to the Middle Bass Island for a long weekend, participating in the Jr. Regatta, or taking a boating class at the Catawba Coast Guard Station and touring the CG boats there, it was all part of Sea Scout summer.

Number of the young sailors also participated in the Thursday evening races and other regattas, and a thanks goes to Werner Schwartz for being a mentor. The Scouts also helped with the committee boat duty on Wednesday evenings, not to mention that the gas dock building was painted by the Scouts early in the spring with VC Fran Burik's oversight. Even though the sailing season is closing, the Scouts do meet all year along. If you know of any 14-18 year old youth (boys and girls) interested in adventure and sailing, give skipper Leo Sulda a call at 440-934-4323



Sea Scouts in training with their 27 foot Erickson Sailboat

Good intentions gone bad!

Paul Burik, GCBA Delegate

We have all heard about the invasive species, such as the Zebra mussels, creating havoc in the Great Lakes. Clean Water Act was intended to deal with this problem, aimed at large, ocean going vessels with ballast water. Recreational boats were, key word here is "were", exempt from the permit requirements. Regrettably, a recent court ruling did away with that exemption. This means that any vessel, even a dingy, is prohibited from any discharge, such as bilge pump, motor cooling water, even washing off your boat, unless a complex and costly permit is obtained.

Fortunately the boating industry mobilized and Recreational Boating Act of 2007 (H.R. 2550) has been introduced. Boat US and GCBA ask boaters to contact their Representative and Senators and urge them to support this bill. Both Senators Voinovich and Brown are "lake friendly" with a personal connection to Lake Erie. Go to www.senate.gov and www.house.gov to reach your elected officials.



Sea Scout Committee Boat

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Burger King , Sheffield & Elyria

Petrucci's Ice Cream, Sheffield

Carrabba's Italian Grill, Westlake

Harry Buffalo's

Jackalope , Spitzer Lakeside

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Marco's Pizza, Elyria

Long John Silver's, Elyria

Gerber's Garden Center, Elyria

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