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Coming UP

Clam bake to end the season – Oct.

Fall clean up and winter shut down: Oct.

Change of Watch, commonly known as COW – Nov.

Changes in the Air! - VC Bryan Golden

The City of Lorain is continuing 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, the Board is working on making arrangements for winter storage, although we do not yet have a finalized plan. Stay tuned for more information.

In other news, it's hard to believe, but the fall clean up is just around the corner and I hope to have a great turnout! Seeing everyone working as a team for the same cause last year was a lot of fun - we hope for a repeat this year. If you have any suggestions on thing that need done, please let me know and I will look into them.



Weather Station Data via Text

Many of us have learned where to find various weather buoys and stations on the web. This might be a NOAA buoy or breakwater station or a private station like the Davis stations run by our club and also by the Lorain water purification and sewage processing plants. It's great to get this information through the web.

But did you know all NOAA stations are available on your phone. Not just through the internet on smart phones, but also via your basic text facilities available on any cell phone.

By texting the NOAA station ID to 734-418-7299 you'll get back varying amounts of information provided by the stations in a return text. For example 45005, the buoy north of Vermilion, provides a full listing. The Lorain light, LORO1, provides average and gust wind speeds (but remarkably not direction). Any station available on the NOAA system will reply to texting it's ID to this phone number.

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.

In closing I hope all of you have had and continue to have a great year and boating season and hope to see many of you at the upcoming Clambake and or Change of Watch

Gibbs Race Wrap-up; Fleet Captain Wes Scott

The ninth edition of the Tom Gibbs Memorial Kelleys Island Race is now in the history books. Nine boats set-out on the round-trip race to and back from Kelleys Island at 9AM on the last Saturday of August, 2017.

While the wind was light from the SW just before the start, once the gun went off the wind swung 180 degrees and continued to build from the NE for the balance of the day. One has to wonder if the spirit of Tom Gibbs might have intervened as the wind held in the NE shifting only slightly north and building to as much as 15 knots. This weather provided the fastest Lorain/Kelleys leg ever recorded with most boats completing the trip in about four hours.

Entry Midnight, a Gozzard 44, did a horizon job on the fleet while entry Allegra, a Pearson 26, had to drop-out and return to Lorain on Saturday with a damaged rudder.

Because we were able to return to Seaway Marina we were also able to resume the traditional steak fry at a picnic pavilion provided at the marina. We had a number of members and

friends who came up to Kelleys just for the party. Everyone had a great time and a good meal.



Gibbs Race selfie – fun was had by all....

Sunday's return trip started off in a very light breeze from the east and millions bugs swarming the fleet for the first three hours of the leg. But at about Noon the wind shifted to the NNE and built to about 8 to 10 knots for the balance of the day. Most boats made their first three miles in the first three hours until the wind filled in and then completed the other 21 miles in the next four to five hours. Everyone was in before dinner.

We ran both spinnaker and JAM fleets this year. Winning the five boat JAM fleet was Copacetic/Scott Peterson, second place went to Harmony/Jim Morse and third to Pequod/Dwight Sablack. In the four boat Spinnaker fleet Great Scot/Wes Scott took first, Nikn/Bill Maxwell took second and third was claimed by Midnight/Jon and Teresa Peter. The perpetual trophy goes to Great Scot with the fastest corrected round-trip elapse time.



...and sailing was fun too!

Many thanks to Karen Pleban and her crew who accompanied the sail fleet in Karen's motor yacht, Tesoro, and acted as RC for starts both days. Also thanks to Commodore Ryan Pinter and Secretary Don and Claudia Kaspar for organizing, preparing and delivering the food and equipment needed for the steak fry. It was a delicious meal in a spectacular setting.

Weekly Racing Status

The Star fleet has grown to four boats in the second series of the season. They have participated in two Sunday's of racing with three races each day. Presently leading the fleet is Ray Peters followed by brother Jim Peters in second, and Mike Pinter third. The Stars continue racing the second series through the first three Sundays of September.



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

The PHRF handicap fleet is in the middle of their eight Wednesday second series with five Wednesday night races under their belts. The fleet has been growing with the addition of four more boats racing Wednesdays in the second series. We have a real fight in our overall standings. In first, Copacetic/Scott Peterson is only one point ahead of Nikn/Bill Maxwell, who is in second. Blustery/Andy Wilson is five points back in third. It's anyone's to win! Overall and race details can be found on the club's website under the "racing" button.