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**Commodore's Burik's
Bulletin**

**Vice Commodore Report
Chris Merkle**

**SOCIAL EVENTS
Kathy LaValley
Rear Commodore**

The Black River and its environs have been making the news as Lorain is trying to capture a casino site. All this serves as an impetus to the river improvements, and our cries for repairs at the gas dock pier are all of a sudden on a front burner. This poses yet another challenge for the Board, as construction timing and gas dock operation are in question. All of this is in very early stages, but do come to the General Membership meeting on March 12 at 4:00PM to find out more. The meeting will be preceded by a sailing rules seminar at 2:00 PM, explaining the new 2005 changes - another good reason to attend. There will be food and games afterwards so make an afternoon out of it!

It will not be long and we will be readying the boats and the club for another season. Keep April 16 open for the customary spring clean up. Chris Merkle is preparing a list - see his article. Please keep in mind that the "big boats" need to be off the concrete by May 15th, so that the growing one design fleet can be accommodated. Plan your haul-in accordingly.

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The New Year came in with a bang for Kimmie and me, watching the fireworks on the boardwalk in Ft Myers Beach. We then had to come back to all this snow to work another week before heading to Key West for Race Week. We took down our 15' Proline to play on the beach with the dogs. I got to sail Wednesday and Thursday aboard Ken Brent's Evelyn 32 called Double H. Our best finish was the second race on Wednesday where we took a 4th place. The competition in Key West is always a great challenge.

Looking towards March, we are hosting a Racing Rules Seminar before the General Membership Meeting on the 12th. Rich and Cindy Wismer are hosting the party with a Sloppy Joe Dinner. April 1st is April Fool's Day and what a better way to celebrate than the Friday night I-LYA Party at the Sandusky Holiday Inn. The festivities kick off at 7:00 with Heidi Backus as Commodore for the 2005 Season. LSYC will be hosting a hospitality room again so come out and join your fellow I-LYA Members.

Our work party is scheduled for April 16th. I am putting together a list of projects to complete for the spring.

Some of the more important ones are to remove the bubblers from

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Thanks to the fourteen (14) that attended the Champagne Valentine's Brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club on February 13th. I have never seen so much food in my life! I had requests from "let's do this every month" to "let's do this every few months". Please remember you are able to use your LSYC I-LYA membership card for entry into the dining room at Sandusky Yacht Club any time. We all had a wonderful time eating and visiting with each other. I guarantee we'll do this again next year!!! Thanks again for the support. I very much appreciate the support I'm given from Club members.

At the time of this writing, several are skiing down the slopes at Holimont in New York. I'm sure all are having a great time. We look forward to hearing your stories at a later date.

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One of the new programs this year will be a Youth Camp. Contact Dale Gormley or Fleet Captain Lynn Ensinger if you can help with the camp. A grant application was made by LSYC, which includes funding for instructions for the teaching staff-that could be you!

If you received this newsletter by e-mail, **remember to print it out!** There is NO hard copy being mailed, unless you make arrangements with Bobby Rhodes. The Board aims to reduce unnecessary expenses.

The Executive Board profile this month is Vice Commodore Chris Merkle. Chris is a dedicated racer and will campaign his "Moisture Missile" on the CSA circuit this summer, flying the LSYC flag. As Vice Commodore, he oversees the marina and has been our link to the Port Authority.

Commodore Paul

March 12 – 3:00 Racing Rules Seminar
4:00 General Membership Meeting 5:30 Sloppy Joe Dinner

April 1-3 – I-LYA Spring Meeting

April 16 – Spring Work Day & Soup Cook-off

May 8 – Mother's Day Brunch

May 30 – Commodore Memorial Day Festivity

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the docks, replace the dock boards that were removed, paint the west break wall along river, landscape the North parking lot, Spring clean the kitchen, power wash the docks, the gas dock building, and the club house. If you have any suggestions or special projects in mind, please call 440-245-8180, or send a fax to 440-245-1848, or send me an email to merkle@eriecoast.com and we can discuss.

As our area PHRF Measurer I attended the last PHRF meeting and we discussed the new IRC measurement International rule that US Sailing is backing. The Mackinac Island Race is requiring IRC Ratings for the long course this year. Bayview Yacht Club in Michigan is hosting monthly seminars to educate anyone interested in learning more on the new rules. Matt Pompeii and I attended one meeting on February 12th and it was very informative. We are planning another one for the Cleveland / Lorain area, hopefully in March.

This year when you join US Sailing you will get a copy of the updated 2005 Racing Rules in the form of a paperback book. Contact Bobby at the gas dock to join. It's only \$40.00 and our Club gets credit as a Golden Anchor Membership Level. As a patron you get discounts on your racing fees as well, so the \$40.00 is paid-off after participating in four or more traveling regattas.

The CSA Race Schedule is officially posted on our web-site. We want everyone who plans to support CSA to register early. The fee is only \$15.00 and a T-shirt is given to all who register. The Spitzer Cup is again on the CSA Schedule and includes a women's race on Friday night.

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along with the CSA schedule we now have posted events from other area clubs. I-LYA Bay Week runs from July 30th through August 3rd. The Sandusky Islands Race will be the 4th of July weekend starting Saturday morning around 9:00 am near the R2 BOUY. I met with John Harmon from West Marine and he is looking to join our club and become active in racing. He recently donated 4 inflatable marks to our Junior Sailing Program!

Lastly, the Spitzer Cup is less than 6 months away and we need Sponsors. The cost of Keg Sponsorship is only \$80.00. Gift certificates and door prize items are also needed. Please contact myself or any of the Board Members if you are interested or know anyone else who might be.

Stay warm until Spring finally gets here!

GALLEY GOURMET



**SHIP BOARD
POACHED SALMON**

- 2-tablespoons Butter
- 1/2 Cup Onion-chopped
- 1/2 Cup carrot-chopped
- 1/2 Cup Celery-chopped
- 1 quart water
- 3/4 Cup White Wine
- Salt
- Peppercoms
- 1 Three pound Salmon Steak

Melt butter in saucepan
 Add veggies, cook for 8 minutes.
 Add water, wine and seasoning
 and cook for 5 more minutes.
 Wrap the salmon in cheesecloth
 and place in liquid. Lower the
 heat, and simmer for 30 minutes
 or about 8 minutes per pound.
 Remove the salmon carefully,
 unwrap and serve hot or cold with
 tarter sauce. -Serves 6

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Next up is March 12th - Racing Rules Seminar, General Membership Meeting and Sloppy Joe Dinner. Rumor has it someone is bringing Texas Hold'em cards and we'll play for fun after dinner. If you're not interested in the Racing Rules Seminar, please attend the membership meeting and dinner. It's a great way to visit with other members. The Club will be supplying the sloppy joes. Please bring a side dish or desert to share with others.

Next up after that is the I-LYA Spring Meeting the first of April. I know several that are planning to attend that have never attended before (myself included). One way to discover what the I-LYA is all about is to attend. After that, I hope you're investigating soup recipes for the Soup Cookoff to be held during the Spring Work Day on April 16th. I'm currently working on gifts for the winners.

Take care and I hope to see you on March 12th.



**At The
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COMMODORE
BURIK
2005**

Commodore:	Paul Burik
Vice Commodore:	Chris Merkle
Rear Commodore:	Kathy LaValley
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Steve Hura	Jack Hunt
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"Red was in vogue for the Valentine's Day brunch at Sandusky Yacht Club"



VALENTINE'S DAY 2005

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IS A MEMBER OF
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