

# LORAIN SAILING

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## Commodore Burik's Bulletin

### ***Calm before the storm!***

The month of July was easy cruising. The cruise week was the major event and the reports I get were all good. Thanks go to Merle Dusek who took the lead setting it up! The junior sailors were at Jr. Bay, as LSYC sponsored a team for the first time

-thanks go to Tim Yanda for taking charge.

And Matt Pompeii in UnRuling is doing the Mackinac race—good luck Matt! Our Club continues to make a mark on the regional sailing scene.

### ***Now comes the storm!***

The Spitzer Regatta, our premier event, is August 5, 6, and 7! Your help is needed! Whatever your talent, we could use it. Just let me know at paulb54@centurytel.net

In any case, the club will be busy, the grounds crowded and marina full. This is when LSYC is a host to sailors from near and far, so put on a happy face and bear it! To ease the pain, we have made arrangements with Spitzer Lakeside and Riverside to take our boats. Contact Bobby at the gas dock if you are willing to move your boat there to make room for all the visitors and escape the crowds.

General Membership meeting is Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM!

To make it more interesting I

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## Lynn Ensinger Fleet Captain

Our Junior Sail Camp, June 27—July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 was a success! Ten Junior Sailors participated in the week long sail camp. Not bad for the first camp in a long time without advertising. The kids learned about everything from Water Safety and Knot Tying to Rigging a Boat and Sail Trim. The Junior Sailors were able to be out on the water every day. Our new large screen TV served us well visually for both instructional sailing videos and actual on the water taping. Our instructors (Brad Balmert, Seth Parker) did a great job teaching the kids both on land and water. Andrew Hermatet and Nathan Kwilecki helped out as Instructor Assistants. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time (in some cases an entire week) and hard work to support the camp's success: Kathy LaValley, Maggie and Dale Gormley, Ray Peters, Dennis Reardon, Tim Yanda, and Pete Ensinger. Bobby was a great help as always! Hopefully next we won't have to decline applications as we did this year. Our Junior Program is well on it's way we just need to support it and watch it grow because the need is definitely present.

We have five Junior Racers

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## SOCIAL EVENTS Kathy LaValley

Wow. What a great time we all had at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fun Race!! Thanks to Guy Sales for coordinating the event. I'm sure we'll be doing it again next year. I'm guessing that more and larger water guns will be purchased prior to next year's event!!

The big emphasis now is on the Spitzer Cup Regatta. Last year we had approximately 250 sailors and family members attend our regatta. There is a lot to do in the way of food preparation, food distribution and cleanup as well as registration duties. If you're in need of LSYC bucks or are just a nice person, please send me e-mail and we'll slide you in somewhere to help out. It's a great way to meet new people and feel that you've accomplished something on behalf of the Club. We want to continue our reputation of holding a very professional and fun regatta.

We have an opening for someone to chair our "after General Membership Meeting" dinner on August 27th.

Our calendar has taco and

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asked Cleveland Amateur Boat Building Club, CABBC- you have seen them at the Boat Show, to build a boat for us! This “hands on” demo is sure to get you primed for winter projects. So come early, the demo starts at 2:00PM before the general meeting.

As we enjoy the lake this summer, a lot is going on in Washington DC that will have a huge affect on Great Lakes. The Congress introduced legislation (S1398 and H.R. 2720) authorizing \$6 billion – yes, that is with a “b”, over next 10 years for Great Lakes restoration. Our task is to make sure that these bills do not end up in the congressional “Dead Zone” like the one we have in central Lake Erie! Both Ohio Senator’s sponsored the bill, but the administration’s record on environmental issues is not stellar and the budget axe is sharp.

And speaking of record keeping; our “scribe” (secretary of the LSYC board) is Tim Ritchie.

Tim sails “Table for Two” Beneteau  
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with his wife Amy. This is Tim’s FIRST year with LSYC and he already serves on the board! Way to go Tim!

*Commodore Paul*

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sailing in the Junior Bay Regatta this year. Through fundraising and generous donations we were able to pay for four out of five entrance fees.

Our boat washing fundraiser brought in \$365.00, Spaghetti Dinner = \$750.00, plus a \$50.00 donation from John Chapman (Thanks John!) We also have received two separate donations of FJ sails (just in time for Junior Bay). Tim&April Yanda are at the Bay functioning as the “Liason Parents” for our kids.

Our Junior Racers, Seth Parker, Austin Raymond, Nathan Kwilecki, Chelsea Yanda, and Jeff Dusek have really gone through the paces and earned their stripes! After dealing with tough weather conditions and equipment challenges on Monday our kids rallied to race on Tuesday and really shine on the race course

Wednesday! Tim Yanda, Brad Balmert, and Don Kwilecki provided racing guidance to the kids to enhance their sailing and it worked! Another impressive Junior Racer is Jeff Dusek who qualified for the Champion Fleet this year! Is this exciting or what!! We have to give big kudos to Tim and April Yanda who are at Junior Bay all week w/the kids, also Don Kwilecki and Merle Dusek.

Tim and April have handled all kinds of challenges this week, from putting boats back together to treating blistered fingers and providing lots of coaching! LSYC

***Fleet Captain  
Lynn Ensinger***

**CRUISING PROGRAM**  
***PIB Historic weekend***

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Sept. 10 & 11 (This event has been a great time in the past!)

A possible “Cruise” to Port Clinton for “Big Boats” on the same weekend as an Interlake distance race out from that port may be scheduled.

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**SPITZER REGATTA**

**(August 5,6,&7)**



Spitzer Marina will sponsor our regatta again this year. Registration for Big Boats will be on the Friday night only this year and not on Saturday. Little Boat registration will be on both Friday night and Saturday morning.

A “Women’s Race” has been added on Friday night of the Spitzer Regatta.

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August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spitzer Cup Regatta  
August 20<sup>th</sup>:



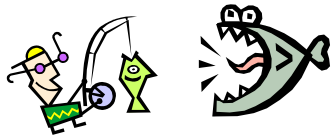
Sea Scout Regatta  
August 27<sup>th</sup>:

General Membership Meeting at 4:00,  
Dinner at 5:30  
(Need Chairman)



September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:  
Historic Put-In-Bay Weekend Sail

September 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>:  
Polish Fisherman's Tournament



Fish Fry – Sept.

24<sup>th</sup>  
Lorain Sail & Yacht Club

Fish Fry – Need Chairman



margarita party listed but Brad and I will be racing at a regatta that weekend in Port Clinton and will not be here. Please let me know if you'd like to chair the dinner. Tacos and margaritas were only a suggestion. You could probably plan any type of food event and others would show up!!! Personally, I enjoy visiting with members after the meetings. If we haven't met this year, please stop me and introduce yourself. I'm really hoping to learn more about our great membership. We sail Interlake "WhiteOut" on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Take care and hope to see you soon.

Kathy

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# Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club

## Finds success at 50th Annual Junior Bay Week

By: Tim Yanda

We wrapped up a interesting week at Put-In-Bay on Friday morning as we prepared to transport home the boats and our Junior Sailing Team. It was a great week of learning and finding ways to perserver through boat problems, rough weather and long days on the water. Our team of Jeff Dusek - Team Captain, Chelsea Yanda, Seth Parker, Nathan Kwilecki and Austin Raymond made new friends, learned about competitive racing against the best local sailors and most of all had fun.

Jeff earned sufficient point to reach the Championship Laser Fleet, top 8 of 30 Lasers, although he did not place high in the Championship Fleet he met his goal of qualifying for this prestige's group. Our intrepid CFJ sailors learned how to keep their boats upright on Monday as the entire fleet battled 2 - 4 foot waves in a 15-18 kts breeze. Our CFJ's dubbed ketchup and mustard due to their red and yellow decks experienced several issues that relate to their 20 plus years of use. Ketchup had a hard time staying dry and ultimately was retired due to it's unseaworthy condition. Thanks to our friends at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club we used a loaner hull and transferred our rigs and sails to allow Seth and Austin to continue sailing in the regatta without missing any races.

Monday was a tough day for all of the teams and safety boats. Our Boston Whaler performed well even when it's bow and large waves were creating new ways to help wash the interior, by Monday afternoon Don Kwilecki and I had bailed enough water out to be thankful that Boston Whaler are unsinkable. All in all Monday was a challenging day that lead us all to realize that we had a great sailing team that was willing to keep on going despite the many challenges thrown at them.

Bright and early 0630 Tuesday morning we had transferred to the PIBYC hull and had all boats ready to back on the water, by Tuesday afternoon we had the lost spinnaker pole replaced and finally got a chance to see our CFJ's under spinnaker. As expected our CFJ's did not qualify for the Gold Fleet but the excitement was high for Jeff as he did qualify for the Championship Fleet in his Laser. Wednesday our crews began improving and each CFJ team showed moments of great promise as they challenged the top sailors. Jeff continued to do battle on the Laser course and found himself in a fleet of well seasoned sailors.

Wednesday evening we were invited to attend Buckeye Lake Yacht Clubs team picnic. Commodore Steve Harris successfully undersold the event to us, he said it was a small get together with some of the BLYC Junior Race Team supporters. To our surprise BLYC had about 70 people in attendance including the I-LYA Bridge. We were treated to a rib dinner cook by BLYC's head chef and club manager. Commodore Harris went on to say, "we (BLYC) were at the same point with our Junior Race team/program six years ago," and wanted us to see how we could grow our program through the support of many folks. The BLYC and LSYC teams mingled exchanged "how to tips" and very much enjoyed themselves. In what proved to be a great day George Fisher (Lightening Class wizard) observed and help coach our team on Thursday (the Fisher family are BLYC members).

Thursday proved to be a tough day for Jeff but he left the race course with head held high in accomplishing his goal of being in the top 8 of the Laser Fleet. Over on the CFJ course both of our teams really started mixing it up with the other boats and finished in the pack in every race. Nathan commented after the last race "this was our best finish yet can't we keep racing?" At that point we knew that our youth team was ready for more and we could start planning for 2006. Little did we know that the best was yet to come... As all of the junior team began assembling for the awards dinner we took pictures of the well dressed team and settled in for a dinner and festivities.

The program opened with Dr. Dan van Heeckeren, Jr. Bay Chairman, commenting on all of the fun and camaraderie that we enjoyed the past week and then Alex Bevan treated all 180 participants and countless parents, coaches and supporters (well over 300 people in total) to a brand new song that he wrote in honor of the Junior Sailing teams. It captured the spirit of the event and will be forever etched in our minds. Several off the water achievement awards were handed out to their recipients including individual sportsman and sportswoman awards, ship shape award (for the cleanest rooms and neatest boat storage area - we would not have won the neatest room part) and finally the team sportsmanship award. Dr. van Heeckeren went about describing the team that deserved the award for keeping up their team spirit and helping fellow competitors despite the challenges they faced through-out the week. As he announced the name we could hardly believe what we were hearing as our very own Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club had won this special award. Jeff, Chelsea, Seth, Nathan and Austin where rewarded the highest honor in sports and that is being a Champion of Class and Dignity! Our hats go off to our LSYC Junior Race Team for a job well done.

As we returned to the Club on Friday we already heard the planning for 2006 getting under way... I will be back for another year how about you?

Special Thanks goes out to:  
Jeff, Chelsea, Seth, Nathan & Austin - for making it happen  
Jeff - for being Team Captain  
Tim Parker - boat prep  
Don Kwilecki - Safety boat day 1 and Day 2  
Chris Kwilecki - Safety boat Day 1 and Day 2  
Lynn Ensinger - numerous youth related support  
Pete Ensinger - spare hull delivery, Safety boat day 2  
Brad Balmart - spare hull delivery, impromptu coaching support  
Merle Dusek - spiritual advisor, use of hotel Cool Change for the week  
PIBYC - CFJ hull loaner boat  
BLYC - can we say Ribs...?

Dr. Dan van Heeckeren - allowing us to quickly change hulls and encouraging us to keep going  
Dave and Linda Frederick - use of their drive to park our vehicles in (parking is a problem on the Island)  
April Yanda - supporting the team and I the entire week  
All parents for their support of our team

As we learned it takes a significant effort by many folks to make Junior Bay Week a reality and we all look forward to growing the LSYC youth sailing team.

Our team slogan for 2006 - TGIF - Thank God It Floats - now we can go win

## Students learn water safety ABCs

By RON VIDIKA, Morning Journal Staff

07/24/2005

The goal of the Spirit of America's Ohio Boating Education Class is to teach youngsters to keep their heads above water, literally and figuratively.

On July 17 in Fairport Harbor, 47 Lorain County students entering eighth grade this fall graduated from the program and received their watercraft operation certificates.

"It certifies that they are allowed to operate a watercraft of 10 horsepower or over," said Ed Andres, Spirit of America's recruiting coordinator for Lorain County Schools. But they cannot operate the craft without supervision before they are 16 years old. Until then, they need to be supervised by someone who is at least 18 and certified or licensed, he said.

The boating education class, funded by a \$17,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft, teaches the essentials of operating sailboats, kayaks and personal watercrafts.

The students also learn how to keep themselves and their craft from deep-sixing and how to handle it if they do capsize.

There are 24 volunteers who help to operate the program, said Andres.

The sailing portions of the program took place at the Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club and Spitzer Lakeside Marina.

The pool portion of the program took place at the Lorain County Family YMCA, on Tower Boulevard in Lorain.

"We teach boating safety and learning the rules of the road," said Tim Yanda, sailing coordinator for the seven-year-old program.

"The kids should be comfortable in the water. We also teach them how to do rescues if needed," said Yanda.

Since 1986, boating education is mandatory in order to get a watercraft operation certificate in the state of Ohio, said Yanda.

"The insurance companies like this program, too," said Yanda. "And the kids get discounts on their insurance."

"We expose youth to the water and the joys of spending time out on the water. It gives them a foundation of what could be a lifelong passion," said Yanda.

"It's good experience," said Dante Allgood, 13, of Oberlin. "I'm interested in going into the Coast Guard. My grandfather was in the Coast Guard."

Victor Edwards, 14, of Henrietta Township, said his brother took the course two years ago and "he had a lot of fun with it. I hope to get a boat or a Jet Ski," said Victor. "My dad works in marine construction. They build marinas like this and work on them from barges. I was hoping to help him," said Victor, explaining why he signed up.

Interested students wrote an essay in February detailing why they wanted to participate in the program, said Yanda. After that, a special selection committee read the essays and chose the students.

"If a kid has an interest in it," said Yanda, "they're going to be a much better student."

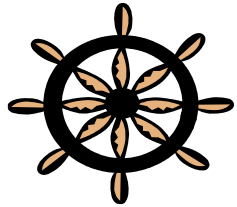
Chas Lough, 12, of Vermilion, said he signed up because "I thought it would be fun. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I liked Jet Skiing. It feels like you're flying."

According to Yanda, the students spent six days on the water and a couple of days in a pool for swimming, capsizing and lifejacket drills, and two Saturdays for the actual written part of the program.

"We're trying to instill respect for the water and build interest in water activities," said Andres.

"I enjoy watching kids gain self-confidence in a short period of time," said Yanda.

"One time, there was this 14-year-old girl who didn't want to go on a boat. Then she started going out on one. Pretty soon, she was grinning ear-to-ear. You saw the joy of transformation in a couple of hours. This is one reason I keep coming back," said Yanda.



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