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Commodore Burik's Bulletin

October 22 was a busy day at LSYC. The day started with a waffle breakfast, as a way of cleaning out the freezer and refrigerator. Despite the rainy weather, the fall work party accomplished numerous tasks and got the club ready for off-season. Thanks goes to all who showed up and helped! The last General Membership Meeting was held that afternoon and new Board members were voted in: welcome *Andy Wilson, Merle Dusek, Chris Merkle, and Fran Burik* Also, the proposed change in by-laws to require Active Membership for new dockers at LSYC was approved. Our hope is that this change will encourage greater participation in the club's affairs. The clambake that followed was very well attended. It was a great event even for those of us who do not eat clams. Matt Pompeii prepared a feast and the season's boating stories were aplenty. Again, thanks to Matt and his family for their help. The Blue Gavel Committee, an assembly of Past Commodores, became more formalized by joining the International Blue Gavel. Thank you John Sukis for your effort and congratulations to Rosemary Sukis on becoming Vice President for District 7 Auxiliary! If you have not hauled out your boat yet, you are running on fumes. Make arrangements with Bobby ASAP! Also, by now the deadline for Change of Watch is near or past, so hopefully you have sent in your reservations.

With the Change of Watch near, I would like to thank you all for letting me serve as your Commodore this past year. For someone who got into boating just a few years ago, it is quite a privilege. As in any service, one learns new ways, meets new people, and gains memorable insights! I urge you to consider serving on the board in the future! I think a lot was accomplished in the past year, be it AC in the Clubhouse, which significantly increased the club's use and rental revenue, or the implementation of youth camp, Jr. Bay team, the LSYC open house, the successful Spitzer Cup – with press coverage. It is these events that sustained my theme; *LSYC-Gateway to Lake Erie*. I firmly believe that our club is uniquely positioned to be such a gateway. With the affordable fee structure, open door policy and friendly members I hope it will always be a place where "landlubbers" like I was, can find a way to get on the water and enjoy the great treasure we have in our sights, but often out of our reach – the Great Lake Erie. I want to thank all of you who helped to make this a great year, especially the Board members and Leo and Bonnie Sulda who have faithfully put out this newsletter. I wish the next Commodore and the Bridge success!

Commodore Paul



SOCIAL EVENTS Kathy LaValley

Thank you very much for a great year. When I took the Rear Commodore position, I thought it was going to be a monumental task. However, I quickly found out it was not. The secret – we have great members that want to participate!!!! I cannot stress enough that this position is not as tough as some of you think. I had a very enjoyable year and credit many of you for your support. Next year's Rear Commodore is Fran Burik. She is quite the planner and organizer so I'm sure we will have another terrific year. Please give her the support you gave me this year. On October 22nd we had our annual clambake. Matt Pompeii, assisted by his wife Karen and her parents, put on a spectacular meal for approximately 50 members and guests. If you missed out, please plan on attending next year. If you don't like clams – no problem. We had a wonderful chicken dinner for those that prefer not to eat the clams.

I received an invitation to a clambake through my office and the cost was \$45. Our event at \$18 is a complete steal! Thanks Matt!! The last event this year is the Change of Watch banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, November 12th at the Westlake Holiday Inn. Reservations were due 10/31 but if you haven't sent in your reservation and need to, please call me and I can phone the hotel direct. The more the merrier. The event is a great closing to a great year. Please plan on attending. I'm sure Paul (outgoing Commodore) and Chris (incoming Commodore) will appreciate your support in attending. Thanks again for all the support during the year.

KATHY LA VALLEY

2005 in a rear view mirror



**It all starts with planning –
A board Meeting moment**



Memorial Day celebration

**LSYC
Gateway to
Lake Erie**



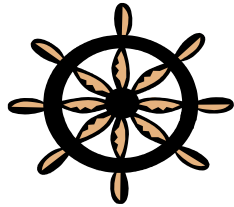
Summer is here - Sailing



**At times it was picture
perfect**



**Sptizer Regatta ; after
sailing- the awards and
celebration.**



**At The
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COMMODORE
BURIK
2005**

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Vice Commodore:	Chris Merkle
Rear Commodore:	Kathy LaValley
Fleet Captain :	Lynn Ensinger
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