



Commodore's Report

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As my Commodore year is coming to a close the saying, 'the days are long but the years are short' is resonating with me. All of a sudden, my three years on the Bridge have flown by! Yes, the Commodore Years are a lot of work but it's been satisfying work, and I feel a sense of pride, accomplishment and gratitude.

Thanks to everyone who chaired and served on committees this year, especially the Team Race Committee! Thank you to Vice Commodore Mary, Rear Commodore Mark, and our terrific 2021 Board of Directors for your support and guidance. Thank you to the past commodores and members who lent me their ear and gave me valuable advice and encouragement. Thank you to my Gentleman Dan for your love and endless support.





THE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Our November General Membership meeting was very well attended, and we have elected a shiny, new Bridge and Board of Directors to lead LSSC in 2022. I have complete confidence in these fine people and know they will do a wonderful job! We will hold a transition meeting on December 6, 2021, and begin the hand-off of duties ... and totes of supplies and documents.

One of the best parts of being Commodore has been meeting the commodores and members of other clubs. I am looking forward to our own Commodore's Ball at MacRay Harbor on February 26, 2022. I hope you will be there to help celebrate and also witness the Change of Watch ceremony, as well as the presentation of the Jim Nixon Memorial Trophy, the USSA Sportsmanship Award and the Team Race trophy.

Attending DRYA Balls and events has made me realize how important LSSC is to the local sailing community. We may not have a clubhouse, but our Club is well represented in DRYA. We race, serve on race committee, help score the races, and also serve on the DRYA Board of Directors. I am going to borrow (because plagiarize is such an ugly word) from our 2001 Commodore Randy Semmler who once wrote:

I have had a wonderful time rubbing elbows with other DRYA commodores on a regular basis. The standard question that would always come up was, 'Where is Lake Shore Sail Club?' My standard answer was to place my hand over my heart and say, 'It is here.'

It has been an honor to serve as the 52nd Commodore of our Club. All of you and our beloved Lake Shore Sail Club will always be in my heart.





Vice Commodore's Report

By Mary Nicole



Our strong Lake Shore Sail Club community has kept us engaged during unprecedented times.

- The Inter-Club Team race was a big success in October. THANK YOU to all who made the last race of 2021 happen.
- The Players Club in Detroit, an organization of gentlemen dedicated to the preservation of amateur theater, was a nice evening in November. Twenty-two members were in attendance. Thank you to Mike & Bernadine Sherwood for organizing.
- The daily “J of the Day” from Mike McGuire has been a mainstay.
- Every Friday throughout the year, LSSC men meet for breakfast @ 9:00am, most often at Leo’s Coney Island in SCS & last Friday of the month at Apple Annie’s on Gratiot Ave.
- Ladies of Lake Shore have been meeting bi-weekly via Zoom or recently one or two Fridays a month for breakfast. Our next Zoom is Tuesday, November 23. Thank you to Marcia Cooper & Eileen Ross for organizing. Contact Eileen eileen.ross@comcast.net if you are not receiving emails.
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84673253502?pwd=eFlyV2xPSVIHS1N6ZIBUN3FSTDFiQT09>
- Thirsty Thursday is BACK! Normally the ThirdThursday of the month. Watch for emails. Contact Mike itsfunagain@comcast.net if you aren’t receiving emails.
- Holiday Brunch, December 12, 2021, 1:00 pm @ Watermark Grille. \$35.00 per person and please bring a toy or two for Toys for Tots. <http://evite.me/g9K8Z29yDK>

Thank you for electing me to the helm of LSSC for 2022. As we tack and jibe, I promise to keep our main sail pointed in the right direction as we heel through 2022 together, knowing Joe Jaeger is watching over us.





Rear Commodore's Report

By Mark Waring



Well once again I am sitting here thinking, "What can I possibly compose for the LSSC Log that will compel the membership to read to the end?" Creative Writing was definitely not my favorite class back in high school. Since my last article, all the races have been raced, our boats are all tucked away, and we are awaiting the inevitable Michigan winter weather while our minds are contemplating improvements that need to be made prior to next year's racing/cruising season.

Now time to focus on next year and my new tasks at hand. The one I am looking forward to the most, and at the same time somewhat nervous about, is planning our get togethers for next year. One thing that I love about Lake Shore Sail Club is that we all truly enjoy spending time together. At events I don't see cliques where certain groups segregate themselves from the rest, but everyone spends time mingling through the entire crowd. It may be just a quick hug or handshake in passing, but everyone acknowledges each other. If someone is sick and not in attendance, they are asked about in genuine concern. When someone is down or in need, there is always someone willing to lend a hand, ear, or shoulder. In the crazy world and times, we are living in today, that is really something special!! When my mother passed away, I was amazed at the number of people that showed up at the funeral home to pay their respects and support me and my family. In fact, that is what it actually feels like, an extension of my actual family!! Sorry didn't mean to get sappy.

All of this being said, I really want to schedule some great outings, where we all have a wonderful time together. For the cruises next year, I have been considering where we should go.... Don't get me wrong, as I have already said, I have had a great time at every previous cruise I have attended, but keep thinking what can we do that is different? What destination can I suggest that people will be willing to make the trip?

I believe, for Memorial Day, Metro Beach Harbor is old reliable. Clean conditions, plenty of room and things to do, add to the attraction. Plus, the fact that most of our boats have just been recently launched, it makes for an easy-to-

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prepare-for first cruise. After that first cruise is where my mind starts to wander. For summer sailing, Lake St. Clair is definitely an awesome place to enjoy a day, say for all of us. Those darn rivers are the problem when considering a distant destination!!!

I started thinking "Lets schedule a real long weekend cruise! What about Lexington???" Those thoughts quickly faded as I thought "who in the heck is going to motor for what?? 8 hours to get to Port Huron and then out into Lake Huron for, I am guessing, another 4 to 5 hours (complete guess). Then I started thinking about Ford or Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Now I have a similar problem getting back. I want to plan trips that allow the majority of us to attend. I'm guessing that only a small handful of boats would be willing or able to make those kinds of trips.

At the November General Membership meeting, Glenda Gerbstadt stopped me and asked me to consider Belle River Ontario. If Canada opens to the point that I feel it will be an enjoyable trip for us, that destination will be high on my list of options, along with Windsor Yacht Club or Thames River. If anyone has other suggestions, please let me know!!

Another idea that 2020 Commodore Rick Ripard (I am going to kick him if I hear that again) and I have tossed around is somewhat random "raft off" days. When we first talked about it, we felt that we could just send out an email, giving GPS coordinates, a day and time, and see who shows up. The powerboaters do it every weekend out at "the Moot", why can't we? The more I have thought about it, I think, why not plan these types of events?? What I am considering is maybe one Saturday a month (many know why I suggest Saturday.... NO OFF BUTTON) we head out to a predetermined spot on the lake and drop the anchor, and raft off each other. Members without a boat could jump on with friends, and I know there are a few members that have tenders if we are close enough to run people to and from shore. We can barbeque a great meal on the water and pass hors d'oeuvres for dinner and watch the daylight fade together. The thought of spending the day anchored on the lake or in an inviting cove, making my way from boat to boat, shooting the breeze, enjoying one or two beers..., seems to me to be a place and time to make lasting memories. Anyone who feels like it can stay right there and spend the night on the hook. You never know, I might even sing....If I can remember the words (if not I might make a couple up)

Just some thoughts





From the Treasurer



If you have any expense reimbursements for expenditures made in 2021, please provide them to Treasurer Sheila Fleming no later than Friday, December 17, 2021. This is to ensure that they are processed as a 2021 expense and not carried over to the 2022 fiscal year. You can send an email with an attached PDF of the receipts to treasury.lssc@gmail.com. Sheila will send confirmation when the check is mailed out to you.

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2022 LSSC Calendars

This will be the last chance to order a 2022 LSSC/Sailing on Lake St Clair calendar. The deadline to order a calendar is Wednesday, November 24, 2021 (day before Thanksgiving). Please email Mike McGuire at itsfunagain@comcast.net AND Ship's Store Taryn Kopietz at ao8638@gmail.com. Tentative date for distribution is December 12 at the Holiday Brunch. Bring cash or check to pay at that time. If you will not be at the Holiday Brunch, please make alternative arrangements to pick up your calendar.





DRYA News

LSSC members elected to DRYA Board of Directors:

Congratulations to our LSSC members who were elected to the DRYA Board of Directors.

Treasurer - PC Tim McGuire

Secretary - PC Sheila Fleming. (Fun fact: If Sheila continues on through the flag - and we believe she will - she will be second-ever female commodore).

LSSC Members presented awards:

Congratulations to our LSSC members who were presented with the following awards at the DRYA Awards Party held October 15, 2021 at GPYC:

Sheila Fleming awarded the Commodore C. Jay Deeds Trophy given in recognition for her service to the DRYA Race Committee for 2021.

Jim Rapelje was inducted into the DRYA Hall of Fame for 2021, in recognition of his participation and cooperation in the growth and well-being of DRYA and by display of Corinthianism, honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of results.

Bob Mann (MYSTIC) won the DYC Trophy for being the 2021 season champion in the C&C 35 Class.

LSSC joins DRYA Race Series:

LSSC has been invited to host a Counter Regatta in the DRYA Race Series! We will host the very first race of the series on May 21, 2022. This will be a windward/leeward race on the DRYA "A" Course.

Sincere thanks to PC Tim McGuire who will serve as our Race Chair. Tim is very excited to get our race organized early and has already begun working on the NOR and SI's.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Counter Regatta, contact Race Chair, PC Tim McGuire at: tmcguire@microcode.com.





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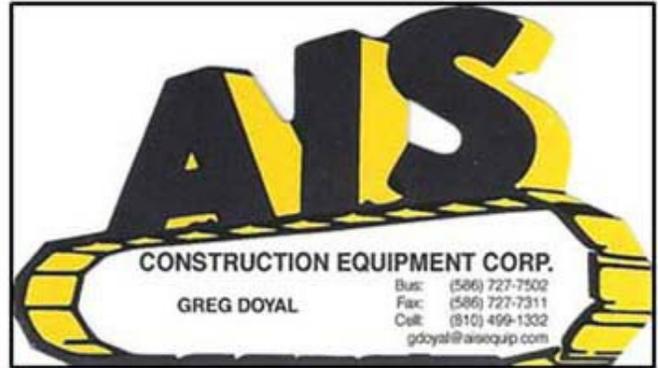
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