



Commodore's Report

By Mark Waring



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It is hard to believe that I am already a quarter of the way through my Commodore year. So far I have not been disappointed, and it is shaping up just the way others told me it would.

The Commodore Balls started in January. The first ball that we attended was for Lake Shore Sail Club member Mary Fraser, who is the 2023 Commodore of Grosse Pointe Sail Club. This was our first opportunity to meet other 2023 Commodores and their significant others, and a great time was had by all. I was shocked as invitations began rolling in, as I didn't really give much thought to how many different balls there are to attend! So far we have attended balls for Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Albatross Yacht Club, and





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North Star Sail Club. Unfortunately, with the passing of Lady Shannon's brother we failed to RSVP for Ford Yacht Club's Ball. The next ball coming up is Bayview Yacht Club, which Vice Commodore Brian Jenney and Lady Heidi are planning on attending in our place.

The first Lake Shore Sail Club event of the year was the Chili Cook-off. As has been the case in previous years, the membership really brought their best. This year's winning Chili was made by Gerry and Judy Folk. After enjoying all of the great entries, members played euchre and Left, Right, Center. The afternoon was topped off with a final high stakes game of Left Right Center, which Judy Folk also won making them the day's big winners.

The second Lake Shore event was 2022 Commodore Mary Nicole's ball. Being that it was on the west side, Shannon and I figured it would probably be a good idea to get a room at the hotel. This proved to be a great decision and as per usual I took the opportunity to enjoy all there was to enjoy. It gave me a lot of ideas for my ball. I really enjoyed the Irish dancers and the bagpipers. I was notified that the evening was over (around four o'clock in the morning), when Shannon suggested I end my conversation with Past Commodore Gary and Lady Jill Grabaum. What a great evening! Hopefully, everyone will have as much fun at my ball next February. Shannon and I have yet to begin planning that event, but I am sure that is fine.

The third event was the LSSC Mid-Winter outing, which was a great time as usual. Brian Jenney decided to have a bowling event, and a couple of LSSC members made sure I knew they were planning on beating me this year. I will let Vice Commodore Brian Jenney talk about that event and the outcome.

Many of us are going to be busy over the next month or so getting our boats ready for the upcoming season. It looks to be a big year for Audacious, as my crew had shown interest in racing in the Bayview Mackinac Race this year. As most of you know, once that decision is made, it seems the whole summer revolves around that one event.





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Before you know it, we will be out there at the starting line for the Wednesday night Sunset Series. The Sunday after the first Wednesday night race is the Second Annual Lake Shore Sail Club Ice Breaker Regatta. Last year's race was a great success and was talked about far and wide. I have to extend a huge thank you to Past Commodore Tim and Lady Cathy McGuire, and Tim's company MicroCode for sponsoring last year's race as well as handling most of the other race organization. Tim and Cathy have graciously agreed to continue their support of our regatta by again offering their sponsorship, so when you see them be sure to thank them for this support.

For anyone looking for a nice weekend cruise, Ford Yacht Club has cordially extended privileges of their Club House and facilities to all LSSC members and their guests for the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first General Membership meeting on April 18th at the Sports Channel Marker.





Vice Commodore's Report

By Brian Jenney



The days are getting longer, and the marinas are starting to come to life with the sounds of work being done on our boats.

On March 19th we had a successful winter outing at Harbor Lanes. We had 24 bowlers and a nice crowd to cheer us on and with some heckling. Mark Waring and Shannon Woodruff won the men's and women's highest bowling average. That being said, Shannon did soundly beat Mark!

The Memorial Day Cruise is scheduled to be at Lake St. Clair Metropark and we have five slips reserved by LSSC Members. The dates for the cruise are May 26th through May 28th. Please mark it on your calendar and watch your email inbox for an invite.

The DRYA Ice Breaker Regatta is scheduled for May 20th and the planning is coming together for the first race of the year. Thank you to Tim and Kathy McGuire for hosting the awards party again this year at Dragons Landing.

I am currently working on reserving slips at the Windsor Yacht Club for the Labor Day Cruise. I have been in contact with Windsor in order to reserve slips for our cruise. I will be sending emails out on the details once they are finalized.

We should take this time to make sure our safety equipment, life jackets and marine radios are all in proper working order before the sailing season starts.

For those of us that have boats that race, or cruise let us make a concerted effort to take at least one person sailing this year that has not been exposed to our amazing sport. I am constantly trying to explain sailboat racing to friends and I don't think they actually understand it until they join me for a race. We are truly blessed to be able to sail so close to our homes with such talented and generous sailors. Please contact me if you have any friends that might be interested in joining Lake Shore Sail Club! Steady breeze and calm seas!





Rear Commodore's Report

By Dan Guendelsberger



Happy Spring! Another Michigan winter is finally, slowly fading away – and that means it's time for another Sailing Season!

The Sunset and Club race series are ready to go! The Coast Guard and DNR permits have been requested and received, flags and t-shirts are ordered, Sunset and Club race series documents are posted on our website, and TowBoatUS is ready to splash the marks.

Committee Boat assignments are underway and will be posted soon. Many thanks to those of you who responded quickly and willingly with your preference and God Bless the few that are willing to take any assignment! A reminder to all skippers with Sunset committee duties – you must bring crew to anchor and handle the boat. **The Race Committee will not anchor your boat!**

PC Susanne took on the role of Sponsorship Chair this year and did a bang-up job rounding up the sponsor commitments. We have some really great local businesses and business owners who have faithfully supported our club for many years. Please patronize our sponsors and let them know you're from LSSC. Give them a reason to continue supporting our club!

Albatross Embroidery is making our 2023 Sunset Series shirts and they will be available at the April Membership Meeting. Payment can be made via Paypal or cash on the barrelhead.

The first week of Racing is busy with Sunset Spring 1 (Wed May 17), Ice-Breaker Regatta (Sat May 20) and Club Sunday 1 (Sun May 21). The full race schedule is posted on our website. Get your boat and crew ready and don't miss these early races!

This job would be impossible without the generous help of so many club members. Special thanks to Susanne (sponsors), Beth Baker (website, photos), Matt Savage (ratings), Pete





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Ross (marks), Danielle Templeton (PRO), Brian Lang (protest), Greg Doyal (Steering Committee, counselor and voice of reason) and the entire Sunset Race Committee (Linda Evo, Kathy McGuire, Marsha Cooper, Kathy Riess, Joyce Rapelje, Carol Walker and Susanne G). Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent and serve LSSC as your 57th Rear Commodore! With great pride and humility, I stand upon the shoulders of all those who have served before me and look forward to a great year of racing, camaraderie and memories.

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MACOMB COUNTY, ARMY CORPS WILL TEAM UP TO STUDY LAKE ST. CLAIR MUCK

Press Release

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Macomb County will partner with the federal government to get to the root of the muck problem plaguing pockets of the Lake St. Clair shoreline.

County officials have approved funding for a 2-year study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to determine whether the muck (scientific name *Lyngbya*) – poses health risks and how it grows in the lake before breaking away to form dense, free-floating mats that cling to the shoreline, some canals, boat wells and some beach areas.

“We need to understand what is causing it, what its makeup is, and are there preventive steps and maintenance steps to eradicate it or to maintain and live with it. Something has changed in the lake’s ecosystem in the last 10 years. Is it because of zebra mussels, combined sewer overflows, climate change?” said Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice S. Miller, a member of the drainage board that approved the grant agreement with USACE.

The Macomb County Public Works Office reached out to USACE last year to propose that federal officials consider the Planning Assistance to States grant program to fund a study.

Each year of the 2-year study will cost an estimated \$200,000 and will be split evenly between the USACE and Macomb County. Macomb County’s funding share was approved unanimously by the county Board of Commissioners recently as an allocation to the Lake St. Clair Clean Water Drainage Board.

“*Lyngbya* is attacking our lifestyle, and property values and is dangerous. We do not know





LAKE ST. CLAIRE MUCK STUDY

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if it is a health risk but this is of great concern,” said county Commissioner Barbara Zinner of Harrison Township, who spearheaded the allocation after hearing concerns from shoreline property owners who have seen their boat wells choked off by the algae and rendered unusable. I am looking forward to this study so we will know what it is and be able to rid ourselves of it for the welfare of the public.”

The mats increase in density, with new layers created as Lyngbya is driven to the shoreline during winter and early spring by onshore winds. Hiring a contractor with dredging experience to dredge out the muck and dispose of it can be very expensive. But the success of such a cleanout is short-lived, as the muck tends to return to pockets along the shoreline where it collects very quickly.

The State of Michigan DNR Spillway boat launch facility in Harrison Township is completing a several million dollar upgrade, because Lyngbya has been choking off the boat launch area for many years and the cost and effort of dredging out the muck became cost prohibitive and significantly shortened the seasonal availability of the boat launch.

The study will involve:

- *Field sampling of Lyngbya
- *Identifying Lyngbya hot spots and conditions that drive its spread
- *Collaboration with researchers to develop knowledge and practices to better understand the ecological and human health risks
- *Creation of a management plan to better understand, predict, react to and manage Lyngbya on the lake.

Officials are concerned that E. coli or other bacteria and substances snared by the mats pose a threat to public health.

“Macomb County is always focused on how we can improve our water quality in Lake St. Clair. We look forward to the results of this study, so we can develop an action plan in dealing with this noxious muck,” Miller said.



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