



Commodore's Report

By Mark Waring



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Summer is upon us, and it is amazing how quickly one's schedule fills up. Graduation parties, weddings, summer trips, and, of course, races on Lake St. Clair.

Commodore Balls have now slowed until the Fall. So far, we have attended six balls: Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Albatross Yacht Club, North Star Sail Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Great Lakes Yacht Club, and Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Each of these events was memorable in its own special way, and we are really enjoying the comradery we are forming with this great group of people. Unfortunately, there were two balls that we were unable to attend: Ford Yacht Club and Bayview Yacht Club, which was attended by Vice Commodore Brian Jenney and his wife Heidi.





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In May, Lake Shore Sail Club hosted the second annual Ice Breaker Regatta. I would like to thank everyone involved, specifically Mark Bowery for providing the race committee boat, Lake Shore's awesome race committee, and members who were aboard the stake boats. This year's race was just as successful as last year's. I want to offer special thanks and gratitude to P/C Tim and Lady Cathy McGuire for agreeing to sponsor the race again. Tim and Cathy took care of the food and drinks at Dragonmead in Warren.

Audacious and crew have decided to enter this year's Port Huron to Mackinac Race which will begin Saturday July 15th . This will only be the second time I have entered Audacious in this classic summer race, but the seventh I have competed in. Several crew members from Wednesday night, as well as some new friends that are veteran racers, will join us.

I received a very exciting call from Past Commodores Nan and Tom St. Peter this week regarding the race. They were at Bayview for an event and there was a drawing for which boats will be representing the five major Detroit Sport Teams. Representatives from the Red Wings, Tigers, Lions, Pistons, and the Detroit Football Club soccer team drew names from the nearly 200 entries to represent their team. Audacious was chosen by Lomas Brown, to represent the Detroit Lions in this year's race which is very exciting. We hope to do the Detroit and Lions and most of all Lake Shore Sail Club proud during the race.

At this point we should be just completing the last-minute tasks in preparation for the race, but I am finding the list is getting longer and not shorter. If you have not entered a boat in the race before, it is amazing the amount of work it is to prepare for the race. Once race day gets here, I am filled with many emotions. One part of me is excited to get out on the water and can't wait to cross the starting line. The other feels very nervous, apprehensive of the race, wondering what may come during the two hundred plus mile trek. Sometimes I look around at all the competitors in Port Huron and wonder if I am the only one that feels this way, quietly feeling a little cowardice as everyone else is pumped to be back on Lake Huron. The feelings always seem to culminate as we say our goodbyes to family





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and friends, give Shannon a kiss, and shove off from the dock. I am not too proud to admit that I have had tears in my eyes as I see Shannon following us up the river in her truck in the various parks and parking lots between the Black River and the Bluewater Bridge. Once out in the Lake, however, my mind always seems to clear and my focus is the mission at hand, which includes preparing my liver for the shenanigans to come once we arrive on the island. During the race there are always very special moments like awesome sunsets, beautiful sunrises, and seeing the amazing numbers of stars in the pitch-black sky to name a few. Some have even seen the Northern Lights in the middle of the night which would be absolutely breathtaking. All in all, memories that last a lifetime!

Other Lake Shore Sail Club members that are listed on the current entry list for this year's race are the following:

- Taku – Vice Commodore Brian Jenney
- Elevation – Past Commodore Tim McGuire
- Challenge – Past Commodore Greg Doyal
- Mystic – Bob Mann
- Benjammin – Jim Rapelje
- Mongo – Chris Bates

Of course, there are many other members that are among the crews of these and other boats competing in the race. I would encourage everyone to download the Yellowbrick App (anyone wanting more information about this please send me a message) and watch our member's boats live as the race takes place. Shannon has told me that she has a hard time going to sleep, sometimes because she knows there is approaching weather but also many times because it appears we are going backwards or in circles. I must explain to her





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afterward that is because there was no wind, and we were just floating.

I want to wish all the boats and members of Lake Shore Sail Club a quick and safe Port Huron to Mackinac race this year and the same for any members competing in the Chicago to Mackinac race as well. Also please join me in wishing Joey Baker a quick and safe race as he competes in the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society's Super Mac and back this year beginning on June 24th . For the Super Mac and back, competitor's race single handed, from Port Huron to Chicago, round the water intake out in Lake Michigan and back to Port Huron. I believe Joey told me that he covered almost 1,100 miles during the race last time he competed. Anyone interested can also follow the competitors for this race online via real time tracking. Anyone interested can message me about this as well and I will make sure you get the link.

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Vice Commodore's Report

By Brian Jenney



The Memorial Day Cruise at Lake St. Clair Metropark was a success. We had four sailboats in slips and one powerboat in a slip. LSSC Members gathered for lunch and dinner on Sunday. Chicken was provided and LSSC Members provided a great yummy variety of sides. The party lasted until the sun set when it started to get a bit chilly. The people watching was great.

The DRYA Ice Breaker Regatta on May 20th went well, and the weather cooperated. The J120s were fun to watch and stayed very close to each other all the way to the finish. Thank you to all the Race Committee Members and to the chase boats and crew. Thank you to Tim and Cathy McGuire for hosting the awards party again this year at Dragons Mead and for the pulled pork food truck. The food and beer were great! Once again, the LSSC Members made the DRYA Ice Breaker Regatta run smoothly.

I am still working on reserving slips at the Windsor Yacht Club for the Labor Day Cruise. If Windsor Yacht Club cannot confirm that they will have enough slips for us, then I will reserve slips at Belle River. Please watch your inbox as I will be sending emails out on the details once they are finalized.

Now that sailing season has started, we should make sure that our safety equipment, fire extinguisher, life jackets and marine radios are all in proper working order.

I have spoken to a few people interested in joining our club and I believe Charles Clack will be submitting his application soon. He has extensive sailing experience in Florida and on the east coast, owns a sailboat and plans to start racing right away. He has owned many





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sailboats over the years, and he will be a welcome addition to the club!

Please make an effort to reach out to a boat neighbor or someone in your marina and let them know about our club and the awesome sailors and people that we have. Please invite him or her out for a Wednesday night or weekend race. There are a lot of sailboats in the marina and my goal is to try and get a few more members and sailboats in our club and to get more boats racing. Please reach out to me if you have any individuals who may be interested in joining LSSC.

I want to take a moment to recognize one of sailing icons that we lost in May 2023. Harry Clemons "Buddy" Melges Jr., considered to be one of the greatest competitive sailors in the sport of sailing, passed away at 93 years on May 18, 2023. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy as one of the most accomplished and revered sailors in American history. Buddy Melges Jr. had an eight-decade career which advanced the sport of sailing and will be remembered forever in sailing history.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer racing and cruising on the Great Lakes!





Rear Commodore's Report By Dan Guendelsberger



After months of planning and preparation, spreadsheets and punch lists, emails and phone calls --- we are RACING!

The Sunset Spring Series is at the midway point. We have 26 boats racing in three PHRF classes and three boats in the multi-hull class. Phoenix, Baron, Solo Cup and Brandilee are the front runners in the Spring Overall but there's a lot of racing ahead of us.

Join us after each race at Dragon's Landing for food, beer, scores and some good stories. Special Thanks to the committee boat skippers and to our dedicated race committee who show up every week without fail!

The Club Series kicked off with the Sunday 1 Race. PC Greg Doyal served as RC on Challenge with six competitors making the most of a Super Short in light but steady air. The post-race hot dog roast was held at the GLYC Gazebo and flags were awarded to Itsfunagain (1st), Mystic (2nd) and My Way Too (3rd). It was a beautiful afternoon and a nice way to start the series. The next race is the Thomas Cup on June 10. You can't win if you don't race, so get your crew lined up and get out there!

We still have plenty of t-shirts in all sizes and styles. They will be available after all Sunset and Club Races. The Sponsorship Chair PC Susanne has collected all but two of our sponsorship pledges. 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!

See you at the General Membership Meeting on June 20!

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