



## Commodore's Report

By Mary Nicole



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CONGRATULATIONS to Lake Shore Sail Club members for voting in 2023 Flag Officers and Trustees who will continue the principles of the LSSC Constitution & By-Laws; fellowship, enjoyment of sailing, cruising, and racing.

PC Denis & I have finished other clubs 2022 Commodore's Ball circuit at wonderful Michigan and Canadian venues. Crescent Yacht Club at Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Museum. Birthplace of the Model T. Put this museum on your list to visit. Port Huron Yacht Club at City Flats Hotel in Port Huron. This venue sits on the Black River in the 1927 Michigan National Bank building complete with the original bank vault. The safety deposit boxes were empty! Windsor





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Yacht Club's pomp and circumstance is never a disappointment. Location, location, location. FYI - with our Nexus cards, we zipped right through the US/Canadian Border.

MARK YOU CALENDARS - Saturday, February 25, 2023 - Lake Shore Sail Club 2022 Commodore's Ball at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. Yes, there are rooms available for LSSC guests. Details to follow. Watch your emails in January 2023 for the invitation.

PAST COMMODORES who were NOT at the Steak Roast, don't forget your yearly \$10.00 dues.

This link below appeared in my email. US Sailing has conducted several independent reviews of sailing accidents. Most of these reviews come at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard. I read the 2022 review. Reminder to all, safety first. With the Holiday season upon us, now is a good time to ask Santa for equipment that may need to be replaced on your boats or person for the 2023 season.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/safety-reports/>

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

THANK YOU - Mark Waring, Brian Jenney, Pat Folk, Eileen Ross, Bob Mann, Pete Ross, Matt Vallus, Tim McGuire, Cathy McGuire, Beth Baker, Joey Baker, Doug Carlson, Sheila Fleming, Linda Evo, Dan Guendelsberger, Taryn Kopietz, Molly Mathe, Brian Lang, Mike McGuire, Jim Rapelje, Matt Savage, Brian Smith, Danielle Templeton, Shannon Woodruff, members of Lake Shore Sail Club, and last, certainly not least, Denis Nicole. Lake Shore Sail Club is a perfect example of this quote, "it takes a village".

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

See you for our Holiday Brunch on December 11th.

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'Twas the night before the election, when all through the boat yard,  
Not a mast was stirring, not even a halyard;  
The flags were hung on the bow with care,  
In hopes that the voting would soon be here.  
The members were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of Mark Waring dancing in their heads,  
And Brian Jenney in his uniform and Dan Guendelsberger in his cap, had just settled in for  
a long winter's nap.  
When out in the boat yard there arose such a clatter,  
Mark, Brian & Dan sprang from their beds to see what was the matter,  
tore open their hatches to their wondering eyes should appear,  
they whistled and shouted and called them by name;  
now Pat (Folk), now Eileen (Ross), on Dara (Blaty), on Mike (Sherwood),  
Then in a twinkle, they were all elected to complete the 2023 LSSC Flag Officers and  
Trustees.'





## Vice Commodore's Report

### By Mark Waring



Two years ago, Shannon and I were sitting at home watching TV when my cell phone rang. It was Mike McGuire. I answered and after some small talk, Mike told me I should consider putting my name in the hat for Rear Commodore. I told him that with how busy Shannon and I are, I didn't think it would be a good idea. Maybe a half hour later, my phone rings again, this time it is Tom Boyce. Tom tells me that he feels that I would be a great candidate for Rear Commodore. I tell him thank you but again we are just so busy that I just cannot commit to the responsibility at this time. About fifteen minutes later the phone rings again, at this point Shannon is giving me a look because I keep pausing the program we are watching on TV. This time I didn't recognize the phone number but of course, answered the call. It was Nan St Peter. Nan also tells me that I would be a great candidate and that I should consider the position, only this time, she would not take no for an answer. She was never pushy during the conversation by any means, just adamant about what a good fit I would be for the Rear Commodore position. Finally, Nan was able to convince me and I said yes. Of course, through all of these calls, Shannon could not hear what was being said, but had an idea of what was going on. When she heard me say yes, she asked "What did you just agree to?" When I told her she just stared at me and said "I am not sure how you are going to do all that!!"

When I received the list of responsibilities for Rear Commodore, I must admit, I asked myself "What have I done? I don't want to disappoint everyone but I am not sure how I can do all of this." I was told repeatedly not to worry and that everyone will help me. Thankfully that was absolutely true! Anyone that was asked for help, offered their assistance graciously. The other comment that was made many times was "Trust me, it will fly by and before you know it will be your Commodore year". At the time, it seemed like a very long path, but here I am a month from beginning my Commodore year. WOW!! I definitely have to thank Mike and Tom for laying the ground work for Nan to spring her trap. I am truly happy with the decision I made.

Thinking back on my Vice Commodore year, there are definitely things that I would have liked to have done differently. I was truly looking forward to having multiple raft-off get-togethers and spending much more time on the boat this year. I also was excited about having a cruise to the Windsor Yacht Club. None the less I feel like we had a





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very good year overall. The cruise to Algonac Harbor Club for Memorial Day was a great time, the barbeque at Stoney Creek was fun, and the last-minute raft-off at Metro Beach Lagoon was memorable.

The Inter-Club Team Championship race went well, however with a lighter turnout than I would have hoped. North Star was not able to field a team due to hurricane Ian and members headed south to deal with the storm damage. Grosse Pointe Sail Club and Crescent only had two boats that would have been able to compete, so they decided not to race. The remaining clubs that wanted to compete, Lake Shore Sail Club, Great Lakes Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club all had the same issue. All were only able to field three boats. At the last minute, we decided to change the SIs and NORs to accommodate scoring only three boats.

When It'sfunagain left the dock with Race Committee aboard, it was a glorious day. Nice and warm with light wind. This would all change. I believe it was by the fourth leg of the race, we could see boats rounding up and dousing spinnakers in an effort to maintain control of the boats. At the start, I think we had maybe ten knots of air and I believe by the end of the race it was blowing close to 30 knots sustained.

I ran into Spencer Channel a couple of nights ago, and he told me he felt that although the turnout was light, it was an absolutely awesome race!! He even told me that, for next year, he was going to work to get the Priems Yachting Society registered with DRYA so that they can field a team to compete.





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Now it is on to my last duty as Vice Commodore and that is the Christmas Brunch. This year we are going to have our brunch at a banquet center, namely Fern Hill Golf Club. The price is a little higher than in the past but that is because there will be a Bloody Mary Bar as well as a Mimosa Bar included. Santa Claus has decided to take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit and the United States Marine Corp is going to join us to accept our gift donations for Toys4Tots. I think we are going to all have a great time. If you would like to join us and have not RSVP'd, please let me know via email and I will contact the venue to add attendees.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season and look forward to serving and representing you all next year as the 2023 Lake Shore Sail Club Commodore!!!





# Rear Commodore's Report

**By Brian Jenney**



The sailing season is over, and we can all start thinking about what we need to be done to our boats to be more competitive next season. The turnout for Wednesday nights was pretty good this year and I enjoyed watching the multi-hulls around the racecourse. We had some decent participation for the specialty races and some great after-race gatherings. I would like to see an increase in participation in the Sunday Club races.

November makes me think of Thanksgiving and how much I enjoy the holiday. No stress about purchasing presents, just enjoying family, food, and another Lions loss. Thanksgiving does cause me to reflect on how fortunate I am for my family, friends, and sailing. I am thankful for Lake Shore Sail Club and all of its members and what the Club does for sailing. It provides all of us a venue for racing, creating and enjoying friendships, and making memories that last a lifetime. It makes me use my boat every Wednesday during the racing season. I am personally thankful for Mary Nicole and Mark Waring and all the Lake Shore Sail Club members that made my job this year go smoothly.

It cannot be said enough, thank you Danielle Templeton, Linda Evo, and the entire race committee for all the work they have put in during the season and for the awards ceremony. Thank you, Dan Guendelsberger and Beth Baker, for all your assistance and support throughout the year!

I hope everyone has a great Winter and travels somewhere warm for a sail! In the meantime, I will work on planning the cruises for 2023. I have spoken to some of the club members and plan to organize a cruise to Metro Beach for Memorial Day Weekend, Detroit Yacht Club for the Fourth of July, and Windsor Yacht Club for Labor Day weekend. Please watch your email inboxes for Memorial Day Cruise information.

The club members who race should review the Midwest PHRF website, <https://www.mwphrf.org/index.php>, and the requirements to obtain a handicap certificate rating. Next year will be a bit of a transition year for the ratings and all of us who race should plan on obtaining a Midwest PHRF rating.





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I want to also take this opportunity to remind all the skippers that they should have a large enough anchor to hold their boat in a stiff wind if they are serving as the race committee boat. If you do not have a large enough anchor, you can ask some of your fellow sailors and please borrow one. All sailors should also have a fully functional marine radio. Race Committee has indicated to me that they have difficulty hearing some of the skippers when they call in. The Race Committee has a lot to take care of so if you have an old marine radio please put a new one on your Christmas list.

I am hopeful that the water level goes back up for the Spring as touching bottom in Jefferson Beach this October and getting stuck a few times was not fun. All of us need to remember that this is an amazing sport and how fortunate we are to be able to sail and race so close to our homes. Please remember to always put safety first and if conditions warrant, please wear your life jacket.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to you all!





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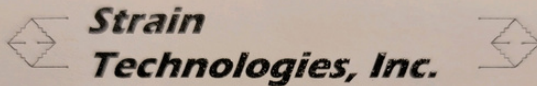


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