



THE LOG



Commodore's Report

By: Dan Guendelsberger





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Greetings everyone!

Winter is behind us and another season of racing, cruising and comradery is ahead!

Thank you for the opportunity to be your 57th commodore. I'm proud to lead LSSC and grateful to follow in the footsteps of all the commodores that have preceded me.

Many thanks to PC Brian Jenney and Lady Heidi for their Commodore's ball at the St. Clair Inn. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the riverside view of the passing freighters.

After an excellent dinner, we held the change of watch and trophy presentations



THE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Congratulations to our 2025 officers Vice Commodore Michael Sherwood, Rear Commodore Andy Schultz, Secretary Kathy Scherrer, Treasurer Samantha Fleming and Trustees Mark Bowery, Brian Smith and Christopher Bates. Thank you to the entire Board of Directors for sharing your time and talents with our Club.



PC Mark Waring was awarded the Jim Nixon Memorial Trophy in recognition of his pursuit of excellence on behalf of the Club and Brian Smith was awarded the US Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations Mark and Brian!

In January, we held the Meet & Greet at the Tompkins Center with a chili cook-off and some more freighter watching. The chili competition was fierce with 11 entries. A tie for first place was settled by a round of rock-scissors-paper with RC Andy Schultz taking 1st, Sara Crowther 2nd, Judy Krietsch 3rd, and Judy Folk 4th. Thank you everyone for the wonderful chili, appetizers and desserts.



The 2025 DRYA Ball season is underway. PC Lady Susanne and I have represented LSSC at the GPSC, DYC, NCYC, FYC and NSSC balls and are having a great time meeting our fellow commodores. (You may recognize some of them even with the shades.) Mark your calendars! The LSSC 2025 Commodore's Ball will be October 25, 2025 at The Heathers Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Our first General Membership meeting of the year is Tuesday, April 15 at Howlers & Growlers in Grosse Pointe Park. Your 2025 Roster and Racing Guide will be available for pick up. Please join us for dinner and a chance to catch up with your fellow club members!





Vice Commodore's Report

By: Mike Sherwood



Our new location for LSSC Boardroom (Howlers & Growlers in the Park) has been a lot of fun. When there, we spend a lot of time discussing / approving events and other happenings related to improvement of the LSSC, much of which you'll continue to read about in the Log.

With thoughts, anticipation and some preparation of getting boats back in the water, our Sailing Sunset Series Race Program has been getting lots of attention, as our Rear Commodore Andy Schultz is working to implement fresh ideas and positive action into the Series.

We have the Ice Breaker Regatta in May and now LSSC has been awarded a new counter race by the DRYA, which will take place the end of June "Friday Night Lights." This race is a "point to point" with a start time of 1900. Still some planning is in the works to finalize everything but mark your calendars for a June 27th evening race.

February 23rd was LSSC bowling tournament, which was well attended. Two gift certificates for Albatross Embroidery were awarded, one for women's high score and the other for men's high score. Four trophies were awarded: Men's High Score - Past Commodore Mark Waring, Women's High Score - Holly Ripard (Commodore 2020s daughter), Men's Low Score - Past Commodore Charles Blaty, Women's Low Score - Beth Baker. Readers of this article, PLEASE NOTE: Bernadine & I had lower scores, but since we were hosting the event, we very well couldn't accept the awards too. Congratulations to all who attended.

March 9th was LSSC Euchre Tournament at CSYC, which was another enjoyable event. Awards were given for high scores: First place - Tom Srigley, Second place - Commodore Dan Guendelsberger and Third place - Tom Fraser.

Our next LSSC event is April 4th at the Ford House and then May 3rd, which is an evening at "The Players". The emails have gone out and reservations are filling up fast. We also have a Sunday race on Memorial Day weekend and we are planning a little party after which all can attend.

We are still in communications with Selfridge Air Force Base for a lunch at the Base golf club and tours of the Base Air museum, some hangers, and the rest of the Base, which is being scheduled for the first week in July.





THE VICE COMMODORE’S REPORT

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There a lot of other events being planned by my LSSC Entertainment Director (Lady Bernadine, who has been assisting me), but the success (Achievement, Accomplishment, Victory, Triumph, Feat, Attainment, Realization) whatever word you prefer, doesn't happen at the LSSC because of one person.

Yes, one person can and often does make a difference, but one person can't do it all, especially here and that is why volunteers are still needed for various functions/activities within the club. Over the years, all of the activity at the LSSC has been due to the hard work of committee members (volunteers) resulting in some great events. The way we do things here at LSSC can take some getting used to; but it's that very methodology that keeps us involved and passionate in our pursuit toward the continuous improvement of our Club. We get things done the old fashion way, by jumping in and do what we can. So, when the next request to participate in a project, volunteering for Race Committee or any event that comes along, and you know it will, remember your gift of time is more valuable to the event and to the LSSC than any monetary commitment. It's teamwork with a common goal, the expansion and improvement of the LSSC. Please remember, no matter what word you use or how you choose to measure it, the LSSC since 1969, has experienced growth and success because of the membership involvement.



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Rear Commodore's Report

By: Andy Schultz

There is open water out there on Lake Saint Clair, and with an almost proper winter that means sailing is just around the corner!!

Sunset and Club races are just about ready, we are awaiting USCG response given recent organizational changes, it might take a bit longer than usual. I don't expect this to hold up our racing. The flags are in hand and shirts are designed and just awaiting the final edits. I hope to have the shirts completed by Albatross Embroidery and available at our April meeting!!

Commodore Dan Guendelsberger is gracious enough to be committee boat chair again this year!! Thank you, Dan. Reminder- the **captain** of the boat is responsible for all boat handling, including anchoring. **The Race Committee will not anchor the boat.** Our Principal Race Officer (PRO) WILL tell you where they need the boat though, thank you Danielle Templeton as PRO and Committee Boat Staff coordinator. RO), Mark Bowery and Susan (Committee Boat), Tom Scherr (Bots and Marks Boat), Mike McGuire (Scorer), Race Committee (Linda Evo, Sheila Fleming, Kathy McGuire, Kathy Riess, Sharon Murray, Carol Walker, Susanne Guendelsberger, Mark & Peggy Stephenson) and Impromptu Post-Race Prep Michael & Bernadine Sherwood.

The placement of our marks that you will round has been coordinated by Pete Ross again this year, as he has in the past. Pete is looking for some help/mentee this year, and to transition that responsibility to someone new next year. Thank you, Pete! If you think you are interested, don't worry, you don't have to place them yourself. TowBoatUS does the heavy lifting for us.

If you hoist a red flag during the race Brian Lang will be overseeing your protest. Thanks for being willing to hear us complain and setting us straight on the rules.

After you finish the race Commodore Dan will be scoring everyone's results, using the ratings being put together by Matt Savage. Thank you Dan and Matt.

Wednesday night Sunset series racers will be trying something new this year!! While we are awaiting the scores and trading stories, the kitchen at Great Lakes Yacht Club will be open with a limited selection of food for purchase. It will be credit card only, and bring your own beverages. A special thanks to Rob Fleming for coordinating this with GLYC and their new chef. A special thanks to GLYC for allowing us to participate.





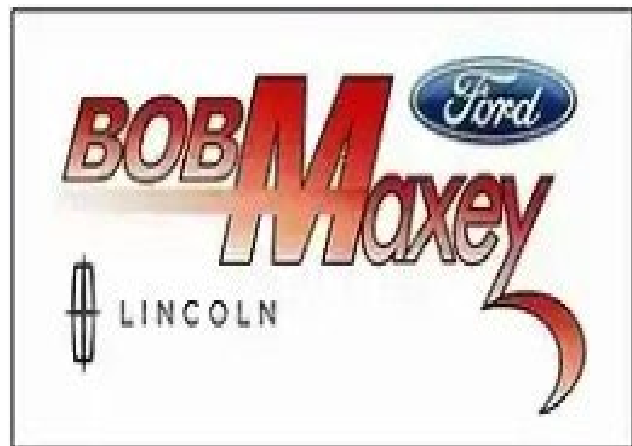
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While you are away from the race, please make sure to visit our sponsors. Don't forget to mention how much we appreciate their support. Susanne Guendelsberger has been running down most of our sponsors again this year. A huge thanks to you Susanne as this was my biggest fear in being Rear Commodore!

We are working to spread the load of sponsorship a bit. If you know someone interested in sponsoring our club, let's talk. We have new nomenclature this year and a new level of sponsorship.

Finally, I would like to say I'm honored and thank you for selecting me as your 59th Rear Commodore. Thank you Vice Commodore Mike and Commodore Dan for all the help transitioning into this position



Blessing of the Fleet

March 9, 2025



Members PC Tim McGuire, Cathy McGuire, PC Sheila Fleming, Merryl Schwartz and Mark Schwartz attended this year's "Blessing of the Fleet" held at Mariner's Church in Detroit on March 9, 2025.

Such an amazing effort to make for the Club. Best of luck and fair winds to all sailors this season!



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