

THE LOG

Commodore's Report

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Greetings everyone! Summer has flown by! I hope you've all had a great year of racing, cruising or just simply messing about in boats. For me, it's been a short but memorable year of sailing capped by two big races.

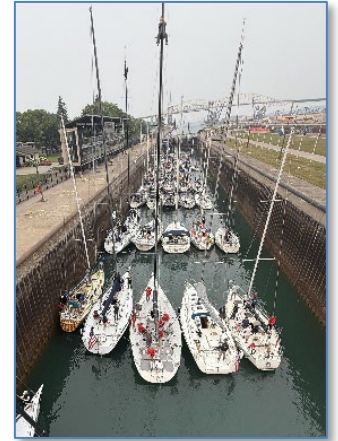
The BYC-Mac race on Greg Doyal's Challenge was tailor-made for a Nonsuch, with heavy downwind air for the first day. We managed to hold our position in a light air finish and took 3rd place! The party on Mackinac Island is always fun, but I can attest it is even more fun when you're on the podium!



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The Trans-Superior race on Tim & Cathy McGuire's elevation was definitely a bucket-list item. It was my first time through the Soo Locks and racing on Lake Superior. The weather was not as rough and the nights were not as cold as expected, but smoke from the Canadian fires obliterated the views while passing Whitefish Point, the Keweenaw Peninsula and the Apostle Islands. However, we weren't there to sight-see, we were there to *race*! After 2 days of beating upwind, we turned downwind, hoisted every sail we could find and tore to the finish line and a 2nd place!



Susanne stepped aboard elevation in Duluth, MN and helped bring the boat back to Lake St. Clair. We found the stormy weather that was missing during the race, but the return trip was still a lot of fun. We passed thru the Apostle Islands, the Keweenaw Waterway and Soo Locks to get back to our normal port-hopping on Lake Huron. After 8 days and 650 miles, we pulled into the slip at GLYC to find PC Mike McGuire holding a tray of rum & cokes. Now that is a good friend!

Mark your calendars. The LSSC 2025 Commodore's Ball will be October 25, 2025, at The Heathers in Bloomfield Hills.

Enjoy these last weeks of summer and the sailing/boating season. I hope you squeeze out every drop of fun and sunshine that you can!

Cheers!

Commodore Dan



Vice Commodore's Report

By: Mike Sherwood



Habits or Traditions Many things in life are good for us in moderation, but they'll kill us if we do them in excess. Traditions are like that because in their proper place, they keep a club's heart healthy and beating, but when they become nothing more than a habit, they can destroy a club.

Some of the things people call traditions are not traditions at all: they are habits. They are the things clubs do because; "That's the way we've always done it." Traditions on the other hand instruct us; they mark significant events in our club's heritage. Habits are just a routine procedure with very little thought given to the outcome.

Even though we have quarterly Board meetings that feature sometimes endless committee reports, there is always a continued exchange of ideas. We don't want to paralyze the club with the same repetitive habits; we need everyone's assistance to facilitate being creative.

December will arrive soon enough marking the end of the year, but when one thinks about it, December is a precursor to a door that opens to a new beginning. Yes, it is a time to look back, but it is also a time to prepare for the future. Our club, right now, is on track to experience exciting new ideas built on traditions with the hope of inspiring member involvement. We need to embrace past traditions, which could influence our continued growth? Growth of the club is in your hands, let's not wait and procrastinate, there is still time to facilitate growth and improvement of the LSSC, through attaining new members and volunteering. Volunteer – Get Involved - as you are the decision maker and you too can be very instrumental in the club's future and continued growth.

Updates on Events

- July event to Selfridge Air National Guard Base went well. Twenty-Eight attendees enjoyed a tour of the Base with lunch at the Base golf course, along with seeing various aircraft and the opportunity to discuss various aspects/functions of the Base with a few of the pilots
- August was the scheduled private tour of the Ford Detroit Piquette Plant, which had to be cancelled due to the lack of attendance
- September 20 is a scheduled tour of the Parade Company – Detroit. See how the Thanksgiving Day floats, balloons, heads and other items are developed. Tour of the facility is approximately one hour, with a stop at the Parade Gift Shop and then on to Hamtramck for a traditional Polish lunch at the Polonia restaurant
- October is the LSSC Commodores Ball, watch for your formal invitation
- November is the LSSC Steak Roast
- December is LSSC annual Christmas Lunch, with more info to follow



Rear Commodore's Report

By: Andy Schultz



As we watch from the stern, we leave the Sunset and Club series races behind us. Most races went off successfully, a few cancelled and there was a bump or so along the way. We had hot dogs after Sunday races and enjoyed food at Great Lakes Yacht Club on Wednesday nights.

At the time I'm writing this the awards party is a few days away, and with any luck it will go off without a hitch. Several of the flags from Club races will have to wait until the November meeting. I thank everyone for their patience, and those who helped fill in, on my wonky schedule this year, having to bail on hot dog roasts and Wednesday nights.

I'm throwing in a few bottles this year at the awards party to the boats who traveled the farthest for Sunset Series. My inspiration for this was the winner who traveled over 100 miles this summer to come race with us. Congratulations Baron, they made almost all the races, and we saw them each week at the results party. Though not a member they seem to have the heart and spirit this club was founded on.

I look forward to serving you as Vice Commodore in 2026, I hear VC is in charge of new memberships. So, start reaching out to friends and get them out sailing with you. We all need to build our sport back up. Show them this picture and try explaining the comradery we have out here.

Bloody Mary's for everyone!



Highlights from LSSC Events & Member Accomplishments!

Thank you, VC Sherwood and Beth, for capturing and sharing these awesome photos!

Selfridge Air National Guard Base Tour



More for Selfridge Air National Guard Base!



Highlights from Events & Accomplishments --Continued

elevation – 3rd place BYC Mackinac 2025



**Joey Baker, GLSS Singlehanded
Port Huron – Mackinac 2025**



elevation - 2nd place CYC Mackinac 2025



Highlights from Events & Accomplishments --Continued

Challenge, 3rd place BYC Mac 2025



Burgee Exchange, LSSC & South Shore Yacht Club



elevation - 2nd place Trans Superior 2025



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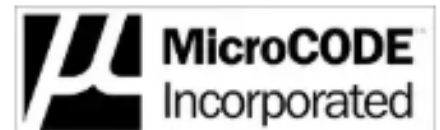
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