

# THE LOG

## Commodore's Report

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### Uniform Protocol

Over the years we have heard the many questions regarding correct uniform protocol for Past Commodores as well as current Bridge Officers. Recently these inquiries have turned to discussion, confusion and sometime complaints.

After attending some Commodore Balls in 2025 & 2026 and witnessing the various regalia on the SDB uniforms, I thought it would be advantageous to write an article on uniform protocol. This applies for not only our upcoming Commodore's, but for our past ones too. By seeking advice and input from some of the well-known and respected Past Commodores, I hope this article will serve as a guide to what is correct and appropriate.



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Whether you are a formal club or an informal club, a club of 1,000+ members or a smaller club, the correct uniform protocol is actually a clearly defined one, but not always well accessible. Here is an abbreviated reference guide taken from the IOBG Handbook and the "Official Yachting Customs and Courtesies" handbook that includes Uniform Protocol. For a complete updated guide please refer to the "Official Yachting Customs and Courtesies" Handbook, by Joseph Tringali.

Attire for gentlemen in the winter: (class A SDB uniform) or a navy blue blazer with appropriate insignia and badges of rank; white shirt; yacht club or yachting association tie, gray trousers, gray or black socks, black shoes.

For gentlemen in the summer: (class A SDB uniform with white trousers, white socks, white shoes) or blue blazer with appropriate insignia and badges of affiliation and rank; white shirt; yacht club, or yachting association tie; khaki trousers or summer whites (class C uniform) involves substituting for the blue blazer, an appropriate short sleeved white shirt with epaulettes for shoulder boards, white trousers, white socks and white shoes.

For ladies in the winter: (class A uniform) or navy blue blazer with appropriate insignia and badges of affiliation and rank; white blouse; yacht club, or yachting association tie, if worn; gray skirt or slacks; appropriate hose; black shoes.

\*For ladies in the summer: (class B uniform) or navy blue blazer with appropriate insignia and badges of affiliation and rank; white blouse, yachting association tie, if worn; \*white skirt or slacks, appropriate hose, if worn; white shoes. Summer whites (class C uniform) involve substituting an appropriate short-sleeved white shirt, with epaulettes for soft shoulder boards worn with the blue blazer.

For formal social occasions in the yachting community the following is considered acceptable and appropriate. The SDB uniform with a bow tie, note, the SDB uniform with a regular long black tie is the traditional yachting uniform, which is always appropriate. Please note that the traditional yachting cap (cover) is not to be worn indoors. Uniform club patch is to be worn on the left breast of the blazer. Personal nametag is always worn on the right side of jacket or white shirt. A flag pin can be worn on the left side of the jacket or shirt, just above the pocket, which is closest to the heart. The traditional yacht club uniform is intended to be "appropriate yachting apparel" worn uniformly amongst its members and officers. With regards to insignia, pins and decorations, remember, "Less is more appropriate"

# Vice Commodore's Report

By: Andy Schultz



As we seem to be getting launched into fall by mother nature everyone is getting their last sails in, planning haul outs and for some of us looking forward to our fall pastime, hunting.

As social planner I know I have been less than adequate to say the least. Our Rear Commodore has helped pick up some of the slack with a Labor Day Cruise. Thank you Mark. I know next year for social you will be in much better hands. But, rest assured we will be having our traditional holiday lunch this year.

Our Friday Night Lights was a success, we had 2 boats moored overnight at Great Lakes Yacht Club (thank you to GLYC for the hospitality) to participate in the GLYC regatta on Saturday. The 9 mile trophy will be awarded in November at the DRYA awards party.

It has been an exciting summer for me, our Port Huron to Mac race was challenging and exciting. Our 5th race on Challenge (PC Greg Doyal's boat) we placed 1st in class N and first in division III. I will tell you our secret, Saturday night we went about 22.5 nm towards the finish by tacking 36 times between 1945 and 0345, about every 13 minutes on average and never touched a sheet, halyard or line. The Nonsuch design was perfect for Saturday night tacking up the coast.

As we finish out our summer with our general membership meeting on the autumnal equinox, even starting in summer and ending in autumn I know I will miss sailing, and start looking forward to next year!



# Rear Commodore's Report

By: Mark Bowery



What a summer it was! LSSC racing, cruising and outdoor socializing have wrapped up. Several of our members enjoyed the Fall Series racing through GLYC and the Blue Nose Regatta through DRYA. Others are taking advantage of Michigan's autumn days to pleasure-sail with reduced boat traffic and some fall colors ashore.

With the final LSSC Sunset Series completed we have Spring Series overall going to Phoenix in 3<sup>rd</sup>, Quadrophnia taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and Solo Cup with the Blue Flag. For the Summer Series Morticia, Phoenix, Baron and Solo Cup managed to take first in their respective classes in each of the Summer Sunset Series races (less an RC duty in race #5 for Phoenix). Summer Series Overall results have Solo Cup in first-place, Phoenix in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Baron in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunset Series Overall (combining Spring and Summer Series) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was awarded to Baron, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Phoenix and the top spot, with the John McCartney Memorial Trophy went to Solo Cup. Aurora received the Gil Lalonde Memorial Trophy (The Gibby) for the best combined record sailing JAM throughout the Sunset Series.

On our first Wednesday of the Summer Series, we had a guest boat from Thunder Bay Yacht Club join the race. Custom Concern skippered by Graeme Saukko-Sved along with his wife, Erin, and daughter, Marek, were passing through Lake St Clair on their way back to their home port on Lake Superior and found our races on social media. Special thanks to Beth Baker for maintaining our website and social media so well. Custom Concern reached out and asked if they could join our race, providing insurance and ratings info. They did and commented positively on our courses and club members. They joined us at GLYC afterward for the awards presentation, a Chef David dinner and proved to be a very interesting and likeable couple. LSSC and GLYC both completed a burgee exchange. You can follow them on Instagram @sv.customconcern.

The Sunset Awards Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall was well attended and enjoyable. Thank you to PC Rick Ripard (Rock Dog) for providing the soundtrack. He had a unique song for the walk up of each boat that received an award. Further, he had a unique song based on the boat name for each trip to the podium in the case of boats that took multiple honors. Spencer Channel provided a keg of Erik the Red and it was a hit. A second keg and wine came from The Wine Dock and delicious pizza was delivered promptly from Johnny Z's.

For our Club Races Sunday #3 was a two-boat battle; however, a good race was enjoyed as Oasis edged out Christine with Solo Cup serving as RC. The Single-Handed Race saw Challenge win (under one sail!) with Mylo-B and Serenity taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively with Oasis as RC.

The Petticoat was a 4-boat race with Solo Cup prevailing followed by My Way Too in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oasis in 3<sup>rd</sup>. John Johnson's Christine showed up in dapper duds to round out the field, with Tee-shirts printed for the event and color coordinated with women in pink and gents in blue. Renatus served as RC.

The Commodore's Cup was back to an evening race this year with the (7) boats finishing between 20:04 and 21:36 while the sun set. Phoenix took the Blue Flag followed by Taku in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mylo-B in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Edventure served as RC.

The Sunday #4 Race was a rabbit start that had the RC boat MWT taking first place followed by Christine and Sherasa.



## Rear Commodores Report Cont.

The Jack-and Jill Race had five couples aboard their craft at the start. Serenity took first followed by My Way Too and Oasis. The fifth vessel was a guest boat, with Nice Aft joining in, skippered by Terry McGran, who has applied to join LSSC, and his friend Beth.

I have to thank PC Dan for once again handling the scoring with the scratch sheets and handicaps maintained by Matt Savage for boats rounding the marks maintained by Gerry Gillis and Bob Mann. And of course, thank you to our wonderful Race Committee under our PRO PC Danielle Templeton.

While thanking the Race Committee, I want to mention Lady Kathy McGuire received the Race Committee Trophy recognizing her dedication of time and effort to the success of the race committee, inspiring others to volunteer and improving sailing competitions.

Barbeque and awards at the GLYC gazebo following our Club Races are a great way to spend the late afternoon. Of course, racing first makes the burgers, dogs and beverages taste better, but you do not have to race to join us. A lot of laughing can be heard around the grill and picnic table throughout these events, and we welcome all members to come and share in the fun.

Moving forward we are looking forward to the Commodore's Ball honoring our Commodore Michael Sherwood and Lady Bernadine. Attendees can look forward to an evening of celebration, awards, dining, drinks and dancing. If you haven't already purchased yours, tickets are available through the LSSC website and I am certain it will be an enjoyable and memorable evening.



## Don't Sail Past This One!

### It is time to order your 2027 LSSC Calendar.

Calendars should be available for pick up at the Chili Cookoff/Meet & Greet tentatively scheduled for Jan 17, 2027 at Windmill Pointe. Please make arrangements to pick up your calendar(s) at that time even if you do not stay for the Chili Cookoff, although I'm sure the Bridge would appreciate it if you did.

**New this year:** You can choose to have your calendar(s) delivered via mail - especially convenient for snowbirds in Florida or other warm destinations. There will be an additional charge added to the cost of the calendar and the total calendar/postage cost should be prepaid to Sheila Fleming prior to delivery. Cash, check or venmo (contact me for venmo info) accepted.

Preliminary cost as of the September 2026 GMM is \$15 for the calendar and \$10 for shipping (has to be hand canceled). This is subject to change as printing costs and/or postage may go up.

Please send me an email at [sheilafleming@comcast.net](mailto:sheilafleming@comcast.net) letting me know how many calendars you would like and whether or not you want it mailed to you. Please provide full mailing address whether it is in the state of Michigan or out of state.

**Also new this year** - Sami and I have set up a gmail address so members can send their pictures to us for possible use in the calendar.

The address is: [calendar.lssc@gmail.com](mailto:calendar.lssc@gmail.com) Please review any pictures you have taken throughout the year and email the ones you would like to see in the calendar to that address. We kindly ask that you please review your stash of pics and send the ones you feel are most calendar-worthy. That will help us out tremendously.

Thanks so much!

Sheila and Sami



## Our Club out on the Water

Belle River Cruise



Day's End at Mackinac



Burgee Exchange



Single Handed Race Winners



## Our Club out on the Water

- Jack and Jill Race 2026



## Our Club out on the Water

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## Our Club out on the Water

- 2026 Summer Sunset Series





- 2026 Awards Party







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