



Shorelines

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From the Commodore

My term as Commodore for 2007 started off with the sudden death of a well loved founding member, Gerry Gayk. That was on November 16th. On November 24th we held a Celebration of Life at the Club. It was well attended by Gerry's family, friends and fellow Club members. He will be greatly missed.

On December 20th we had the first break-in. They got into 19 boats. On December 23rd one of the two live-aboard boats was shot at by two people with BB guns. Police were called and made an arrest at gunpoint. On December 28th we had the second break-in. This time they got into 31 boats, causing damage and stealing mostly flares and flare guns, which alarmed the police and us.

Security is something we have discussed for a long time and now we have to do something constructive. The immediate solution was to get a security company to do nightly patrols at the Club and try to fix the lights. Next, we are working at obtaining estimates for a perimeter warning system and more lighting in the yard. All of this will take time and money. We ask all members to remove items from their boats that may attract thieves. That includes electronics, especially portable ones, all alcohol, flare guns, flammable items etc. Please take your ladders home or make sure they are locked to your cradle with a heavy chain and lock. The thieves cut through the fence using bolt cutters so small chains and locks on ladders don't stand a chance.

As of now, the holes in the fence have been repaired. It was interesting to note that two boats near my boat were not covered and were not broken into. All ladders not locked have been rounded up and locked together. We found two carts by the Jane Tweed Centre, so now all the carts are locked together. All members have a responsibility to protect their property.

On a more pleasant note, thanks to our Social Director Jeff, with the help of his wife Bev and crew we had a successful New Year's Eve party. Paul Ormandy looked very dapper in black tie as he served martinis from 21:00 until just before midnight when Champagne was served. The next day, they organized the Commodore's Levee. Moose Milk was the drink of choice, prepared by Dawn

Gardham and enjoyed by all attendees. A great start to the New Year.

More good news came via the OSA, advising that the US Coast Guard has stopped its live fire practice on the Great Lakes. No place to hide on the water from a skipping 7.62mm round.

The Board is hard at work planning for the upcoming summer season. We will have a new security system in place and have new lighting for the yard.

See you at the AGM, February 13th. From the AGM, its only 73 days to launch.

Warren Goodyear
October Wind

Vice Commodore

With the mild weather we had earlier this month, I am sure most of you were wondering why we bothered to haul out! Then we had freezing rain and snow to very rudely remind us that we are in Toronto in mid-January.

It was nice to see many of you New Years' Eve and at the Levee. The Moose Milk was once again a big hit at the Levee. I noticed many of you walked and some (Corinne) decided not to tempt fate and brought beer. Both events were most enjoyable and my thanks to Jeff Bubgee (Social Director), his wife Bev and everyone else who helped set up, cook food and clean up. A good time was had by all.

Many of you helped out Membership by working at our Boat Show booth. I was down there on Sunday and thought that our booth looked great. Carrie got a small committee together to spruce up our display and it was very effective.

Darts has been going full swing since November. It is as much fun as it is competitive. I am Team 1, which definitely has no bearing on our standing in the league! We have managed to balance our skills after agreeing

that overall our team is vertically challenged – I focus on the top part of the board while Jim and Jean work the bottom. We may not win a lot, but we generally give the other team a run for their money. What is important is that we are all having fun.

Stewart (Treasurer) and I will be meeting with the City to discuss our lease. As you all know, a Council of Commodores sub-committee (on which Paul Smith sat) negotiated a standard template lease for all Toronto clubs. This was a long process taking almost four years. Paul and I met with City officials in June 2005 to finalize the template and discuss issues particular to our Club that were to appear in an appended Schedule. I received the final lease for signature in Fall 2006 and it bore no resemblance to the document that Paul and I had approved in principal the previous year. After meeting with Paul and Stewart to go over the changes, I prepared a report for the Board. With their permission, I forwarded this information to the Council of Commodores, which has pledged continued support. During this period, I sent two written communications to the City voicing our concern over some of the changes. On both occasions, the response was no further negotiation, just sign and return the lease. It would appear that the collective strength of the Council of Commodores did help, because two weeks ago the City contacted me offering to meet. If time permits at the Annual Meeting in February, I will brief everyone on the outcome of this meeting (if not then, by some other means).

Lori Mason is once again offering a special shopping evening at The Store for LSYC members. The date is 22 Mar 07 from 4 – 8 PM. The Store will be offering extra Boat Bucks points on purchases over \$100 and on select items in the store. Each member will be provided with a goodie bag and an opportunity to win door prizes and bid on a silent auction. Coffee and treats will be served. Please note that this is a cooperative event in which LSYC can raise funds for Club projects through our participation (e.g., silent auction). This is a great opportunity to support The Store and help the Club. A poster is attached to Shorelines. Hope to see many of you at The Store on 22 Mar.

As you are aware, we had two significant incidents of burglary and vandalism the week prior to Christmas and again the following week. In the first instance, it would appear the vandals cut a hole through the fence along the west side of the compound. The second occurrence was less obvious but we believe the offenders came over the north fence. Immediately upon discovery, the police were notified and several Board members (along with our liveboards) made a complete survey of the grounds and all boats. For any boats that appeared to have been compromised, members were immediately notified.

Since the morning of the first break-in, the Board has been actively investigating options and fielding suggestions to reduce the risk of a recurrence. Despite

this being budget time, this was the main topic of discussion at our January Board meeting. I believe we are going to brief members at the Annual Meeting, but I think it is worthwhile letting you know in advance what we have done and are planning to do.

1. increased liaison with local police,
2. contracted for night time security through to 22 Jan and proposing continued staggered evening security until more permanent solutions are in place (note that we tried to get security after the first break-in but none was available until the first week of Jan),
3. contacted the Council of Commodores to inform other Clubs (we are not the only Club who has suffered break-ins),
4. most of the perimeter lighting we had serviced the week before haulout was not functioning after the second break-in and has been repaired with the exception of the south-west light which is not accessible at this time,
5. plans for additional compound lighting,
6. we have been in contact with the service provider for our existing security system; we have received preliminary recommendations and are expecting a final plan and quotation next week; this will focus on the perimeter fence (which may include an upgrade of our existing system),
7. planting nasty thorny plants along our fence line,
8. we are investigating motion alarms/lights that members could purchase and install on their boats,
9. the locking system on the north doors of the clubhouse have been changed; the previous system allowed the doors to be unlocked from inside and they have been found unlocked on many occasions; the new system is a panic bar so they cannot be left unlocked, and
10. consideration is being given to security cameras inside the clubhouse.

Both the police and security companies tell us that if a vandal or burglar wants to get in, they will no matter what security you have in place. We also have a long fence line that is largely hidden from view by the berm that runs along the west and north sides and the field along the east. We are limited in what we can do with the fence line in terms of height (we are at the limit of what City bylaws allow), and although our first inclination is to add barbed wire and electrification, we are not permitted to do that. Many members have suggested cameras in the yard but again, neither the police or security consider this would be worthwhile given the 180 boats in the yard and our lengthy fence line that is almost entirely obscured by the boats. So the Board is looking to solutions that will be most effective at reducing our risk and making us less inviting to vandals. We also need members to do their part. Each of us has a boat in the yard and for most it is a prized possession. Some simple reminders to members that will help:

1. do not leave anything of value on your boat; if vandals find expensive electronics and liquor on the first boat they break into, it is nothing but incentive to go on to the next boat,
2. do not leave flares on your boat over the winter; flares and flare guns were stolen from several boats which is a significant cause for concern to the Club and the police,
3. check on your boat regularly (at least once a week); one suggestion is to get together with owners of the 4 or 5 boats around yours in the yard and share the responsibility of checking on the boats every day or every other day,
4. the clubhouse is open 7 days a week; organize informal socials with your fellow members to watch movies, play cards or darts, have dinner, or watch the hockey game; this increases the presence at the Club, and
5. every time you come down to the club, be vigilant and make a point of looking around and report anything that seems untoward.

I know others will be talking about security in their reports so I apologize for any repetition (think of it as added emphasis).

Hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting on Tues 13 Feb 07 at 7:30 PM. For new members, the focus is on finance with presentation of the auditor's report, the 2007 budget and the long-range plan. Also watch the Club's social calendar for upcoming winter events and don't forget to monitor our website.

Looking forward to sharing a successful and enjoyable 2007 with all of you,

Dawn Gardham
Andante II

Property Director

My first term on the board has been busy already. I should have been Social Director. Jeff is better looking than me, so it's probably for the better he got the job. The main topic of my note here, the past few board meetings, and sure to also be the main topic of the upcoming AGM is security at the club. We've been working with a few ideas, all of which will be proposed to you at the meeting. Some really good ideas were put forth by the members over the past few weeks and some will be completed soon. I would like to stress that we as members are the best security. Firstly, boats should be left empty after haul out. They cannot steal what is not there. If they didn't find any nice items on the first few boats, they would have stopped and gone home. Never mind come back a second time. Secondly, we need to be present at the club more often checking in every now and then, making sure our boat and our club are both secure. We as members are responsible for the security

of our boats. At the meeting you will hear a proposal or two of what we can do. Once this is done, I promise you will see work done asap to upgrade our security. Between now and then, we will have security on site for the late hours.

Alright, enough about security! We have some great projects that we will be building around the club over the course of this year. I look forward to working with any of you who choose to help improve/maintain our club. For those who will not be on building parties (and I do mean parties!), please keep in mind that you can always do your part in maintaining our club by being there, enjoying our club and leaving the club enjoyable for others when you are done.

Mostly I look forward to the great sailing season the wind Gods will treat us to this year.

Sean Furniss
Papillon

Fleet Captain

Not a lot of boaters know exactly what the Fleet Captain does except organize and post race results. True, but the Fleet Captain also organizes cruise weekends and, in consultation with the social director, has input in some social events and organizes on the water events such as Sailpast. The Fleet Captain is also responsible for keeping up to date with sailing organizations like the Canadian Yachting Association, Ontario Sailing Association and the new Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association.

As we all make up the fleet, please remember that the cruising and racing events offer all of our members two things they love to do most – boat and socialize! I would love everyone at LSYC to inquire with me about the cruising weekends. There are 3 or 4 every summer. Of course, there is always the same group of racers that go, however, over the past few years there have been more and more cruisers going with the flotilla. This is a growing segment of the cruising weekend fleet that I would love to see keep growing. In fact, I hope the cruisers will outnumber the racers this year. The best part of the cruise/race? – the BBQ after reaching our destination. This past summer, we even had a lampshade hat competition in which Sue and Mike Yarwood were the overall winners (pictures on the LSYC website – very inspiring).

I would also like to invite any LSYC boater who is interested in sailboat racing on Wednesday nights to drop me a line as the fleet is setting up incentives for anyone interested in trying their hand at racing, including a possible Monday night "Farm Team" series of practice races. All LSYC members should feel free to attend the

fleet committee meeting at the end of February (date TBA) where the plans for the racing and cruising season will be outlined. I hope to see a lot of new faces out.

Please remember, if you aren't interested in racing your own boat there are ALWAYS BOATS LOOKING FOR A CREW. As crew, you don't have to sacrifice the wax job on your hull, supply any snacks or beg your friends to come out racing – all you have to do is be willing to assist with the effective and competitive operation of the boat – you may even learn something. When I started racing as a skipper on Ashé 4 years ago, I didn't know that much about racing a sailboat. Today, well, I still don't know a lot about racing a sailboat but my skills as a boater have improved on a grand scale – the lasting benefit of the race experience.

Club Spirit needs a lot of work – I mean A LOT. The most pressing issue is re-wiring the boat. Please contact me if you have any skills to help out! Thanks to Raymond Rieder and John Plant for building an enclosure so that the re-wiring crew can work in comfort, warmth and dryness. I'm hoping to have the job finished by the end of February so that we can all concentrate on our own boats and I can move on to planning our cruising/race season.

The fleet is always looking for water borne volunteers to help out on *Club Spirit* during the race season. The *Club Spirit* crew is responsible for keeping tabs on the racing fleet and, when it comes to Finish Line action, they have the best seat in the house. There is always a BBQ after Wednesday night racing and for \$5.00 you can have a sausage on a bun and brag about how you were speeding along at 7 knots in only 3 knots of wind, even though you came in last.

Please mark Sunday February 11, 2007 at 2:00pm on your calendars. Sue Ferguson, Gord Zimmerman (yes, there is a relation) and their cat, Whiskers are presenting a travel log of their return trip from Lagoon City Yacht Club (on Lake Simcoe) to Port of Spain, Trinidad on their Seidleman 37. They gave this presentation at a World Cruising meeting and like all World Cruising Club presentations, it was inspiring and made us all a little bit jealous. They will talk about, among other things, what kind of supplies they packed (including the 70 bottles of wine and 40 jars of peanut butter) and what they did and did not need (did need: 70 more bottles of wine – did not need 40 jars of peanut butter).

Hoping to see you all then!

Jennifer Zimmerman
[Ashé](#)

Membership Director

The Toronto Boat Show was a great success! Many thanks to Judy Preston who provided new pictures for the booth and to the many volunteers who represented the club at the booth during the show!

Our membership Open House will be held on February 24th from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Any members interested in being tour guides for the Open House are asked to contact me as soon as possible. We have 10 members waiting for slips for 2007 so any new members joining after the Open House are likely to form a waiting list for slips in 2008.

Several members have changed boats during the last year and over the winter. Please remember to complete the Change of Boat Status form and submit it to me prior to bringing your new boat into the club. If you changed boats recently and didn't submit the form, please do so as soon as possible so I can update the club records prior to invoices being mailed out for 2007 fees.

I would like to maintain a photo record of members and their boats. Please help me by sending me a digital picture of you and your family with your boat so I can get the photo records started. Pictures can be emailed to caroline@chassels.com. No hurry for this, but I'd like to have pictures of all boats and members by the end of this season.

Looking forward to launch!

Carrie Chassels
[Just Magic](#)

Communications Director

There are some new faces on the Board this year, along with a number of returning members. Here is a list of the 2007 LSYC Executive:

Commodore	Warren Goodyear
Vice Commodore	Dawn Gardham
Rear Commodore	Gerald Roloson
Secretary	Christine De Nottbeck
Treasurer	Stewart Rauch
Communications	Alicia Markson
Membership	Carrie Chassels
Harbourmaster	Bruce Patten
Property Director	Sean Furniss
Fleet Captain	Jen Zimmerman
Environment	Jim Badame
Social Director	Jeff Bugbee
Past Commodore	Les McDonald
Webmaster	Dean Brown

Please continue to keep me updated with any changes to your e-mail or postal address.

You may have noticed that the January edition of Shorelines is a little late this month. My apologies, but your Communications Director has been a bit distracted. My husband Joseph and I are thrilled to introduce the newest member of Lakeshore Yacht Club... our daughter Amelia Teresa Markson.



Amelia was born on October 10th 2006, and despite being born so late in the boating season, she did join us on an overnight cruise to Oakville when she was just ten days old. She looks forward to meeting all of you next season.

Alicia Kay-Markson
[Champagne](#)

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Harbourmaster

My beginning of this job has been dominated with an unprecedented number of boat break-ins. I greatly sympathize with the owners who suffered losses and damage and I know the Board is going to improve the security situation at our club.

For club members who would like to accumulate some work hours over the winter, before the boating season even begins, please call or email Gerry Roloson if you

would like to help out and possibly become part of the dock committee.

Several 40 foot steel tubes, to be used for the new long finger docks, arrived at the club recently and a small group will be welding on end caps and deck frames. These will need to be painted with epoxy which will have to wait until somewhat warmer weather, as some tubes painted last winter did not adhere and will have to be repainted. Some other jobs to keep in mind soon and in the near future are:

- a) deck repairs to docks and fingers, which may be done on good winter days if the docks are reasonably ice free
- b) check and empty or replace the black support drums, some time in April or May
- c) installation of safety ladders in April
- d) deck washing, with our new power washers, around launch time.
- e) sanding and painting the dock power boxes, in May or June

In case some of you are wondering(??), I will be bringing the dock assignments up-to-date some time in mid-April. Meanwhile, please leave the board alone since it is mostly correct! I hope that the shifting of boats will be kept to a minimum; however, I can only respond to the needs of the club as a whole and to our new members!

I hope to see some new dock committee members!

Bruce Patten
[Irish Jig II](#)
