



# Shorelines

## Lakeshore Yacht Club

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### From the Commodore

This will be an abridged version of Shorelines intended to get some important information out to members. The reason for the shortened issue is that our Communications Director has just given birth to a new baby girl – Julia. Congratulations to Alicia and Joseph!

One of the most important reminders is **SAILPAST 21 June 2008**. The basic schedule of events is:

- 0900 Coffee and breakfast goodies
- 1000 Ceremony at Clubhouse
  - Introduction of 2008 Board
  - Presentation of Flag Officer burgees
  - Introduction of New Members
  - Presentation of outstanding awards
  - Commodore's Address to Members
  - Blessing of the Fleet
  - Instructions to the Fleet
- 1100 Members to their boats
- 1130 Fleet forms up to begin Sailpast
- 1300 Buffet lunch & Silent Auction

The Phone Committee will be contacting all members regarding the **POTLUCK lunch**. As in past years, sailboat members will bring salads or hot food (for 10) and power boaters will bring desserts (for 10). We will also be having a silent auction. This is the only fund raiser each year to raise money to support our social program. **DONATIONS to the silent auction** will be gratefully accepted. You can drop off prizes with a member of the Board or bring them with you (early) on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The grand prize will once again be one 'pass' on 2009 Annual Dues.

The **GALA OF HOPE**, hosted by Karen Goodyear, will take place on 14 Jun (5 PM start). Our other main charity event this season will be the 7<sup>th</sup> **ANNUAL LSYC CHARITY DAY** on Sunday 10 August. Kay Mountford will be hosting this event. It starts at 2 PM with Dinghy Races (a good chance to get really wet), children's games at 3 PM, potluck dinner at 5 PM, Silent Auction at 6 PM and Giant Poker Hand at 6:30 PM. Please watch the Notice Board for more information as the date approaches.

The next big event will be **GREEK NIGHT** on Fri 27 Jun. Appetizers will be served at 6:30 with dinner at 7 PM. The cost is \$15 per person and tickets are being sold in advance only. There will be live entertainment (Maureen Brown Band). For tickets please contact Ron and Joan at 905-373-4706 or Glenn and Helen at 416-621-4269.

### Council of Commodores

I attended the Council of Commodores' meeting on 2 Jun. There was a presentation on Olympic Fundraising in support of the national sailing program. A publication will be coming out in late Fall this year that covers Canada's Olympic participation in sailing, ParaOlympic sailing and personal accounts of Olympic sailors. Our very own Allan Leibel, former Olympian, contributed to the book. The Club will have a chance to offer the book for sale later this year. The cost will be \$100 BUT the Club gets to keep \$40 of that. More to come in the fall. We had a very interesting presentation on water levels from Environment Canada. Compared to historical data, Lake Ontario is 18 cm above the average and 3 cm above this time last year. Lakes Michigan/Huron are 1 cm above this time last year but still 44 cm below the average. Only Lakes Ontario and Superior are regulated. One very interesting statistic is the evaporation rate off the lakes. Lakes Michigan/Huron average 56 billion US gallons of evaporation per day – yes that is billion and per day! The greatest rate of evaporation occurs during the winter, primarily in January and February (Lakes Michigan/Huron averaged 100 billion gallons per day this past winter). There are two websites with water level information: are [http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/C&A/tidal\\_e.html](http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/C&A/tidal_e.html) and <http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/water/levels/intro.html>.

### The Board

From the Board, there are a few items that we have been discussing. From Membership, our Club is full with about 14 on the waiting list which translates into a 3-4 year waiting period. We still have several members who have not submitted proof of insurance this year. Please note that this is a requirement under our Bylaws and failure to provide proof of insurance imposes risk on the Club and fellow members and will result in loss of

good standing for the defaulted member. From the Harbourmaster and Rear Commodore, launch and stepping went very well. There are a lot of members new to the work parties so we are considering putting together instructional videos on the various aspects of launch, haulout, stepping and unstepping. Gerry and Bruce will be organizing work parties to carry out annual dock maintenance. We have also stored the cradles in a different location in the yard and made use of some wooden fencing to hide them. One important project this year will be constructing an additional mast rack. Last Fall, the yard crew was stretched to its limit in creatively packing the masts into the racks! After some work on the key access control and electronics, the pump is working again.

From Environment, the shrink wrap removal went very well this year. The Garden Committee has been hard at work as everyone can see. Our oil and antifreeze recycle drums have been emptied and cleaned. The OD program is underway although I believe we still need a few more slots filled, particularly on Sunday evenings. We are looking into a better way of collecting our recyclable materials rather than the small bins on the veranda. From Property, the kids' sandbox has been cleaned and refilled. We had to dispose of one of the larger playground items because it was in bad condition and beyond repair. The annual fire extinguisher inspection is complete. I am in discussion with Property and the Vice on the way ahead for our yard lighting. Related to this was a report from Mimico Cruising Club to the Council of Commodores that local residents complained about the yard light intensity at MCC and their Board discovered a municipal bylaw that we will have to keep in mind. We have staff on duty now, 7 days a week, from 0900-1600 (they will be introduced at Sailpast). Repainting of the Great Room is partially complete and with the purchase of scaffolding, this project will be finished soon. Property and the Vice have posted a notice of clubhouse projects they are seeking volunteer participation for. If you are skilled, semi-skilled, handy, a quick learner or willing to work with a bit of supervision, please contact Sean or Peter. We have a beautiful Clubhouse and grounds but they don't maintain themselves!

From Fleet, our cruise/races have been arranged for the season. The first one to EYC on the Victoria Day long weekend was cancelled due mostly to weather but also limited participation. Our Racing Fleet has diminished in numbers this year and we are hoping this is just a lull. Anyone interested in racing, please contact Jennifer Zimmerman. The Fleet does not lack competitive spirit but there is certainly room for the more 'recreational' racer and anyone wanting to learn. From Communications, we are working on making our audiovisual system in the Clubhouse a bit more user-friendly (I know I have to ask Abby to turn on the TV for me!). To date, 13 members have signed up for wireless (\$30/each) for the season. From the Vice Commodore, some of the projects Peter and Sean are coordinating include exterior clubhouse painting, refurbishing the

drain spouts, cleaning up the playground, possibly adding some crushed stone to the yard to minimize dust, and washroom painting. A security board had to be replaced that controlled the A-Frame door and the pumpout. Unfortunately, the new board did not arrive before someone kicked in the A-Frame door which then required repair and replacement of the locking mechanism. Finally, from Social, there are four festive events planned for the summer – Greek Night, Caribbean Night, First of July, and Hawaiian Night. These are in addition to our regular Friday Night BBQs.

### Access Keys

One other issue the Board discussed at its June meeting was that of access keys. We were getting our Visitor Keys together for the season and found that we were down to three Visitor Keys (from about 15). Oddly enough, Visitor Keys are showing up on the security log as being used regularly at all gates, including the main car gate. So, all former Visitor Keys have been disabled. This underlies a larger problem. First, each member is given one access key and may purchase additional keys (e.g., for the Associate Member). If you lose a key, you must purchase another one (\$30) – you don't get your free key replaced with another free key! Secondly, members are not to give out access keys, or the combination code to the gates, to any non-member. We know that some members have several access keys but we have no idea who these have been given to. I draw your attention to Rule & Regulation 3.5 which states that: "All Members are responsible for the security of the Club premises and shall ensure that gates are secured at all times. Members are encouraged to be alert to and report any security breaches or suspicious activity within the Club and on Club docks. Members shall not give the combination to any lock, or loan an access key to any person who is not a member without the written permission of the Board. Members are responsible for the passage of their guest through the security gates."

The Board realizes that there are some instances where the loan of a key to a non-member is required but we need to know who that key is being given to, why and for how long. Two very important points to remember – we as members pay for the right and privileges of access; and, when you give a key to a non-member, you automatically become responsible at all times for that key and the person using it. There is absolutely nothing wrong with Members inviting guests to the Club but you meet them at the gate (or press the button at the OD station). If friends or family (that don't fall under our Bylaws) want regular access, we have a very reasonable Social Membership to cover that. So, if you plan to give a key to a non-member, the Board needs a request (with sufficient justification and details on the individual) in writing. The key is not to be given out until approved by the Board. If you have already given the key out, the request must be submitted and if not approved, you will have to collect the key and report its return to the Board.

## Lakeshore Grounds Coordinating Committee

Pat Ferbyack is our representative on this Committee. Her latest report included the City's consideration of a proposal for an ice skating trail on the grounds north of the Club. It would appear that the proposal is for a running track at the high school that would be flooded in the winter. The cost is \$2M for installation and \$60K annually for operation. The Club's default position on any development of Col Sam Smith Park is to respect the original intent of the Park (park land, natural habitats, wildlife sanctuaries) with the understanding that a park is for the people so there is a need to balance those needs; our additional concerns are for safety, security and the operational logistics of any proposal. The Board feels that it is important for the Club to make our position known through the Committee, but that it should be politically neutral. This is not to say that our members cannot make their stand as private community citizens. Col Sam Smith Park will have a maintenance person this season. There have been reports of vandalism in the park, predominantly in parking lots. This is one reason we are contemplating putting a clear cover over our entrance sign. The Power House will be running a full slate of kids' day camps this summer so we will likely be approached to support the launching of canoes that one camp builds. We have done this for the last three summers and our support is much appreciated

### Wrap Up

Well, it seems that an abridged version of Shorelines meant that I just got to do all the talking! Your support is sought for Club activities such as:

- Fleet Racing and Cruise/Race events,
- Dock work parties,
- Clubhouse maintenance and project work parties (noting that we are focusing on exterior work, finishing some original tasks, and other projects that will prepare the clubhouse for other plans that can be carried out when the weather is not so good), and
- Social Committee events, particularly Friday Night BBQs

I very much look forward to seeing all of you at:

- **SAILPAST** on 21 June – what better way to celebrate the first day of summer! Bring food, family and friends, donations for the silent auction, beverages and good humour,
- Also remember the **GALA OF HOPE** being hosted by Karen Goodyear on 14 June,
- Don't forget to order your tickets for **GREEK NIGHT** on 27 June,
- **FIRST OF JULY** celebration hosted by our Social Committee, and
- **ANNUAL LSYC CHARITY DAY** on 10 August.

On behalf of the Board, have a safe and enjoyable season.

Dawn Gardham  
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