



Shorelines

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From the Commodore

I am finding it hard to accept we are now at the half way point of the sailing season, and we are still waiting for that perfect weekend weather wise. On behalf the executive board and myself I would like to thank all the members who have taken time to build and repair items around the club, in particular, the new equipment in the kiddies' play area, the newly installed glass frontage on the balcony, repainting of the clubhouse Great Room, a long neglected project, and the new home for the recycling bins. These projects have taken a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the members involved, with a very high standard of workmanship that should be added to the praise.

I would ask all members to be on the lookout for items amiss around the club and grounds that require some TLC. Then if this is within your means please try and correct or repair the problem. It could be as simple as a drop of oil to a squeaky hinge, or cleaning up the BBQ area, it all helps in keeping LSYC on an even keel.

A major thank you to all members and visitors who have spoken with me personally expressing appreciation and satisfaction in the refurbishment of the grounds and clubhouse. Many of these thanks go to members of the executive who have dedicated many hours to research, contacting suppliers, contractors, and assembling estimates. I would take this opportunity in expressing our appreciation for the work done by Vice Commodore Caroline Chassels and Property Manager Andrew Heim for bringing many of the memberships' suggestions to fruition.

Sail Past was a great success, with the patio filled to capacity by members and guests. Again, my thanks to all members for coming out and supporting your club. Likewise the Friday night BBQ's have been receiving similar support with an average of 90 meals being purchased most evenings. On behalf of the membership at LSYC, a hearty THANK YOU to those who take on the task of preparing and feeding everyone with some very tasty and sometimes surprising Friday night fare. Also the weekend cruises are getting a lot of support from the members. I understand the Fleet Captain Sean

Furniss will be introducing an incentive to coax even more members out to club cruising excursions.

With the previous comments in mind, and member participation at an all time high, I intend to introduce for want of a better name a "SUPER FRIDAY" in July, August and September. The idea came out of the balcony reopening festivities last month. It was obvious to me that you as members got a great deal of enjoyment from LSYC supplying hot and cold finger foods not to mention wine and beer, prior to the regular Friday Night BBQ. With this in mind, why not do it again for the rest of the summer.

Please mark your calendar starting at 6.30pm on the patio for the following dates:

Super Fridays:

24th July, 2009

21st August, 2009

25th September 2009 (Len Briden Past Commodore may be in attendance on this date)

The new recycling shelter is just about finished, I would ask members to assist in recycling by placing items in the correct storage bin. Deposit returns should be separated, cans from bottles and placed in the appropriate storage container, making the return process to Brewers Retail so much easier for those involved.

Cardboard is a big headache, members need to reduce the bulk by collapsing boxes and cutting down boxes to fit into the disposal container. The city driver will not pick up loose cardboard and no provision has been made to the automated recycling disposal truck for dealing with loose oversized cardboard. All recyclables have to be enclosed within a container and should not be bulging out of the container. Please try and conform, or you'll be creating more work for other members.

Another item brought to my attention is the propping open of the rear back door of the clubhouse for ventilation or convenience. This should be curtailed as much as possible, to discourage wildlife from occupying our clubhouse. There is evidence of raccoons and rodents in the yard and they will create havoc in the clubhouse. A similar door situation exists with the outer washroom doors being propped open. This action is preventing the extract ventilation system from working efficiently in the washroom areas. The extract fans

move the air directly to the outside thereby removing the A/C or heated air from the rest of the building. This directly effects our hydro consumption and the cost of heating or cooling our clubhouse.

Judy and Anthony from the Swan have reached the Azores safe and sound, and send all at LSYC their best regards. At the moment of writing they were setting course for the UK. They are forecasting their return for some time mid August.

As many of you are now aware Warren and Karen Goodyear are once again ensconced back at home port. It is good to see them back at LSYC safe and sound. Shortly we will be bidding bon voyage to Tom and Chris Lacquemont on Polar Pacer. They are embarking on a three year odyssey down south. Roger and Honey Kee are off too, heading south and following the sun. We will miss Iron Jenny at the dock gate. Smooth sailing to all the travelers.

Keep an eye on Humber docks. I would ask all members to keep a vigilant eye open for trespassers or suspicious persons that should not be on the Humber Docks. Three weekends ago two boats moored at this dock had their docking lines untied. Fortunately early risers spotted the boats floating at peculiar angles and investigated.

Work on the men's washroom counters tops will be coming on-stream soon. The showers in both the men's and women's shower rooms will be re-coated and sealed after Haul Out. This will necessitate the closing of the shower rooms for a two week period. This will allow sufficient time for the sealant to cure. John Witter will be taking on this project, overseeing the work in the fall.

Lynn and I hope to find some wind later in August and enjoy time away on Tomcat. We take this opportunity to wish all members an enjoyable summer boating season and hope the worst of the unpredictable weather is behind us, with clear sailing from now on. Thank you again to all members for making this an enjoyable year for me as Commodore.

Peter Tomlin
Tomcat

Vice Commodore

Many thanks to all of the members who have contributed their time and expertise to many property improvements over the past few months! As each year passes, our property matures and volunteers work tirelessly to continue the process of grounds development.

A few notes re: recent and future projects:

- The landscape curbs have been poured and the concrete is curing. Please do not step or walk on the curbs so we can enjoy them for many years to come.
- Some pieces of patio furniture will be returned to the manufacturer for re-design and/or repair.

We're very pleased with the responsiveness of the company and we're confident that we'll be satisfied with their revisions to the design of the square sets and the repair of the cracked board on one of the picnic tables

- With regard to the patio furniture... it is made of cedar and some care should be taken to promote its longevity. Please wipe off your table when you have enjoyed a meal or perhaps spilled a drink. If we all take care to wipe off the tables, everyone will enjoy their continued use. Also, when moving the chairs along the patio, please lift and carry rather than pull the chairs along the interlocking. Scraping the chairs along the stones might promote premature loosening of the joints or cracks in the bottoms of the legs.
- Smoking at LSYC is something that a few of us enjoy on the property (myself included!). Please consider non-smoking members and avoid smoking in the covered veranda areas (i.e. the porch beside the patio and on the wheelhouse balcony), especially when weather is pleasant and cover isn't needed. Also, while most members do deposit their cigarette butts in the receptacles, many butts are found on the patio and in the gardens. Please use the containers.
- We are in the process of getting quotes for work to redirect the water flow on the clubhouse roof and it's likely that new eaves troughs and re-directed downspouts will be installed this summer.
- We are also in the process of getting quotes for landscape and path lighting.

That's all I can think of for now. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to share your thoughts with me.

Caroline Chassels
Just Magic

Property Director

I would like to personally thank everyone who has stepped up to volunteer their time on the many projects that have been on the go around the clubhouse so far this year. It is only through the ongoing volunteer efforts of our membership that we are able to maintain our club and improve on the already great place that we all enjoy. Please remember to submit your work hours for any time spent on these projects. Work chits can be placed in the Property mail slot for signing and I will then leave the yellow copy in the mailbox for you to pick up after. When using the new BBQ's, please ensure that there is water in the lower drip trays to prevent flare ups and when finished verify that the pilot burner is also turned off. Also, please use the available brushes to clean the grills off for the next member. Members who plan on being away from the club for longer periods, and even overnight, are asked to kindly

sign out on the board by the OD desk and please write your slip number beside your boat name. Every year we are becoming an increasingly popular location for visiting boaters and the staff and Officer of the Day need to know which slips are available for visitors.

Please join me in welcoming David Franczak as our newest staff member. David will be working around the clubhouse and yard on various projects during the week, so if you see him say "Hello".

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable remainder to their boating season and maybe we'll even get some summer weather.

Andrew Heim
Maroca II

Environment Director

Garden Committee

In case you haven't noticed, our lakeside patio is looking better than ever, with the addition of the new furniture and curbing, and the ever-maturing appearance of our surrounding gardens. Our active band of landscape artists have continued to amaze and delight both members and visitors alike on all sides of the clubhouse, as well as along the drive-in approach to the clubhouse. But be careful; those "box" gardens dotting the parking lot may be hard to spot if you are being less than attentive on the drive in or out.

It takes a lot more than "...silver bells and cockleshells, and pretty maids all in a row" to make these gardens grow. Be sure to voice your compliments when you see any of our gardeners sprucing up their striking allotments.

Officer of the Day Program

A very grateful THANK YOU goes to all members who signed-up promptly for this summer's OD program. As of time of writing, we have filled all but 36 days on the schedule. However, there are over one hundred members who have not selected at least one duty (you are permitted a maximum of 2). Besides reading it here, those members will be receiving a personal reminder via e-mail. Unfortunately, it has become necessary to monitor the schedule carefully to ensure that all members fulfill their responsibility re Regulation 10.1. Thanks go to Gary Notar, our Officer of the Day Coordinator, for his assistance in doing this. So if you are one of those who have yet to sign up, the available dates include: July 26, August 5, 19, 21, 23,30, September 6,7,10,27,29,30. October: all evenings until Haulout (this page was kept aside until the dates of Haulout were confirmed) for a total of 36 days duties.

The sign-up calendar sheets are usually kept at the front of the O.D. Binder, which is kept at the O.D. desk. Enter your full name and telephone number on the selected date. For a short while, you may find the October sheet

posted on a notice board by the desk, since it was made available just a short while ago.

When arriving for your duty, be sure to sign in on the single-page form allocated for your duty. This form, along with all pertinent information, including details of the specific duties, is found in the O.D. Binder. Remember, this form must be completed and signed in order for you to get credit toward your work hours.

As well, you are reminded that, once you sign up for the duty or duties, you are responsible for ensuring that each duty is done, whether it is by yourself, or by another member with whom you have made an arrangement. Failure to do so will result in a fine (Regulation 10.3), as well as the loss of the four work hours per duty. If you have been counting on the reminder call made by the previous duty officer, for various reasons, this call may not come; so be sure to make a note on your own appointment calendar (electronic or otherwise).

Since there are so many members who have not signed up for the relatively few remaining duties, it is unlikely that members will be given the opportunity to do more than two duties, as has been the practice in the past.

Should you wish to see the O.D. Schedule when away from the clubhouse, note that it is available on-line on the Club website, in the Members' section.

Recycling

Thanks also go out to Commodore Peter Tomlin for his significant efforts to improve the physical organization to support our recycling programs. You no doubt have seen the conversion of our former notice board by the grass garden into a recycling hut specifically for the blue box program. If others have been involved, I thank you too, but I've seen and spoken to only Peter on the site of the renovation.

That has freed up the existing recycle hut to be used specifically for the garbage bin and the liquid waste drums. By the time you read this, one set of drums should have been moved to the south side, allowing for more space to slide the yellow containment lids back sufficiently to access the drum funnels more easily. Now, I would expect that there should be no excuses why your anti-freeze and/or oil cannot be put directly into the appropriate drum.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD OPEN CONTAINERS OF OIL OR ANTIFREEZE BE LEFT BY THE DRUMS. EMPTY THEM INTO THE APPROPRIATE DRUM.

This cannot be emphasized enough as shown by a recent event wherein the current excessive rainfall entered an open container of oil left beside the hut. With oil being less dense than water, the water filled the bottom of the container, causing the oil to rise and spill

out of the container onto the surrounding soil. All it took was one thoughtless act to create a significant environmental event.

Also, we recently did encounter some difficulty in recycling the oil when it was discovered that one drum contained a large portion of diesel fuel. Apparently, this presents a problem when they do whatever-it-is-that-they-do with the used oil. ☺ So remember, when it says USED OIL on the signs, it means used oil, and when it says USED ANTIFREEZE, it means used antifreeze! All other recyclable materials should be removed from Club property and taken to an appropriate recycling depot.

And finally, about three years ago we purchased a large, green, wheeled recycling bin for the purpose of collecting bottles and cans that could be returned to The Beer Store (TBS), with the refunds being returned to support Club activities. When wine and liquor bottles were added to the list of containers which are refundable at TBS, the task became a significant one. At this time, we are looking for a small group (or one very dedicated member) to assume responsibility for carrying on this program. Work hours will be given as with any other Club job. If you or your group are interested, call me at 905-855-9151 or e-mail to jabadame84@yahoo.com.

Jim Badame
Esprit

Communications Director

The 8th Annual LSYC Charity Day will be held on Sunday August 9th. This year's recipient is the Dorothy Ley Hospice in Etobicoke.

2pm - Dress up Dinghy Run

3:30pm Children's Games

5pm - Potluck Dinner

6pm - Silent Auction

6:30pm - Giant Poker Hand

If you are looking for Work Hours or you would simply like to help out with this fun day, please contact Kay Mountford at (905) 275-8496.

A note from the LSYC Regalia Committee... Thanks to all for the enthusiasm. You'll notice many happy members clad in this year's smart attire. We have placed three significant orders thus far this season and are in the process of placing a fourth one. If you would like to order our micro jackets, micro fleeces, sport polos, spring vests, sweaters, sweat shirts, wicking sport shirts and tee shirts or caps, the time to order is now. Please contact us at grahamt@sympatico.ca or see Graham Twomey or Lydia Kreuk on Jam (A29) or leave a note in the Regalia box to place your order. We'd be happy to show you our in-stock items; as well, there is a catalogue of items at the O.D. station.

The Blind Sailing Association of Canada (a not for profit organization dedicated to providing programs which

enable blind and vision impaired people to participate in the sport of sailing) is looking for experienced volunteers with a passion for sailing and an interest in sharing this passion with others. If you can provide your time, they can provide the boat, equipment and a great experience. The Association is moored at Marina Quay West in downtown Toronto. To learn more, please contact David Greenwood at 416 489 6153, or send a message to DavidGreenwood@rogers.com.

You can also log onto their website www.BlindSailing.ca

And finally, a reminder from our Treasurer to members who have provided post-dated cheques that they will be cashed on August 1, 2009.

Alicia Markson
Lake House

Social Director

Sailpast was once again a success thanks to all members who helped in the kitchen and also brought goodies from their own kitchens. I would like to thank Frank Cairns for organizing the silent auction and Wendy McDonald for helping as well.

The fleet has had two cruise weekends this year so far. The first long weekend in May was a 3 day cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club. On Sunday night we had a grand feast of stuffed pork loin, salads and homemade mini cupcakes for dessert! The members at EYC were noticeably jealous. On the weekend of July 4/5 we had a record number of cruisers and racers over to the Toronto Hydroplane Club in Ashbridges Bay. The wind was great both days and we feasted on thick, juicy striploin steaks for \$5 and a great potluck. Thanks to our grillers, Karl Janzer and Paul Ormandy.

Friday night BBQs are becoming more and more popular. This year has been exciting with different members contributing their culinary talents to host a different selection every Friday. I hope to see more volunteers out for the BBQs as more help is desperately needed to feed the growing number of diners. Please keep in mind that BBQs are run by LSYC volunteers. If you need work hours and are handy on the grill just show up on a Friday night and talk to the person in charge (they are usually the person running around with their hands in the air yelling 'dinner will be ready in a second').

Reminders of upcoming Social events (aka Parties):

- August 8: Lady Skippers Race
- August 15/16: Cruise to Hydroplane Yacht Club Steak BBQ and potluck (\$5)
- August 29/28: Cruise to Bronte Yacht Club – Dinner TBA

Jen Zimmerman
Ashe