



Shorelines

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From the Commodore

As the summer unfolds, all our hard work over the winter and spring is paying dividends. The gardens look fantastic, many thanks to the garden committee and anyone else who has thrown their green thumb into the mix. We have received many compliments from visiting boaters and guests.

Our docks are in good shape. We do have a little work to do on them over the next couple of months, including 5 more dock extensions. These extensions will be installed on outside fingers and they will extend existing 36 foot fingers out to 48 feet. In addition to the extensions, we have been working with the TRCA in our quest to move "B" spline 48 feet to the west. We have submitted our request and should be receiving a letter of approval to go-ahead shortly. Once we have their approval in hand, we can order the chain, build the two 48 foot main sections and bring in the contractor to install the anchor bolts.

The club has purchased a TIG welder and we plan on building a new access ramp for the main dock. This should be completed by the time we move the "B" spline and will make a nice improvement to the old ramp that has served us well.

Speaking of being served, if you have not attended one of our Friday night BBQ's you are really missing out on a great social outing. Our social team is doing an outstanding job of putting a great meal together at a very reasonable price. For everyone to enjoy these meals, I would like to remind members and guests that smoking is not allowed on the veranda or under covered structures at the club. We have placed green cigarette receptacles around the perimeter of the patio and would ask smokers to use these to dispose of their cigarette butts. Let's keep the gardens and patio clean and tidy.

As many of you know, most of the clubs around the lake have been battling proposed tax increases and LSYC is among them. We have been assessed again and it has resulted in a 500% increase in our property value. This could result in a considerable tax increase, from 11K a year to 55k, or roughly an increase in fees of \$250.00 per membership. We are contributing financially to the

appeal process that a number of Toronto clubs are pursuing. The board will continue to keep you informed of any updates.

On a much more pleasurable subject - Sail Past. I think we were blessed by the weather gods. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work at making our 20th Sail Past such a success. A very special thank you to Carrie Chassels and her committee for all their hard work in organizing the various events that kept us entertained all weekend. Another group that outdid themselves was the 20th Anniversary Cookbook Committee. What a fantastic keepsake for the club and it's members.

For our members that enjoy cooking at the club, you will be happy with the new stoves and microwave ovens. We will be upgrading the island counter top and adding a new back splash and in the fall, the kitchen floor will get a makeover. If anyone has any new ideas or suggestions that will improve our club, please do not hesitate to contact the board.

Take the time and enjoy our wonderful club and get to know your fellow members. Have a great summer, I'll see you around the club.

Gerald Roloson
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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 regarding recent and future projects:

- The new ovens and microwaves have been installed thanks to Jim Lewis, Sheldon Street, Gerry Roloson, Tony Wong, and Tom Jordan.
- With thanks to Mladen Popovic, Sharon Neilson, and Jim Lewis, we have installed a charcoal

barbecue area behind the gas barbecue structure. Members are asked to bring their own charcoal and to make sure that they keep the barbecue clean. Please dispose of the ashes in a safe manner.

- New fridges have been purchased for the club. Replacing the fridge in the kitchen was a challenge as there seems to be only one manufacturer of an 'all fridge' unit that hinges on the left as required by our kitchen layout. We now have a fridge for use by the social committee in the locked storage space beside the kitchen. Members should note that while the fridge in the kitchen is available for short-term use by members, any item left in the fridge that does not have a label identifying its owner will be disposed of every Monday and that any item not labeled will, at any time, be considered 'up for grabs' for any member who wants to consume it.
- The next phase of the kitchen upgrades will involve replacement of the sink and taps under the window to a one-sink model that accommodates the washing of larger items like pots and serving trays. The floor will be refurbished during the off season.
- We have been very fortunate to have excellent staff at LSYC and we are particularly fortunate this year. It's important to all of us that the staff feel appreciated and are happy to be employed at LSYC. One thing that members can do to help in this regard is to resist temptations to provide direction to staff. If you can imagine, it can become quite overwhelming to have 185 people asking you to do various tasks and giving 'advice' as to the best way those tasks should be accomplished. If you have any direction to provide to staff, please communicate through me or Jim Lewis. We ask that all direct communication between staff and members be limited to positive feedback.

Many thanks for a great Anniversary Weekend!

Gerry and I sent an earlier email thanking most of the people who contributed to the weekend but I want to repeat my thanks in this first post-anniversary Shorelines and I also want to mention some people that I neglected to thank earlier.

All of the events were well attended with more than 160 served at Friday's Fish Fry, well over 200 in attendance on Saturday for the Sailpast festivities, an energetic crowd at the dance on Saturday night, over 100 for Sunday breakfast, 14 boats racing for the Commodore's Cup, and an excellent turn out for the wine and cheese wrap up Sunday afternoon. In addition, members were very generous in donating items for the Silent Auction that raised more than \$1300.

We would like to extend special thanks once again to members who contributed to the weekend:

Anniversary Committee:

Dee Vanzon, Vera Taylor, Karl Janzer, Alice Wong, John Witter, Warren Goodyear, Sharon Neilson, Jim Wilkinson, Graham Twomey, Ed Dumanski, and Gabriela Homm

Commemorative Cookbook:

Brayden Woods, Gerald Mullis, Kat Bromley, Lynn McFerran, and Susan Gregson

Garden Fountain:

Karl Janzer, Sharon Neilson, Jim Wilkinson, and Ben Sutton

Food Services Leadership:

Dee Vanzon, Vera Taylor, Karl Janzer, Alice Wong, Linda Geerling, Bobby Fraser, Elizabeth Fraser, and Theresa Patten

The Fabulous Showpiece LSYC Anniversary Cake:

Jennifer Zimmerman

Anniversary Weekend Nametags:

Valerie Hughes

The Saturday Night Dance:

George Romani, Marilyn LaChance, and Dana Balyk

Commodore's Cup:

Sheldon Street, Jim Lewis, John Wiltshire and fleet committee

Blessing of the Fleet:

Diane Clark

Also, please join us in thanking the LSYC staff who were a great help: Taryn, Sophie, and Mina.

If you haven't already viewed pictures of the weekend, you can see some on Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/chassels/

In response to requests from members, Diane Clark has kindly provided some of the text from her blessing of the fleet:

Everything I Need to Know About Life, I Learned from Noah's Ark

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. ! It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were onboard with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Sailor's Paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm

**The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.
He lighteth me across the dark waters.
He steereth me through deep channels.
He keepeth my log.
He guideth me beneath stars of his goodness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempest of life,
I shall dread no danger, for thou art with me;
Thy love and thy care, they shelter me.
Thou preparest a harbour for me in the homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waves with blessing
My ship rideth calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,
And I will rest in the port of God forever.**

From <http://www.missiontoseafarers.ca>

Thank you, Diane!

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.

Cheers, and happy boating!

Carrie Chassels
Just Magic

Rear Commodore

Good Morning LSYC!!

I heard the weather was slow to start this season, but I must say it's been great for me while I've been here for the past 3 weeks. While I've been away many great things have been happening around our club. LSYC has many great attributes, and this is essentially the pure reason why we grow to be a great club. Our integrity, and our values will allow us to be one of the best clubs on the lake.

Having said that, there are a few items to address.

During the July 1st weekend there were instances of safety flares being fired off from our docks. Putting the legal issues aside (and yes, it is against the law), I hope that when the Coast Guard or Police need to save you, they're not answering the safety flare that was sent up erroneously by some ignorant individual. Please do not endanger others for your own enjoyment.

Secondly, and what seems to be getting worse, are the cars that are parking in the handicap area. I have witnessed individuals parking there that should not be. Of all the simple rules that we should follow, one of the easiest, and deserving is this. Please allow the people that need these spots to use them. I hope that our membership is made up of the good sorts that would not abuse these privileges, and put another member out of place.

On the brighter side, as I type this, our fellow members are enjoying themselves racing around the lake in a gruelling, grudging Lake Ontario 300. They are representing us well, and kicking butt around the lake. I wish them all well, and thank them for doing so well at representing our club. Good on everyone of you for giving it a shot, and god speed.

Sailpast was excellent and I think huge kudos need to go out to everyone involved. It was a great weekend had by all. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.

If anyone is looking for work hours, please drop me an email at seanfurniss@bell.blackberry.net. Our club is built by our membership and that will always include you. You, and solely you, are an important cog in what makes this club LSYC.

I'd like to thank Don Reid for doing an outstanding job as Harbour Master and Sheldon Street at doing a great job as Fleet Captain. I invite everyone to view the good job he has done with the website for the racing section on our LSYC website. If everyone is aware you're all welcome to join into racing, why haven't you already? I've never needed a reason to sail.

By the way, I'm going to beat Ashe on Wednesday and I invite everyone to come down and watch the devastation.

Please continue to have a great season and respect your fellow members.

Sean Furniss
Sierra Tango
B77

Membership Director

After welcoming 8 new wet members in the spring, we are still bringing in 2 more this week!

Inquiries about joining our Club keep coming. I won't bother saying that we are the best club on the Lake, as we all know that. One of the elements that makes us who we are is the self help principle. By all of us working together to keep the Club maintained and upgraded, we keep our costs down and also create this great community. The atmosphere around the Club seems to be what attracts so many new members to our gate.

Since we have such a high demand, we do keep building up a waiting list. It is very difficult to tell people when they can move their boats in to the Club, as we never know how many openings we will have. If you yourself have plans that don't include being in the water next year, please let us know. Then it is easier to plan with the new members.

For new members reading this, again...welcome to our community. Don't hold back, introduce yourself and join in the fun and the work!! It is a good way to get connected.

Happy boating this summer, keep safe and have fun.

Jim Malcolm
Blue Tango

Property Director

All right, we have had a great start to the season, many races and cruises, and the gardens are looking great. Many thanks to Gerry, Tony and Tom for their work on the microwaves. Thanks to Cor for the work on the interlock by the a-frame. Still need to get some folks to do some work in the junior sailing program area. I can't order more road mulch or screening until the existing is spread. There is a new charcoal BBQ behind the existing BBQ area. Thanks to Mladen and his team for putting an area in, and to him and Carrie for sourcing

and getting a CHARCOAL BBQ/SMOKER! BOOYA! Still lots of work to do, and I will start to post work on the YOUR CLUB WANT'S YOU wall, which is right beside the women's washroom.

I'm not sure how many of you know that Sharon Neilson is ill, but as she is the head of the garden committee, we may need some help looking after her stuff. Let me know if you want to help. If something is dying, water it. (Especially the ones by the garden shed and by the back storage unit). Remember people, this is a self help club, the only way to keep it respectable is to do something about messes and cleanup after yourself.

Keep the wind in your sails!

Jim Lewis
Water Doctor

Harbourmaster

Hello All,

What magnificent weather. I just spent the day on the lake which was about 10 degrees cooler than landside, so everybody, the way to be cool, is to be out on your boat.

There is not a lot to report at this time as most aspects of my bailiwick are trouble free. As mentioned in the last issue of Shorelines we hope to commence work, in the fall, on the major undertaking of moving B dock a bit closer to Mississauga. In this regard we await final approval from the City of Toronto.

Thank you to members who assisted on the docks in the dark days of winter and for members' cooperation with respect to boat parts protruding over the main docks.

I would request that members who plan to cruise away from the club, even for one night, sign out at the OD desk. This small task will assist staff to assign visitors a slip and hopefully avoid inconvenience to the members concerned.

I wish you all a sailing season full of joy and good cheer,

Don Reid
Will Power

Environment Director

Earlier this year Ontario Sailor magazine published a short article labelling Toronto as Canada's worst water polluter. The magazines staff had badly misinterpreted data in an international report on water discharges to the environment. I wrote a letter correcting the misinterpretation that was published in the next issue.

After this incident it occurred to me that some club members may be interested in knowing a little more about how our Lake is being protected from our discharges; here is what we do.

There are two major sorts of discharges into the lake that can have serious impact. These are storm water (that I wrote about recently in Shorelines) and sanitary sewer waste-water.

The big problem with sanitary waste-water is not that it can't be made harmless with natural decay processes that happen in the environment. The real problem is there would be much too much of it in particular locations if we were to do nothing. In these locations the food/nutrient content could easily overwhelm the normal natural aerobic decay process. If this happens fish, weed and algae will all die due to the reduced oxygen levels in the water.

We avoid having this happen by accelerating the growth of masses of natural micro-organisms in treatment plants by blowing lots of air through the water. By doing this the food/nutrient content is almost completely removed (eaten) by the regular natural micro-organisms in about 6 hours. Of course we also have a lot more natural organisms that we just grew in the treatment process but discharge of the treated water is ok to do and we have a lot smaller amount of material to deal with by other treatment processes or incineration, landfill or soil conditioning.

The only additional thing we need to do to waste-water entering inland waters is to control phosphorus levels in the discharges. All living things, us included, need the phosphorus to make energy in our cells. We remove the phosphorus from the waste-water by using iron or aluminum salts to make the phosphorus settle out (with the regular organisms) before the water is discharged. Phosphorus levels in Lake Ontario are now quite low as a result of these treatment measures coupled with greater care by farmers when using phosphate fertilizers and disposing of animal farming wastes. Some biologists have even suggested the fishery in the Lake might be a lot more productive if we weren't as effective at controlling phosphorus as we are now.

It does take both skill and technical understanding coupled with work effort to thoroughly treat our waste-waters both smoothly and economically while properly maintaining our plants. Our City staff take great pride in doing just that. All of us can and should share in this pride.

Happy (unpolluted) sailing.

Tony Edmonds
Tautomer

Social Director

S-O-S! Calling all members "on deck" for Friday BBQ and Social Events.

You have all enjoyed the Friday barbecues and special functions. The 15 or so dedicated individuals who have made these enjoyable events possible are near the brink of exhaustion. We need more help or the regular Friday meals will have to be discontinued. We have a real shortage of people willing to sign up ahead of time. I encourage more members to volunteer to cater or help with a regular Friday barbecue. We are a self help club. Why not get a team together and put on a simple meal. Remember that even sausages and hamburgers taste marvellous after a busy week if someone else cooks them for you! The Social Committee members will advise and assist you in making it a smooth operation. It is a great way to meet people, get job satisfaction and appreciation of your work! LSYC members really enjoy their food! As an additional bonus, you even get credited with work hours! For advice or information on hosting a Friday BBQ, contact me at lsyc.social@gmail.com or 905-731-1968.

Hats off to Sharon Neilson for organizing such an enjoyable and successful Art & Crafts Show in April. Also, a sincere thank you to: Steve Fuller and his friend for live jazz entertainment, Dana Balyk for D.J., and members who brought delicious appetizers and treats for the event.

Feeding the hungry crews at Launch and Mast Stepping went smoothly this year. Thanks to the efforts of the Social Committee and the volunteers who worked hard for the three days. Despite the howling winds, our members were kept warm and energized from the delicious meals, desserts, munchies and drinks prepared by the kitchen crew.

For Sail Past and 20th Anniversary events, please read our Vice Commodore's report.

On behalf of all the hungry boaters, I would like to thank those members who have hosted or helped in the Friday barbecues, especially (in alphabetical order), Bob & Liz Fraser, Dee, Frank & Garnet Vanzon,, Gary Notar for his two "Wally Nights", Les & Wendy McDonald, Linda Geerling, Ros Eadie & Tony Edmund, Vera Taylor & Karl Janzer. A special thank you to Graham Mackey, the "conscripted volunteer" who stepped in on my behalf when I was unable to be at the

club. Big shouts out to our social members volunteers: Anita Larwill, Dana & Kelly Balyk, Joni De Angelis, Stellios Missirlis who helped with the set up and cleanup of these events. All meals have all been greeted with much enthusiasm by those who attended.

Friday, August 5th, 12th, & 19th BBQ – Waiting for YOU to host the BBQ.

Friday, August 26th – Super Friday BBQ & Karaoke. Come and sing your heart out after the BBQ.

Just a reminder that the price for Friday BBQ is: Members \$5.00 and Non-members \$10.00. With the balmy sunny weather, we hope to see you all in our future Friday BBQ and other social events. Check our club's web calendar or the Social Board for updates of events.

Alice Wong
Nostramo

Fleet Captain

Due to Sheldon's overwhelming summer racing schedule he asked me to throw in a couple of things:

- In the competition/yacht section of the website there is loads of information on the racing and cruising activities of the Club, you are encouraged to take a look. There is also a place to register for the cruises.
- Sheldon is looking for someone to step forward and help him out as a cruise coordinator. If interested, please put a note in his mail box at

the Club or send him a line through mail@lsyc.com.

- The ever popular cruises are listed on the calendar on the website. Please remember to sign up on the signup sheet near the washrooms so that there will be a slip and steak waiting for you the other end. The next one is the weekend of August 13 and 14th to Highland YC. My fav, btw.
- Boats are always looking for crew and the race committee is always looking for help on Wednesday night's race night. Come on down for 5:30.

Tony Rumball for Sheldon Street
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Communication Director

Hi All, I hope you're enjoying the great weather, I know I am. Denise and I are on track to meeting our plan of getting out sailing 40 times this summer! Woo hoo!

As always feel free to send or get any information via mail@lsyc.com. See you at the Club or on the cruisers, have a great second half.

Tony Rumball
October Wind

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