



Shorelines

Lakeshore Yacht Club

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From the Commodore

When I start seeing ads for the Exhibition I know summer is coming to an end. Much too quickly for me. On a personal level I have hardly used the boat this year and do not see a big trip in the near future. My schedule has not even allowed me to attend the Friday night barbecues or even our Saturday events. I have heard through the grapevine that we keep surpassing expectations; a big thank you to our social committee and everyone that has come out to give a hand.

Our social events are a great opportunity for members to meet and I would like to invite all our new members to attend the many social functions hosted by the Club. We have had an exceptional turn over in our membership this year and I would like to say thank you to our departing members for all their hard work over the years. Please don't be strangers and do come back and visit us.

LSYC continues to be the club of choice for many boaters, resulting in a healthy wait list. In an effort to maximize our available water space we are going ahead with a plan to expand our west dock area, known as the Humber Docks. This is money well spent and will create an additional revenue stream for the club. We are expecting delivery of our new dock sections in August and this will be an opportunity for members to get involved with dock building. I have a list of members who expressed an interest in lending a hand on this project and I will send out an email when we are ready to build. If you'd like to join us, send me an e-mail or give me a call.

This new revenue stream will help us offset the increase in property taxes that we were assessed this year. As most of you know, MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) has assessed most of the yacht clubs in the Greater Toronto Area at a high commercial rate even though we are

located in a park. We are appealing this on a couple of levels with nine other clubs. On one front we appealed the tax increase with the City of Toronto. An initial hearing took place in July and we are currently awaiting a decision. The other front is an appeal of the actual assessment that MPAC made. This appeal will most likely take place in the fall and our legal representation feels that we have a good case and should see some reduction in our property taxes. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Regardless of what we have to pay in rent or property taxes, I think we have a diamond in the rough. With the help of Joe Calico and friends, we are turning some of that rough into beautiful landscapes. We have a great facility and beautiful grounds; with the help of our membership let's try and keep it looking beautiful. I ask our membership to take a moment and "pick it up, put it away, or put it back where you got it from". Let's enjoy the facilities and the rest of our boating season.

See you on the water, hopefully.

Gerald Roloson
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Rear Commodore

What a wonderful summer. I'm just starting my withdrawal from spending nearly a solid month on the boat. From puzzling about problems with existing equipment, to being forced to "read" the installation instructions for new gear. It has an exciting and busy summer. I certainly appreciate my time off with the family. This year we finally returned to Kingston where my wife and I met 16 years ago, and cruised the 1000 Islands with our kids. Even with our deep draft, we had no

problems. We simply had to keep a close eye on the chart plotter, depth sounder, and to be comfortable with your anchor system.

The club also grew the first 3 new little “social sailing” boats. While completely in-line with the original concept, the little siren 17’s have proven to be quite a popular success. To date we have spent less than half of the allotted budget for starting the program. I’ll start focusing my efforts to round off the fleet by looking for some end of season bargains. This will be a whole new aspect of the club, and I am excited to see it flourish.

As with every year, members should start to wonder about getting in their hours. There is new dock construction coming up, as well as a host of other work to be finished, well before hauling. Pay attention to club emails, and posting, and never be afraid to ask me for something to do.

Brayden Woods
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Membership Director

It was great to see so many of our new members at this year’s Sail Past.

We also had a great turnout of new and more senior members at our Meet and Greet Sunday Breakfast. Information on obtaining work hours was presented and new members had a chance to become acquainted with each other and make friends with seasoned members. A special thank you to the members of the executive and to the membership committee who helped to make this event a success. And a very special thank you to Jennifer Denelzen and Dee Vanzon for organizing and cooking a terrific pancake breakfast.

Our fobs are an important part of our club’s and your boat’s security system. If you have lost a fob, or have shared a fob with someone, who is not a member, and have not had it returned, please contact me to have the fob disabled. Please keep your fobs safe and do not share them with non-members.

A reminder to new social and wet members, social members are required to do 20 work hours and wet members 35 work hours. Work hours must be completed by November 30th to count for the 2012 season. Work hours not done will be charged at

\$50.00 an hour. Please also note, don’t wait for haul-out thinking that you will get all your hours at that time. You will probably end up being short hours.

Now is the time to get involved with the social programs, officer of the day program, charity day, gardening, dock repair and building, and property maintenance. Remember, hours done by both you and your spouse/partner count toward your hours.

We will resume interviewing prospective members in September for the Spring 2013 season. If you know of someone who wants to join as either a social or wet member, please have them download a membership application form off of our web site, it is under membership, and either mail it in or drop it off at the club and put it in the membership mailbox.

With summer half over, we are having one of the best boating seasons ever. Wishing you all smooth sailing and happy boating.

Pam Sims
Blue Light

Property Director

SUMMER ! –it ain’t over yet.

There is always something to do at the LSYC. Many thanks to our newest members who have offered their support for Property chores.

We have just received the dock tubes and hardware and will start the construction soon. Gerry will coordinate those that show an interest this project over the coming weeks.

I will also post work tasks on the board located in the hallway of the washroom area. If you have any questions you can call my cell at 416-277-2839 or email me at Benjaminsutton49@gmail.com

Happy Cruising and Racing – Ben

Ben Sutton
Lady in Red

Harbourmaster

A new ramp has been built and the drill barge has finally arrived, so it looks like people on B-Dock may have to update their GPSs to reflect the move westward come launch! This expansion will necessitate some dock reassignments, affecting mostly boats which can then be accommodated on the inside, as there are a few larger vessels coming into the club this year. On that note, if you came into two-foot-itis at this year's boat show, please forward a Boat Change request to the Board on or by March 15, which is also the Club's invoice due date. After this date, dock assignments may be finalised. You can find a printable form in the Members area of the website and blank forms are also available in the Harbourmaster's mail slot behind the OD desk at the Club.

A reminder that the dock work parties always have something that could use another pair of hands, so don't be shy.

John Wiltshire
[VAGABOND](#)

Social Director

We've had a great summer so far, thanks to the support of the many individuals who have contributed their time and skills to the benefit of all LSYC members. Attendance at Friday BBQ's has averaged 100+ members. It's not a numbers competition but more people means more fun.

We've had a rainbow of menus including pasta, roast pork, souvlaki, sausages, hamburgers, steaks, lemon chicken, and Indian food.

Please join me in recognizing those individuals who have volunteered to host Friday evenings so far this summer, they've really put the "help" in self-help:

Gary Notar
Les & Wendy McDonald
Chris & Bruce Penn
Anita Larwill
Elaine Matzko
Joni de Angelis
Peter Tomlin
Alice Wong

And thanks to the members, friends, and families who supported each of these leaders.

And I must add the ever supportive Dee Vanzon who always seems to be there to advise and help out.

Indian Night:

The fabulous dishes at Indian Night received high praise; many of us (moi) judged them to be equal in quality to any of the best Indian restaurants in the GTA. Here are the cooks who prepared the wonderful dishes:

Lynette Pinto
Peter Tomlin
Jim Malcom
Rommel D'Sousa
John Witter
Alice Wong
Ros Eadie

Upcoming Events:

Murder Mystery Night at LSYC
25 August - Saturday

This should be really good. A whodunit while you eat – high crimes at LSYC, murder no less! Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, wine and a professional theatrical experience blended right into the evening. Don't miss it.

Tickets (\$27.00) available from Dee Vanzon (deevanzon@hotmail.com), 416-888-3690.

7 September - Friday Salmon evening returns

As always, for an accurate, up-to-date schedule of Social events, all events will be posted on the LSYC online calendar at www.lsy.com. Please check frequently.

One more thing:

Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you to the clean-up volunteers who have come forth for every event and helped make the whole the evening a pleasant and painless experience for the cooks and servers.

To communicate with the Social Committee:

lsyc.social@gmail.com

Graham Mackey
[Nostramo](#)

Communication Director

I regret to inform my fellow Power Boaters that I have opted to repair the damage caused by the "perfect storm" (not by my rumoured incompetence) and put my mast back on and rejoin the sailors. My apologies to the sailors. .

Denise and I would like to thank everyone who helped get October Wind ready to set sail again, especially Derek Fowler, Mike Yarwood, Frank Vanzon, Brad (Old Blue Thumb) Cox, Brian Donaghue, Gabriella Homm, Tom Morcom, Henry Sprenger, Bev Wiltshire, Alexxus Newman and John Wiltshire. Sorry if I missed anyone. You're contribution and implied personal guarantee to stand by your work and repair any future damage did not go unnoticed!

For those who helped out, you may want to read the following indemnification agreement whispered to you by me during the stepping of my mast...(LSYC Members, agree to indemnify, defend and hold **Tony Rumball** harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, expenses, claims, demands, suits, fines, or judgments that include reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, incidental thereto, which may be suffered by, accrued against, charges to or recoverable from **Tony Rumball**, by reason of any claim arising out of or relating to any act, or damage caused directly or indirectly by work performed by the above said LSYC Members on or for October Wind).

BTW., We sent out the membership list so if you did not receive it or have any changes please get back to me at Mail@lsyc.com so we can keep the records up to date.

Tony Rumball
[October Wind](#)

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LOOKING ASTERN

As the number of founding members still active in the club becomes fewer, I thought I would write a short series of vignettes about the early days in

LSYC and call it "Looking Astern". Hopefully this will give some of the newer members an idea as to where we came from and how we became the successful club that we are today. These reminiscences are completely personal and I apologize for any minor errors due to my failing memory. Anyway here we go.

Don't Fence Me In

After having built the workshop we were able to put up a small fence. This enclosed the area from the workshop to approximately where our recycling depot is currently located. However once we had docks and a fleet of boats in the water we recognized the fact that we needed to have a fence around our lease to provide security to our boats during the winter months. We went to our landlord, the Metro Toronto Conservation Authority and outlined our plans.

No!

Waddy mean.....no!

"Putting up a fence would not be in keeping with the Crosbie Commission's dream of an open and accessible waterfront, a fence is out of the question."

Needless to say this caused a little consternation amongst the members. The thought of having hundreds of thousands of dollars of boats stored in a remote area without some security created some considerable concern.

The board called an emergency meeting and we formed a delegation to go and plead our case to the MTRCA. Finally after a meeting that would have tested the best skills of a union negotiator, our landlords gave us permission to put up a fence.

"However there is a condition".

"What kind of condition?"

"You have to take the fence down and store it every spring and put it up in the fall."

Silence from our board, but I am certain that thoughts went through their collective minds thinking: "Are you kidding me. How are you going to take down and store a quarter mile of chain link fence"?

Nevertheless we said OK but I am certain there were a lot of crossed fingers behind the back when we agreed to that particular provision.

“Oh and buy the way there is one more detail.....it has to be black”.

“It doesn’t come in black.”

“It has to be black”

“OK”

So we built a fence. It is actually designed to come down but we never did take it down and the MTRCA never mentioned it again and neither did we.

We did paint it black! The following summer we hired the sons of one of our members and they spent the summer painting the fence!

The old timers in the club will probably remember that we did not have a powered gate. The gate was secured with a chain and a scroll combination lock. The drill was that when you came to the club, you got out of your car, unchained the gate, drove your car into the club and then got out of your car

and chained and locked the gate behind you. In the summer months this worked reasonably well. In the winter when it was dark, it was more of a challenge. After we got our first trailer clubhouse we held our meetings on site. Getting out in the middle of winter, at night, fiddling with a combination lock that most of us couldn’t see without a light was a frozen challenge. As soon as we had power to the site we put in a power gate.

It was about this time that Humber College announced that they were not going to take up their option to locate their sailing school at the Sam Smith Park. The MTRCA asked if we would like to take over their docks and parking area. We naturally agreed and this is why the docks on the west shore are called the Humber Docks and why there is a dog leg at the back of the parking lot which is the area originally reserved for Humber College.

In the next edition of Shorelines I will talk about the fun and games of our first haulout.

John Witter
Chaika II