



LITTLE TRAVERSE

YACHT CLUB

Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

JACK CARRUTHERS



SITTING DOWN TO WRITE THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE IN LIGHT OF THE WORLD EVENTS. MAIN STREET

IS EMPTY, BUT THE HARBOR IS CLEAR WHICH ALLOWS ME TO THINK AHEAD TO SUMMER. MY POSITIVE HOPES FOR THE SEASON AHEAD HELP EASE THE ANXIETY OF CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF COVID-19 AND THE ECONOMIC RIPPLE EFFECT.

Currently the Club is monitoring the State and Federal policies closely to determine how our summer will be affected. We are prepared to alter course if necessary, to provide the membership the best service available. Our COVID-19 Task Force, consisting of staff, board members, and volunteers, are meeting weekly to enact safety guidelines, develop new procedures to abide by the State's roadmap for reopening, while working to provide creative and flexible member benefits.

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, we hope to know more about state and local guidelines that we will need to follow as we plan for our club racing, regattas, junior sailing, social events, dining, and bar service. Members are encouraged to visit the club's website, LTYC.org, to stay abreast of any new

developments, changes to event dates, CDC safety requirements while visiting the club, and more.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support and cooperation. We wish you and your family good health and a positive future.



LTYC WELCOMES *New Members*

We would like to recognize and welcome our newest members into LTYC. New members and their families are integral to the thriving and sustaining mission of our beloved yacht club. We extend our warmest welcomes and very much look forward to meeting in person. New members may be contacted using the online roster at LTYC.org. Again, welcome aboard!

NEW MEMBERS

Joe & Jennifer Charles
 Steven Dilley & Joanne Bump
 John & Paula Foley
 Jack Franchino
 Sandra Humenny
 Glenn Johnson
 Michael & Kristine Martin
 Joseph R. Mikula
 Stefan & Kim Scholl
 Paul & Mary Siegel
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TREASURER REPORT



I AM GLAD TO REPORT THAT THE CLUB IS COMING INTO THIS CHALLENGING SEASON IN A VERY STABLE FINANCIAL

POSITION. WE HAVE CASH RESERVES IN CHECKING, MONEY MARKET, AND A CD PURCHASED IN NOVEMBER OF 2019 FOR SIX MONTHS. THE BOARD IS ACTIVELY MONITORING COVID-19 MANDATES AND RE-OPENING PRACTICES, WHILE ASSISTING STAFF IN PREPARING ALTERNATE PLANS FOR HOW LTYC MAY OPERATE FOR THE COMING SEASON.

As part of our planning process, Polk Wagner and I created financial models

for multiple contingencies giving us confidence that LTYC was in a good position to weather any challenging conditions we may face this season. As we drafted these contingency plans, our priority was the long-term financial stability of the club, and second, our long-term staff retention. COVID-19 has been devastating to restaurants, bars, and clubs throughout the country, however, LTYC was fortunate in that our seasonal nature protected us, as we were already closed during the most severe quarantine period.

In addition to planning for the season ahead, the Board of Directors, with leadership from Chal Curtis and Hilde Bonesteel, worked throughout the off-season to implement needed improvements at the clubhouse based on last fall's member survey. Despite the nation's current healthcare crisis, LTYC is strong and growing. Thank you for your support.

*Blane Shea,
Treasurer*





GENERAL MANAGER'S *Letter to Members*



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!

2020 marks the 125th year of LTYC! Established in 1895, your Club is one of the oldest yacht

clubs in the Midwest. The embodiment of our past, present, and future is our membership, which we are grateful for more than any other time. We have nearly 100 current members who have been with us for over 20 consecutive years. By and Laura West, along with Bob and Nancy Sellers, are two of our longest standing members! There are countless others who have been with us at least 15 years. Whether you are one of these members, or among one of our newer members, you all are immensely valuable. Our members are an incredible testament to the club's mission, traditions, and generational draw. So, thank you!

To the lead up of our first commodore of record, Mr. Fred Ford who stood at our helm from 1954-1960, to today, LTYC has

witnessed incredible growth, weathered a few squalls, and always harnesses the winds of change. Under a steadfast board of directors, a professional staff, and an engaging membership, we are on a new course today.

At the time of writing, we are diligently responding to the coronavirus trends and mandates as we work to provide alternative member benefits and services. Our website, LTYC.org, will contain all relevant information and we encourage members to visit it often. Your full cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated, as we strive to offer services that bring added enjoyment to you and your families during this challenging time.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer, in one capacity or the other. Embrace the change and let's make the best of what lies ahead. Thanks to all for your support and please feel free to contact me, as I welcome hearing from you and how we can best serve you.

*All the best,
Daniel DeWindt
LTYC Club Manager*

Updates on the club's response and preparedness to the COVID-19 pandemic are happening too quickly and frequently for this printed publication.

YOU CAN FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE CLUB LINKED IN THE MAIN MENU AT LTYC.ORG

Looking forward to meeting everyone!



OUR NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGER JESSIE KING HAS BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE

SCENE IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMING SEASON AND BEYOND. SEVERAL OF HER FIRST ENDEAVORS INCLUDE UPDATING THE MENUS, EQUIPPING THE KITCHEN WITH NEW WARES, REENGINEERING PROCESSES, AND MORE. SHE IS ALSO KEY IN PREPARATIONS RELATIVE TO NEW AND DEVELOPING CDC GUIDELINES. WHEN WE OPEN OUR DOORS, SHE AND HER TEAM WILL ENSURE THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF ALL MEMBERS!

Jessie has proven restaurant management experience, culinary skills to complement our kitchen staff, and a welcoming demeanor. A native to the area, she is a dedicated leader in the hospitality industry. Jessie says she "enjoys creating environments that we all thrive in as a team and that are successful for the organization." This is even more apparent when you meet her in person - she is articulate, amicable, and thinks creatively.

The club is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead, and Jessie cannot wait to meet everyone in person. We are glad she is onboard!



LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS

PLANNING FOR EVERYTHING!

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY IS BEAUTIFUL DURING THE EARLY SPRING, EVEN WITH HOWLING WINDS, HIGH WATERS, SNOW FLURRIES, AND UNPREDICTABLE AIR TEMPERATURES. WHEN THE SUN SHINES, WE REMEMBER JUST WHY HARBOR SPRINGS IN QUITE POSSIBLY ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO LEARN TO SAIL.

Summer 2020 marks the Little Traverse Sailors' 59th year, and the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 crisis certainly presents new challenges for our youth Learn-to-Sail and Race Team programs. So, how are we approaching this summer?

Little Traverse Sailors is planning. A lot. Senior staff meets regularly via conference call to talk about everything and anything that goes into running a sailing school: curriculum, lesson plans, people management, boat maintenance, sailor and staff expectations. And we're talking about being creative and flexible, because that's what keeps our program

fresh and interesting. We are planning because we want LTS to continue to get better at our mission of building lifelong sailors in a FUN and safe environment.

We anticipate that Little Traverse Sailors will have guidance from the State of Michigan and our local health department on when we can open and what safety protocols we need to adopt. There is no way of knowing exactly what our program will look like this summer. Social distancing and disinfecting boats and equipment will probably become part of our daily routines. We may need to limit session enrollment to follow best practices. We may need to shorten our sailing school season. These are all ideas that are being discussed at the local and national level, and we are staying on top of the changing landscape of youth sailing with our network of regional colleagues and, through US Sailing forums, with yacht clubs and sailing schools around the nation. We are confident that these resources and the planning that we always do will help us rise to any challenge the 2020 season presents.



Please visit www.littletraversesailors.org for more information on our programs, to register for Learn-to-Sail or apply for LTS Race Team, and for the latest information on our COVID-19 response. Feel free to contact LTS senior staff with comments or questions at srstaff@littletraversesailors.org.

Little Traverse Sailors' past and future success is directly linked to the support of LTYC members and the Harbor Springs sailing community. Thank you to everyone who partners with us to help sailors find their passion, particularly as we navigate through the uncharted waters of Summer 2020.

Ali Hill
President of LTS

Congratulations **ADAM LOWRY**

ROLEX YACHTSMEN OF THE YEAR

The prestigious Rolex Yachtsmen of the Year Award was presented by US Sailing to LTYC member Adam Lowry recently. This is a tremendous honor bestowed upon Adam and his skipper (Mike Martin). Their remarkable achievements captured them this honor. Most notably their 2019 International 505 World Championship in Fremantle, Australia combined with other class championships in 2019 lead them to receiving this award. The 505 World Championship for Lowry is his second such title, and Martin's fourth.



SUNDAY BRUNCHES COMING TO LTYC

We invite people to take part in our new Sunday Brunches. Our kitchen will prepare freshly made Quiches, Lox & Bagels, French Toast Bread Pudding, and a Sailor's Plate served 10:00am to 2:00pm Sundays June 21st thru August 2nd. Whole quiches will be available for pre-order and pick up - Watch for details in our weekly newsletters. Join us before your afternoon sail! Bring the family by for brunch! Come for the view stay for the food! Mimosas, a Classic Bloody Mary, and other handcrafted cocktails will be available to compliment the menu.



NEW FEATURED *Cocktails*

LTYC will be offering an enhanced array of beverages upon opening, complimented by new and trendy drink glasses for cocktails, wine, and beer. Our bar will feature handcrafted cocktails including the tantalizing Ginger Peach Mule, the "Tequila Honeybee," the "Salted Caramel White Russian" and the "Newbies Fave," a mix of Gin, fresh mint, cilantro, lime and simple syrup. The bar will be open Friday & Saturday afternoon and evenings (3pm – 8pm), after weekend races, and of course Tuesdays and Thursday evenings, plus during lunches. Let LTYC become your gathering place with family for a night out, or after enjoying an afternoon of boating.

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Many of the lovely images in this publication are provided by Gretchen Dorian. Her photos are posted for viewing and are available for purchase at www.gretchendorian.com



Thank You VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of LTYC, Hilde Bonesteel, the club's Social Committee Chair, would like to thank the many volunteers involved across all our events. Collectively they put in tremendous effort. Thank you to all!

SOCIAL EVENT TEAM LEADERS INCLUDE:

MEMORIAL DAY AFTERGLOW

Event Leader-Dean & Hilde Bonesteel with support from John & Sue Hoffman and Carol Lazier

CORINTHIAN TEAM COCKTAIL PARTY & FUNDRAISING

Event Leader-Terry Farquharson with support from Hilde Bonesteel and Kevin Larson

OPENING COCKTAIL PARTY

Event Leader-Sandra Para with support from Jody Barth and Melanie Fisher

NEW MEMBER WELCOME PARTY

Event Co-leaders Beth Cassidy and Allison Larson

THEATRE NIGHT AT BAY VIEW

Event Leader Wil Howard

COCKTAILS ON THE VERANDA PARTY

Event Leader Joan Henderson and team including Nancy Kohler, Jean Macino, and Sandi Wolf

TEDDY BROWN YOUTH REGATTA & PARTY

Event Leader LTS with support from Hilde Bonesteel and Dick Swarthout

KIDS CHOICE MOVIE NIGHT ON THE WATERFRONT

Event Co-leaders Wil Howard & Kathleen Cavanagh

LIVE MUSIC AT THE CLUB

Event Leader Diana Throckmorton with support from Carol Lazier and Betsy Saal

ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY & DINNER DANCE

Event Co-Leaders Lloyann & Chal Curtis with support from Geri Flick, Lynne Symons, and Charlotte Corbett

SUMMER'S END COCKTAIL PARTY

Event Leader Deb Schoenherr with support from Karen Adams

LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL & FALL RACING AWARDS

Event Leaders Fraser & Darcy MacKenzie, with help from Marno Lane, John Garr, Larry & Kathleen Haras, and others.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Event Leaders Marinda Miller and Hilde Bonesteel

LUNCH & LEARNS

Event Leader Anne Ryan Bishop

EUCHRE ON THE PORCH

Debi Schoenherr & Marinda Miller

REGATTA SHORE TEAM & PARTIES

Julie Ellstrom and Dick Swarthout respectfully.

MISSION STATEMENT

"TO ENHANCE THE ENJOYMENT OF BOATING IN AND AROUND LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY FOR ITS MEMBERS, THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE RACING, CRUISING, INSTRUCTION, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP"

- BY LAWS OF LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY YACHT CLUB. 1895





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