



Commodore's Report By Susanne Guendelsberger



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Happy Spring, everyone! Time marches on and now it is my turn to take the LSSC helm. It looks so easy when you are watching others steer. (Look how simple docking is, too!) Not until you put your own hands on the wheel do you learn there is a little more to it. Yes, I have a whole new appreciation for all the work done by our past commodores and am grateful to those who have gone before me. For more than 50 years, our philosophy has been to provide a family-friendly sailing club with plenty of opportunities to race, cruise, and socialize. As we continue to navigate during these *interesting times* I will do my best to keep LSSC on course.

Our Change of Watch ceremony went forward as planned on February 27, at WaterMark Bar and Grille. It was a delightful afternoon! The delicious fare served by WaterMark was only





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surpassed by the company. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to everyone who helped organize the event. Special thanks to Cathy McGuire for creating the lovely centerpieces. Congratulations to our 2021 Officers: Vice Commodore Mary Nicole, Rear Commodore Mark Waring, Secretary Cathy McGuire, Treasurer PC Sheila Fleming, and our Trustees Beth Baker, Bob Mann and Brian Jenney. Thank you to the entire Board of Directors team for sharing your time and talents with our Club.

Following the installation of officers, we presented the Jim Nixon Memorial trophy and the US Sailing Award to the 2020 recipients. You may know that Dan Guendelsberger was awarded the Jim Nixon Memorial Trophy in recognition of his pursuit of excellence on behalf of the Club. I have first-hand knowledge that Dan puts his whole heart into everything Lake Shore, and he has worked hard these past years revising/updating annual racing and membership documents. Last year he helped with the end of season scoring, and this year he will be heading up the results committee. I joke that Dan has taught me the value of a good spreadsheet, but it is true!

The US Sailing Association Sportsmanship Award was given posthumously to our 2020 Rear Commodore, Joe Jaeger, in recognition of his tireless work and dedication to our race program. Without Joe's determination, last year's Spring Sunset Series would not have succeeded. Joe was taken from us much too soon, but we will never forget him or his contributions to LSSC.

According to the DRYA Ball Calendar, the 2021 Ball season will begin in late May. Both



Dan and I look forward to representing LSSC and the opportunity to meet commodores from other clubs. My Commodore's Ball is currently set for February 26, 2022. I have a list of venues to investigate and am excited to get started on the party plans. All offers to help and be a part of the Ball Committee are welcome!

Speaking of committees, we have some fresh faces among those who have volunteered to serve as 2021 Committee Chairs. Thank you to the following:







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2021 Committee Chairs:

Constitution and By-Laws: P/C Sheila Fleming and PC Danielle Templeton

Cruises: V/C Mary Nicole

DRYA Delegate and Alternate Delegate: V/C Mary Nicole and PC Mike McGuire

Historian: P/C Mike McGuire **Membership**: V/C Mary Nicole

Publicity: Beth Baker

Roster: Dan Guendelsberger **Ship's Store**: Taryn Kopietz

Steering: P/C Sheila Fleming **Sunshine**: P/C Nan St. Peter

Trophies: Brian Smith



Our race committee chairs are listed in RC Mark Waring's Log report. Sincere thanks to all of you who continue to volunteer and stay active in our club. There are always opportunities for everyone to get involved in club activities, and I encourage our newer members to take part and our older members to stick around, too. Even if you are not a racer, come out for post-race hot dogs after the Club races or make plans to join in a cruise weekend. The best part of LSSC is the people!

If you are still stumped as to how you can contribute and be a good Lake Shore member, how about volunteering to help with the upcoming Inter-Club Team Championship Race? This year is the 40th Anniversary of the regatta and we need all the help we can get to make it happen. Thanks to those of you who have volunteered so far. We will be having an organizational meeting in the next few weeks.

Our first General Membership meeting of the year is Tuesday, April 20 and will take place at Sports Channel. Your 2021 Roster and the Racing Guide will be available for pick up. Please join us for dinner and a chance to catch up with your fellow club members! Best of luck to those of you getting your boats ready to launch. I wish everyone an enjoyable Spring as we return to our on the water activities.





Vice Commodore's Report By Mary Nicole

Cover off Cloud Nine! I know she missed me this winter but I promised her we would spend more time in the summer of 2021.

As we were uncovering Cloud Nine, talking to our dock mates and other sailors at Jefferson Beach Marina, it reminded me how lucky we are to be members of Lake Shore Sail Club. We, LSSC, its members, adapted in 2020. We kept in touch. Races were held, a fun cruise to Algonac Harbor Club, Thirsty Thursdays continued virtually, J of the D was born, Ladies of Lake Shore meeting twice a month, New Year's Eve was celebrated well past midnight, Past Commodore's Lobster Roast outing. For me, Ladies of Lake Shore is a time in my work week that I look forward to. Hearing about books read, movies watched, grandparents becoming teachers, sharing recipes and ideas has kept me going. THANK YOU Ladies. So, as you may be telling a sailor's story or two, to your dock mates or others, don't forget to mention how we are *hand over fist* one of the best clubs on The Lake. Let me know their names and I will reach out. www.lakeshoresailclub.org is a great website to share on social media with your friends. I will be touching base with Marinas to distribute informational material about LSSC. If you have contacts, let me know.

Song, conversations and laughs were plentiful at our 2021 LSSC Winter Outing, a St. Patrick's Day Bingo. Thanks to everyone who came out to play.





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Come Friday, it'll be all right

Come Friday, June 4th, we'll be holdin' you tight We've spent 445 lonely days in a brown Covid haze And we just want you back by our port side

2021 LSSC Cruise Schedule

Fri Jun 4th - Sun Jun 6th Jimmy Buffet Theme LAKE ST. CLAIR MARINA METROPARK (SOUTH END)

Fri July 2nd - Mon July 5th Motown Theme WG. MILLIKEN STATE PARK

Fri August 6th - Sunday August 8th Beach Boys Theme ALGONAC HARBOUR CLUB

Call to reserve your spot @ 810-794-4448. Nonrefundable deposit for 1 night is required. Pay 2nd night when you dock.

Tell them you are with Lake Shore Sail Club. We are in the east basin, same as last year.

Labor Day Cruise – TBA.

Fingers crossed on Windsor Yacht Club but uncertain at this time.

Reminder for cruises: By lake or by land, ALL are welcome.







Rear Commodore's Report By Mark Waring



Well thank the heavens above that we will finally be seeing a change in the weather and be able to get back to our favorite activities that include BEING OUT ON THE LAKE IN OUR BOATS!! In the coming weeks we will all be putting that final coat of wax on our hulls and a couple of coats of paint on the bottoms in anticipation of a fun filled summer on the water. Hopefully most things will get back to some form of normalcy after hunkering down during the COVID experience of the last year.

I have been working on the normal tasks required of the Rear Commodore. Even though 2020 is behind us, securing sponsorship money remains challenging. Many local businesses, especially restaurants, were negatively impacted by COVID restrictions, however most of our longstanding sponsors continue to support us. I am pleased to report the addition of VanTol Insurance Group as a Premier Sponsor. Quantum Sails has returned as a premier sponsor and replaces Doyle Sails. As always, please be sure to frequent our awesome sponsors whenever possible.

I have received our United States Coast Guard approval and expect to hear from the DNR soon. Pete Ross and the Marks committee will soon be installing the marks, and (we anticipate) Tow Boat US will again assist us in placing them on the race course.

As I am writing this article, we only have about a month to get our boats waxed, our bottoms painted and schedule the launches, then...back to racing which starts May 16th with our first Sunday club race. Our first Sunset Series race just a few days later, on May 19th. After our Sunset Series Races this year, we will be holding results at Dragon's Landing. We will again be having our Club Race Results/Hot Dog roasts at the Jefferson

Beach waterfront. I have been begging Shannon to hone her grilling skills, but she isn't sure. Fortunately, I still have some time to convince her.

The design of the race T-shirts is still a work in progress but with the help of Beth Baker and Molly Mathe and their creative and artistic prowess, I believe the shirts will be a success. I hope to have them available for sale at the





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April General Meeting.

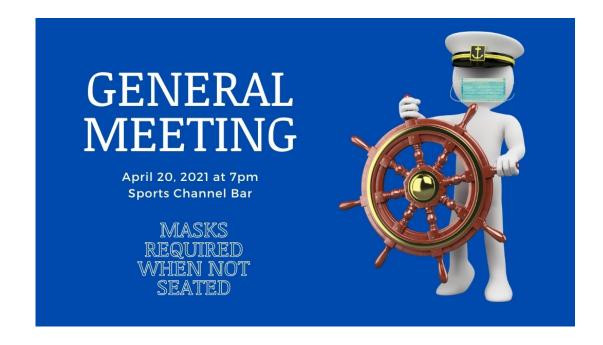
I really appreciate all the members who have agreed to be involved in various committees this year. Without these members' commitment we would not be able to have the great racing program that we do year after year!



Another thing we should all be excited about is the reintroduction of the original format for the Inter-Club Team Race that we are planning for October 9th. I will be helping Susanne and Mary to bring this year's race to its original glory.

Before signing off, I would like to thank several people that have already been a tremendous help with this new position: Commodore Susanne Guendelsberger, Dan Guendelsberger, Lady Cathy Fox McGuire, and Past

Commodore Rick Ripard. Although it would appear, as some may have witnessed, that I am at home behind a microphone, this is only with the proper lubrication and choice in music. I will do my best to meet the high standards that have been set by those that have gone before me, to help one of the greatest clubs on the lakes to flourish.





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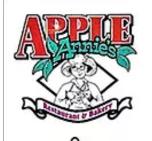
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