



Commodore's Report

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Kim and I have enjoyed the few Balls that we have been able to attend. Unfortunately, many of the Balls continue to be cancelled during this unprecedented time. I have included a few pictures from each of the balls that we have attended. I don't have much more to say other than what was in an email that I sent out to the club this week. In case you missed it I thought it would be good to repeat it in the Log.

The LSSC Board and I met last night for our regularly scheduled board meeting that we would normally have to discuss our upcoming General Membership meeting in April. While we did cover our usual agenda, most of the meeting was spent discussing the same





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topic that I find most people are discussing right now: COVID-19. Beth Baker has updated the club's web page with a special COVID-19 page to keep our membership updated with the latest information as it becomes available. The direct URL for this page is: <https://www.lakeshoresailclub.org/covid-19> and it is also available from the home page. I'm sure I speak for everyone in stating that I can't wait until we can remove this page from our website altogether. I have scheduled a meeting with the board again in two weeks to have a check-in and provide additional updates. We will meet as often as necessary as new information comes to light. Please rest assured that your board cares deeply for this club and we will do everything we can to provide the leadership that you expect. Our normal April General Membership meeting has been canceled and we are discussing ways that we can handle the required club business safely while abiding by the Governor's orders.



One such item is the Membership packets. We will be providing the membership materials in electronic PDF format to all of our members. You can then utilize this information on your computers and mobile devices or if you prefer you can print them out and use them the "old-fashioned" way on paper.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to our website first. If you can't find the information you are looking for, please feel free to reach out to your board members. We discussed last night that many of the questions that are out there probably don't currently have answers, but we will do our best to answer the questions as soon as answers are available. This is the main purpose of the special COVID-19 page on our website. We will be updating this page with the most current information that we have available as soon as we know it. I look forward to seeing you all and congregating without fear as soon as we safely are able to do so. Until then PLEASE stay safe, stay healthy, and reach out via phone, text, or email to everyone you care about. They will be happy that you did!









Vice Commodore's Report

By Susanne Guendelsberger



It's finally warming up outside and the sun is even shining today! This morning I discovered two blue jays working on building a nest in the evergreen outside my window, and earlier I saw a couple of red finches doing that thing I jokingly refer to as "Hop on Pop". Yes, Spring is here and we should be excitedly looking forward to beginning another season of sailing fun together. However, this year is going to be unlike any other, and so we have no choice but to adjust our sails.

A few weeks ago, 44 of us got together for the LSSC Winter Outing at Harbor Lanes in St. Clair Shores. We had a great time bowling and socializing the old-fashioned way ... in close proximity with one another. We shared a lot of laughs, pizza, (Hershey's) kisses ... and hand sanitizer. Thanks to everyone who came out and played!

It is with wild optimism that our Memorial Day Cruise remains scheduled for May 23 – 25 at Algonac Harbour Club. We have 12 slips reserved for LSSC and seven members have made reservations. I will be sending out an evite with event details on May 1 ... or an email letting you know it's cancelled. Our July 4th cruise is perhaps more realistic. We are planning a pursuit race on the LSSC race course followed by a picnic near the JBM gazebo on Saturday, July 4. Let's all hope and pray we will all be able to truly celebrate our freedom and independence by then. As for our Labor Day Cruise, I had imagined a return to Cove Marina on the Thames River in Ontario, Canada, but we may have to put a pin in that idea. Stay tuned.

I am sure all of you are finding ways to stay busy, and I know everyone is following the stay home, stay safe guidance. One day we will be past all of this virus stuff and sharing our "I remember that time in 2020" stories. In the meantime, make sure you get outside and enjoy the sunshine!





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Rear Commodore's Report

By Joe Jaeger



I'd like to talk about some of the good things happening at Lake Shore Sail Club.

We will soon be posting the various Lake Shore publications on the web site. We're in the process of finalizing these materials and, as soon as our reviews are complete, we will make them available for you to download. All the racing event dates will be included in the publications and mirror what is already on the web site.

We've been granted permits for the race dates by both the USCG and DNR. Our Sunset Series After Race Results will be held at Dragon's Landing on Jefferson. We plan on having the Sunset Race Series Awards Party at the Knight of Columbus Hall.

Please be advised that we are keeping our original schedule and, because of the uncertainty of the times, earlier race dates are subject to being cancelled. My preference is to maintain the current schedule, cancelling events as required by local or national governing authorities, or if the LSSC Board believes it to be the interest and safety of our members and participating sailors.

There is a small chance that we might attempt to 'shift' our racing schedule if we can maintain the entirety of our events. This seems unlikely given the current environment, not to mention the commitments we've already accrued. The most likely scenario is that we will keep the schedule as-is but shorten the Spring Series. In either case, you will be kept informed with direct communications by email and through posting on our web site.

Something I am particularly excited about is this year's graphic for our T-shirts. The image was generated from that used on the header of our Facebook page. Those are LSSC boats - every one!





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Since there won't be an April General Membership Meeting, I am waiting for a little more confidence in the outlook of the sailing season before I order the T-shirts. Watch for the 2020 sailing season T-shirts at the next LSSC gathering!

Our fantastic members continue to support the functions and contributions LSSC provides to the racing community. Below you'll find the list of Committees under the Rear Commodore and those members volunteering to support them.

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I'm certain there will be additional volunteers, as well. Please thank them all! Their commitment provides the quality racing opportunities and functions our members and the greater sailing community have come to expect of LSSC.

Continuing with good things at LSSC, I'd like to acknowledge our generous sponsors. In spite of an environment of tremendous financial insecurity, many of our sponsors have decided to continue to support LSSC in direct or in-kind contributions.

Additionally, much of this support was made after we were given the shelter-at-home directives. To date, we have received \$2850 in sponsorships and have another \$2000 committed. With this level of support in mind, I implore you to support our sponsors in return. We rely upon them as much as they rely upon us. Together, we will come through this year far better for having supported each other. Our sponsors include:

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On a personal note, this year's Ball was Diana's and my first Commodore's Ball. We very much enjoyed ourselves and especially appreciated the warmth and welcoming of our members and our new PC, Danielle. It was a great party! I am honored to be of service to such a warm and welcoming community. Thank you!

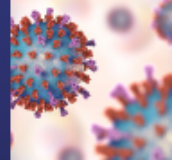
Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge the seriousness and accompanying uncertainty of our times. The Covid-19 Pandemic has cast a long shadow on our ability to plan and prepare for the upcoming racing season. It is difficult to plan a series of races when we have such uncertainty regarding when we will even be able to launch our boats. That said, these are the least of the problems facing many today. These are challenging times and I hope everyone reading this knows that Lake Shore Sail Club is, more than anything else, a community. As a part of that community, I and the Board are working to ensure that when we are finally able to see each other, on the water or at the dock, we will be able to do so safely. Please keep a watch on the LSSC web site for updates or changes to the 2020 racing season. May you all stay healthy and happy!

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COVID-19 Updates



Q: Does boating constitute "outdoor activity" under Executive Order 2020-21?

A: Yes. Boating falls within the outdoor activities permitted under the order. Any outdoor activity, including boating, must be done in a manner consistent with social distancing, and individuals should use only their own equipment to prevent the transmission of the virus through the touching of shared surfaces.

Additionally, in accordance with section 2 of the order, persons not part of a single household may not boat together. While boating is permitted under the order, the provision of boating services or supplies does not itself constitute critical infrastructure work.

Accordingly, marinas, canoe liveries, and other similar businesses and operations may not designate workers to come to work for that purpose. As needed, however, these businesses and operations may designate workers to leave their home for work if their in-person presence is strictly necessary to conduct the minimum basic operations listed in section 4(b) of the order. Minimum basic operations do not include serving members of the public, but do permit work necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of sites otherwise open to the public for outdoor recreation. All in-person work permitted under the order must be done in accordance with section 5 of the order, including the mitigation measures listed in section 5(c).

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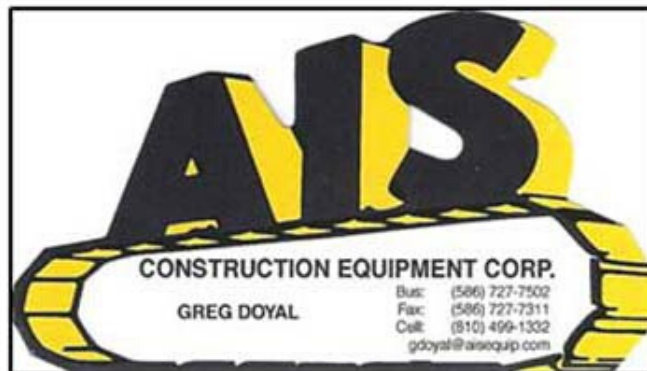


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