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Commodore's Report

By Danielle Templeton



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As I write my last official Log article, there is definitely a chill in the air, and I am sure the boats are put away for their long winter's nap. As the year comes to a close, I have a few remaining Commodore's Balls to enjoy that are keeping me busy. It has been exciting to see the Commodores of the Class of 2019 again and hear all of their stories of the summer adventures. I have only one Ball left before Lake Shore's on February 22, 2020. The plans for February are moving along, and you should receive your invite in January. I look forward to the celebration, and I am sure it will be the best of all the Balls this year. Save the date and be sure to join me in celebration my retirement as your Commodore!

Speaking of celebrations, it was great to see everyone

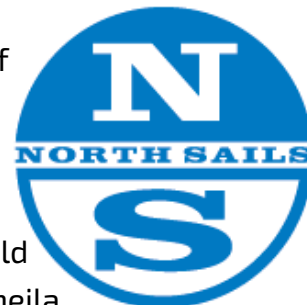




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at the 50th Anniversary Celebration in September. We started off the party at Kim and Rick Ripard's home with a traditional LSSC Hot Dog and Corn Roast. Even though Rick said it never rained at his home, it poured. But that did not stop the festivities. Kim and Rick welcomed us all in their home out of the rain so we could continue sharing stories. The next day the committee, lead by Sheila Fleming, transformed the ballroom at Mac Rays into a historical gallery of Lake Shore Sail Club. All 120 attendees had a great time! We were blessed to have quite a number of past members attend and share their stories. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and introduce them to our current family and the latest LSSC stories. Check out the pictures later in the log.



We already thanked all those involved in pulling together the 50th Anniversary Celebration, but they all deserve recognition again. We need to thank Kim and Rick for graciously opening their home. Thanks to my sister, Janine Rousseau, for helping me create the handmade invitations. To Cathy Fox McGuire for the beautiful centerpieces. To Dara Blaty for the fabulous photo boards. To Denis and Mary Nicole for the delicious cakes. To Molly Mathe for the beautiful charms and Brian Lang for the flags. And thanks to so many more for the other numerous tasks, including setup and cleanup - Susanne and Dan Guendelsberger, Linda Lang, Melissa and Mark Stephens, Tim McGuire, Kathy Reiss, Marsha Cooper and Kathy McGuire. And a very special thank you to Mike McGuire, who spent months creating a fabulous book that documents our 50-year history and view of the club through photos. We will be doing a second printing after the November meeting, so let Sheila or I know if you are interested in purchasing a book for \$25. Hopefully, I did not forget to thank anyone. Just know all the hard work by so many is appreciated in pulling together this amazing party.

Next week we will start the off-season festivities with the Steak Roast. And in December, we will have the Holiday Brunch. Look for an invite soon. Looking forward to seeing you at these events.





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I can't believe that the year is almost over, and my duties as your Commodore will be ending. It has been a privilege to lead the organization in the 50th year. I hope I have lived up to my parents' legacy and positioned the club to evolve and prosper for the next 50 years. Thank you all for your support and help over the last three years. I could not have done any of this without each and every one of you. I am looking forward to celebrating the change of watch in February. Love you all!





Vice Commodore's Report

By Rick Ripard



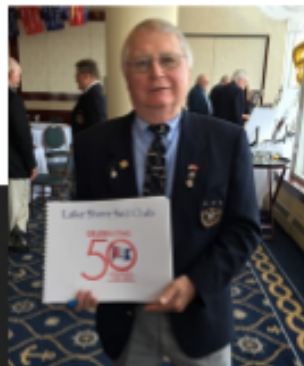
Looking back over my past LOG articles I see that I almost always start out by stating something about not believing how fast time flies. Well, this one is no different. I can't believe how fast time goes by. We are already taking the boats out of the water and preparing for the long dark winter season. As I write this article the temperature is in the 30's, and I will be going down to the boat today to start emptying it out and preparing for haul out.

The hot dog and corn roast was a lot of fun. We started the party outside, but unfortunately it wasn't too long before the rain came. Luckily it didn't slow the party down too much. Most of us just moved indoors and continued eating, drinking, talking and hanging out. Some of us went downstairs to shoot some pool, while others relaxed upstairs sharing various stories. Still others remained outside holding down the tent or standing under the awning to stay dry. It takes more than rainy weather to stop the LSSC Family from having a good time! It was a great start to the 50th Anniversary weekend. The 50th Anniversary luncheon was fantastic and once again proves that LSSC always knows how to have a good time.

The next event will be the annual LSSC Steak Roast on November 9th followed by the Christmas brunch on December 8th. I look forward to seeing you all at the Steak Roast and the invite for the Christmas brunch will be coming to your inboxes this week.

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Rear Commodore's Report

By Susanne Guendelsberger



In the words of our 1996 Rear Commodore, Bill Spencer, "The races have all been raced and the results are finally final." Yes, another racing season is over and just about all of the boats are tucked away for the "hard water" season. (What's that Pete Ross? Oh, right. All the boats except for the ice boats!)

One of my responsibilities as Rear Commodore was to plan and host the Sunset Race Series Awards party. I am pleased to report that the party was well attended with 112+ racers and fans of racers. Everyone enjoyed plenty of pizza, liquid refreshments and camaraderie. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all of you who were there and made it such a great time! Congratulations to the winners! You will find a complete list of this year's flag and trophy winners on the results page of our LSSC website.

At the risk of repeating the Commodore's Report above, I have to say that the 50th Anniversary party was wonderful! I enjoyed listening to the speeches and memories shared by our members, and it made me feel very proud to be a part of Lake Shore Sail Club. By the way, if you have not yet purchased a copy of the book PC Mike McGuire created in honor of LSSC's 50th Anniversary, I urge you to do so! This fabulous book is packed full of history, interesting stories, fun pictures and articles about our Club. Reading through it you will appreciate how much we owe to our past and many of our current members who have given so much to make LSSC a success. You will also realize that Lake Shore members have always known how to have fun!

The next and last item on my list of Duties and Responsibilities is to present Club race trophies and flags at the November General meeting. After that it will be time to transition to the Vice Commodore position. Thanks again to all of you who made this year such a great experience! Can't wait to see what next year brings!

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Movie to Watch



Sailor Mike Plant was lost at sea 25 years ago, but his legacy lives on in a new film about his life by those that knew him best. Available on Amazon and Netflix, Coyote: The Mike Plant Story details how he rocked the bluewater sailing world. His story is in good hands. Plant's nephew, Thomas Simmons, has directed a film about his uncle's life. The two-hour film, Coyote: The Mike Plant Story, incorporates archival footage, much of shot by Plant during his sailing adventures. Thomas is new to documentary filmmaking; this is his first film, having previously worked in the financial sector. But it's a slickly produced chronicle of a larger-than-life figure.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

I have always been drawn to individuals who have the courage to step out and pursue their dreams. As we know, it's easier said than done. In many ways, our minds are wired with contradiction about the path we choose in life: we are born to run free and chase our true desires, yet often feel compelled - by social influence, family pressures and the like - to trust a cage of commandments and follow the traditional course... a course that frequently leaves our true aspirations behind. When I was a young boy I watched my uncle, Mike Plant, sail into Newport, Rhode Island after 157 days at sea. Family and friends gathered aboard an old tug to watch him win the 1986-87 Boc Challenge, a single-handed race around the world. He became my hero - and a hero in the eyes of many, especially those close to the American sailing community. Today, I recognize that Mike was an ordinary person doing extraordinary things. His story proves that we can all be dreamers of the day... and that it's never too late to find your calling and chase something that you truly believe in - regardless of where you're coming from. On the surface, some might see Coyote as a film about an American sailing pioneer with a colorful past. To me, it's a universal story about redemption, the importance of chasing dreams in life and the power of the human spirit when passion meets determination.

- Thomas Simmons

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