

SPRING/SUMMER  
2021



# LITTLE TRAVERSE

YACHT CLUB

*Newsletter*



## NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

TOM TRAUTMAN



**A**s I sit down to compose this article in early March the sun is shining, temperatures are climbing, the days are getting longer, the ice is leaving the harbor, and summer is on the near horizon. By the time you read this, spring will be upon us and we will be preparing to open the club and our waterfront. We are all looking forward to getting back to the club and back on the water after a long Northern Michigan winter.

The Board of Directors along with the LTYC Staff have been busy over the winter planning for a fun-filled summer with many on and off the water events. Our calendar is full of great activities starting with the first race of our Spring Series on June 1st and ending with the Low Country Boil on September 18th. A full-size copy of our calendar is included with this newsletter. We continue to make clubhouse improvements as we grow and plan for the future. Membership continues to be strong despite the looming pandemic, and we have totally revamped the food and beverage program for the 2021 season. LTS is in full swing, they have hired

a new Sailing Program Director and registration is now open.

As we enter the second year of the pandemic, COVID-19 continues to impact all aspects of daily living, from work to family to recreational activities like sailing and boating. We're hopeful that with vaccine distribution on the increase and with restrictions starting to relax, we can get back to a more normal routine at the club and on the water this year. Our COVID-19 Task Force will continue to monitor the situation and we will continue to take all the necessary precautions. We will continue to follow CDC safety requirements and guidelines, and we will enforce any needed safety protocols. As always, our primary concern is for the safety of our members, our staff and our community.

We look forward to connecting with old friends and welcoming new members to LTYC in 2021. I want to personally thank everyone for your ongoing support, cooperation and patience while we sail through these unusual times. I wish you all happiness and good health as we embark on another great season.



# FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

DEBI SCHOENHERR



WE'VE "PULLED  
THE TRIGGER"  
AND OPENED  
REGISTRATION  
FOR OUR 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
LITTLE TRAVERSE  
YACHT CLUB

INVITATIONAL REGATTA BEING  
HELD JULY 29 - AUG. 1, 2021. AT THE  
TIME I AM WRITING THIS ARTICLE,  
REGISTRATION IS ALREADY ABOVE 50%  
OF OUR 100-BOAT LIMIT. PLANS ARE  
MOVING FORWARD WITH STAFFING  
OUR RACE COMMITTEE NEEDS AND  
PROVIDING SHORESIDE ACTIVITIES.

So, what will Ugotta look like this year?  
This question is on all our minds. I can tell  
you that on the water racing will pretty  
much look the same as in the past. The  
plan is to provide One-Design racing on

Friday and 2 courses Saturday and Sunday:  
our traditional Tour along with a separate  
windward - leeward course for the smaller  
one-design boats. The "Big boats" including  
the TP 52's will be returning, along with  
our hotly contested one-design fleets of  
J/70's, Melges 24's, Alerion 28's and others.  
You will not want to miss it.

However, our shoreside activities are  
somewhat up in the air. We are planning  
for the "Big Picture", Irish Party on Friday,  
and Regatta Parties at the club Saturday  
and Sunday. The best we can do is "shoot  
for the stars and if we hit the moon," all is  
not lost. We will monitor any Statewide  
restrictions and alter our plans accordingly.

Save the date, volunteer requests will be  
forthcoming in late Spring. As you know, it  
takes a Village to run a nationally acclaimed  
Regatta and we could not do it without all  
of you!

*If you would like to join the Ugotta  
committee, please contact me:  
debi.sailing@gmail.com*



## REAR COMMODORES REPORT



*Dunne Saal,  
LTTC Rear  
Commodore*

As we get  
through these  
last few weeks  
of winter, let's  
think ahead

to warm summers days on the  
clear blue water of Little Traverse  
Bay. We have a packed schedule of  
Club Racing this year at the Little  
Traverse Yacht Club with Tuesday  
night races, Spring series, starting  
the first week in June. We have tried  
to keep most of the racing schedule  
where they have been historically.  
Since the 4th of July is on a Sunday,  
the NM July Championship will  
occur the following weekend on  
July 10th and 11th. This year, the  
J 70 fleet has decided to move up  
their Summer Championship to  
that same weekend of July 10th  
and 11th. The Beaver Island Race  
will be held on August 14th and  
15th, which is always a blast. Please  
see the calendar for the full racing  
schedule. If you are interested in  
racing this summer, there is some  
sort of racing almost every day of  
the week. Summer is just around  
the corner, and I can't wait to see  
you out there.





# HOW TO GET INVOLVED *in Sailing*



THE LTYC IS THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER SAILING CLUB, BOASTING SOME OF THE MOST ACTIVE SUMMER RACING ANYWHERE IN PERHAPS THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SAILING ENVIRONMENT. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, LTYC (WITH OUR PARTNERS AT LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS) HAVE EXPANDED THE WAYS THAT MEMBERS CAN BECOME INVOLVED. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED IN SAILING—WHATEVER YOUR INTERESTS, LTYC CAN OFFER SOMETHING FOR YOU.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN SAILING? HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE OPTIONS:

- **Join the LTYC Race Committee!** The Race Committee administers the racing program at the Club: setting courses, starting races,

scoring the results, and (sometimes) helping resolve protests over the rules. We can train anyone — all that matters is interest. Joining Race Committee is a great way to get out on the water, watch the sailing up close, learn lots of new things, meet people, and help out the Club in a major way! Contact: RearCommodore@ltyc.org

- **Have kids? Grandkids?** Send them to the famous LTS Youth Learn to Sail program for ages 8 to 18. See [www.littletraversesailors.org](http://www.littletraversesailors.org) for more information and to sign them up.
- **Want to race?** Join the Dinghy Racing Series on Monday and Thursday. Dinghy Racing is designed to be the entry-level racing fleet at LTYC, and enthusiastically welcomes new participants.
- **Want to crew?** Many LTYC boats need crew on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the summer. The LTYC fleet

captains can often find you a spot. The best way to get started is to express interest and start meeting fellow sailors. Contact the LTYC Sailing Director, Dan Thompson ([sailingdirector@ltyc.org](mailto:sailingdirector@ltyc.org)) and he'll work to connect you with a suitable team.

- **Volunteer for Club Activities!** Last but not least, the sailing lifestyle is so much more than just going out on boats. Social events, awards ceremonies, junior sailing regattas, and various projects are all integral to the success of the LTYC/LTS community and the best way to meet more club members with common interests. Don't hesitate to join in! Contact any LTYC Board member, LTYC Sailing Director, Dan Thompson ([sailingdirector@ltyc.org](mailto:sailingdirector@ltyc.org)), or Rear Commodore Dunne Saal ([RearComodore@ltyc.org](mailto:RearComodore@ltyc.org)) to get started.

*Are we missing anything? Do you have ideas about how the LTYC can better reach out to new sailors? Let us know!*

# FOOD & BEVERAGE

## PROGRAM UPDATE



LTYC WELCOMES COLIN STEVENS TO OUR 2021 SEASON. HIS EXPERIENCE IS INVALUABLE. WE WELCOME HIS GUIDANCE

THAT WILL HELP DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FOOD & BEVERAGE PROGRAM, BRINGING BOTH STABILITY AND THE ABILITY TO BUILD OFF OF IN THE FUTURE. BETH (VARNER) AND LULU (FINKELSTEIN) POSED SOME QUESTIONS TO COLIN RECENTLY TO SUMMARIZE THE PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD.

**Q:** Little Traverse Yacht Club is so excited to have you onboard this summer. If you had to sum up our new menu for 2021 what would you say you are bringing to the table (pun intended)?

**A:** *I'm also excited to be a part of the Little Traverse Yacht Club family. The members should look forward to a fresh high-quality menu with a local flair.*

**Q:** Having the experience from your own restaurant, Colin's Cafe, what do you see as the biggest hurdle for LTYC's F&B program to overcome to make it a successful season?

**A:** *Planning is key! We need to establish a solid team to have a successful year.*

**Q:** What are your main goals for our

2021 season regarding setting up a strong framework for the following years to come?

**A:** *I hope to strengthen the program and create lasting memories for members and guests. Part of the process will be to simplify the menu choices and streamline the beverage program. By doing so we can better manage the F&B program by limiting waste, overtime hours, and carrying costs.*

**Q:** Finally, what would you like most for the LTYC members to know about you and your knowledge you are bringing to our yacht club?

**A:** *Cooking and creating food is my passion. Nothing brings me more joy than knowing I can bring happiness to others through my love of food.*

## 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. THE MEMBER BODY IS REMINDED OF OUR ANNUAL NEW MEMBER WELCOME CELEBRATION, WHICH IS PLANNED FOR JULY 3RD (SATURDAY). WE HOPE YOU'LL ALL JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF NEW FRIENDSHIPS!

### NEW MEMBERS

### HOMETOWN

### SPONSORED BY

Harry Awdey	Birmingham, MI	Joe Gaylord
David & Rachel Berryman	Harbor Springs, MI	Kevin Larson
Al & Brooke Fisher	Birmingham, MI	Margo Hields
Luiz Kahl	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	Debi Schoenherr
Maggie Lacy & Robbie Cumming	Harbor Springs, MI	Kevin & Allison Larson
John (JT) Ludington	Grand Rapids, MI	Tom & Tina Ludington
Thomas Meier and Melanie Edwards	Harbor Springs, MI	Debi Schoenherr
Meredith Moran	Wilton, CT	Meredith Quarrier
Gary & Susan Shults	San Antonio, TX	Patrick O'Brien
Christopher & Nicole Smith	Savannah, GA	Sean & Sarah O'Brien
Ben Varner	Harbor Springs, MI	Tom & Beth Varner
Susan Weyland & Billy Simmons	Louisville, KY	Katie McGauley
Eric & Kathy Wynsma	East Grand Rapids, MI	Jeff Towner



# CLUB MANAGER'S *Letter to Members*

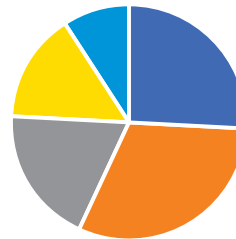


LITTLE TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB HAS LONG UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS EXTEND BEYOND OUR LUNCH AND DINNER PROGRAMS. PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, THRIVING ON-WATER PROGRAMMING, FAMILY FUN, AND BUILDING COMMUNITY STAND

NEXT TO OUR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES AS ESSENTIAL DRUGS. EVIDENCE OF THIS IS THAT MANY MEMBERS CONSIDER THE CLUB TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THEIR FAMILY AND HOME.

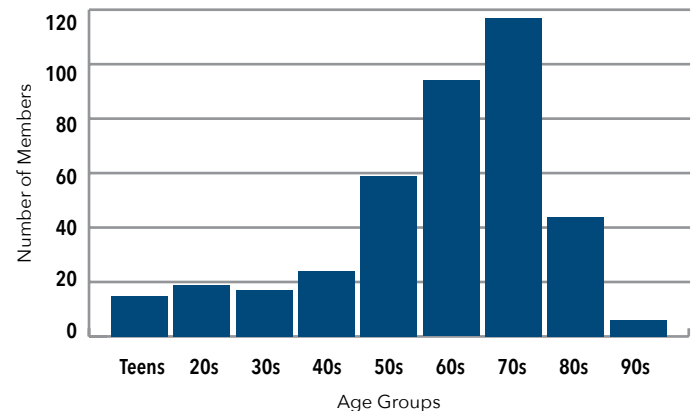
Hospitality is what binds these 'pillars' and helps keep LTYC an essential part of our member's lives and the surrounding community. Our value proposition lies in catering to what our members value and are passionate about. You can guess what these are! For us, it's about building excitement and action with you, strengthening relations, and keeping traditions. As a result, member engagement in our club is solid. Whether members are volunteering in some capacity, dining frequently, being entertained & socializing, or getting on the water, involvement by members is thriving according to several trends.

## PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS AT LTYC



5 Years or Less	26%
10 Years or Less	31%
15 Years or More	19%
20 Years or More	15%
25 Years or More	9%

## MEMBERS - AGE BY DECADE



Our membership is also loyal, as a great majority have been with us perpetually for generations (see chart). Also noteworthy are our two longest standing members: By & Laura West who have been members since 1973 (48 years) and Robert & Nancy Sellers who have been a part of LTYC for 39 years. Thank you all for such wonderful support and dedication!

Helping the longevity of our membership are the vast number of members who live in-state. Furthermore, many member families spend their summers in Harbor for several weeks, or months, at a time; year after year. Fifty-two percent of our current membership resides in Michigan. Of those members 115 live in the Harbor Springs/Petoskey area. The city of Birmingham is home to roughly 20 members, while the Grand Rapids area is home to about 16. Outside of Michigan, Florida has the greatest number of members at 45, with Illinois (19), Texas (17), and California (16) trailing. Yet, no matter where home is, we are grateful you call LTYC your 'home' for part of the summer!

We look forward to seeing everyone back this summer, as you come experience hospitality the northern Michigan way!

*All the best,*  
Daniel DeWindt, LTYC Club Manager





# 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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# 2021 Social Event CALENDAR SAVE THE DATES

<b>June 19</b>	Opening Cocktail Party & Hall of Fame Presentation
<b>June 24</b>	SINGO
<b>June 26</b>	125th Anniversary Celebration
<b>July 3</b>	New Member Welcome Party
<b>July 4</b>	Lunchtime BBQ and evening bar open
<b>July 8</b>	Lyric Night at the Movies
<b>July 10</b>	Evening Under the Stars (Silent Auction & Live Music)
<b>July 15</b>	SINGO
<b>July 22</b>	Trivia Night
<b>July 24</b>	Cocktails on the Veranda Party
<b>July 30- Aug 1</b>	60th Annual Ugotta Regatta
<b>August 5</b>	SINGO
<b>August 12</b>	Trivia Night
<b>August 14</b>	Live Music at the Club
<b>August 19</b>	SINGO
<b>August 22</b>	Annual Awards Party & Dinner
<b>August 27</b>	Annual Members Meeting
<b>August 28</b>	Drinks with Ol' Blue Eyes
<b>Sept 4</b>	Drinks with Ol' Blue Eyes
<b>Sept 5</b>	Summer's End Cocktail Party
<b>Sept 18</b>	Lowcountry Fish Boil & Fall Racing Awards

## SUMMER CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULE

<b>Lunch on the Porch</b> , Monday-Saturday, 6/7 - 9/4
<b>BBQ &amp; Perch Dinners</b> , Tuesdays, 6/15 - 9/7
<b>Thursday Night Live &amp; Casual Dinners</b> , 6/24, 7/8 - 7/22 and 8/5 - 8/19
<b>Bar Hours</b> , Thursday-Saturday, 3-8pm, 6/17 - 9/4
<b>Euchre on the Porch</b> , Fridays 7/2 - 9/3 (except for Ugotta and Annual Meeting)

*Check the club's online calendar for additional events and updates.  
All dates assume normal operations. Visit [ltyc.org](http://ltyc.org) for updates, as  
determined by COVID-19 mandates. Thank you.*



# LITTLE TRAVERSE *Sailors* UPDATE 2021

THE LTS BOARD HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK THIS WINTER GETTING READY FOR SUMMER 2021. AS OF NOW WE PLAN ON RUNNING A FULL PROGRAM WHILE STILL FOLLOWING COVID GUIDELINES AS APPROPRIATE. THE LTS LEARN TO SAIL AND RACE TEAM PROGRAMS WILL START ON JUNE 21ST AND RUN EACH WEEK UNTIL AUGUST 20TH. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE WEBSITE AS WELL AS THE REGISTRATION PLATFORM. IF ALL GOES WELL, WE WILL OPEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SUMMER 2021 SEASON IN MID-MARCH.



We are thrilled with the announcement of our new LTS Program Director, David Gerber. A Traverse City native, David comes to us from

Chicago Yacht Club, where he has been running their nationally recognized sailing school. David is an accomplished World Champion pro sailor with experience in many classes of boats. He has a passion for the sport of sailing that started here at LTS as a junior sailor, and he is excited to help us Build Lifelong Sailors by focusing on our

Learn to Sail program. Dan Thompson will be returning for his 8th season at LTS as our Director of Racing. Dan is excited to get back on the water with racers this summer. We are excited that Meredith Moran has accepted the position of Head Instructor for summer 2021. Meredith started sailing in our Learn to Sail program at age thirteen. Throughout the years, she moved from Learn to Sail to the Race Team. This will be her third summer instructing at LTS. Meredith is studying at Cornell University and is on the Women's Varsity Sailing Team. She is looking forward to instilling the passion of sailing into kids enrolled in the program through creative, engaging and fun on the water instruction. Additionally, she is hopeful we will be able to have the 420's out for usage and be able to work on specific double-handed sailing skills in these boats. The Harbor is such a wonderful spot to spend time during the summer and she is eager to get out on the water! Our leadership team is currently in the process of hiring our incredible team of LTS instructors!

Please welcome new LTS board

members Mara Lowry (Secretary) and Sarah O'Brien (Outreach and Development Co-Chair). They join current board members Merritt Palm Keffer (President), Matt Breckenfeld (Vice President), Owen Beckley (Treasurer), Beth Kost (Outreach and Development Co-Chair/ Communications), and Martin Grin (Youth Regatta Chair).

LTS has been the beneficiary of generous memorial donations in honor of Meade Maxwell and David Irish. We extend along our sincere thanks and appreciation of the memory gifts made in honor of these amazing sailors who have left behind a huge impact on our program. We are also humbled and grateful for the many thoughtful donations that come into our program; whether a memorial gift, in honor of someone, or just being a "big fan" of our program. Your thoughtful donations are invaluable to our program. Please know your support helps our mission of Building Lifelong Sailors. Thank you.

We look forward to celebrating LTS Summer 2021 with you at Evening Under the Stars at LTYC on July 10th.







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Debi Schoenherr, 2021

Louise Finkelstein, 2022

Tom Trautman, 2022

Beth Varner, 2022

Jan Mancinelli, 2023

Sean O'Brien, 2023

Dunne Saal, 2023

## STAFF

Club Manager, Daniel DeWindt

Sailing Director, Dan Thompson

## FLEET CAPTAINS

Northern Michigan, Bill Brown

Alerion 28, Bryan Burley

J/70, Scott Sellers

Dinghies (Laser & 420),  
Meredith Moran

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Social Committee, Louise Finkelstein

Sailing Committee, Dunne Saal

Food & Beverage Program,  
Beth Varner & Louise Finkelstein

Grounds, Suzie Jacob & Bill Moore

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Sean O'Brien

Ugotta Regatta, Debi Schoenherr

Waterfront, Mac Jacob

Finance, Jan Mancinelli

Membership, Kevin Larson

Merchandise, Allison Larson  
& Sue Holmes

Corinthian Fund, Terry Farquharson

Historian, Bill Brown

*Phone & email addresses are available in the Member  
Roster; print edition or online.*



# LTYC

## COMMUNICATIONS CHECK

IN ADDITION TO THIS TWICE-A-YEAR NEWSLETTER, LTYC REGULARLY COMMUNICATES WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH EMAILED "EBLAST" UPDATES, A WEBSITE RICH WITH INFORMATION, PLUS AN ACTIVE FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT.



## ARE YOU GETTING OUR EMAILS?

During the summer, it is especially important to read the LTYC eBlasts. If you are not receiving these messages which go out every other week during the off-season and weekly or more during the summer, send a note to [info@ltyc.org](mailto:info@ltyc.org) and we'll help you get connected.



## SEE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

LTYC regularly posts pictures and news from the club and the wider community on its Facebook page and Instagram. Follow at [facebook.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub](https://facebook.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub) and [instagram.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub](https://instagram.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub).