



# LITTLE TRAVERSE

YACHT CLUB

*Newsletter*

## NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

T O M T R A U T M A N



**I**n the words of Jerry Garcia, “what a long, strange trip it’s been.” Due to the looming pandemic, the summer of 2020 presented many challenges

and setbacks for the club, our Board of Directors and our members. We had to adjust our sails, implement many changes to our programs and even cancel some events. Some of these decisions and changes were very difficult to make, but all were made with the best interest of the club, our staff and our members in mind. I understand the difficulty that these challenges bring to our sailing and social community. The anxiety, stress and inconvenience can certainly seem overwhelming at times.

We can’t look into a crystal ball and know what the summer of 2021 will bring, but we are all hoping that things will be getting back to some semblance of normalcy. Going forward our continued priority will be for the safety of our members, staff, guests, and volunteers. Our greatest strength as a club should be our ability to rally and cruise through adversity. The Board of Directors and the LTYC Staff are committed to providing the best possible member experience in a

controlled and safe environment.

On the bright side, we were able to remain open for most of the season providing lunches, dinners, drinks, and some limited social events. We were able to provide club racing on Little Traverse Bay with good participation in our Tuesday night and weekend series. Dinghy racing on single-handed Lasers or family members sailing together on 420’s was especially popular. LTS was open and sailing through Covid. They walked a fine line of safety, cautious optimism, and acknowledged the fact that providing some structured activity and employment to our youth was important during these times. The Beaver Island race happened with six boats competing for top honors. All things considered, it was a pretty active season both on and off the water.

I want to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and cooperation while we navigated and sailed through these uncharted waters. I want to offer up a huge thanks to our staff and volunteers, our frontline workers who persevered throughout the season. Thanks to our social committee, race committee and to all our committee members who kept things going during these difficult times. As always, it’s a team effort and I’m proud to be part of this team.

We are ending this season and starting

the next with a mostly new Board of Directors. I would like to welcome aboard Louise (Lulu) Finkelstein, Jan Mancinelli, Sean O’Brien, and Beth Varner. A special welcome to our new and returning Vice Commodore Debi Schoenherr and our new Rear Commodore Dunne Saal. Kevin Larson and Mac Jacob continue as Board Members with their terms ending in 2021. I look forward to working with this enthusiastic and competent group. I’m confident that together we can make the best decisions for the club, overcome any obstacles and keep this ship on a proper course.

The calendar for 2021 is in draft form and starting to fill up. The highlights for next year will be the 125th Anniversary of the LTYC and the 60th Anniversary of our beloved Ugotta Regatta. I have some big shoes to fill as your new Commodore, I’m honored to serve and promise to do my best for the club and our members. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

I’ll sign off with a quote from Joseph Conrad that resonates with the events of this summer: “Any fool can carry on but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time”.

Wishing everyone a wonderful winter season. Be kind and stay safe.

# FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

DEBI SCHOENHERR



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021! OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITTLE TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

INVITATIONAL REGATTA WILL BE HELD JULY 29 - AUG. 1, 2021. PLANS ARE ALREADY MOVING FORWARD WITH MOST OF OUR RACE COMMITTEE "A TEAM" RETURNING ONCE AGAIN. SAVE THE DATE, AS VOLUNTEER REQUESTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE 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!

We will endeavor to return to 2 courses, the Tour Course, and the One-Design Course. 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.

The summer of 2020 delivered many disappointments to all of us. One of the biggest disappointments was the last-minute cancellation of Ugotta. The Regatta Committee worked hard to make safe and compliant decisions to host the event during difficult times, but in the end, we had to pull the plug. Commodore Tom Trautman and I would like to thank the volunteers on the Regatta Committee for their work and perseverance this past year:

- Terry Farquharson
- Andrew Wells
- Commodore Jack Carruthers
- Karen Adams
- Marno Lane
- Dick Swarthout
- Julie Matthews
- Dan Thompson
- Dick Neville
- Sue Holmes
- Beth Cassidy

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

## "Nice Matters"



I WILL NEVER FORGET THE FIRST TIME I HEARD MEADE REFERRED TO AS THE 'PIED PIPER' OF LTS. WOW, FITS PERFECTLY, I THOUGHT... ALL THOSE KIDS FOLLOW HIM AROUND, HANG ON HIS EVERY WORD AND ADORE HIM!! I HAVE KNOWN MEADE SINCE HE WAS A TODDLER AND WATCHED HIM GROW UP TO BECOME A KIND, INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG MAN.

Meade started sail school at LTS at the age of 9, when he graduated, he became an Instructor, and in 2015 accepted the position of Director & Head Sailing Instructor of LTS. I remember Meade being around almost 24/7 on the water or onshore, always ready to lend a hand for LTYC racing, running dinghy races or come to the aid of a sailor in need. Sometimes, we would just sit around and chat about all things Sailing!

"It breaks my heart to inform you, our members, that Meade Maxwell sailed on September 26, 2020. Fair winds and following seas, Meade, you will be dearly missed." - from Debi Schoenherr on behalf of the LTYC family.

*Further Information: [www.verheyden.org/obituary/510887/Hampden-Maxwell](http://www.verheyden.org/obituary/510887/Hampden-Maxwell)*

*In lieu of flowers, Meade's Family has requested donations to Little Traverse Sailors. [www.littletraversesailors.org/product/donate](http://www.littletraversesailors.org/product/donate)*

## SOCIAL DISTANCING VS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Louise Finkelstein,  
Social Committee Chair*

**Think about it** - Social Committee is the antithesis of social distancing, yet our LTYC Social Committee came together to create wonderful, warm gatherings for all to enjoy. We welcomed new members, introduced Mahjong, sang til our hearts content with Singo nights, had cocktails on the veranda and music on the porch. Our committee is dedicated to bringing fun filled events because creating

memories is after all... priceless. We are gearing up for next year so say goodbye to the bummer summer... 2021 HERE WE COME!

A final version of the 2021 calendar will be available early next year. Please monitor our online calendar at [www.ltyc.org](http://www.ltyc.org) and our weekly newsletter for announcements, key dates, and more. Also jump over to Facebook as a great way to stay connected with members and friends of LTYC, or to share a memory [www.facebook.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub](http://www.facebook.com/LittleTraverseYachtClub)

# ITYC CLUB Racing 2020

The Summer of 2020 was different from any other summer. The late spring was filled with uncertainty, not sure if we would be able to race or even put our boats in the water. It is my pleasure to report, with some added precautions, we safely had a full season of racing.

On June 9, Tuesday Night Racing began with the J/70s, Alerion 28s, PHRF, and Jib and Main classes racing. Saturday One Design racing started on June 20<sup>th</sup> with the J/70s, Alerion 28s, and NMs. Though there were a few less participants than previous years due to the pandemic, there was still plenty of competition on the water. The J/70 and Alerion 28 classes remained strong with about 10 boats competing in each class.

The Beaver Island Race had good participation with 6 boats competing. The weather on the way to the island was pretty extreme due to a storm moving through and most boats reached the island in record time, arriving in Saint James Harbor around 2:30pm.

A special thanks to our Sailing Director, Dan Thompson, who because of the pandemic, single handedly operated the Committee Boat and started the races. Also, thanks to all our wonderful race volunteers, Debi Schoenherr, Gretchen Dorian, Beth Varner, Tom Varner, Terry Farquharson, Lulu Finkelstein, Anne Ryan, and Ian Beckley for their time and talent on the water this summer.

Thank you and congratulations to all participants sailing in the 2020 season, especially our flag-winners.

## RACING RESULTS 2020

### SPRING TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES

#### Alerion 28 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seiche, Michael Fitzsimons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moonbeam, Carruthers/Holton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blues Power, Geoffrey Keenan

#### J/70 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Measure Twice, Duff Family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Denali .5, Bill McKinley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundog, Chal Curtis

#### PHRF

- 1<sup>st</sup> USA-824, Chelsea Simms

#### Jib & Main Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mischief, Larry Haras

### SUMMER TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES

#### Alerion 28 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rock Steady, Sandy Burley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Czar, Rich Lehmann
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blues Power, Geoffrey Keenan

#### J/70 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tres Burritos, Scott Sellers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> McFly, Sean O'Brien
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Downtown Escape, Wagner Family

#### PHRF Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gosling, Dunne Saal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Flash, Bill Petzold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> USA-824, Chelsea Simms

#### Jib & Main Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mischief, Larry Haras
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone, Gary Stewart
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moonbeam, Carruthers/Holton

### FALL TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES

#### Alerion 28 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oriole, Stephen Kircher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moonbeam, Carruthers/Holton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blessed, Chal Curtis

#### J/70 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pronto – Hill/Ford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> McFly, Sean O'Brien

#### Jib & Main Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mischief, Larry Haras
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone, Gary & Susan Stewart

### SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, ONE DESIGN

#### Alerion 28 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rock Steady, Sandy Burley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moonbeam, Carruthers/Holton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blessed, Chal Curtis

#### J/70 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> McFly, Sean O'Brien
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tres Burritos, Scott Sellers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> USA-224, Rob Matthews

### SATURDAY SERIES, ONE DESIGN

#### Alerion 28 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moonbeam, Carruthers/Holton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bay Breeze, Buzzelli/Holben
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Absolut Glory, Clas Nilstoft

#### J/70 Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tres Burritos, Scott Sellers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> McFly, Sean O'Brien
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Measure Twice, Duff Family

#### NM Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Osprey, Team Osprey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tomahawk, Adam Lowry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Intuition, Tom & Nick Post

### NM JULY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### NM Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tomahawk, Adam Lowry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Istar, Ray Leyman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Intuition, Tom & Nick Post

### NM MID-SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

#### NM Fleet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tomahawk, Adam Lowry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Osprey, Team Osprey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Intuition, Tom & Nick Post

### NM AUGUST CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1<sup>st</sup> NM-21, John Podmajersky
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tomahawk, Adam Lowry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eyrie Too, Bruce Aikens

### BEAVER ISLAND RACE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Irregardless, Paul Siegel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> nosurprise, Scott Sellers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gryphon, Robert Matthews

# 2020 Honorary AWARDS

## Debi Schoenherr inducted to the LTYC Hall of Fame



Commodore  
Lipscomb  
Memorial  
Trophy

### COMMODORE LIPSCOMB MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Commodore Lipscomb Memorial Trophy is awarded to a LTYC member who has made an outstanding contribution to the overall good or betterment of the Little Traverse Yacht Club. Recipients exhibit a deep dedication to the club, and as a result of their efforts, the club has improved in some way including facilities, activities, membership or financial condition.

This year it was presented to Dave Irish; received by his daughters Sue and Perry on his behalf. Thank you Dave and family!

### RACE COMMITTEE AWARD

The honorary Race Committee Award was presented to Ian Beckley for his service, dedication and enthusiasm towards bettering racing and dinghy sailing on Little Traverse Bay. Thank you, Ian, for all you do!

### THE ELIZABETH MARY AWARD

Formerly the binnacle of the Elizabeth Mary, LTYC's former committee boat, this is a unique and special award. It is presented to an individual who makes an outstanding contribution to the advancement of sailing on Little Traverse Bay. It has been awarded for exceptional performances of Fleet Captains, Regatta Chairmen, Committee Boat Captains, etc. This year's recipient is Ali Hill for her leadership, dedication, and passion for Little Traverse Sailors. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!



DEBI GAINED A PASSION FOR SAILING IN HER YOUNGER YEARS THAT LED HER DOWN AN EXCITING PATH OF RACING, VOLUNTEERISM, AND KNOWLEDGE. SHE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A TRAIL BLAZER FOR WOMEN IN SAILING.

Over the years she has competed in International Events, North Americans, US Sailing Championships, Mackinac Races, Caribbean Circuits, and prominent Match Racing Events. Debi's quest to learn more led her to become involved in our National Authority US Sailing, where she assumed many roles within the organization. During those years, she became a US Sailing National Judge and Umpire, ultimately being appointed a WS International Umpire. Event Management seemed to fit in nicely, so Debi chaired an Etchells North Americans, US Sailing Women's Match Race Championship, numerous International Match Racing events, along with others. She accepted the nomination as Fleet Captain for Bayview Yacht Club and was named Member of the Year in 2010.

Today, Debi is a Harbor Springs resident, past Commodore of LTYC, and you can find her on the water sailing with friends or behind the scenes working on Regatta and Race Management.

# ALERION 28

## RECAP OF 2020

By Bryan Burley, Alerion 28 Fleet Captain

“**W**hat kind of boat is that? She sure is pretty!” Having moored our Alerion Express 28 (AE28) at the City dock which hosts plenty of tourist traffic, Sandy and I have fielded numerous inquiries like this over the past few seasons. As all Alerion owners and crew know, comments on the classic lines of the boat are the most common. She is pretty, indeed.

What the tourists likely do not know is how much fun they are to sail. Whether cruising around the bay with family or knocking around a racecourse with the fleet, the AE28 is easy to sail. However, sailing it well is the challenge.

The LTYC AE28 racing fleet continues to rise to meet that challenge. Members of the fleet have stepped up their respective games; competition has become closer and more spirited. Crews are further developing their skills in the “big three” components of race management, which include boat setup, race preparation and race execution. The entire fleet is sailing faster and smarter.

We accept that there are differences in boat construction. Due to design changes over the years, the AE28 is not a strict one-design fleet. In fact, we have dubbed ourselves a “similar-design” fleet.

Differences aside, the boat that is well prepared and well sailed wins the race. One bad tack or a missed wind shift has a bigger impact than whatever construction differences exist!

Like every other aspect of our lives, we were presented with some obstacles during the 2020 racing season. Despite the constraints within which we were forced to sail, the AE28 fleet thrived again this summer. Our events included Tuesday Night Spring, Summer and Fall Series, Saturday One-Design Series, and our Summer Championship. Participation in these events was strong with sometimes 10 boats on the line. Thanks to all our owners, crew, and race committee for persevering through difficult circumstances to get boats on the water.

Looking ahead to 2021, we hope to introduce some fleet development programs that will help us all pool knowledge and further advance the entire fleet. Ideas are welcome and expert presenters will be appreciated. Please let me know if you can contribute.

In the meantime, sail fast, sail fair and sail on!

# J/70 Fleet

## REPORT

By Scott Sellers, J/70 Fleet Captain

**THE J/70 FLEET FEELS FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD A GREAT SUMMER OF RACING ON LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY DURING A TIME OF SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY. MUCH OF THE FLEET, INCLUDING THE DUFFS ON MEASURE TWICE AND THE CURTIS FAMILY ON SUNDOG SAILED PRIMARILY WITH FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS HELPED ENSURE THE FLEET WAS SAFE AS POSSIBLE ON THE RACE COURSE.**

The fleet stalwarts were welcomed by a couple of new additions with the Matthews family chartering a J/70 and Matthew Romano out on Narwhal. The Wagner’s helped our attendance with two boats on the starting line with Polk chartering Downtowner while Trip and friends sailed Escape.

The Tuesday night series started slowly with a number of cancellations but finished strong with the season title coming down to the last race. The fleet championships also came down to the last race with Sean O’Brien on McFly edging Merritt Sellers on Tres Burritos. Special thanks to Dan and the rest of RC for running great races all summer. Good luck to McFly and Narwhal who are traveling South this winter for the J/70 circuit.



# NM FLEET

By Bill Brown, NM Fleet Captain

The NM Fleet has stood the test of time, perpetuated by owners and friends, past and present. This year the Fleet celebrated it’s 86th anniversary as a timeless ONE DESIGN. This is the first call for photos, written notes and articles long since pushed to the back of desk drawers and any and all verbal anecdotal comments to be converted to the written word. The purpose is that I have begun the production of

an individual provenance for each hull number, to be completed and ready for production well in advance of the Fleets 100th anniversary.

We’ll once again look to have a Development Day next year at the LTYC clubhouse. Topics up for discussion may include: sail trim, equipment swap or trade, racing rules, and jib & main racing.

# LTYC DINGHY FLEET REPORT

By Meredith Moran

AS WE WATCH THE CHANGING COLORS OF FALL AND BREATHE CRISP AUTUMN AIR, IT IS HEARTWARMING TO REMINISCE ON THIS PAST SUMMER'S SAILING SEASON. DESPITE THE MANY DIFFICULTIES INDUCED BY COVID, WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A SPECTACULAR RACING SEASON. PARTICULARLY IN THE DINGHIES (THE LASER AND 420 FLEETS), WE HAD CONSISTENT RACING TURNOUTS FROM WEEK TO WEEK, CREATING GREAT COMPETITION ON THE RACECOURSE.



In the full Laser fleet division, the top 3 finishers for the season were Ian Beckley, Mike Duff, and Ryan Higgins, respectively. Ian performed efficiently this year in Lasers, accumulating many first-place finishes, regardless of how the wind was blowing on a given evening. Close behind him, Mike Duff sailed consistently throughout the summer, attending every single race! Finally, Ryan sailed impressively this summer, showing great improvement on the water. These sailors were challenged by tight competition from the full fleet but managed to end the season with podium finishes. Great job sailors!



In the Laser radial division, the Little Traverse Race Team dominated the podium and showed great development throughout the summer season. Congratulations to Maren Matthews and Cade Miller for their respective first and second place finishes. It also was satisfying to see Race Team members Nathan Gantala, Oliver Lehman, and Hannah Sellers battle it out and put their skills to the test during the races. I am confident this fleet will be better than ever next season.

Finally, congratulations to Merritt Sellers for her first-place finish in the 4.7 Laser division! Merritt performed solidly week to week, and significantly advances her sailing skills with time on the racecourse. Unfortunately, other sailors, including Kate Moran and Elizabeth Grin, were just shy of qualifying yet proved to be speedy competition during the season. I am looking forward to watching this fleet grow in the future with up and coming younger sailors in the Little Traverse program.

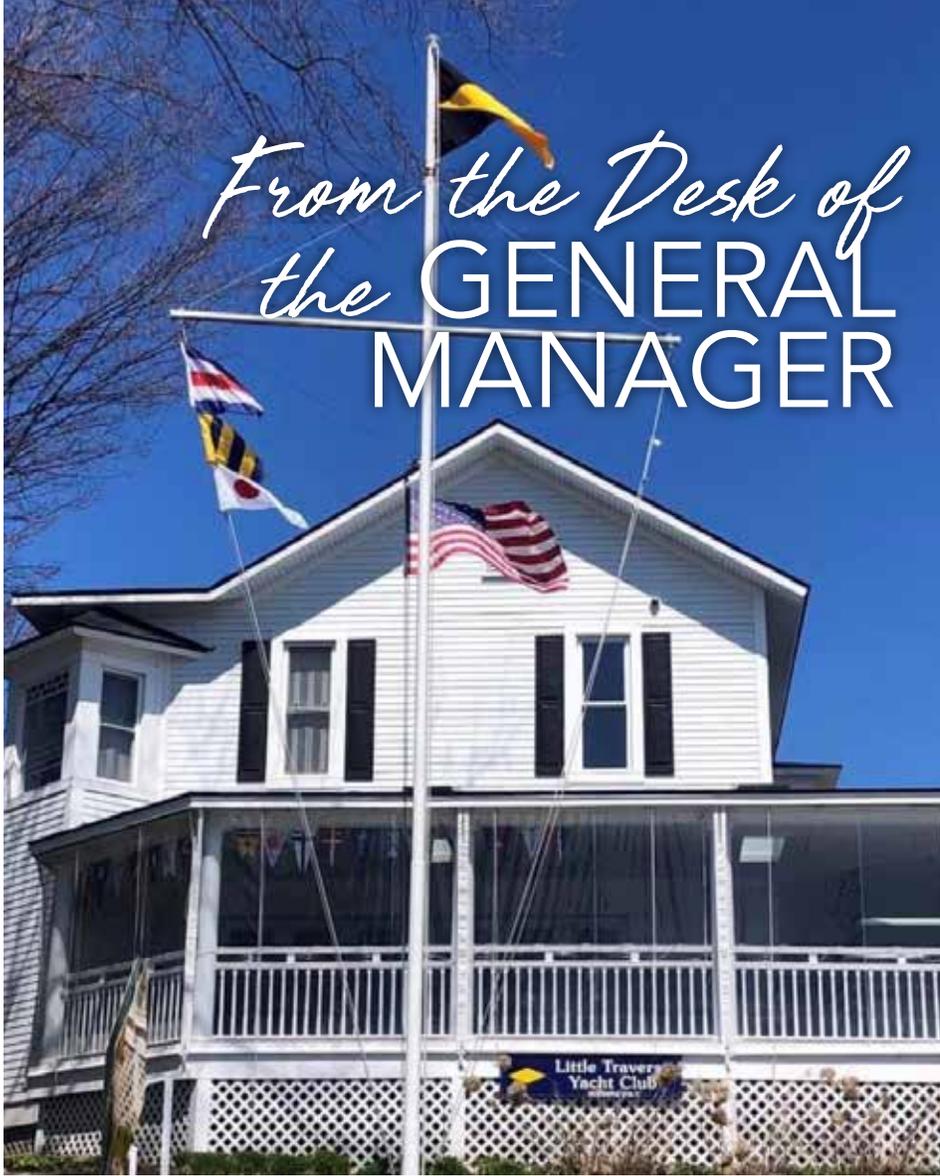
Although weather conditions proved challenging when creating a solid basis of 420 results, many family boats showed up to the waterfront enthusiastically when races were on. The Sellers, Matthew's, Wagner, Grin, Kost, Keffer and Moran families all delivered strong performances, and it was fun to see the camaraderie on the water. I am optimistic next year that we will be able to keep family boats prominent in the fleet and add additional boats with an ease in COVID restrictions.

Racing this summer would not have been possible without the deliberate and dedicated work of the race committee and Dan Thompson. They were able to set square courses every Monday and Thursday and run races efficiently while maximizing nightly wind conditions. I can speak on behalf of all sailors saying we greatly appreciate your efforts!

A final big thank you to this year's fleet captain Ian Beckley. He did an excellent job this summer organizing the dinghy fleets, consistently going above and beyond by providing us detailed conditions reports and rapidly updated results. No doubt his efforts contributed greatly to creating a picturesque Harbor Springs sailing summer. I hope I can maintain these same high standards!

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Meredith Moran, and I am an instructor with Little Traverse Sailors. A veteran of the Little Traverse learn-to-sail program as well as the race team, I enjoy all the opportunities this yacht club offers sailors to utilize their sailing skills in a more advanced race setting. I will be the dinghy fleet captain for the upcoming year, and I am eager to make your racing experience as enjoyable as possible. If you have suggestions for next year, please do not hesitate to contact me at [meredithmoran@gmail.com](mailto:meredithmoran@gmail.com). I will be in touch in the coming months with ideas on enhancing dinghy fleet racing at LTYC. For now, I wish you all a happy fall!

# From the Desk of the GENERAL MANAGER



*By Daniel DeWindt, LTYC General Manager*

Well, here we are on the other side of another season gone by at the clubhouse. Wow, what a season it was - filled with physical, mental, and financial challenges. Yet, we faced them head on to the best of our ability, adjusting our sails accordingly. As hard as we thought it would be to predict and plan for the number of people we would have visit and how to best operate safely and successfully, taught us how to stay flexible and accept change. One more thing is certain. That is, you have a dedicated board, many of whom are new this year, who carry a resounding passion for the club and you. In the off-season we'll be collaborating, planning,

and working to continue to bring you wonderful service, added value, and a welcoming space for lasting memories.

We are also all immensely grateful for those who supported us throughout. Membership retention was significant, many continued to support dining at the club, attending events, and contributing in other ways, all while practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Thank you! We also recognize those who did not visit the club this year for one reason or another. Know we missed you greatly yet understandably recognize your safety and wellbeing are the highest priority. We look forward to everyone being back in 2021. Stay well and positive.

Please keep in touch and should you need anything contact the office or email [daniel@ltyc.org](mailto:daniel@ltyc.org). Have a great winter and wonderful Holiday season.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES LOOKING AHEAD

We're eagerly looking forward to 2021 and having many of our members back as we're safely allowed to under CDC guidelines. We also thank our membership for supporting us and staying with us through a unique summer. Next year should prove better given some luck and perseverance – staying healthy & positive! Lastly, the early part of next year LTYC will process Annual Membership Dues, which will come over two installments. First on February 1st and then May 1st. Please ensure your payment info and member profile are up to date. For any assistance here, for membership questions, or information please contact Daniel at the office or via email at [info@ltyc.org](mailto:info@ltyc.org). Thank you everyone!



## Are you receiving the LTYC E-blast Updates?

Email is the number one way for LTYC to share up-to-date news and upcoming events with you. E-blasts go out to all members weekly during the summer and monthly in the off-season, with extra updates as needed. If you are not getting these emails, search your messages, including your spam folder, for messages from [info@ltyc.org](mailto:info@ltyc.org). Sometimes, internet service providers block messages sent to lists. If you are not receiving the LTYC E-blasts, send a note to Daniel DeWindt, the General Manager ([daniel@ltyc.org](mailto:daniel@ltyc.org)) for help.



## LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS

# SAILING THROUGH COVID

**2020 WAS POSSIBLY THE MOST UNUSUAL SUMMER IN THE 59-YEAR HISTORY OF LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS, BUT WE PULLED IT OFF AND HAD A BLAST ON THE WATER!**

The most challenging task for LTS this year was to adapt our programming to incorporate best practices for youth programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. We developed protocols for daily health screening of staff and students; encouraged physical distancing at all times; required the use of LTS-branded buffs (or masks) on shore and on the dock; set up hand sanitizing stations on shore, on the dock and in all powerboats; added daily boat disinfecting routines to our to-do list; and retooled our curriculum to focus on single-handed sailing only with Learn-to-Sail in Bugs and Prams and Race Team in Lasers.

Week 1 became a training week for all staff, focused on introducing and practicing new COVID-specific protocols

and one-on-one coaching and safety skills. Additionally, all staff participated in a leadership workshop facilitated by Molly Baker of TOPOnexus. From the very first day of sailing school, LTS staff embraced these extra responsibilities, leading by example and tapping into the pent-up enthusiasm of young people emerging from the cocoons of their home state “Stay Home, Stay Safe” orders.

The focus on single-handed sailing limited LTS session capacity to about one-third of usual enrollment, but we were still able to add the following to our usual Learn-to-Sail and Race Team programming: youth regattas on most Friday afternoons (see results below); Bug/Pram racing for newer sailors on Wednesday nights; private lessons on weeknights, and during 2 hour windows during the AM and PM sessions; and dinghy racing for Lasers and a small 420 fleet of family crews on Monday and Thursday evenings, led by fleet captain Ian Beckley with race committee staffed by LTS instructors.

And in the end, we made it through the summer with no known cases of COVID-19 tied to LTS programming!

But we could not have pulled it off without the following:

- A committed and involved Board of Directors: Owen Beckley (treasurer), Matt Breckenfeld (vice president and fleet management), Martin Grin (youth regattas), Merritt Keffer (curriculum development), Beth Kost (secretary and social media), Jill Sellers (race team liaison and general font of knowledge);
- Terrific staff who rose to the challenge, in particular recognizing our senior staff including Head Instructor Robert Duff, Executive Director in charge of administration Natalie Simmons, Race Team Head Coach/boat maintenance wizard Dan Thompson, Race Team Assistant Coach Ian Beckley and 12 staff members who stuck with us even after we told them that LTS positions would all be part-time this year;

- AND the LTS youth sailors and their families who supported our mission and adopted our protocols with gratitude and grace.
- LTS is a volunteer organization and our board and staff members are tremendously thankful for the help and support we receive from our LTYC family and community members. We would like to recognize a few key volunteers who stepped in this season:
- Mike Duff worked with US Sailing to host the in-person portion of Level 1 instructor certification at LTS in early July, a huge benefit to our first-year instructors. He also helped with dock maintenance; and
- Allison Larson helped with our fundraiser by volunteering to represent LTS at an LTYC Tuesday evening dinner.

Which leads us to a huge shout out and thank you to the terrific ad hoc fundraising committee of Merritt Keffer, Beth Kost and Matt Breckenfeld, who pulled off an incredible 5-day “Sailing through COVID”



fundraiser during our final week of sailing school. We raised over \$22,000 from our amazing LTS/LTYC community of friends, family, and sailors. WOW! Additionally, we were pushed well over our fundraising goal by an incredibly generous gift from Irish Boat Shop, who donated a significant portion of the proceeds of their 2020 Ugotta Regatta t-shirt sales to LTS. Thank you Irish Boat Shop for your ongoing support of youth sailing in Harbor Springs. Thank you all!

## INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF 2020 LTS RACE TEAM

13 members of the 2020 LTS Race Team trained and practiced 5 afternoons each week under the direction of Head Coach Dan Thompson and Assistant Coach Ian Beckley: Bobby Dodge, Claire Fink, Joseph Fisher, Nathan Gantala, Caroline Grin, Elizabeth Grin, Oliver Lehmann, Maren Matthews, Cade Miller, Kate Moran, George Piceu, Hannah Sellers, and Trip Wagner. In addition, Merritt Sellers’ particular enthusiasm and commitment to improving her sailing skills earned her an honorary spot on the race team as we progressed through the summer.

## YOUTH REGATTAS AND RESULTS

Little Traverse Sailors hosts four (4) Friday afternoon youth regattas each summer, open to all interested area youth sailors. This year all regattas were sailed exclusively in single-handed boats. Martin Grin stepped in to run the events, including warmly congratulating winners and gently consoling those who had a tough time on the racecourse. Awards ceremonies were held after each regatta.

*The Tomahawk Regatta, named after the Lowry family’s boats, was held on 7/3/20.*

### Radial Laser

- 3 Jack Miller
- 2 Trip Wagner
- 1 Nathan Gantala

### 4.7 Laser

- 3 George Piceu
- 2 Elizabeth Grin
- 1 Merritt Sellers

*The Teddy Brown Annual Youth Regatta, held in memory of Teddy Brown, 7/31/20. This year’s traditional regatta party was replaced by certificates for ice cream cones generously underwritten by Yummies.*

### Radial Laser

- 3 Trip Wagner
- 2 Hannah Sellers
- 1 Maren Matthews

### 4.7 Laser

- 3 Elizabeth Grin
- 2 Kate Moran
- 1 Merritt Sellers

*The Traveller Regatta, named after the famous boat, owned by Dave Irish, was held 8/7/20.*

### Radial Laser

- 3 Caroline Grin
- 2 Nathan Gantala
- 1 Maren Matthews

### 4.7 Laser (2 entries)

- 2 Merritt Sellers
- 1 Elizabeth Grin

*And finally, the Collaboration Regatta, named after the Grin family’s boat of that name, was held on 8/14/20. This regatta was particularly poignant this year as we lost Dr Oliver Grin in early April.*

### Radial Laser

- 3 Maren Matthews
- 2 Trip Wagner
- 1 Nathan Gantala

### 4.7 Laser (2 entries)

- 2 Maddie Swarhout
- 1 Merritt Sellers

We encourage you to look to LTS when you are in search of crew - what youth sailors lack in experience they make up for in enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing and generous support of Little Traverse Sailors. We’re looking forward to seeing you on the water in 2021!

# THE LTYC CORINTHIAN FUND



*By Terry Taylor-Farquharson,  
Corinthian Fund Chair*

SIX YEARS AGO, THE CORINTHIAN FUND WAS ESTABLISHED AS A WAY TO FIRMLY GROUND THE LTYC'S WATERFRONT PROGRAMS WELL INTO THE FUTURE—BOTH TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF OUR RACING TRADITIONS, AS WELL AS ENABLING THE ONGOING INVESTMENTS REQUIRED TO BUILD INTO THE FUTURE. OVER THESE YEARS, WE ARE PROUD TO REPORT THAT INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS (SAILORS AND NON-

SAILORS ALIKE) HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AS CORINTHIAN FUND DONATIONS.

Corinthian Fund Members, who donate \$250 or more, are designated Corinthian Fund “Team” members and are, generally, shown our appreciation with Cocktails for Corinthians.

Although 2020 has been difficult for all, we still raised only slightly less than 2019 and are overwhelmed by the generosity of the LTYC membership. We had just over 60 members donate at “Team” level and planned to thank “Team” members with Cocktails for Corinthians, at the

Harbor Point Golf Club. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we were unable to hold this event. In lieu of the 2020 Cocktails for Corinthians, “Team” members will receive a set of two beautiful burnished copper Mule mugs, with LTYC Corinthian “Team” Member on one side and LTYC burgee on the other. Please look for these to be distributed around the Holidays.

Thank you all, once again, for your support of the LTYC waterfront programs. Through the Corinthian Fund, we look forward to building on our already-strong traditions of an outstanding yacht club for generations to come.

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**July 10th, 2021**

*An Evening Under the Stars*

Making memories one gala at a time!

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"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

*Save the Date*



*And Come Celebrate with us*

**June 26th, 2021**



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