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LITTLE TRAVERSE Yacht Club NEWSLETTER



LTYC to Host the J/70 Corinthian National Championship

In August, LTYC will be hosting one of the major amateur sailing championships in the country. From

August 8 - 11, the J/70 Corinthian National Championship will bring the top Corinthian, or non-pro, sailing teams from around the country to compete on Little Traverse Bay. As of press time, about 30 boats are registered—and up to 10-15 more could join us for the event, making it one of the most competitive sailing events in the Midwest in recent memory.

The J/70 is a 22.5 foot-long keelboat, typically sailed by four or five sailors. For the past several years, the J/70 has been the dominant international keelboat class, with national and international events attracting more than 100 teams, most of them loaded with the top professionals in the sport. The Corinthian National Championship is a unique event, because all competing teams must be comprised of entirely amateur sailors (as defined by World Sailing, the global governing body of the sport). But the lack of professional sailors won't diminish the quality of the racing—already we have the 2018 Corinthian National Champion registered, as well as the 2016 J/70 World Champion.

This event will offer terrific views of sailboat racing at its highest level. It is a great opportunity for club members to get involved and help with the event while enjoying terrific views. The event begins on Thursday, August 8, with boat setup, measurement, and an afternoon practice race followed by an opening social event at the clubhouse. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are race days all day, with the winners receiving trophies Sunday afternoon after racing ends.

In order to pull off an event of this magnitude, the club needs lots of help from our members. Specifically, we have the following important needs:

- Members willing to host a visiting race official (or two!)
- Volunteers willing to operate the registration desk, welcoming the sailors to our club

- Members with powerboats willing to drive coaches, judges, or other race officials (or let the club borrow your boat for a day)
- Any members with connections with businesses or organizations who might want to sponsor the event

The J/70 Corinthian National Championship promises to be a regatta to remember for both LTYC and the sport of sailing. We are proud to host it and look forward to inviting all members to join the fun—whether by helping out as noted above, by watching the excitement on the water or simply coming by the club to socialize with the competitors. Offers of assistance, questions, or comments can be directed to the regatta chair, Blane Shea, at j70cnat@ltyc.org.





News From the **COMMODORE**

Jack Carruthers

This morning at breakfast, I asked my family for a spring newsletter topic and the response was "Get Ready for Sailing!" I could not agree more! The deer have stopped nibbling on the clubhouse bushes and the ice boats are put away. Time to think about the summer ahead as we start the 2019 season.

There are many sailing and social events happening this summer, so here are a few highlights:

The LTYC Invitational Regatta (Ugotta Regatta) and the J/70 Corinthian National Championship will be the two nationally recognized events at the club this season. Little Traverse Bay and Harbor Springs has become one of the top sailing destinations in the Midwest and it's an honor to host these events.

Volunteers are needed for all our upcoming races, especially the regattas. Please contact Danial DeWindt, Club Manager, to help make these events successful. When you volunteer you not only help your club, you have a great opportunity to meet new friends.

There are several things in the works for the clubhouse. Architectural drawings of the new bar will be available for viewing with construction starting after the club closes in September. In addition to the new bar, there will also be changes planned for updating the kitchen equipment and adding air-conditioning. Most of the updates will take place after the club closes, but we are working on some immediate improvements to help our food and beverage

manager, Belinda, and her crew. They do an exceptional job for the resources they have in our small kitchen. When you see Belinda or any staff member this summer, please take a moment to thank them.

Last winter, an extension to the floating bulkhead dock along the east seawall was purchased. So, when joining us for our Tuesday and Thursday night BBQ/Cookouts, come by boat and don't worry about parking your car!

The Social Committee has been busy this past winter planning new events. The first event for the 2019 season will be on May 27th for the Memorial Day Afterglow. Stop by after the parade and enjoy the camaraderie. The Opening Cocktail Party and Hall of Fame awards are June 15th. Look to the attached calendar for all the events scheduled this summer. We look forward to seeing everyone as we reconnect with old friends and welcome all of our new members to LTYC.

Little Traverse Sailors will begin June 17th and conclude August 16th. Sign up soon for the prime spots! Also, if you want to learn to sail or boost your skills, you may feel like you want more one on one training. Contact our Sailing Director, Dan Thompson, and arrange a private lesson.

There are lots of exciting events ahead this summer, so mark your calendars and come on down to the club! Can't wait to see you for another spectacular season.





WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!

Last fall, I stated that LTYC is seeing an increased level of participation by members on a regular basis. We look forward to the same vibrancy this season! The social calendar, as well as on-water activities, will see increases in available options for members to appreciate. The introduction of "Thursday Night Live" will encompass an array of new events, dining themes, and activities to enhance member experiences those nights. Singo (a hot new form of Bingo), a Wine Tasting evening, and new menus each Thursday are just some of the new offerings being planned.

I also spoke about building greater member value, as part of LTYC's overall strategic goal. This year we have another stellar lineup of professional, courteous staff awaiting your every need. Belinda Lemke, our Food & Beverage Manager, is back at the helm leading the team. We are looking to have 10-12 associates rotating to best serve you. Among the highly qualified associates are Karen Burkhart (Head Chef) and her daughter Amanda (Food/Beverage Assistant Manager), who are both returning for their fourth season at LTYC.

Third, this year brings a new format for membership renewals (payment now in two installments); please note the second and last installment was charged to member accounts as of May 1st. Annual memberships will now be valid until May 1st of each year. This will allow for seamless reciprocity at other clubs, that members may enjoy in our off season.

Please also be on the lookout for the 2019 Member Directory and Membership Cards in late May or the early part of June. Remember our membership directory is available 24/7 online via the private Member Area of LTYC.org. Stay connected!

Lastly, I want to thank our wonderful body of volunteers, many of whom are looking forward to returning this summer. The number of volunteers typically surpasses 200 over the course of summer. There are one-time service options (Regatta, social events, etc.), or chances to volunteer in a recurring fashion (race committee, event prep, social event planning, etc.). Consider becoming involved, as we invite you to explore opportunities! The rewards are enhanced connections with fellow members and socializing, betterment of the clubhouse & grounds, learning new skills, and more. Email info@ltyc.org or call 231-526-7919 to learn how you too can get involved.

In closing, this summer, as with seasons past, I hope that LTYC will be intertwined with your fondest memories. Pastimes such as enjoying the clubhouse and its view, fellowship amongst members and family, sailing, relaxed dining, and more will beckon you back. We stand ready to welcome you, as you come experience hospitality the northern Michigan way!

All the best,
 Daniel DeWindt
 LTYC Club Manager

"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

NEWLY JOINED MEMBERS FOR 2019:

We'd 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. Please welcome them by introducing yourself as the season opens. The member body is also reminded of our annual New Member Welcome celebration is on June 29th (Saturday) 6-8pm. Please attend this wonderful night of new friendships!

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James Woodward
 sponsored by Charlotte Corbett





from the VICE-COMMODORE

Tom Trautman



Ugotta Regatta

The 59th Annual LTYC Ugotta Regatta and One Design Racing will be held July 26-28 on the pristine waters of Little Traverse Bay. As in the past, we are offering three days of racing

for one design boats with classes consisting of five boats or more. As of press time, we have 22 J/70s, 11 Melges 24s and six Alerion 28s registered, which will certainly be our largest one design fleets. Other potential one design fleets will be the J/105s, J/111s and TP 52s. On Saturday and Sunday, we will be offering our traditional Tour of the Bay featuring predominately windward/leeward legs using the fixed LTYC marks. Again for 2019, we are limited to a maximum of 100 boats. As of mid-April, we have 77 boats registered and are anticipating (hoping) to reach our limit. If you haven't already, please register to reserve your spot.

One change for 2019 will be starting times for all fleets. We have moved the first starts to 12:00pm (noon) allowing time for the thermal or sea breeze to fill in. Those who sail on Little Traverse Bay during the summer know that they can just about set their watches by the predominate thermals. A thermal or sea breeze describes a wind that blows from the lake inland towards land. This breeze occurs most often in the spring and summer months because of the greater temperature differences between the lake and nearby land, particularly in the afternoon when the land is at maximum heating from the sun. The warm air over the land will rise throughout the day, causing low pressure at the surface. Over the water, high surface pressure will form because of the colder air. To compensate, the air will sink over the lake. The wind will blow from the higher pressure over the water to lower pressure over the land causing the sea breeze. The sea breeze strength will vary depending on the temperature difference between the land and the lake.

By pushing the start times back an hour, it should alleviate postponements either on-land or on the water which means less time sitting around and waiting. It will also allow for more consistent pressure and wind direction which will result in better racing. Other bonuses; it will allow for more time to explore the town of Harbor Springs in the morning, more time to prepare your boat and to get out and tune-up, more time to recover from the previous night's festivities,



and more time to enjoy the LTS pancake breakfast!

After racing be sure to take in the traditional Irish Boat Shop Party on Friday evening, the LTYC Party with the Petoskey Steel Drum Band at the club on Saturday evening, and back to the club after racing on Sunday for the awards ceremony and party.

Like the proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", it also takes a village to run a regatta. We need your help! There is no better way to enjoy the Ugotta Regatta than to become involved, either as a participant or volunteer. We will be needing "shore side" and "on the water" volunteers. For shore side volunteer positions, please contact Julie Matthews at jellstro@yahoo.com. For on the water positions, please contact myself at vicecommodore@ltyc.org or Debi Schoenherr at debi.sailing@gmail.com. Volunteers receive tickets to the Friday Irish Party, a Ugotta Regatta hat, recognition from the club, and a huge thank you!

Did you know that the Annual Regatta is the biggest fund raiser for the Little Traverse Yacht Club? Your generous donations help support this pinnacle event. Any remaining funds go to the general fund or the capital fund to support the club, clubhouse and the grounds. In turn, it helps our ability to grow member satisfaction. Corinthian Fund Donations go specifically to support our sailing and racing programs outside of the regatta. We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of our donors and sponsors. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and/or made donations to the Regatta Fund and the Corinthian Fund. You help make this event possible and your contributions go even further in support of the betterment of the club and in helping us to fulfill our mission.

See you on the water...



New for 2019: OPEN PROTEST HEARINGS

Sailboat racing operates under a complex set of rules (primarily the Racing Rules of Sailing, a quadrennial publication of World Sailing, the sport's international governing body), almost all of which are self-enforced among the participants as part of one of the most longstanding traditions of yacht racing: competition according to Corinthian principles. The overwhelming majority of the time, there is little dispute about the rules and their application. In those rare occasions when things aren't settled on the water, a "protest hearing" is convened after racing to resolve the matter.

A nationwide trend, which LTYC will be joining this summer, is the introduction of open protest hearings—meaning that these proceedings will be conducted at a time and place when all competitors and other interested parties can observe. By bringing protest hearings out into the open, the process is demystified, and the disputes (which almost always involve a tricky aspect of interpretation) become an opportunity for education as much as a determination of a question. This summer, when a protest does happen, we'll most likely hold the hearing on the club porch or out in back—seeking to turn what can be an opaque and intimidating process into a straightforward and understandable learning experience for everyone.

We at LTYC are fortunate to have true rules experts amongst our midst, including our Sailing Director, Dan Thompson and our Protest Committee Chair, Debi Schoenherr (a US Sailing Certified Judge), both of whom will be working with the Rear



Commodore, Polk Wagner to streamline the overall protest process and implement the new open protest system here at LTYC.

We're looking forward to trying this out—you might have an opportunity to observe the Corinthian principles of sailboat racing in action at the club this summer! If so, stop by and listen in! If you have any questions, or want to volunteer to help out, feel free to contact Polk Wagner at RearCommodore@ltyc.org.



News From the REAR COMMODORE

Polk Wagner



As the long winter's ice recedes from the harbor, soon to be replaced by boats bobbing at their moorings, plans are being put in place for another spectacular summer of racing in Little Traverse Bay. Our one-design fleets—Dinghies (420s and Lasers), J/70s, Alerion 28s, and classic NMs will very soon be out nearly every day of the week as part of one of the busiest and most competitive club racing programs in the country. An overview of the weekly racing is as follows:

Mondays. As in years past, the Lasers—13ft single-handed boats used in the Olympics—will race on Monday evenings, with a first start at 6:00pm and up to four races. Will last year's series winner, Ian Beckley (a collegiate sailing star from Hobart-William Smith) be able to defend his title, or will the title pass to fleet veterans like John McNeil or Mac Jacob, or will young junior sailing upstarts like Trip Wagner or Jack Miller try to wrest away the crown this year?

Tuesdays. If it's Tuesday, then it must mean Tuesday Night Racing, with the race starting at 6:00 and several fleets of both one-designs and PHRF racers doing (friendly) battle before recounting their exploits at the club over perch, burgers, and gin & tonics. We'll be looking for perennial favorites like the Burleys and Carruthers-Holton teams in the Alerion 28s, and the Sellers family on Tres Burritos, Rich Lehmann & company on Wind Czar, and Ali Hill and Chris Ford on Pronto to do well in the hotly competitive J/70 class.

Wednesdays. On most Wednesday nights, we will see our smallest LTS Junior Sailors showcasing their skills right in front of the club. Bug Racing will now be called Pram Racing this year with the addition of a new fleet of starter boats. Look for the colorful boats and listen to the coaches as they work to build the next generation of master LTYC sailors.

Thursdays. On Thursday nights, two-person teams, young and old alike, will set forth in the LTS 420 Fleet for three or four races in the harbor. Again, Ian Beckley is a returning champion, but Meredith Moran and Trip Wagner are likely to bring tough competition to that growing fleet. Parent/child and husband/wife teams are common. Everyone comes back to the club afterwards (joining many other club members) for the casual dining and post-racing camaraderie.

Fridays. Most Friday afternoons, you may catch a glimpse of the afternoon youth regattas hosted by the LTS Race Team from 4-6pm in which they compete for the venerable trophies of the Legends of the Great Lakes Series. On Friday nights, we rest. Or practice. And don't forget: the LTYC Bar

opens from 3-8pm. After all, nobody said you need to race in order to come to the club for drinks with your friends!

Saturdays & Sundays. On Saturday afternoons, (and some Sundays) three of our fleets—J/70s, NMs, and Alerion 28s—will race multiple races on Little Traverse Bay. First start is 1:00pm and everyone gets back to the club around 3ish for a debrief (with cocktails, of course) with LTYC Sailing Director Dan Thompson. Recent stars of the NM fleet include Adam Lowry on NM 6 Tomahawk, the Carruthers team on NM 3 Norwegian, NM 21 John Podmajersky, and NM 13 Dave Irish. The Alerion Saturday champ last year was the Carruthers-Holton team on Moonbeam, and the J/70 winner was the Sellers family on Tres Burritos. Who will win this summer?

Racing Smart and Fast: New Seminars for 2019. This year our LTYC Sailing Director Dan Thompson will be getting us all into 'race mode' with a seminar on the racing rules, including tips, answers to common questions, and highlights of recent changes. The Racing Rules Seminar will be on Sunday, June 16 1-4pm at the LTYC clubhouse. On Friday, June 28 at 4:30pm, Dan will host a seminar and discussion on racing tactics, offering thoughts and wisdom on winning strategies for Little Traverse Bay. All club members are welcome to join in, and these seminars are free. Stay tuned for more details and info on how to sign up.

New Scoring System. Club racers will notice a new registration and scoring system for 2019—one that should streamline and simplify the registration, payment, and scoring process. The new system will be better integrated into the LTYC web site and member accounts system and it will allow for quicker and more flexible display of the results. Your fleet captains will be distributing more information about this in the weeks ahead.

Open Protest Hearings. See the feature article in this newsletter about how we plan to transform protest hearings into educational opportunities.

Get involved in Club Racing! Are you a sailor (or aspiring sailor) who wants to join a sailing crew this summer? Do you want to learn more about the fast-growing sport of sailing? Are you interested in getting out on the water with fellow club members to help run races on a beautiful afternoon or evening? There are numerous ways to get involved in our Club Racing program, regardless of your experience, age, or level of interest. We are actively looking for club members to join in the fun, whether as crew, member of the race committee, or a volunteer scorer. Contact the Rear Commodore, Polk Wagner (RearCommodore@ltyc.org) for more information. See you out there this summer!



Long-term Strategic Financial Goals for LTYC

by Blane Shea, Treasurer



For the first time ever in 2019, LTYC divided dues charges into two payments, one charged automatically to member accounts in February and one charged in May. This decision was made in order to lower the amount of each payment and to provide more steady cash flow in support of club operations. The February draft worked fantastically and had the added benefit of giving members plenty of time to get their payment information up to date in time for the season ahead. The feedback from members has been very positive. The funds from membership dues are an essential part of the club's overall operations. Our strong operating fund supports our hard-working full-time manager Daniel DeWindt and allows us to retain and recruit outstanding seasonal staff.

One of my primary goals as Treasurer has been to establish accounting practices which help us to work toward our long-term strategic goals. 2018 was an excellent year for the club so we were able to move available funds to a special project account for future capital expenditures. This special project fund is currently targeted toward our interior clubhouse renovation planned for fiscal 2020. The architect, Richard Neumann, is working hard on the plans for a reimagined bar and indoor entertaining space. The Board decided that along with the bar renovation, we will update the kitchen for the future as well. As the popularity of the LTYC dining service continues to grow, an efficient kitchen is necessary. We look forward to showcasing the plans this summer at the club.

Rebooting the Beaver Island Race

Almost exactly 30 miles northwest of the end of Harbor Point lies the quaint town of St. James, Beaver Island. Distance, direction, and the destination align perfectly to make this route ideal for a fun and friendly weekend of sailing, socializing, and relaxation. For more than four decades, the LTYC has offered an annual Beaver Island Race. In reality, it's two races—one from Harbor Springs to St. James on Saturday, and a second back from St. James to Harbor Springs on Sunday. The achievements of LTYC sailors on Beaver Island weekends are legendary. And the sailing has been terrific, too.

This summer, we are taking an opportunity to reboot the Beaver Island Race, with the hope that many more members of the LTYC community (sailors and non-sailors alike) will have an opportunity to experience this event. One change this year is that we've scheduled the race for August 2-3, which is the weekend after the Ugotta Regatta. Hopefully, we will entice some of our friends visiting from across the Great Lakes to join us on Beaver Island before heading home.

A second change is that we've changed the Saturday (race TO Beaver Island) format to what's known as a "pursuit": each boat starts at their own designated time calculated according to a handicapping method, and the boat that crosses the finish line first in St. James Harbor is the winner. This has the effect of clustering the finishes of the boats, which improves comradery and the social scene on the dock after racing.

Finally—but not least—we are formally changing the event's name to the Beaver Island Race and Rally and extending an enthusiastic invitation to LTYC powerboaters to join the sailors on Beaver Island. Let's move the fun of the LTYC to Beaver Island that weekend! Non-racers can plan to be there to watch

the racers converge for Saturday evening's finish and Sunday morning's start. Race and Rally participants alike will gather at sunset on the westward-facing patio of the Beaver Island Lodge for drinks and dinner.

Many participants will spend the night on their boats, but accommodations are available through the Beaver Island Lodge and even AirBnB.com offers several options. For those without a seaworthy vessel, the Beaver Island Boat Company runs regular ferries out of Charlevoix.

For racing boats, registration for the competition is open now, via the links on the LTYC Club Racing page on the LTYC website. For cruising boats, please indicate your interest in attending the newly revamped Beaver Island Race and Rally by sending an email to Club Manager Daniel DeWindt at daniel@ltyc.org. Any questions or comments? Contact Rear Commodore Polk Wagner, at RearCommodore@ltyc.org.





Summer Fun Ahead

Little Traverse Sailors is hard at work finalizing the plans for our 58th summer of sailing fun in Harbor Springs. Building on the success of past years, our program continues to evolve with staff members assuming new roles, a new fleet, and a renewed focus on our mission to: encourage all sailors to experience the joy of sailing in a safe, fun, learning environment.

The traditional youth Learn to Sail program (for sailors 8 to 18) begins Monday, June 17th and runs weekly through August 16th. Natalie Simmons is this year's Executive Director and the Head Instructor torch will pass to Ben Walker. Both Natalie and Ben and have been working diligently to prepare for the nine week 2019 season.

Daniel Thompson returns for his sixth season as Director of Racing Programs. Through Dan's leadership, the LTS Race Team has grown to handle 20 up-and-coming young racers. As in years past, the team will practice each afternoon in the harbor and on the bay, racing in regattas every Friday afternoon in the 420s and Lasers. In addition, members of the team race the LTS J/70 in LTYC races on Tuesday nights, the Saturday series, and Ugotta Regatta. This year, they will also participate in the J/70 Corinthian North Americans in August here in Harbor Springs. And, after a strong second place finish in November 2018, there is talk of a potential third run at the J70 Youth Nationals.

The LTS fleet will sport a new one design boat! In addition to our fleet of 18 420s, six Lasers, a J/70, and a 29er, we are adding 10 bright blue Zim Prams. These Optimist-like pram boats will replace our fleet of well used "Bugs". The Optimist dinghy has



been and continues to be the launching pad for nearly all types of junior sailors. The new Zim Prams are like the Optimist, but have a simpler sail and are self-rescuing after a capsize. With the addition of the new prams, our sailors of all levels can work on fundamental sailing and racing skills.

LTS will again offer access to our fleet of 420s to sailors interested in participating in the Thursday evening Dinghy Racing Series. Find a teammate and come race! Family teams and friends old and new are welcome to race together in this series. Racing begins Thursday, June 20th and continues through Thursday, August 15th. Watch some of the best racing in town from the deck of the club before the Thursday night BBQ at LTYC. For more information, send an email to dinghyracing@littletraversesailors.org

Little Traverse Sailors' past and future success stems from LTYC members and the Harbor Springs sailing community. We appreciate all of our community partners. If you have feedback or suggestions, feel free to contact LTS senior staff at srstaff@littletraversesailors.org.

Find out more information on our programs, activities, to register, and more at www.littletraversesailors.org.

See you on the water this summer!



Organizers Planning Sensational Social Season

On behalf of all the board members, staff, and members, we'd like to especially recognize and thank, in advance, those who are working diligently in support of key social events for 2019. Many of the events are in their planning stages at the time of this newsletter; requiring a lot of behind the scenes efforts. We are grateful and thank everyone for their generosity. We just can't say it enough!

Social Events

May 27 **Memorial Day Afterglow**

Sue & John Hoffman
Dean & Hilde Bonesteel

June 15 **Opening Cocktail Party & Hall of Fame Presentation**

Sue & John Hoffman
Dean & Hilde Bonesteel

June 21 **Corinthian Team Party**

Terry Farquharson / Hilde Bonesteel
Kevin Larson

June 29 **New Member Welcome Party**

Beth Cassidy / Kevin Larson

July 12 **Theatre Night at Bay View**

Will Howard

July 13 **Cocktails on the Veranda Party**

Joan Henderson & Friends

July 19 **Teddy Brown Youth Regatta & Party**

LTS & Hilde Bonesteel

July 27 & 28 **Ugotta Regatta Parties**

Dick Swarthout & Julie Matthews

August 6 **Movie Night on the Waterfront**

Will & Kathleen Macomber

August 10 **Live Music at the Club**

Anne Ryan Bishop

August 18 **Annual Awards Party & Dinner Dance**

at Birchwood
Geri Flick & Lynne Symons

September 1 **Summer's End Cocktail Party**

Debi Schoenherr & Karen Adams

September 21 **Low Country Shrimp Boil & Fall Racing Awards**

Fraser and Darcy MacKenzie & Friends

June 19 - **Lunch & Learn Series (Wednesdays)**

August 14 Anne Ryan Bishop

Check the club calendar at ltyc.org/calendar for official start times for each event.



Tomahawk *Recounting the 1985 Chicago to Mac Race*

Thomas K. Lowry (1942-2009), known as T.K., was a long-standing member of our yacht club. His wife, Patricia, and one of his sons (Adam), still carry the legacy on as members at LTYC. We invite you to become part of a very memorable event, as we set out to share an extraordinary sailing story involving T.K. This legendary friend and sailor, owned several boats over his lifetime, most named Tomahawk, including NM #6. Yet, his most famous boat was a C&C 35, Tomahawk, which encountered a life changing event during the infamous Chicago-Mac race of 1985. A record number of boats (316) had entered in IOR, PHRF, and ULDB (multihull) classes that year. The expected weather forecast called for favorable winds, helping to add to the record number of entries. However, the story of Tomahawk tells a different tale. Heroism, bravery, and seamanship were called forth in this unforgettable Chicago-Mac race. Extreme weather hit the racers in mid-course, causing a total of 96 boats to withdraw, according to historical reports. We invite you to hear the rest of this thrilling story encountered by T.K., his crew and countless others. Crew members from the 1985 race will give their accounts of what happened. Join us Thursday (Aug 1st) at LTYC, as part of a memorable event.



More News & Notes...

The LTYC Grounds Team is looking forward to another beautiful summer in Harbor Springs. We are already planning for this year with several beautiful flower pots for around the patio and porch. Our committee could use a few volunteers this year to help with the watering and deadheading periodically. It only takes about 20 minutes each time. If you are interested in helping us maintain our attractive club, please contact either Susan Letts at letsgo@letts.com or Suzie Jacob at suziejacob@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Sporting LTYC in style!

The Merchandise Team is looking forward to another summer of bringing you items to keep you warm/cool, dry, hydrated, or organized all while looking stylish, sporting the LTYC burgee. Shipments will be arriving soon from your favorite companies like Coolibar, Tervis, Sport-Tek, and Adams. In search of a uniformed look for your crew? We can help you out with customized clothing, from simple T-shirts to technical storm wear for everyone on your boat. Just email Sue Holmes at seh160@aol.com or Allison Larson at allisonalarson@gmail.com to discuss your needs. Available merchandise is on display at the clubhouse for your convenience.



Calling all Casual Racers -

RACING IN THE THE PHRF JIB-AND-MAIN FLEET IS FREE THIS YEAR

Announcing a new member benefit! This summer, Tuesday Night racing in the PHRF Jib-and-Main Fleet is FREE. Have a sailboat? Want to try racing? Just sign up and come on out to enjoy an evening (or two, or three) of casual and relaxed sailboat racing on Little Traverse Bay, followed by the famous LTYC Tuesday Night BBQ at the club. Be out at the starting line by 5:45 at the latest, ready to make your way around the buoys. No spinnakers, no hassle, no fees—just fun with friends on the water! You can sign up on the LTYC Club Racing web page or contact Rear Commodore Polk Wagner (RearCommodore@ltyc.org) for more information.

Join the Corinthian Team

Corinthian (adjective) — involving or displaying the highest standards of sportsmanship.

One of the finest traditions of the sport of yacht racing is a focus on the character and sportsmanship of the competitors. Almost always, the rules are self-enforced, and it is universally recognized that gaining the respect of your fellow participants is a higher honor than winning at all costs.

For decades, the LTYC has been a leader in embodying these Corinthian ideals in our sailing programs, from our robust support of youth sailing, to welcoming junior sailors to join the racing, to sending LTYC teams to national-level events.

Five years ago, the Corinthian Fund was established as a way to firmly ground the LTYC's sailing programs well into the future—both to ensure the continuation of our racing traditions of 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 Team donations.

This fund is administered by your Board of Directors, with the input and advice of the Sailing Committee; all expenses are earmarked for the support of the overall sailing program. For example, in 2019, members will see Corinthian funds "in action" every day, with a new extension of the gray floating dock along the entire bulkhead of our waterfront. This new length of dock will both assist our junior sailing program (LTS) by allowing for easier and safer docking, will be available during non-LTS hours for temporary member dockage (for example if you are coming to the clubhouse for drinks), and will expand our ability to host major events into the future. We will also use some Corinthian funds to modernize equipment on our Race Committee boats, allowing for improvements in the quality and efficiency of the racing program.

This year, we plan to recognize the top contributors to the Corinthian Fund who donate \$250 or more with a special cocktail event at the Harbor Point Golf Course on June 21. If you are among our most dedicated donors, look for your invite with all the details to arrive soon! Please contact Club Manager Daniel DeWindt (daniel@ltyc.org) if you have any questions about this event.

In the meantime, if you have comments or questions about the Corinthian Fund, want to make a donation, or have an idea for an investment in sailing, please feel free to contact the Chair of the Sailing Committee, Polk Wagner (RearCommodore@ltyc.org).

Thank you for all your support of the LTYC sailing program. Through the Corinthian Fund, we look forward to building on our already-strong traditions of outstanding sailing—and the highest ideals of sportsmanship—for generations to come.

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Summer 2019 Clubhouse Schedule

Lunch on the Porch Mon-Sat, 6/10 - 8/31

BBQ & Perch Dinners Tuesdays, 6pm, 6/11 - 9/10

Thursday Night Live Thursdays, 6pm,
& Casual Dinner 6/20, 7/11 & 18, 8/1 - 8/29

Bar Hours Thurs-Sat, 3-8pm, 6/13-8/31

Check the club calendar ltyc.org/calendar for additional bar hours and special events.

85th Anniversary of the NM

The ice is gone, really, and boats are beginning to make their pilgrimage down the hill from their long winters nap. There are a few NMs in the shop receiving a thorough inspection and some waiting for a spot in the paint shop schedule. Why? Well, we all want to look our best for this year's 85th Anniversary of the NM Fleet! With the impending clubhouse renovation on the horizon there have been many treasures found that had been stored for safe keeping. My personal thanks to Jon Gaffil for capturing some of the build documents for NM25. The original "tape" on the hours used to build her were 1,260.91. I will leave it to the insurance experts to develop a replacement cost estimate. Now, it is truly time to rethink your sail choices for the 2019 season in time to have them measured and recorded. I am told there is still time to order a new set of sails, but the window is closing quickly. The first NM race is scheduled for Saturday, June 22.

Bill Brown, 2019 NM Fleet Captain

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