

FORWARD

The last date of LYC history was conducted by the SQUAWS and was published in a booklet dated 1929-1972. It was extensive and covered a wide variety of activity at Leatherlips during this crucial 43 year period of Club growth. Unfortunately, from 1972 to present date, 1992, the activity of preserving historical information within the Club was literally abandoned. In 1990 during the rein of Commodore Dick Evans the position of Club Historian was established, and member Anne Filbert was appointed to handle the chores. Almost simultaneously Ms. Filbert was elected to Fleet Captain and embarked on the four-step progression to Club Commodore. Following in her footsteps, Membership Chairman Bill Hess assumed responsibilities for Club Historian and this writing is his first attempt to bridge the 20 year gap and hopefully to establish a basis for an on-going recording of Club History. This 20 year span covers only the basics and therefore is not all encompassing. We hope you find it interesting and perhaps it will bring back some memories.

Bill Hess
Club Historian

LEATHERLIPS COMMODORES **1972---1992**

1972	Robert Eiber	1983	Fred Hunt
1973	Henry Huston	1984	Mike McCunn
1974	Ferd Wetsel	1985	George Newell
1975	William Scharenberg	1986	Tom Hubbell
1976	John McMinn	1987	Gary Savage
1977	Paul Howald	1988	Mike Bankiewicz
1978	Dick Seiple	1989	Jack Sackett
1979	Dave Schneider	1990	Dick Evans
1980	Alvan Clark	1991	John Lowry III
1981	Ron Schulster	1992	Dave Seifert
1982	Carl Clipp		

History of Leatherlips Yacht Club

1972 - 1992

LEATHERLIPS JUNIOR SAILING AND SAIL TRAINING PROGRAM

When the LYC Squaws relinquished these programs in the early 70's, several members, George Seiple, Knox Hazelton, Ron Schulster and Della Lawrence kept it going for awhile with pitiful boats furnished by OWU and OSU. In 1977 the Board voted to allocate \$4,000 to purchase Lasers with a goal of 14 in mind. Dixie Schulster bought used Lasers wherever she could find them (like on the bottom of Lake Erie) and resurrected a fleet! Important to future growth of boat purchasing was opening sail training classes to the public, with classes extended into the evening for adults. This provided revenue to upgrade and expand the fleet to its present 17-18 boat status. Jan Savage followed Dixie Schulster in running the program and was responsible for a good bit of its current format. The classes include YOUTH BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED, TEEN and ADULT, ADULT BEGINNING and occasional special courses. In 1982 Joan Seiple, Diana Evans and Linda Prause took over the program. A year later Linda dropped out and Joan and Diana have continued on to present date. New classes were added; all instructors were CPR and FIRST AID certified beginning in 1985. The quality of boats was upgraded as the program became self-supporting; PFD's were tested for correct fit, and physical fitness exercise opened each day of classes. A Parents Day was introduced to show parents what their children were learning; an awards banquet was held; Joan and Diana went to nearby schools to promote classes; AYH used LYC classes as part of their program; Dublin High School began to use LYC lessons as part of their Phys Ed credit course. The second floor was remodeled to accommodate a suitable sail training atmosphere. By 1991 there were 13 instructors and 18 well maintained Laser boats that produced a class of 144 students, all of whom graduated. Ten years earlier the program graduated 84 students. During this 20 year period, Leatherlips has trained more than seventeen hundred students. Fees range from \$50 to \$105, and the basic format is an 8 week class. Early sign-up has been a must, as this LYC Sail Training Program is known far and wide for its quality training. A final note: all instructors come from the Sail Training Program and are children of members...quite often they go on to becoming members themselves. Many youngsters enrolled in the classes compete in the SMYTHE, SEARS and BEMIS circuits as they progress thru the LYC program. The Club itself benefits by training youngsters and adults, both member and non-member, in all aspects of sailing which in turn provides new members to Leatherlips.

1973 Henry (Hank) Huston, Commodore

The River Patrol advised the Club, sailing north of Mark 5 & 6 would no longer be permitted on weekends as this was being reserved for water ski and power boating activity. Membership Chairman Doc Boucher informed that we had reached a membership total of 146 members. Discussions and long range planning covered subjects like replacing the old dock barrels with new foam flotation, buying a pontoon boat for use by the RC, a new refrigerator and bumpers for the seawall by the hoist. An addition to the Oar House was completed which provided lawn mower and lawn tractor storage. Hank and Libby Huston's Commodore's Reception was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday April 28th. And it was the beginning of the end for Steve Bricker and Bill Fleming as both decided to go inactive after a long tenure of active racing at the Club.

The CHIEFS REGATTA was won by Fred Meno in 1st and Dave White in a close 2nd. And their steak dinner was a winner at \$2.50. Speaking of value, Dorothy Bankiewicz put on the Memorial Day dinner for a buck fifty a plate. Need it be said this was a Squaw dinner? The SEARS elimination was won by Mark Boucher, while Bob White won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP sailed in Interlakes, and Carol Eiber won all three races in the women's POWDER PUFF. Meantime Dave White won the Interlake NATIONALS for the fourth time in Sandusky Bay. Mark Gilliland won the DAMFUL followed by Chuck Steigerwald and Bob White; 31 boats competed in moderate air. The BUCCANEER regatta, held June 16-17th was won by Toledo's Mike Casey followed by Jim Hunt and Mark Hess with 20 boats competing. The ALL OUT REGATTA was held on Saturday August 11th with an excellent turnout of over 150 people. The Squaw's Labor Day dinner was a huge success. Sailors who competed in the Labor Day races were referred to as 'survivors' due to the lack of air and 95 degree heat! Bob Shaefer won the PIGSKIN REGATTA in a 2-day, 3-race downpour series, followed by Mark/Patti Hess. 27 OK Dinghys turned out for the FREEZE REGATTA which was won by Bob White who was followed closely by Tim Boucher. Nancy White was elected President of the Squaws for 1974. The Club ran on a balanced budget with no disasters or major purchases, and all-in-all, it was considered a quiet year.

1974 Ferd Wetsel, Commodore

New flotation was purchased from United McGill and installed under the watchful eye of Fred Hunt on the north docks prior to DOCKS IN day. A Dues Increase Committee was formed, comprised of Craig Hassler, Bob Palmer and Ron Schulster. Although not adopted, their proposal was a \$10 increase

every other year for 6 years with a net increase of \$30 over this 6 year span. The final outcome was an increase from the current \$65 to \$90 with an initiation fee of \$120. (The previous increase had been from \$50 to \$65.) Jim Hunt, OSU Commodore, requested sponsoring an EXPLORERS CLUB in SAILING and received Board approval. Squaw President Nancy White announced the Annual Potluck to be held at Trinity Methodist Church. The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at the Ohio State University Faculty Club Jan 12th. New members included John Minton, Wendy Sue White, Scott Henney and Mark Hess among a list of 14 new applicants.

Mark Gilliland won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP followed by Dave White in 2nd. Dave White won the CHIEFS REGATTA in a 44 boat fleet represented by 9 different clubs. Bill Scharenberg was 2nd in the OLD GOATS REGATTA. Carol Eiber again won the women's POWDER PUFF followed by Polly Shaefer, Penny Leese and Patti Hess. Joni Palmer, with Sherry Powless and Jim Hughes took 3rd place in the 1974 SEARS CUP in a field of 19 teams. Jim Hunt won the PIGSKIN REGATTA followed by Dick Harmon and Bob Shaefer as 19 boats competed. The FREEZE REGATTA, sailed in 23 OK Dinghys and 10 Fireballs, was won by Tim Boucher in the OKs and by S. Myers in the Fireballs, on a very breezy day.

Nancy White of the Squaws reported an expenditure of \$484 for Club improvements and another \$218 for printing the "HISTORY OF LYC AS THE SQUAWS SAW IT". It was announced the ladies & junior sailing program would be sailed in Penguins and headed up by Della Lawrence. Course fees were \$22.50 Ladies, \$27.50 Children. (Hm-m-m.) Carl Clipp, Steve Gyuro and George Hodge were officially accepted into the Club. The Club membership limit was increased from 150 to 165. The ALL OUT REGATTA ballyhooed 'ICE COLD REFRESHMENTS, CHILDRENS GAMES, BIG TIME ADULT VOLLEYBALL, CANOE RACES, MOVIES, HOT DOGS with FREE mustard and... DINNER...eat as much as you can pay for! The Junior Sailing program secured Tim Boucher as Chief Instructor, assisted by Pete Huston, Brent Reider and Eric Krause. 80 students were enrolled. Ferd Wetsel prepared a spaghetti dinner for their Awards Banquet. (Have you ever enjoyed a Ferd Wetsel spaghetti dinner?)

1975 William (Bill) Scharenberg, Commodore

The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was again held at the Ohio State University Faculty Club. The Club purchased a new Boston Whaler to replace an old McKeescraft which was pretty much delaminated and water logged. It took a sizeable army of members to get it out of the water, turned over to scrub and then moved to store for winter--it was at this point when the really loud grunting sounds were heard. The Board approved and Ron Schulster purchased a complete set of eight new course markers which were badly needed to replace our old square floating marks (just don't

ask him where he purchased them...he 'don' know!). A discussion was held by the Board to consider buying the yacht club land from the City of Columbus before the next Administration change. The subject came up several times during future Board meetings but no action was ever taken to get it off the ground. The Squaws held a Potluck dinner at the Trinity Methodist Church on Friday evening March 7th which turned out to be very successful as usual. Bill Clore, Mac Lee Henney, Steve Ream, Dick Royce and Walt Staudenmaier all went inactive, and Jean Austin died.

Dave White won the CHIEFS REGATTA followed by Fred Meno and Art Barrie in a 40 boat fleet with wind frequently out of the west making course settings tough for the RC Bob Shaefer, Rick & Penny Denham and Mark Hess. The DAMFUL REGATTA was held May 17-18 with 49 boats competing. Winds Saturday were 15 mph while Sunday was a drifter. Bob White was 1st, Tim Boucher 2nd and Steigerwald 3rd. The third ALL OUT REGATTA was held on Saturday August 9th and as usual was very successful. A MOONLIGHT SAIL was held Friday Sept.19th accompanied by much wine and cheese to the tune of many banjos, ukeleles, guitar and mandolins. (It should have been called WHOOPEE ON THE WATER! Dixie Sehulster organized this event wouldn't you know?) The Comet BUCCANEER REGATTA was held June 14-15 amidst strong air--almost too strong. Harmon, Hess and Staudenmaier won in that order in a 19 boat fleet. The Lightning WINDSHIFT REGATTA went off June 21-22 in 90 degree weather with 19 boats. Tom Varley took a 3rd followed by the inimitable Bucky Powless and Ron Sehulster. Ferd Wetsel put on the year's ALL OUT REGATTA which had a very successful NAVEL CONTEST ultimately co-won by Amy Schneider and Sherry Chadwick. Carol Eiber won her 3rd straight POWDER PUFF sailed in Thistles. Jim Hunt won Comet TERRITORIALS while Mark/Patti Hess won the PIGSKIN REGATTA in a nip & tuck battle with Staudenmaier & Hunt in a 22 boat fleet. Mark Hess won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP followed closely by Dave White in a nine race event sailed in Lightnings. It was reported there were many chinese fire drills by all concerned--including the race committee. Bob White won the FREEZE REGATTA sailed in OK Dinghys with nine 1sts and two 2nds, followed by Jim Hunt. 25 boats sailed including OK Dinghys, Lasers and Fireballs.