

## 1980 Al Clark, Commodore

The new digital starting timer was engineered, built and installed by Bill Scharenberg, and all reports heard from the sailors were it's a terrific asset to LYC. The Club interior gained some improvements, notably new kitchen floor covering, inside window awnings, chair coverings and carpeting in the ladies room. John White, husband and father to Pearl, Dave and Bob White, passed away August 10th. The water level was reported as very normal the entire year. The Club suffered several acts of vandalism that included some boat and trailer damage. The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at the Jai Lai, and was arranged by Mr. Kohr, Social Chairman. The groundwork for the layout of the new electric panel was completed and later the panel was installed. Once again the Squaws held their Potluck dinner at the Trinity Methodist Church on Friday evening before DOCKS IN day. The Race Committee reported 3 significant rule changes: 1. RC shall consist of 3 people from the responsible fleet with a \$10 fine if it fails to comply. 2. POWDER PUFF contenders must be 18 years old and their crew must admit to being 13 years old. 3. Instant Replay: Sunday race results and current standings will be posted on the front porch immediately following Club races. The Squaws May 25th Memorial Day Dinner menu consisted of BBQ CHICKEN, AU GRATIN POTATOES, TOSSED SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, HOMEMADE CAKE, AND A BEVERAGE ALL FOR A MEASLY TWO BUCKS. Friday October 31st the Social Chairman outdid himself with a Halloween Party that included square and round dancing, costumes, prizes, games, cider, popcorn and apples.

The CHIEFS REGATTA drew 42 boats in very light air with George Fisher in 1st place while the Lightning WINDSHIFT REGATTA launched 17 boats in 10-12 mph wind and Dick Pugh got the trophy. Saturday July 26th brought a beautiful MOONLIGHT SAIL followed by a wine and cheese party later on the Clubhouse front porch. Meantime Jeff Eiber qualified to sail in the Laser WORLDS in Kingston Ontario Canada. LYC SEARS team John Sackett, Mike Gaber and Scott Savage won through Put-In-Bay and Detroit, to end up 4th in the Cleveland final, just 3/4 of a point out of second place. Jim and Patti Hunt had quite a year, taking both the BUCCANEER and PIGSKIN REGATTAS at

LYC, and winning the Comet INTERNATIONALS on Lake Erie at Lorain S.C. August 16-20th; 2nd place Dave Oberg, a Comet boat builder, finished 15 points behind them. This was only the second time in 48 years a midwest Comet skipper won the INTERNATIONALS.

### 1981 Ron Sehulster, Commodore

Since the complaints were many that the race committee can never find the component parts for the crash boats, it was decided to make up heavy canvas bags to hold everything necessary and these would be transported to and from the crash boats. This project was promptly carried out, but by years end, the canvas bags had disappeared and the project was abandoned. Memorial Day Dinner was held May 24th with a deluxe BBQ chicken dinner going for just \$3, followed by the usual lost and found auction. The Commodore's Reception was held May 15th on a Friday with an excellent turnout for our popular Commodore. A new driveway was cleared out, running north to south through the middle of the center woods. After much clean-out work by members, gravel was poured to make a suitable driveway to provide additional parking. The ALL OUT REGATTA was held once again in July featuring the now famous NAVAL ENGAGEMENT. Bankiewicz was reported scouring for Hawaiian records and grass skirts. During 1978, 79 and 80, the Club underwent a substantial amount of vandalism, both to the Clubhouse, Club property, boats and trailers and even cars. The Commodores of those years had their hands full trying to harness the problem. In 1981, as the season wore on this problem seemed to go away, perhaps not completely, but a noticeable improvement over former years. Rod and Suzanne Glover and Tom and Kay Varley joined Leatherlips, and word was, it'll never be the same. All lady sailors were considered recipients of the Blunder Bucket since there was only one contender for the POWDER PUFF. A proposal was made to the Board and passed, to create a certificate of appreciation to Tom Kennedy and Bill Scharenberg for their many contributions to LYC. Somebody stole Ted Kohr's canoe, and the new Laser racks were completed and put to use.

Miami Florida June 27th, John Sackett and Andy Lawrence finished 5th in the U.S. YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP in Laser II's. Sandusky Bay July 12th, Tom Hubbell, Tim Boucher, John Sackett, Norm Gaber and Bob White qualified for Thistle NATIONALS. Put In Bay July 30th, Scott Savage, Mike Gaber and Doug Savage finished 2nd in SEARS Cup. Sandusky Bay August 4th, Andy Sehulster and Rick Savage sail to a 3rd in Mirror Dinghy NATIONALS. August 30-Sept 2, Mark Hess won the Comet INTERNATIONALS in Oxford Md. in a 58 boat fleet that included several Star Class and Olympic veterans plus half a dozen former Comet International champions. This was his year at home as well, Mark won the hardware at both the BUCCANEER (in a rare weekend with Patti as crew) and at the PIGSKIN. Moe Gingerich with crew Scott Savage won the CLUB



CHAMPIONSHIP sailed in Interlakes. Mirror Dinghys took over the FREEZE REGATTA for the first time and launched 6 boats in 60 degree-plus weather with Chad Clark earning the trophy.

### 1982 Carl Clipp, Commodore

On March 26th, the evening before DOCKS IN day, the Squaws held their usual Potluck Dinner at the Trinity Methodist Church. Joan Seiple and Diana Evans took over the Sail Training Program from Jan Savage and launched a new ADULT ADVANCED TRAINING class at a fee of \$40. (Sounds like a deal if you need advance training eh?) Starting time for Sunday races was changed to 1 PM by unanimous vote of the fleet representatives at the RC meeting. It was also decided to start Lido 14s and Lasers at the same time. However, in very short order, the Sunday race start time was changed to 1:30 PM. Carl and Charita held their Commodore's Reception on May 21st with lavish food concoctions in the Clubhouse. And back in January the Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at the Jai Lai Restaurant. The pontoon boat was purchased and transported to LYC and very shortly saw service in a regatta. During the spring work parties, someone donated the use of a cherry picker to the Club for use in trimming the Club's trees. Although quite a job (and it's rumored Dave White with his chain saw worked in the bucket high above ground), it sure made a difference in maneuvering boats around the Club with masts stepped. Meantime the Board was discussing such issues as long range planning, updating the constitution and creating a Club Historian position. The Club purchased an oxygen inhalator with recommendations, "if you think you need to use it, USE IT" connotations in the MAINSHEET. The membership dues final payment date was officially changed from Jan. 1st to Dec. 1st to give more time to the Secretary to prepare the roster and to the Membership Chairman to admit applicants on the waiting list. Bill Hilsman passed away in Madison Wisconsin. Bill was an enthusiastic Lightning skipper. Memorial Day Dinner and auction saw the price of a BBQ dinner escalate from \$3 ('81) to \$4.50 ('82) which represents a 33-1/3% increase while the Fed COLA index only showed a 6.1% increase. (The back row claimed the Feds applied a chicken feed user fee while the front row said the chickens just ran faster and took more labor to catch.)

35 Interlakes squared off for the CHIEFS REGATTA in which Tim Boucher and crew Bob Behlen won with 6 1/2 points to George Fisher's 7 3/4 points. Five contestants pursued the POWDER PUFF in a 6 race series, with Cookie Sherer winning out, followed by Gretchen Heinke and Carol Eiber. The OLD GOATS REGATTA held at Indian Lake YC on Sept. 18-19th produced 6 wiry contestants from Leatherlips, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd going to Jack Lowry, Jack Sackett and Jim Boucher; 20 boats sailed this regatta, and the

usual 4-7 minute meeting was held. Dick Harmon with crew Bill Harmon bested a fleet of 13 at the Comet BUCCANEER REGATTA June 26-27. Mark Hess won the PIGSKIN REGATTA followed by Bob White, Dick Harmon and Jim Hunt in that order. Bob White won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP sailed in Lightnings.

### 1983 Fred Hunt, Commodore

March 26th saw snow on the ground as the docks were slipped in the water and the Clubhouse dumped out all its winter storage items. More gravel was poured on the new road and parking area in the woods, and steel-posted "NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS" signs were placed beside the entrance to the roadway. This proved to be quite an improvement as it allowed parking for perhaps an additional 15 cars at least. Race Committee Chairman Tom Varley announced early-on that the Sunday race start time would be returned to its normal 2 PM time. The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at the Stouffers Dublin Hotel on Jan 29th with a very good turnout. Fred and Freda Hunt's Commodore's Reception brought out a large crowd accompanied by a wide assortment of hors d'oeuvres. Memorial Day Dinner cost you \$3 and you got a delicious (Da Vinci's) hot lasagna dinner with all the trimmings. And, Schmidt's Sausagehaus provided our Labor Day Dinner with brautwurst and german potato salad and their delicious baked beans all for only \$2.25 (kinda reminds one of say, oh, maybe 1925 prices?) The Board voted on October 23rd to increase membership dues from \$110 to \$160 beginning with 1984. (Still a terrific value when you consider it's similar to having a cottage on the lake and you don't even have to cut the grass or sweep the floor.) Remember the steel pole two story dock supposedly for the RC? It was decided since it had been retired to the back yard, to develop it into a functional children's playground and so work was spearheaded by Jim Hunt and completed by mid-year. During 1983, the LYC Constitution was studied long and hard with plans to update it. During the course of the year this was completed and was considered a major improvement for the Club. A new loud hailer was purchased for use by the race committee. The ceiling fans in the Clubhouse were purchased and installed. This writer had difficulty determining WHO installed them but Dick Seiple's name popped up profusely. After many years of staging the nite-before DOCKS IN day potluck dinner, our valiant Leatherlips ladies succumbed to acute burn-out according to Craig Toothman (hope you didn't put your foot in your mouth Craig) and so the Squaws Potluck comes to an end, with many fine memories.

The CHIEFS REGATTA brought lots of rain, winds and 36 contestants eager to sail. 24 were from out-of-town so you be the judge. George Fisher took the trophy with 3 1/2 points. 13 Comets sailed the BUCCANEER REGATTA and Dick Harmon proved himself once again in decent air. The Lightning WINDSHIFT REGATTA produced 14



boats from 4 different clubs. Dick Brown with crew Carolyn and Cindy Evans beat out Dick Pugh for first place trophy. Leatherlips was once again well represented in the youth cup series when Cindy Evans finished 7th (Laser) in the SMYTHE. Cheryl Evans and Eric Drobny sailed (Interlake) in the BEMIS and finished 3rd. Mike Stacey with Jack Prause and Tim Savage sailed to a 1st (Thistle) in the SEARS Cup at Put-In-Bay. An attempt was made by Vic Bushnell to get another fleet started with its own starting line spot, to be composed of FJs and several other classes found around the Club. Good idea but it floundered. LYC hosted the EXPLORER SENIOR SCOUT SAILING REGATTA, a national event and chaired by Fred Hunt. The PIGSKIN REGATTA drew eleven Comets. Mark Hess took first, closely followed by Dick Harmon and Jim Hunt (better known around LYC at the 3 H's). The CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP was sailed in Comets in cold heavy air. Two boats dropped out in the 1st race, 3 capsized but with clothing change were able to continue racing. It took Sunday to conclude the 8 race series with Bob White taking 1st, followed by Dick Harmon and Tom Hubbell in that order. Kay Varley provided red hot homemade chili to keep the pour souls warm and alive. 14 Mirror Dinghys turned out for the FREEZE REGATTA. Cold drenching rain persisted all day. 11 boats finished, showing near heroic effort. Some unknown Detroiter finished 1st followed by Ron Sehulster.

#### **1984 Mike McCunn, Commodore**

Saturday January 21st, the Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at La Scala's Restaurant...good food, parking, bar, dance floor, coat check and reasonably priced. The Lightning and Interlake fleets sponsored a RACING CLINIC for LYC members and crew April 28-29th in/around/and on the front lawn which was well attended in comfortable weather. This was both ON SHORE and IN WATER and covered all phases of sailing. Food was also furnished. Instructions to be careful where you park your car, continued to appear in the MAINSHEET, indicative this was still a problem. The Commodore's Reception was held at the McCunn home in eastern Dublin. This year's ALL OUT REGATTA featured fleet vs fleet volleyball which was played just west of the outdoor grill the Interlake fleet built. Only problem is, no one kept any scores, but it's a known fact, fun was had by all that day!!! Jack Lowry, former Commodore, long time Leatherlips member and supporter, and founder of the OLD GOATS, passed away. Three different Membership Chairmen were at the helm in one year...Dick Brown came into the year with the title, passed it on to Bill Sanderson, who in short order, moved back to Cleveland, and passed it on to Bill Hess. And finally, two lots north of the Clubhouse were purchased by Carl Clipp, and that ended 1984, a great year, and a great Commodore who we would soon lose to Arizona of all places.

35 Interlakes formed the CHIEFS REGATTA. George Fisher took first. 28 Thistles sailed the DAMFUL REGATTA with Hubbell taking first. And 15 Comets sailed in the BUCCANEER REGATTA with Jim Hunt capturing first place. Dick Evans won the Memorial Day PURSUIT race. Don Stephens with crew Dave White won the 14 boat OLD GOATS REGATTA sailed at Leatherlips. Marge Lowry presented the newly created JACK LOWRY MEMORIAL TROPHY to the oldest competing skipper Bob Humpleby. An out-of-towner named Kelly won the Lido NO FRILLS REGATTA, followed by Bankiewicz and Polites. Mark Hess walked away with the PIGSKIN REGATTA. The CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP was sailed in Lasers and won by a hard-charging Jim Hunt who had to earn it.