

The new front terraced garden formed by railroad planks, was completed, filled with dirt and planted. Dave Seifert, with Club approval, designed and built a full length front porch table and bench unit and installed it with a little help from Bill Hess. This is a major improvement for the Club. In the process of doing this job, Dave removed the old black painted pipe that was originally installed when the porch floor was poured. Membership Chairman Hess reported to the Board on Oct. 28 that there was a full roster and still 17 applicants on the waiting list. A motion was made by John Minton and passed to increase the membership limit by 10. The Commodore's Reception was held on Sunday April 24th; the order of the day was 'casual dress'...nice party, good food, didn't have to go home to eat. The first annual Leatherlips TRIATHLON brought out 8 brave citizens to challenge this unknown event. Punch Metcalf, Doc Hubbell's crew, led the field after a 3 mile run, a southern Delaware County bicycle tour and Laser racing back at the Club. Jack Sackett and John Dunham officiated and a good time was had by all. Bob and Chris Williams moved to Lake Helen, Florida. They were long time Interlake sailors. The Club received a letter from former Commodore Carl & Helen Rippel who indicated they're still sailing in the Caribbean and gave us a new Florida mailing address. Always nice to hear from past members. This year there was an unusually high influx of new members and among them Pete Polites, Tom Converse, Jack Chaisson, Phil Krieger, Kevin Knight and Dave Seiple to name a few. During the summer months as sailing proceeded on schedule, the Club offered another DaVinci lasagna dinner for Memorial Day Dinner which met with member approval for a modest sum of money.....and later on they got a WILD ALL OUT REGATTA in mid-August and still another brautwurst/german potato salad Labor Day Dinner all staged by that cunning peppy Pete Dix, our Social Chairman.

30 Interlakes competed in the CHIEFS REGATTA. George Fisher placed 1st, followed by Craig Tovell of Hoover and Tim Boucher of LYC. The Lightning WINDSHIFT REGATTA and the Comet BUCCANEER REGATTA combined together for the first time, and all-in-all it



worked out okay. It was Harmon, Hunt & Hess in that order for the Comets; and Varley, Werly & Clipp for the Lightnings. One Lightning sailor, a Mr. Addis Ketterhunrich (he reminded me of a shaved Blackbeard the Pirate), capsized and then turtled his boat....and his board went up in the trunk....and he was determined he was going to right that boat somehow. Oh boy!!! It was Tom Hubbell winning the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

### 1986 Tom Hubbell, Commodore

Doc Hubbell was a good Commodore, but he was frequently late for Board meetings....does that mean anything? We forgive ya Doc! The Board created a new membership level called ASSOCIATE. For a fee of \$1 a year, its purpose was to allow that person to participate in LYC's Sail Training Program with no age restrictions. The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at Da Vinci's Restaurant in January and ooooh was it coool. Gretchen Heinke continued to cultivate the flower gardens in and around the Clubhouse....and it's beginning to make a noticeable difference. The Board approved the purchase of two new electric cooking stoves for the kitchen and appointed Bill Hess to go out and find them, which he promptly did. And two new YAMAHA 15 hp outboard motors were purchased to replace the two well used Mercurys. A lot of emphasis was put on using the pontoon boat for starting regular Club Sunday races, the idea being you could effect a much better starting line. The electric hoist underwent an extensive and expensive overhaul, and more gravel and grading work was again performed in the hoist area. The concrete porch on the north end of the Clubhouse was treated to some patch work repair by Bill Hess. However, in the process, some of LYC's neighbors insisted on inflicting some four-letter words into the fresh concrete. It took three repairs, a small army of LYC members, an upside down picnic table and some 8 foot long tree trunks to win the battle. A new 13 ft. Boston Whaler was purchased. Jud Ortman and Mike Bankiewicz trailered it down from the Toledo dealer. And a used Flying Junior was purchased for the Junior Lips program. The weather in the summer of 1986 at Leatherlips was certainly conducive to enjoyable sailing. Sundays seemed to produce prevailing SW winds that were neither squeakers nor honkers. The water level remained pretty constant and when the rains came, they most often chose mid-week. Membership was full, the budget was balanced and although we had some vandalism, we didn't encounter any disasters.

Tim Boucher placed 2nd in the Mallory Quarter-finals, while he also tied with Bob White for the Thistle DISTRICTS. In the Comet BUCCANEER, it was Hess, Harmon, Hunt and in the PIGSKIN REGATTA in the fall, it was Hunt, Harmon, Hess. Bob Eiber won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP in Thistles.



## 1987 Gary Savage, Commodore

Well well...DOCKS IN day was postponed a week due to unfavorable weather. The Board approved charging private dock owners a share of the new City charges for individual docks. A waiting list existed for new membership according to Bill Hess, and so the Board approved increasing the self-imposed membership limitation from 165 to 175. A John Deere tractor was purchased for \$3,350 to replace a well worn old tractor that couldn't seem to make it anymore without going to the tractor hospital on a regular basis. It was officially established that weddings could not be performed at the Club. And let it be said once again that Gretchen Heinke continued relentlessly to improve our flower gardens and shrubs, and it IS making a difference. A new canvas roof cover was installed on the pontoon barge to replace the original which was pretty well worn out. George Fisher presented his lecture YACHT RACING RULES three evenings, March 18, 25 and April 1st in the assembly room of the Ohio Bank and Savings Co. The Board approved overnight camping to a group of 20 AYH canoers moving down the Scioto River. A new water drinking fountain was donated by the Comet fleet and installed by Fred Hunt. And HEAR THIS ALL YOU YOUNG AND OLD, mighty Jim Meyers won the 2nd annual LYC TRIATHLON in grand fashion. Bob France relieved Jan Savage as MAINSHEET Editor. Jan held that position for what she describes as 'an eternity', which factually amounted to some nine years. Bob, being photography oriented, immediately spiced up the paper with quite a few action oriented photos of local boats. The Annual Dinner Dance Awards Banquet was held at the Wyandotte Inn next to the Zoo. The food was fine, but the dance floor was limited and the lack of overall space created an extremely crowded condition. Pete Dix was in charge as Social Chairman. Richard R. Royce, long time LYC member and former Commodore, passed away. Due to the new City lease, dock owners this year began paying a \$36 dockage fee, which is 50% of what the Club pays the City for each personal float. Next year the charge increases to \$44.

24 Thistles competed in the DAMFUL REGATTA sailed in extremely light air. Chris Klotz won it, followed by Champ Glover and Kit Holzaepfel. And wouldn't you know, one of our race committee members left the padlock off the control panel on the RC deck and some mean varmint turned on the starting horn which blared til Tim Savage appeared on the scene and turned it off and locked things up. TSK!! In a grueling 8 race series, Dick Harmon worked hard to win the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP in Interlakes. Doc Hubbell and Dick Evans made him earn every bit of it as several races produced some planing and wild jibes. Carolyn Evans won the WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP in a 6 boat fleet with 3 first place finishes against some tough competition. And Jack Sackett won the OLD GOATS REGATTA at Lake Monroe in Indiana by beating out a bunch of old goats we hear!!!



## 1988 Mike Bankiewicz, Commodore

Over the winter months vandalism hit three boats...one was pushed down the ramp onto the ice while another was dumped onto the ice over the seawall and the third one, a Thistle, got its mast stuck in the trees which kept it from going over the wall too. Jim Meyers singlehandedly replaced all the wooden shelving in the Laser locker which had reached near water logged condition. Warren Miller passed away. He was a Lightning sailor. And Annette Bartz declared she was the Club's official Baby-sitting Clearinghouse according to an article in the May issue of the Mainsheet. Leatherlips held an OPEN HOUSE May 21st inviting any and everyone to come visit the facility, take a sail boat ride, get FREE INSTRUCTIONS, A BOAT SHOW, AND SAFETY LESSONS. LYC members were requested to post an announcement flyer at work and talk up the Open House. Gretchen Heinke was the organizer who reported there was an excellent turnout. A new roof on the Clubhouse facility was installed by the lowest bidder at a cost of approximately \$4,900. Mark Hess lost a Yamaha motor off one of the Boston Whalers while working for the Sail Training Program. It was covered by insurance fortunately. A proposal by Dr. Jim Boucher to the Board of Governors to create a PAY or WORK program, in which members would be assessed a charge if they failed to appear for a certain number of work parties, similar to that used by Hoover YC, after considerable discussion was defeated. At the June Board meeting the Membership Chairman announced the roster was full at 175 members. A genuine THANK YOU went out to Tom Varley, Sam Fairchild, Jim Meyers and Mike Rosen for trimming the Club trees from a truck-mounted aerial bucket with chain saws, and, they cleaned up the mess to boot. (Comment overheard from a spectator, "those youngsters put in a real day's work".) Cathi Dix took over as MAINSHEET Editor from Bob France who did a great job enhancing the MAINSHEET with action photos.

Ron Schulster came in 2nd in the Mirror Dinghy's NATIONALS held on Lake Pymatuning in NE Ohio, while Mike Bankiewicz came in 15th in the Lido 14 NATIONALS way out in California, which just goes to show our guys do travel, as well as sail hard. Mike Bankiewicz also won another trophy this year, called the Blunder Bucket. As Norm would tell it, it seems Mike tried launching his Lido from the hoist using a set of strings for a lifting bridle and after getting the boat somewhat elevated from the trailer, the strings decided they'd had enough of this stuff and just let go! BOOM!!....back down on the trailer...no apparent damage, BUT, this operation was OBSERVED and REPORTED, wherein Michael collected another trophy (fortunately not a KEEPER). LYC sponsored the OLD GOATS REGATTA this year, with members George Newell, Chuck Vorhees, Al Clark, Mike Bankiewicz, John Morse, Jack Sackett and last year's winner Jim Boucher participating. OLD GOATS was founded by our very own Jack Lowry

and is a motley group to say the least. Dick Harmon again won the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP with crew Tim Boucher and Dave Schaefer sailed in Lightnings.