



# Lorain HBC May Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

- 05/25/2019 - Memorial Day Picnic
- 05/31/2019 - Boat Launch Deadline
- 06/01/2019 - 1100 USCG-Aux Boat Inspections
- 06/03/2019 - LHBC Board Meeting
- 06/05/2019 - Weekly PHRF Racing
- 06/07/2019 - Weekend Cruise to Huron
- 06/08/2019 - Adult Sailing Class
- 06/09/2019 - Adult Sailing Class
- 06/09/2019 - Weekly Star Racing
- 06/12/2019 - Weekly PHRF Racing
- 06/10/2019-06/27/2019 Spirit of America (M,Tu,W,Th)



## Commodore's Report: Joe Spainhourd

By the time you have read this, we will have our rules and regulations in place. They are based on those previously used by LSYC and WYC. So at least half won't be much of a surprise. Most are just common sense like no swimming in the marina. This is due to the potential for stray electrical current that could be fatal. Others, such as take your car to the upper public parking lot when going out on your boat are just common courtesy. These will be available on the Lorainhbc.org website.

Speaking of websites, our old websites have now been closed and everyone will be redirected to the new one. We are also linking up with the Tall Ships coming to Cleveland July 11<sup>th</sup>. With this partnering, we will be able to get discount tickets for the event. A few tickets will be raffled off during coming events. We will also be placing a banner at the Tall Ship event. In turn we are to link to their website and other social media and plug their event in our newsletter. This is definitely a win/win for both parties and very little, if any, expense on our part.

By the time you read this, there will have been a dock party May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it, no worries, we probably didn't get everything done that needs to be done so there will be other opportunities. The marina is also experiencing very high water. According to ODNR on 5/10/19 we had 30 inches over

average lake levels and on are a trajectory to have the highest levels on record for the month of May and June could set records as well. Some of our electrical junction boxes for the docks do get flooded and could cause an electrical hazard to all. For this reason, some docks may not get powered at the start of the season. We may need to raise some, if not all of them. An additional expense we were not anticipating.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> an officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the club to do courtesy inspections. This is a great idea if you have something that is not to regulation, you can take care of it before it becomes a problem and a potential fine if boarded by the regular Coast Guard or local authorities.

## **Vice-Commodore's Report: Jon Peter**



The annual mad rush to get boats in the water is well underway. We still have more boats on the hard than we do in the water, but it's getting close. I want to thank all the people that worked hard to get the docks back in serviceable condition over the past couple weeks, especially Ryan, Tim, and Don. Still some minor repairs to do before winter, but most all docks are usable now. We really need to have all boats in the water by June 1 so there will be room for our dry-sail dockers, and all the events we have planned.

Cruising season is coming fast. Our Cruising Fleet Captain Amy Brunk has several opportunities on the calendar, with the first cruise planned to Huron on June 6. Note that while the Cruise Captain arranges for the marina to hold a group of docks for our cruises, each boat is responsible for making their own dock reservations. Tell them you are with LHBC when you make your reservation, and let Amy know you are planning to participate.

Huron:	June 6-9
The Islands	July 13-21
Kelley's	July 19-21
Middle Bass	Sep 13-15

There is also the Tom Gibbs sailboat race to Kelley's on August 24-25. Powerboats are welcome to come along for the steak fry at Kelley's. Wes Scott will be coordinating the Gibbs race.

Renovations for the Bar are underway. The City requested some minor changes in the plans, and revised drawings have been submitted. Meanwhile, most to the "demolition" phase of the project has been completed. When you see Ryan, Tim, and Don, thank them for all their hard work. The construction phase can't really start until the permits are approved. Once that happens, we'll be reaching out to members with carpentry and electrical skills, so let Ryan or Tim know if you can help out.

Note that parts of the Clubhouse has been closed off for safety reasons during construction. Please respect the barriers that are in place, and be careful in the restroom hallway.

At the last meeting, the Board formalized the creation of several committees. Some of these (Grievance, Audit, Nominating) are required by our bylaws and will always be in place. Others are needed for a volunteer based Club to run properly. See the table later in this newsletter for details. Each committee has been assigned a Board liaison, whose purpose is to represent the committee at Board meetings, and facilitate communication so that we have a hub and spoke type of striation with the Board as the hub.

Each committee should select a chairperson to keep things running- the Board liaison is not expected to drive the committee. The table below has some names filled in, I'm sure that we missed some who have expressed interest, and there might be a couple that were "volunteered" but someone else. Most of the committees need additional members to really function well. If you are willing to serve on one of these committees, please let the appropriate Board liaison know.



### **Rear Commodore's Report: Tim Brunk**

#### **Around the Club:**

Club manager, Bobby Rhodes was pleased to announce that we have a new member and docker.. Please, if you see John Crews of Westlake, with his Tartan 27, Docked at B-13 know he is welcome.

#### **Webmaster: Wes Scott**

LorainHBC.org – the club's new home on the web. For those use to linking over to lsync.info or WestlakeYachtingClub.com for club news, the merger has brought some changes. One of them is where to go on the web for club news.

The new site is still in its early stages, but it already contains a great deal of useful information and more is being added all the time.

The home page includes a rotating list of current events. The listing, on the right, shows events that are close to but after today's date and will show as many events from the next two months as will fit.

Recently added is a "current news" section with short, interesting items that relate to the club. You'll find this page in the "news" drop-down menu. Also on the news menu is our newsletter archive and current calendar.

Members have a "members only" section which contains material of a more private nature such as an

archive of past LHBC Board Meeting minutes and the club roster. Minutes will be posted after they are approved by the board – usually a month after the meeting in question.

You'll need your club user name and password to access the Members Only pages. Everyone got an email from the Webmaster with your personal access information. If you can't find that email please contact Bobby for your access code.

The Contact menu includes information on how you can contact the club's officers as well as general information you can share with your family and guests on how to get to the LHBC clubhouse and basin.

Finally, we encourage everyone to contribute.

One way is to provide the webmaster with anything you feel would be of interest to most club members. Just email the webmaster with your ideas, information and pictures and we'll investigate posting them to the current news page.

The other way is to provide pictures of club events, members, boats etc. The website banner has a rotating collection of pictures which flash by every eight seconds. The current collection of pictures came from the webmaster's personal stock. But let's keep this interesting! Email your pictures to the webmaster for inclusion and let's show the world how fun and diverse our club is!

### **Membership committees: Dwight Sablack**

There are advertisement cards in the Clubhouse, they are basic. But enough to get our name and services/ benefits out there in time for boaters just now buying boats. Please stop by the club house and take a few. Post them anyplace you think a local boater might see them.

Next on our docket is getting some incentive for current members who bring in new members. Kind of like the old “Amway” but you get to drink and do boating stuff.

### **Education and Junior Programs: Jon Peter and Wes Scott**

Our sailing classes are coming up soon! This year we are offering three programs, open to members and non-members:

First Sail was developed by US Sailing and is designed to offer adults their first sailing experience. It is intended to be a first sailing lesson and not just a simple pleasure ride. It's perfect for people that have never sailed before, or may have only sailed as a guest on someone else's boat, or even people who used to sail years ago and want a quick refresher. Offered on Saturday June 22, Saturday July 6, and August 3 at 2:30pm. Cost is \$30 per person per session. Reservations required. We limit this to four participants per boat. We currently have two sailboat captains qualified for this program.

Adult Sailing Lessons: Lorain Harbor Boat Club is a US Sailing accredited school and will offer the Basic Keelboat course over two weekends, June 8-9 and June 15-16. This is an intensive course following a national curriculum with performance standards and written exams to qualify for US Sailing certification. Perfect for anyone considering getting their own sailboat for the first time, and spouses of sailors that want to feel more comfortable while sailing. This course is also the first step in qualifying for bareboat charters with many companies. Cost is \$350 per person, with a 50% discount for active, associate and lifetime members. Reservations required. We limit this to four

participants per boat with two captains currently qualified for this program. (We also have a third sailboat skipper actively pursuing his captain's license.)

Junior Big Boat sailing is new this year. We are very excited to offer a youth program again! This will be a sailing day camp for youth ages 12 to 17 the week of July 8-12. We have four sailboats committed to the program, so we will be able to accommodate up to 16 students. This is a major undertaking, and while we have several "shore side support" volunteers signed up, we could use a few more to spread the work around. If you are willing to help with supervising youth while they are on shore, please contact Jon Peter or Wes Scott, or join us at our next planning meeting on Wednesday May 22, 19:00 at the Club.

There is a lot more information about these programs on our website. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know about it. And if you are down at the Club on an early evening when one of these programs is finishing up, take a moment to talk with one of participants and share what our Club is all about.

**Big Boat Sailboat Racing (PHRF fleet): Jon Peter**

The Racing Fleet, both PHRF and STAR have agreed to purchase the parts and assemble an automated starting system. The funds will be collected from the first season series. Joe has already collected most of the parts and started assembly.

We are still asking for volunteers to sit on the race committee boat a few nights. Collecting times and pushing buttons on the auto-starter . Please see Wes Scott, Ryan Pinter, or one of the committee members to inquire further.

**Lorain Harbor Boat Club Committees- Can you help with one of these?**

	Trustee Norm Scholl	Bill Robb Kevin Klein Scott Peterson	Required by By-laws. First formal step in resolving grievances. Meets as needed to respond to grievances
	Trustee Rick Case	need at least two more	Required by By-laws. Audits Club financial records. Flag officers not eligible to serve, majority must be non-Board members. Meets at least annually around Change of Watch, and as needed if questions arise.
	Commodore Joe Spainhourd	Joe Spainhourd need at least two more	Required by By-laws. Recommends nominees for board, flag officer, and committee chairs. Nominations for Board and Flag officers need to be submitted to the Board by Sep 1.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Board Liaison</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
<b>Finance</b>	Treasurer Jim Morse	Rick Case Jon Peter could use more	Prepares budget Recommends membership and dockage fees. Financing arrangements Determines direct costs and indirect cost allocations for other committees/events Recommends format for financial reports
<b>Social Events</b>	Rear-Commodore Tim Brunk	Claudia Kaspar Joyce Rhodes Connie Robb need more	Plans, schedules and coordinates social events. Recruits and assigns sub-committees for individual events. Meets at semi-annually for calendar planning, then as needed for events.
<b>Member-ship</b>	Secretary Dwight Sablack	Larry Tracey need more	Coordinates new member recruitment Advertising recommendations New member orientation Time and Talent surveys
<b>House and Grounds</b>	Vice-Commodore Jon Peter	Ryan Pinter Don Kaspar Tim Brunk need more.	Coordinates repairs and maintenance for property. Prepares strategic major repair schedule and capital improvement plan as input for Finance Committee. Meets semi-annually for strategic planning and as needed for projects.  Dock Committee is sub-committee focused on docks
<b>Bar</b>	Trustee Kevin Welch	Bill Robb Connie Robb Tim Brunk Norm Scholl Jon Peter	Oversees Bar operations, controls menu, sets prices, trains kitchen operators, recommends hours and employee candidates
<b>Cruise Fleet</b>	Trustee Jim Morse	Amy Brunk Fleet Captain need more	plans, schedules, and coordinates cruising trips
<b>Racing</b>	Trustee Dwight Sablack	Ryan Pinter	Coordinates regattas, Interface between racing fleets. Note: racing fleets are responsible for conducting their own normal weekly race series.
<b>Education</b>	Trustee Jon Peter	Wes Scott Don Kaspar Joe Spainhourd Greg Geraciotti Ray Peters	Plans and conducts education opportunities open to the public and members. Coordinates with LCMP on Spirit of America. Chair is ex-officio member of LBEF board.
<b>Fishing Fleet</b>	Trustee Tim Brunk	need more	Plans, schedules and coordinates Fishing Tournaments

### **Extra, Extra this Just in:**

1100 hrs 5/20/19: The Tall Ships are coming to Cleveland Harbor July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> and have given the membership of Lorain Harbor Boat Club a discount code. Our Code is HBC. This should be active by the time this newsletter gets out. If not, wait a day or two. Or take a chance on winning some tickets we will be raffling off during our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We get these considerations because we are helping to promote their event and because your Commodore is so handsome. (OK, so we have only communicated via email. Probably should keep it that way). See [www.tallshipscle.com](http://www.tallshipscle.com)

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