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THE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Denis Nicole



It is truly hard to believe that my Commodore year is coming to a close. I want to thank all the LSSC members in the club who have helped to make this a year to remember. Thanks especially to the flag officers and the board for their hard work and guidance throughout the year.

Our biggest duty this year was to represent LSSC at all the Commodores' Balls. Lady Mary and I really enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends with our fellow Commodores and their spouses, and we developed relationships that will live on after this year concludes. We're looking forward to hosting them at the LSSC Commodore's Ball on February 23, 2019.

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Our Ball will be held at the recently-opened Holiday Inn and Suites in Farmington Hills. This is an opportunity for all the east siders to spend the night at the hotel! I'm hoping for a great turnout and look forward to seeing you all there.

A special room rate of \$109 per night is available through the hotel. Remember to reserve your room by February 1 and reference the LSSC Commodore's Ball.

It's been an honor to serve as your Commodore this past year and again I want to thank you all for making it a very successful year!

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THE VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Danielle Templeton



It has been a privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore this year. We have had a number of FUN events this year:

- Fowling in March
- Drag Queen Bingo in April
- Memorial Day at Metro Park in May
- Summer Classic Regatta in June
- 4th of July Landlocked Party in July
- Labor Day at Metro Park in September
- Painting with a Twist in October
- Steak Roast in November
- and coming up ... Christmas Brunch in December.



I hope there was enough variety and opportunities for you all to have some non-racing fun with your fellow members. I know the 11 of us who attended Painting with a Twist had lots of fun and laughter ... some more than others.





VICE COMMODORES REPORT
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We all concentrated very hard on our paintings and (mostly) listened to the instructor. It is amazing how 11 paintings could turn out so differently. Check out the inspiration painting:



Each of us tried to emulate that painting. Well, except for Jim Rapelje our own Artiste. He used another painting for his inspiration, so he's off the hook. Even though none of the paintings look alike, we were all very happy with our versions. I think they are all hanging on a wall...somewhere. Maybe even in a family room or basement!

The next event coming up will be the Christmas Brunch. We will be enjoying

the good food at Louis Chop House once again ... and even better the bottomless Bloody Mary's. We will again be collecting toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots programs, and we may even get a visit from Santa. Look for your Evite, it should have already arrived in your inbox. Hopefully, you will all be able to join us this year for the last event I, VC Danielle, have to plan and organize. Looking forward to the events our new VC will plan next year.

I packed the year with as much fun as I could muster. I enjoyed hosting you all this year and hope you had as much fun as I did. From all the pictures I have, I think that is true for many of you. Thank you for letting me serve as your Vice Commodore!





THE REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

by Rick Ripard



I would venture to say that the boating season is just about over for most of the LSSC membership. Unless you are lucky enough to have relocated your boat to a warmer climate for the winter, your boat is probably on the hard now and getting ready for its long winter's nap. Keep in mind that there is always ice-boating available for those of you that want to continue to sharpen your sailing skills out on the frozen Michigan lakes.

On September 19th we had a great awards party to end the 2018 Sunset Series. A total of 32 boats competed in the 2018 Sunset Series. Many of the LSSC sailors did us proud by finishing at or near the top of their classes.

2018 Sunset Series Season Results

Class:	CLASS A		
SAIL #	Boat Name	Owner	Club
251	PHOENIX	Hamilton, Bill	LSSC
25438	NOTORIOUS	Whalen, Ron	LSSC/GLYC
40740	BRANDILEE	Nadeau, Steve	GPYC
Class:	CLASS B		
SAIL #	Boat Name	Owner	Club
5249	JUST CHILL	Greene, Dave	GLYC
10211	FREEWAY	Furlong	GLYC
43076	BEN JAMMIN	Rapelje, Jim	GLYC
Class:	CLASS C		
SAIL #	Boat Name	Owner	Club
14032	MYSTIC	Mann, Bob	LSSC/GLYC
41523	LE FAUCON	Jaeger, Joe	LSSC
25341	MARIAH	Mahar, Mike	GLYC





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Class:	CLASS D		
SAIL #	Boat Name	Owner	Club
25589	DAY'S END	Blaty, Chuck	LSSC
462	SOLO CUP	Smith & Tepel	
4530	QUADROPHENIA	Feldpausch, James	

John McCartney Memorial Trophy

Best Overall Score for LSSC Spring and Summer Sunset Series Combined

Place	Sail; #	Boat Name	Owner	Class	Score
1	251	PHOENIX	Hamilton, Bill	CLASS A	10
2	25438	NOTORIOUS	Whalen, Ron	CLASS A	21
3	43076	BEN JAMMIN	Rapelje, Jim	CLASS B	29
4	15075	ITSFUNAGAIN	Mcguire, Mike	CLASS B	33
5	14032	MYSTIC	Mann, Bob	CLASS C	35
6	25589	DAY'S END	Blaty, Chuck	CLASS D	40
7	41523	LE FAUCON	Jaeger, Joe	CLASS C	43
8	32046	AUDACIOUS	Waring, Mark	CLASS B	46
9	3070	AURORA	Riess, John	CLASS D	64
10	25701	MY WAY TOO	Ripard, Rick	CLASS C	69

Gil LaLonde Memorial Trophy

Best Overall JAM Score for LSSC Sunset Races

Place	Sail; #	Boat Name	Owner	Class	Score
1	15075	ITSFUNAGAIN	Mcguire, Mike	CLASS B	8
2	25701	MY WAY TOO	Ripard, Rick	CLASS C	17
3	586	ANOTHER BILL	Folk, Gerry	CLASS D	20

It has been an amazing year being your Rear Commodore and I look forward to the exciting times ahead as I move up through the bridge. Stay tuned for next year's social events as Kim and I take on the main duties of Vice Commodore.





LSSC Outing - Painting with a Twist



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THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE LIFE OF A LSSC RACE COMMITTEE CREW

by Mary Nicole

Many of you have had the opportunity to host the LSSC Race Committee on your boat for a Wednesday evening of racing, and we thank you.

Reflecting back on 2018 Wednesday evenings, there is no better sight then seeing the racing boats rounding the Gaukler Point North buoy heading to the start line, trying to identify boats coming from the south with the Detroit skyline in the distance. The cat & mouse game of who can come the closest to the committee boat while vying for position to start. The welcoming calls of "Hello Race Committee" from the Captain and Crew.

A little secret, LSSC Race Committee pray to AIOLOS, the Greek God of wind, for a beam reach on Wednesdays. We have been known to throw money his way with no avail. Does anyone know if there is a Goddess of Wind?

It is a beautiful sight to see the 4th start boats head to the horizon under full sail. Positioning and anchoring for the finish line and then we wait. Some nights we wait and wait. No worries, we keep ourselves busy with a sailor's yarn or who can get the best shot of the sunset for the next LSSC calendar. Watching for the first boats to round the last mark and head to the finish.....M A R K.

Thank you Linda Evo for recruiting me to LSSC Race Committee.

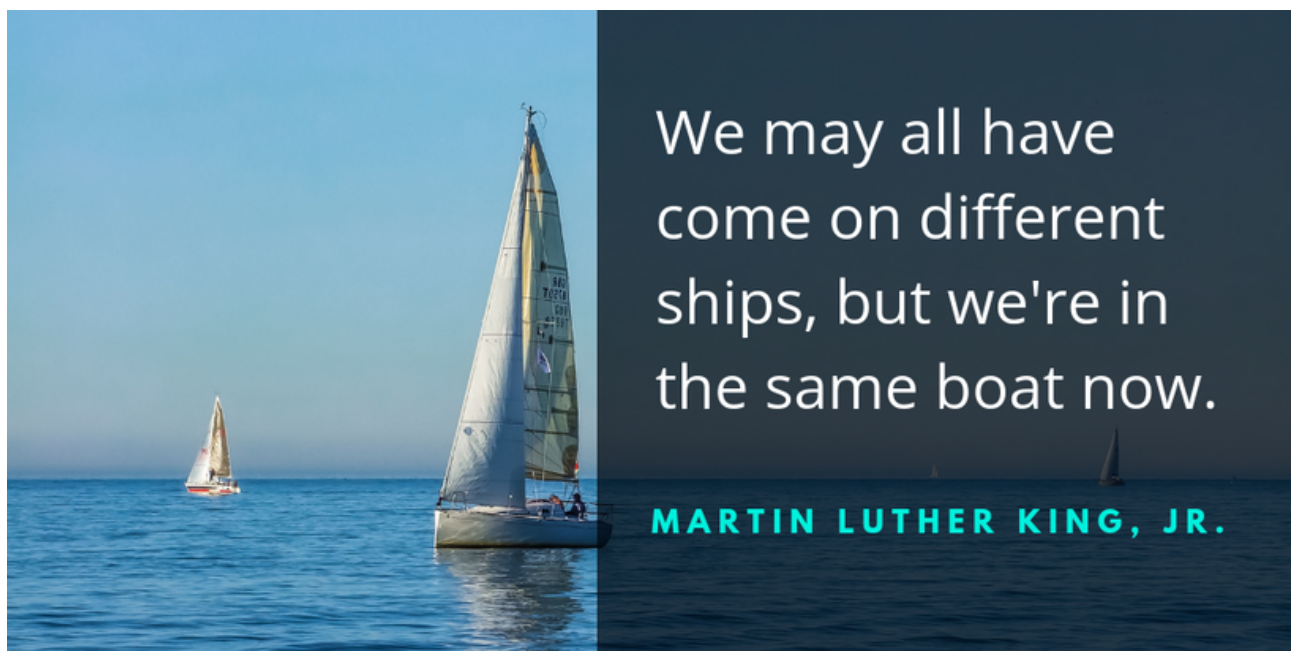
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THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT RC AWARDS

- Best Race Light Approach - **Another Bill**, Judy, Gerry, Nancy & Pat Folk
- Best Jokes - **Notorious**, Donna & Ron Whalen
- Anchor Gods, Pain Killer - **Stella**, Stan Sawicki
- Driest Boat - **Itsfunagain**, Kathy Mike McGuire
- Most Gracious - **Aurora**, Kathy Reiss
- Cleanest Boat - **Summer Place**, Sandy & Tom Scherr
- Virgin Voyage, **Elevation**, Cathy & Tim McGuire
- Best Food (Bommarito's Subs) - **Day's End**, Dara & Chuck Blaty
- Stern Action - **Audacious**, Shannon Woodruff & Mark Waring
- Quick Draw - **Phoenix**, Becky & Bill Hamilton
- 1st Substitute - **Cloud Nine**, Mary & Denis Nicole
- 2nd Substitute - **Cloud Nine**, Mary & Denis Nicole





OFFICIAL-LOOKING VESSEL DOCUMENTATION RENEWAL NOTICES CAN LEAD TO CONFUSION AND HIGHER COSTS

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Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) Consumer Protection Department is advising boaters with vessels having a US Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation to be wary of any letter arriving by US mail offering renewal. An increasing number of BoatUS members have complained that these letters direct them to websites that may be mistaken for the actual US Coast Guard Vessel Documentation Center located in Falling Waters, West Virginia, and appear to show a significant increase in the annual fee to renew US Coast Guard (USCG) documentation.

BoatUS advises that while the USCG does send official annual renewal notices by US mail, other notices being received by members are not from the USCG but rather third-party companies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that of the official USCG Vessel Documentation Center. Members of the half-million boat owners group report the letters look like "real" USCG communications. Some examples members have forwarded to BoatUS do not have any disclaimers noting that they are not official USCG correspondence.

While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with vessel documentation renewals, the USCG's own renewal process is simple for most vessels and the price, \$26, is often much lower than what third-party services may charge. To renew, go to the USCG





OFFICIAL-LOOKING VESSEL DOCUMENTATION RENEWAL NOTICES CAN LEAD TO CONFUSION AND HIGHER COSTS

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National Documentation Center website at www.uscg.mil/nvdc and click on "instructions and forms."

To be documented, a vessel must measure at least 5 net tons and, with the exception of certain oil-spill response vessels, owned by a US citizen. Boats about 27 feet in length or longer generally meet the weight requirement.

If boat owners wish to file a consumer complaint about this or any other boating-related advertisement or company, BoatUS welcomes boaters to visit <https://my.boatus.com/consumer/dispute.asp> and click on "send us a complaint" button.

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