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LAFAYETTE SAILING CLUB VOLUME 5 2007

## A Message from the Commodore

by James Miller

I got out my 2007 Schedule, and noticed that we are about two thirds of the way through the year already! Some people would tell you that "summer's over" along about now. Don't you believe it, however we've got a lot to do before the winter covers come out.

See the picture? That's my new boat. Come

out for the mini cruise at the end of this month, and you can get a much closer look at her. We're adding a new mini cruise this year up on Lake Michigan at Holland. The official dates are September 28, 29, and 30, 2007, but feel free to come early and

stay late. See the article inside this newsletter for more details. And, no, you won't have to go up the mast in a bosun's chair.

Hey, this is probably a good time to stop and reflect upon how the year is going. I'm going to give it a "thumbs up". We had 15 boats participating in the big July cruise on Grand



Traverse Bay the weather was great and everyone seemed to have fun. In August, we got back to business up at Lake Freeman. Six boats participated in Randy's Raft Up. I counted ten boats on race day Saturday that weekend and we consumed almost 50 steaks at the annual Board of Governor's Picnic on Sunday.

It's also a good time to tell you about some of the directions the Club is heading in the future. Lee Kreul is going to be our Commodore next

year. Steve Titolo will become the Vice Commodore. These guys will do an outstanding job of promoting both racing and cruising. Some new members we've picked up this year will invigorate the racing program. I think LSC racing is on the upswing. And I know the cruising program is doing OK. Next year we will have three major cruises to choose from, each a week long, in addition to our offerings of mini cruises.

It's a good time to be a member of the Lafayette Sailing Club. We're alive and doing well!

### **LSC Autumn Mini Cruise:** by James Miller

A mini cruise is a sailing event that takes place over a long weekend. The Winter Cruise at Lake Carlyle, IL was in March. The Spring Cruise to Varmint Land, at Lake Monroe, IN, was in May. The LSC Summer Cruise to Michigan was in July. Counting those three trips, we have winter, spring, and summer pretty well covered. What was missing was fall.

To fill in that gap, we are organizing an autumn mini cruise up on Lake Michigan. This is a brand new event so, if you join us, be flexible. Holland, MI is where this mini cruise will begin and end. If the weather allows, we may sail down to Saugatuck. New LSC member Nathaniel DeYoung is a Michigan native and he recently graduated from Hope College in Holland so I asked Nathan to give me some advice about the facilities up there. After hearing Nathan's suggestions, I drove up to Holland and checked things out. Here's what I found:

**WHERE:** Holland, MI, on the north side of Lake Macatawa towards the Lake Michigan end of the lake. Lake Macatawa is about 6 miles long, with the city of Holland on the east end, and Lake Michigan just through a channel on the west end.

**WHEN:** September 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>, although some of us may arrive on the 27th and stay through the 1st of October.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Take either I-65 or SR 39 or SR43/US 421 north to I-94 and go east on I-94, like you were heading to Detroit. When you are around St. Joe/Benton Harbor take the exit for I-196. I believe that exit is around mile marker 34,

and it is a right hand exit. Go north on I-196 until you are almost in Holland and then get over in the left hand lane, to exit onto US 31 North. Follow US 31 North into Holland, and exit to the right when you get to Lakewood Blvd. (Look for the sign that says "Holland State Park"). Turn right (west) on Lakewood. Where the road splits, go left (now you're on Douglas Ave.). Continue west on Douglas Avenue, and soon you will notice the signs say Ottawa Beach Road (it just becomes Ottawa Beach Road). Our destination is on Ottawa Beach Road.

**FACILITIES:** There are two marinas to tell you about, one state park campground, and one DNR launch ramp, situated right between the marinas. The launch ramp is owned by the state of Michigan. The marinas are commercially owned. The marinas and launch ramp will be on your left, as you drive west on Ottawa Beach Road. If you continue west on Ottawa Beach Road, about a mile past the marinas you will come to the state park, with its campground, on the right hand side of the road.

**ANCHORAGE MARINA:** The first marina you come to is Anchorage Marina, 616-399-1802. It's a big facility, and very popular. On Labor Day weekend, the place is completely filled. I talked to General Manager Cary Masters, however, and he tells me that by the end of this month he will have slips available for us. The nightly rate is \$40, any size boat, at this end of the season time frame.

**YACHT BASIN MARINA:** Just a little bit farther west, past the launch ramp, is the other marina, called Yacht Basin, 616-786-2205. I talked to Gwen Kolk, their Office Manager, and she also seemed interested in our business. She quoted me a rate of \$37.50 per night for boats 30 feet and under.

I've mentioned both marinas, because we won't know until close to the actual time whether one or the other has the slips we require. They will have begun the process of hauling boats for the winter, and this will free up slips which they will gladly rent out to us.

**CAMPGROUND:** The Holland State Park has two campgrounds, but only one will still be open at that time of the year and that one will only have half its campsites operating. It's called the Lake Macatawa Campground, and it will be on your right, about a mile past the marinas. I talked to the park rangers, and they told me that only the campsites on the right will be operating when we arrive. For this reason, they recommend that we use the Michigan computer reservation system (same deal we use when we cruise to Mackinac) <http://www.midnrreservations.com/> to secure a campsite, prior to making the trip up there. If the weather is nice (and we hope it is), then the campsites may very well be snapped up for the weekend.

I'm mentioning the campground, in hopes that some of you small boat LSC members will come up and camp out and crew for the guys with cruising boats, just like we do down at Lake Monroe. This invitation is open to all members of the Lafayette Sailing Club. You could also trailer a small boat up there and launch, daysail and then re-trailer the boat and camp at night. Bring a small heater.

**WEATHER:** This is where it gets dicey, as in "Let's roll the dice and see what we

get" As I write this article for the newsletter (Friday, September 7, 2007) there are expected gale warnings, 35 knot winds, and 12 foot waves out on Lake Michigan tonight! September is a volatile month for the big lake. I have WxWorx satellite weather now, so all I can tell you is that we will do our best to keep an eye on things, weather-wise. In a worse case scenario, we do a bit of day sailing on Lake Macatawa and party on shore.

**OPTIONS:** IF the weather cooperates nicely, we might consider heading out on the big lake, and sailing a few miles south to Saugatuck. Saugatuck is a very touristy town, like what you'd find in Door County. We could spend a night at Tower Marine, where the Lea Bedea has been based this year, before heading back to Holland the following day.

**CONTACT ME:** I could write a lot more, but this story is already way too long. If you think you might be interested in this mini-cruise, e-mail me at: [jameslm@intel.net](mailto:jameslm@intel.net) and I'll tell you more. Ask me about the black squirrels.



LAUNCH RAMP

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## Lawn Upkeep at the LSC

The Grounds Committee wants to remind all LSC members to maintain the lawn beneath their boats. The Club has Weed-Eaters and lawn mowers in the shed for club members to use. Unattended lawns are subject to a mowing charge of \$25.00 per instance.



## LSC Fall Banquet: The Trails

Mark your calendar now. LSC Fall Banquet, Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. The Social Committee is planning a very nice event. This will be a time to socialize, recognize the outstanding sailors in the LSC, have a very nice dinner, and have fun. I've got it from a pretty good source that no LSC By-laws will be discussed, and very little meeting issues,

if any, will be presented. "Nothin' but Fun" All LSC members are invited; RSVP's will be collected by the Social Committee. Call Chuck Wiltfong with your RSVP at [cwiltfong@vogel-real-estate.com](mailto:cwiltfong@vogel-real-estate.com) or 574-583-5113



## LSC Racing

The official race season isn't over yet. Take your lunch to the lake. Racing is fun and challenging. Don't be intimidated by the LSC "Salts" they all great educators.

Sun.	Sept. 16	12:30 PM	Long Distance Series Races (2)
Sun.	Sept. 23	12:30 PM	Long Distance Series Races (2)
Sat.	October 6	11:30 AM	Race Make-up Day (if needed)
Sun.	October 7	12:30 PM	Race Make-up Day (if needed)
Sat.	October 13	11:30 AM	Alternate Race Make-up Day (if needed) alternative first Frost-Bite Series



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## **Participating Members Reward Program (PMRP)**

All LSC members should review their Participating Members Reward Program (PMRP) worksheet for completeness. Use the worksheet to keep track of the events that you participated in and the hours of your time that you gave to the Club. Include the worksheet with your LSC 2008 membership Application.

## **2007/2008 PARTICIPATING MEMBERS' REWARD PROGRAM**

The spirit, physical condition, and fiscal well being of the Club are enhanced by member participation. Participation takes the form of earning credits for participating in a combination of social and sailing events, earning work credits for specified tasks, and/or by contributing merchandise for Club events and maintenance or cash.

Full-Member dues may be reduced by \$100, and Associate Member dues reduced by \$20. A minimum of ten (10) credits for Full Members, and two (2) credits for Associate Members (any category for Associate Members) must be accumulated to qualify. A credit is valued at \$10. Please consult the LSC handbook for more details.

***Please keep track of your participation on this form, and submit it with your 2008 membership application. Staple checks or receipts to this form. The back may be used if you need to submit further information.***

**SOCIAL AND SAILING CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Spring Kickoff meeting
- Sailing School (instructor, student, or guest)
- Sailed a Club-owned boat
- Pleasure sailed my own boat on Lake Freeman
- Raced in Championship Series (skipper or crew)
- Raced in LSC Icebreaker Series (skipper or crew)
- Raced in LSC Frostbite Series (skipper or crew)
- Assisted on the Race-Committee Boat
- LSC Past Commodores Party
- LSC Moonlight Sail Party
- B.O.G. Picnic
- LSC Mini Cruise (skipper, crew, or guest)
- Randy's Raft-Up
- LSC week-long cruise
- Fall Banquet
- Oktober Fest
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: Social & Sailing credits**

*A maximum of four (4) Social & Sailing may be used toward the overall credits grand total*

**Cash or goods credits:** One (1) credit per \$10 (attach check or receipts)

**COMMITTEE WORK CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<u>Grounds &amp; Equipment</u>		
	Spring harbor clean up	_____
	Fall harbor cleanup	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
<u>Club Fleet</u>		
	_____	_____
<u>Newsletter</u>		
	Publisher	_____
	Editor	_____
	Writer	_____
	Photographer	_____
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	Web master	_____
	Content	_____
<u>Race</u>		
	RC	_____
	Scorer	_____
<u>Cruise</u>		
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<u>Publicity</u>		
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<u>Handbook</u>		
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<u>Graphics Support</u>		
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<u>Social</u>		
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<u>Sailing School</u>		
	_____	_____
<u>Ship's Store</u>		
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<b>TOTAL: Work Credits (1 credit per hour)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>CREDITS GRAND TOTAL</b> <input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/></p> <p><i>Social &amp; Sailing, Work, and Cash/Goods Contributions</i></p>
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Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Catalina 25 Raft-up** by Randy Carie

Five Catalina 25 Sailors met for the First Annual Cruise on Lake Michigan. LSC member Bill Meinert organized this week long cruise that included adventure, sailing, and amenities a year before he became a LSC member.

Lewie Wallace, and myself rendezvoused with Bill Meinert, and Ohio C25 sailors, David and Mary Lou Reddick and Cindy and Doug Bergdall and family, both from St Mary's YC on the south side of Marion Island, Grand Traverse Bay. This small group shared hors d'oeuvres, grilled picnic favorites, went swimming, talked about sailing, and are planning a second cruise for 2008.

Next years (2nd Annual Traverse Bay/Lake Michigan Cruise) is already in the planning stages. The C25 Cruise will start on July 26, 2008 at Charlevoix, MI and will continue northeast to Bay Harbor, Petoskey, and then on to Mackinaw.

Previous commitments prohibited Wallace and Carie from completing Meinert's first C25 Cruise. Wallace and Carie sailed south the following morning to Traverse City for the pull out and trip home while the Meinert, Reddick, and Bergdall families sailed north to ports beyond. Bill Meinert's effort to organize a cruise that is open to all C25 Cruisers in the nation is commendable. The C25 is a very popular, trailerable cruiser. Go to <http://www.catalina-capri-25s.org/> to learn more about the C25 and the National Association.



Catalina 25 raft up

## **Catalina 22 Challenge**

A C22 Challenge is being placed. LSC C22's are invited to participate in a Long Distance Sail that will begin at the LSC Harbor, south toward a mark that will be placed by the Dam, north to a mark that will be placed by Ski Island, then back to the Harbor. Sailing time is estimated to be 3-4 hours long. The first C22 that crosses the line at the Harbor has bragging rights for a year. Previous braggers have been Kirk Gilbert and Randy Carie. The Captains meeting is set for Saturday, October 13, 11:30am.

The LSC C22 Challenge is being organized in conjunction with the LSC Frost-Bite Series. This will be a great opportunity to showcase your C22 on Lake Freeman. Seasonal gust on Lake Freeman in the autumn months can be exciting.

## Oktoberfest Weekend at Lake Freeman: Moonlight Sail, Raft-up, Oktoberfest, Frost-Bite Series, Nothin' but Fun

This years Oktoberfest is planned for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm at the Harbor. Traditional Brats and Sausage will be served, music will be played, and members are asked to bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs, and beverages.

The Raft-up is scheduled for Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> following the LSC Moonlight Sail and Picnic Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Club members commonly ready their boats for sailing upon arriving at the Club, then gather at the picnic tables to share picnic favorites. The Raft-up is planned for the secret cove follow-

ing the Moonlight Sail, but might end up in the Harbor. It depends upon the weather/temperature.

A Moonlight Sail on Lake Freeman is a special way to enjoy the lake and sailing. All LSC sailors are encouraged to practice safe sailing at night and be able to safely navigate the Harbor entrance in the dark.

Three Range Markers are erected at the harbor, two at the mouth of the harbor and one at the boat ramp. When the Range Marker, by the boat ramp is aligned evenly between the two by the mouth of the Harbor, then safe passage through the harbor can be made. Look at them in the daytime to understand them better. Shine a light on them at night to get back safely.

### Frost-Bite Series

It's just a way to continue the sailing season. Fall breezes make for some great sailing. Hope to see you there.



Sat.	October 13	11:30 AM	Alternate Race Make-up Day (if needed) alternative first Frost-Bite Series
Sat.	<b>October 20</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Harbor Clean-up and Chili Tasting</b> followed by Frost-Bite Series
Sat.	October 27	5:00 PM	Frost-Bite Series followed by Oktoberfest
Sat.	November 3	12:30 PM	Frost-Bite Series
Sat.	November 10	12:30 PM	Frost-Bite Series
Sat.	November 17	12:30 PM	Frost-Bite Series
Sat.	November 24	12:30 PM	Frost-Bite Series

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## LSC 2007 Traverse Bay Cruise in Review by Randy Carie

Kirk Gilbert and myself had the privilege to organize the 2007 LSC cruise. Kirk dutifully organized the Float Plan (Thanks Kirk) while I was in charge of the commemorative t-shirt and social activities (more about that later). The float plan included roughly 70 miles of sailing to 3 ports of call and one over night anchorage. The ports of Northport, Suttons Bay and Traverse City Michigan were our destinations. The largest flotilla to date, that the LSC has ever had, 15 cruising boats/18 families, traveled with boat in tow, or sailed to Northport, MI to begin a weeklong adventure together.

We've had great weather in the past and this cruise wasn't an exception. We had

excellent sailing conditions almost every day, with a chance to try all points of sail. We also had time to shop, party, eat a lot, drink beverages, shop, walk a lot, eat ice-cream, shop, swim, walk a lot, stop at restaurants, bars, and finally go to sleep on our a non-air condition boat (well most of us). Then the next day we would sail to another port and do all over again! Nothin'but Fun

The overnight anchorage was a second for the LSC. While at anchor families enjoyed grilling out, swimming, play in rafts, exploring a sunken sailboat, and resting.

A pizza party with a pirate theme was planned while at Traverse City. Club members dressed up as pirates and devoured mounds of pizza. It was a cute site. An observer just had to laugh at the novelty of it all. The finale for the pizza party was to be a showing of the video "Pirates



of the Caribbean” but the scurvy dogs smartly demanded Captain Ron. Which was OK, because it also has a part that refers to the “Pirates of the Caribbean.” Commodore Jim and Admiral Nancy provided the projector. The movie was shown out doors under the sheltered area of the marina’s bathhouse. I’ll bet it was a first.



Future LSC cruisers will also be reminded to equip their boats with rat guards. It’s hard to explain but only the LSC cruisers were infested with a rat. Why is that Captain Ron?

The finale for the cruise was a very big social dinner, 34 to be exact. Recognitions were given, congratulatory gifts were presented, pictures were taken and a Float plan was presented for 2008. Thanks go out to Judy and Carla for their assistance. Their help was greatly appreciated.



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## Harbor Clean-up and Chili Tasting

### Cub Scouts at the LSC by Kirk Gilbert

The Cub Scout Troop 3154 from Monticello Presbyterian Church earned a merit badge for sailing. With the help of Dave Keller and Art Lenearts we showed them how to rig a boat for sailing. The Scouts then rigged the Sunfish correctly by themselves! The session ended with a sailboat ride in the harbor on my 16 ft Kestrel dingy. The scouts really enjoyed earning the Bear-Merit badge. Maybe someday they will grow up and want to try sailing. I want to thank Scout Master Rebecca Baxter and Jim DeMien for asking the LSC to help with this project.

### Buy/Trade/Sell

For Sale:

LSC T-shirts, various colors and sizes \$5-\$10; LSC Sweat Shirts, various color and sizes \$15-\$20; LSC Burgees \$8-\$15. Call Dan Cserep - Ships Store Keeper or see the display set up at various Club functions.

For Sale: Fixer-upper-16 ft McGregor catamaran, needs jib and trampoline, (trailer can be borrowed for the move). Best offer, call 847-226-7336 ask for Bryan

197? Sunfish no trailer \$150 OBO& 1973 Kestrel 16 ft, trailer, \$400 OBO ask for Kirk 1-765-474-3618

All Club members; Mark your Calendar, Harbor Clean-up Day, Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am. The Ground and Equipment and Club Fleet Committees will organize projects that need to be completed before winter. After the projects are completed Chili tasting will begin. Club members take their favorite Pot of Chile to share. It's not a contest; it's just for fun. Remember to take your bowl, spoon, and beverage.



### Classifieds Help Wanted

This Newsletter Editor is still looking for stories. Any material that has to do with sailing will be considered. An article is for a credit towards your 2008 dues.

The Grounds and Equipment Committee is looking for Club members to help out on Harbor Clean-up day, Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am. Every hour that you work is worth one credit (\$10.00/credit) towards your 2008 dues.

## Board of Governor's Weekend in review

by Randy Carie

On Friday night, after a short sail, five LSC Cruisers rendezvoused at the little secret cove for an overnight Raft-up. After securing the boats, the grills were set up and grilling favorites were prepared. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were shared, stories were told, and the Madam Carol broke up our solitude with a short blast of her music as she passed by. We turned in early to be ready for the next day of sailing.

On Saturday morning the Galley Chefs shared pancakes, bacon, eggs, donuts, coffee and juice.

Saturday's events included 2 Long distance races. The Race Committee did a great job. The weather was great; the racecourse was a challenge. Thanks Steve

Saturdays Raft-up was somewhat of a repeat of

Friday nights. Different cruisers visited, and during the night I had an unexpected visitor. Just a raccoon, sorry no pictures, he just didn't want to socialize.

Sunday morning started with more sunshine and a good breakfast. Nobody goes hungry on a Raft-up. Racing was a little tougher on Sunday. The light winds might have slowed the races down some but not the enthusiasm.

The Board of Governor's Picnic followed a day of sailing and racing. It was nice to see such a well-attended event. Old and new faces had a chance to mingle and share their picnic favorites. I'd like to thank Art, Kirk, Bill, and Jim for fixing all of those steaks. Commodore Jim welcomed the Club members and Race Chair Steve Titolo gave the results of the Regatta weekend. The Social Committee did a great job of organizing this event. Thanks Chuck.



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