

March 2020

the Ditty Bag

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Commodore's Report

by Elizabeth Bentzen, LCYC Commodore

As you probably know, 2019 started off with storm damage to D-dock. At the February meeting, the Board of Governors decided to file an insurance claim to pay the uncovered balance of the bill – that is, what was left to pay after our \$25,000 deductible – to Marine Development Inc (MDI) for dock repair. Be sure to read Treasurer Renee Kizziar's article in this newsletter to learn more about the process. While MDI was working on D dock, we had them replace several other cables that needed attention, and Docks and Grounds has a plan going forward to maintain and replace cables aggressively.

Winter Series Racing concluded on February 15th for keel boats and 16th for board boats. Be sure to read Rick Mella's report in the Ditty Bag. Racing was followed by a spaghetti dinner prepared by Port Captains Mindy Rogers and Margaret McGill. The Spring Series will kickoff March 14th and 15th. As always, in order for us to have a healthy race program, we need volunteers! If you can help out, contact Rick Mella, Rear Commodore of Sail. Thanks to Rick and his loyal volunteers for administering the racing program.



The Youth Program has contracted with Youth Instructor Yam Vital. Please welcome him if you see him on the docks. The first youth practice session was on February 15th, when 3 kids braved the cool weather to sail. If you know of any interested youth, information about the program can be found on the website – go to “Learn to sail” on the LCYC.net menu. As the program becomes more active and the Opti's are on the lake, take note that one of the Opti's has an orange sail, which could, from a distance, be mistaken for a rounding mark. Apparently, this shuffled things up in the January long distance race!

This year, the TSA Spring Fling Regatta will be held at LCYC on March 21st & 22nd. Thank you to Chris and Debbie Fogle for organizing the event. Volunteers are needed, so let them know how you can help. Expect the club house, grounds, launching ramp and marina to be busy and congested on that weekend.

Adult Learn to Sail: Part 1 will be on February 29 – March 1. Part 2 will be March 7 – 8. So far, there are 30 registered participants for Part 1 and 26 for Part 2. Thank you to Bill McVey and Mike Stellato for organizing this great class. Also, thank you to all the members that stepped up to volunteer their boats or as skippers/crew!

Other March events are the Commodore's Breakfast on the 15th, and the New Member Orientation followed by Italian Night on the 28th. Kathy Leubner hosts Italian night. She has already sent out information on the weekly LCYC blast, so be sure to RSVP and volunteer to help if you can.

Don't forget we Spring Forward an hour on March 8th, so be sure to set your clocks to Daylight Saving Time. With any luck, spring weather will arrive too!

Look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water!



Welcome New Members

We have no new members this month.



7th Annual Charles L. Branch M.D. Leukemia Cup Regatta (LCR)

May 30 & 31

by Ray Luebner, 2020 LCYC LCR

I don't know what its been like for you, but for the last 12 to 18 months I've been hesitant to pick up the phone. Why? Only to learn that a club member, a friend or a relative is battling some form of cancer. Maybe it's just all of us growing older. That doesn't make it any more acceptable, but cancer is everywhere. Great progress is being made in the fight, but it's all reactionary, like some giant "whack-a-mole" game. Cancers are still there in their myriad, mutating forms and need continuous whacking. The good news is that better early detection and huge advances in cancer medicines and treatment therapies can now whack many of these moles down, patient by patient. There's no vaccine out there to make cancer go away. So, the costly reactionary fight must go on.

Since the early 1990's, the chosen charity of the American sailing community has been the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America (LLS). Leukemia Cup Regattas (LCR) are hosted by about 45 yacht clubs nationwide whose goal is to raise funds to fight blood cancers. Last year, these Regattas raised about \$6 million for LLS. New drugs and therapies developed for leukemias and lymphomas often form the basis for many other advanced cancer treatments. Last year, the LCYC regatta raised \$68,000. And, over the past six years of LCYC's participation, \$284,000 has been raised for the South-Central Texas Chapter of LLS! A 2020 goal of \$73,000 is a reasonable stretch on 2019's success. LCYC's seventh annual LCR will kick off at the April 12th Commodore's Breakfast. Please plan to attend, have some great food and learn about the progress being made in the fight against cancer.

Gary Kirkham and I will be Co-Chairs this year, with Phil Crane and Steve Edlund serving on the leadership committee with us. We'll be reaching out in March to former and potential new committee members and fundraising teams. Committees include Fund Raising, Publicity, Food, Silent Auction, and Race. Of course, we want all those who made last year's regatta so successful back again; 15 very active fundraising teams, 10 sponsors, Cocktails with the Commodore, and a very successful silent auction were keys last year. Please consider joining this great team and having some fun in support of a very worthy cause.

The BOG has approved May 30 & 31 as the dates for the 2020 LCR. Volunteers are needed for both on-the-water and on shore activities. Please call me at 512-633-4434 or email Gary and me at LeukemiaCup@lcyg.net if you want to help in any way. "Cocktails with the Commodore" was a great success last year, so we're again putting it on the schedule for the evening of May 29th. The regatta will continue to devote one day to The Branch Long Distance Race and the other to buoys racing. A BBQ dinner, silent auction, and live music will follow the racing on May 30th. Awards will be presented to sponsors and fundraising teams that evening. Trophies will be awarded to competing fleets on Sunday afternoon.

We're making a difference in the fight against cancer. Please help keep the momentum building!



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Who Doesn't Love Italian?

Join us for this year's Italian Night. Kathy Leubner and Crew have a delicious menu planned. Members are asked to bring a favorite antipasto to set on the antipasti table. Olives, Cheese, Cured Meats, Peppers and Bruschetta are all yummy choices.

MENU

Petti di Pollo con Salsa Piccante – Chicken Supremes with Piquant Caper Sauce
Conchiglie Ripiene al Forno – Baked Stuffed Shells
Fagioline Verdi e Pomodor Saltati – Sautéed Green Beans and Cherry Tomatoes
Pane all'Aglio – Garlic Bread
Biscotti Italiani – Assorted Italian Cookies
Vino e Birra – Wine and Beer

[RSVP Here](#) – Help Us Plan – Let Us Know You Love Italian!



Port Captains

by Margaret McGill and Mindy Rogers, Co-Port Captains

THANKS to all who have helped in the kitchen so far this year. If you haven't found a spot yet, stay in touch – there will be lots of opportunities to get in on the action.

The February Commodore's Breakfast was prepared and served with style by Jean Junker, Carolyn and Ron Popp, Ava and Gabby Hayes, Allen Broyles, and Elizabeth Bentzen. The crowd was pretty light but the food and fellowship were delicious. Thanks to you all. The March Commodore's Breakfast will be hosted by Carolyn and Ron Popp.

Mindy, Commodore Elizabeth Bentzen, and I fed the keel boat racers on Saturday the 15th and the board boat racers on the 16th. They seemed to enjoy the spaghetti and meatballs – and especially the cheesy garlic bread on Sunday – during the trophy presentations. Let us know if you would like to host a meal or two for the racers. They are very appreciative!

Italian Night will be hosted by Kathy Leubner on March 28 at 5:30 pm. Members are asked to contribute their favorite antipasto. Watch for updates in the weekly blasts.

See you at the club or on the water!



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Treasurer's Update

by Renee Kizziar, Treasurer

The LCYC Marina's D Dock was damaged in a wind storm soon after this year began. Luckily the storm hit when members were present. The impact of the damage was minimized quickly thanks to the quick response of many volunteers and our Docks and Grounds staff. No member boats were significantly damaged. Our marina contractor, MDI (Marine Development, Inc) immediately re-assigned a team, and re-located equipment and supplies to repair the damage. D Dock was accessible again within a week. Our Docks and Grounds team, our Long Range Planning team, and our Commodores spent some time considering the incident. Everyone considered what lessons we should learn from this situation. As a result, while MDI was in the process of effecting all the repairs from the storm, additional replacements were made to other parts of the marina. Please be clear, since 2018 the Club has aggressively schedules regular replacements of reinforcements in our marina. The quality of the cables has also been improved; now stainless steel cables are used. When looking at the damage, there were new lessons learned. The club spent almost \$65,000 with MDI for all of this work.

The Club's 2020 budget already included a plan to send \$50,000 to the Club's reserve funds. Since our marina is such a significant asset, at the February Board of Governors' meeting the decision was made to re-direct this planned saving to the marina repairs. After all, being in a position to make necessary marina repairs is one of the goals of establishing reserves. Thus, the Club will pay our obligation for this critical work without reconsidering our routine programs or our fee requirements.



Series & Event Racing

by Rick Mella, Rear Commodore of Sail

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Keel Boat/Board Boat Winter Series Regatta sailors for completing this 3-month winter event.

J-22:

- First Place: Bruce Dunn 17 points

- Second Place: Gary Bourgeois 21 points
- Third Place: Doug Sheppard 28 points

PHRF Spinnaker:

- First Place: Gustavo Medellin 5 points
- Second Place: James Pokorski 10 points
- Third Place: Chuck Begley 17 points

PHRF Non-Spinnaker:

- First Place: Bill McVey 5 points
- Second Place: Jack Mogab 11 points
- Third Place: Ray Leubner 13 points

Big Boats:

- First Place: Bill Clark 5 points

Cruiser:

- First Place: Dwight Stickle 11 points
- Second Place: Bryant Bowington 21 points

Multi-Hull:

- First Place: Drew Riddle 9 points

Flying Scot:

- First Place: Fred Soward 16 points
- Second Place: Chris Powers 20 points
- Third Place: Bill McVey 21 points

SunFish:

- First Place: Dave Sanford 10 points

Laser:

- First Place: Craig Berleme 10 points

Portsmouth:

- First Place: Chuck Begley 7 points

Important notice: I'm reaching out to all LCYC members to consider volunteering on Race Committee duties. The Spring Regatta 2020 series RC openings where volunteers are needed to support Spring 2020 racing are: 3/14, 3/15, 3/21&22, 4/18, 4/19, 5/3, 5/9. Please consider signing up at email: rearcommadoreofsail@lcy.net. No experience required.



Reminder From the Treasurer

by Renee Kizziar, Treasurer

We intended to publish this earlier, but please look at your LCYC statement. Since the December 25, 2019 invoice, your charges have reflected a fee increase. If you do auto-pay, you will want to update the amount you send to the club. The new rates are listed below. Thank you for your attention.

Dues & Fees	
Senior	\$ 32.50
Non Res	32.50
Student	23.80
Maintenance	
Charter	7.20
Charter	13.70
Senior	27.40
Dry Storage	
Land	37.50
Slip Fees	
12 x 24	150.00
12 x 28	180.00
14 x 32	236.00
16 x 32	267.00
18 x 32	300.00



TSA Update

by Chris Fogle, LCYC TSA Representative

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! As we wrote last month, we are gearing up for LCYC's annual youth racing event, the Spring Fling Regatta, to be held March 21-22. We expect about 80 sailors from across Texas for this annual jewel on the TSA youth racing circuit!

We are still in need volunteers. Help is needed in the galley, race committee members for the three starting lines and race courses, and people to work the safety and mark-set boats.

We are especially in need of powerboats and skippers to fill the safety and mark-set boat positions. We may also have an opening for a Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the Green Fleet Opti course. If you have race committee experience and would like a low-threat opportunity to be a PRO, please let us

know. It's a great way to see if you like race management, and you'll have an experienced team helping you with the setup and execution.

If you would like to help this year for any positions at the Spring Fling Regatta, please contact Chris Fogle via email (youthregatta@lcy.net).

- US Sailing Small Boat Instructor Level 1 is being offered at Viridian Sailing Center in the Dallas area. It will be held over 2 weekends, May 23-24 and 30-31. The course runs 8 hours per day and you must be present for all of the training. Must be at least 16 years old to participate. For more information contact info@viridiansailing.com

If you have any questions about US Sailing, Area F events, the TSA Youth Circuit and Youth National Championship regattas in 2020, please contact your LCYC TSA Representative, Chris Fogle (the author).

See you on the water!

2020 Texas Sailing Association (TSA) Youth Racing Circuit Dates

21-22 Mar	Spring Fling Regatta	LCYC
4-5 Apr	Chocopalooza Regatta	Rush Creek YC
9-10 May	Silly String Regatta / Texas State Girls Optimist Championship	Grapevine Sailing Club
6-7 Jun	Road Runner Regatta & Texas State Youth Laser Championship	Austin YC
20-21 Jun	Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta	Ft. Worth Boat Club
9-10 Jul	TX Youth Race Week Clinic	Houston YC
11-12 Jul	TX Youth Race Week	Lakewood YC
1-2 Aug	TCYC Youth Regatta	Texas Corinthian YC
22-23 Aug	Cannonball Run Regatta	Palacios YC
12-13 Sep	Rock the Rock Regatta	Corinthian Sailing Club, (White Rock Lake)
26-27 Sep	Rockin Rockport Regatta	Rockport YC
10-11 Oct	TSA End of Year Regatta: Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta and KO Sailing Texas State Optimist Championship	Dallas Corinthian YC



LCYC Visits the Capital Yacht Club

by Arnie Wilenken



During our visit to last October’s Annapolis Sailboat show, Teresa and I presented an LCYC burgee to a past Rear Commodore of the Capital Yacht Club, Stuart Tomlin. This picture was taken in front of the CYC in Washington, DC last October. The CYC burgee presented by Mr. Tomlin now hangs in the LCYC clubhouse.



LCYC Personnel

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Commodore – Elizabeth Bentzen

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