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Commodore's Report

by Elizabeth Bentzen, LCYC Commodore

Please note that the LCYC gate codes will change as of March 31st. Look in your March 25 statement for the new codes.

I hope that everyone is staying well during this unprecedented time. As you all know, March was a quiet month at the club, with events canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Board of Governors held the March meeting by phone in order to practice social distancing. The Board is monitoring the situation and will let you know soon about upcoming events at LCYC. Please read the weekly blasts for announcements.

While the Club is not hosting any social events, it is still open for those who wish to go for a sail on their boat. If you do come to the Club, I urge you to practice preventive actions: frequent hand washing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, physical distancing and staying at home if you are sick.

We had very successful Adult Learn to Sail classes both weekends. Thank you to Bill McVey and Mike Stellato for organizing the class, and to all the members who volunteered their time and boats. Additionally, the Youth Sailing Program currently has 7 kids enrolled for instruction with coach Yam Vital.

As many of you have heard, unfortunately, the TSA Spring Fling Regatta was postponed until July 25th & 26th. I know that many of you had volunteered for the regatta and I hope you will still be available to volunteer at the later date.

The health and safety of our club members and our employees are our top priority. Arrangements have been made to maintain our grounds, clubhouse, and marina, and to continue essential Club processes. If you have questions or comments during this unusual situation please do not hesitate to contact me.



Welcome New Members

- **Amy Slagle** – Austin, TX
- **Lance and Ellen Leone** – San Antonio, TX
- **Coleman Terrell and Rogchelle Orbeta** – San Antonio, TX



7th Annual Charles L. Branch M.D. Leukemia Cup Regatta (LCR) May 30 & 31

by Ray Luebner, 2020 LCYC LCR

We live in interesting, uncertain, and frustrating times given all that's going on across the nation with Covid-19. Closer to home, it's making planning for the Leukemia Cup Regatta more than a bit difficult. Cancellations of club events like the TSA Regatta and the March Commodore's Breakfast are likely to continue, for just how long no one knows. But the next few weeks will clarify the direction of this health and financial emergency, and hence the status of the LCR. A final decision regarding this year's event will be made at the April Board of Governors meeting.



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Port Captains

by Margaret McGill and Mindy Rogers, Co-Port Captains

There's not much LCYC news from us this month, what with the pandemic and all the changes that has brought. At the direction of the Commodore, the March Commodore's Breakfast was cancelled, and Italian Night is cancelled. Even the TSA regatta and the new member orientation were postponed, all in the interest of "flattening the curve". Having a molecular biology scientist and a couple of public health professionals in the family, not to mention a pediatric oncologist practicing at the University of

Washington, it's hard not to be concerned about the status of our friends and family. We are doing our best to practice responsible social distancing, and my sewing machine is getting a workout! We value our LCYC family, and want to comply with all the guidelines set forth by the President and local authorities. We don't know if we will be able to have the April Commodore's Breakfast that would be scheduled for April 12 (I suspect not), so watch your weekly email blasts for information. Please stay safe and healthy til we can get together again.

See you on the lake maybe, but not at the clubhouse for a while!



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Treasurer's Update

by Renee Kizziar, Treasurer

The Club has received payment on its claim related to the storm damage on D Dock. This approval went smoothly thanks to the detailed photos provided by members Marvin Arnold and Mike Samulin. Julian Craven, Property Manager, prepared two diagrams which clearly illustrated the situation. Our marina contractor, MDI, responded to direct inquiries without notice, and provided explanations entirely consistent with our descriptions. Thanks all around to those named above and to all who helped with this situation. What a wonderful example of how well we can work together.



Series & Event Racing

by Rick Mella, Rear Commodore of Sail

Saturday, March 14th, at 11:30, Spring Series Keel Boat Skipper's meeting got underway, with 22 Keel Boats registered for this three month event. Three starts were planned with J-22s under Pennant 1, PHRF Spin & PHRF Non-Spin under Pennant 2, and Big Boats & Cruisers under Pennant 3. At 13:00 the first Warning flag was raised signaling the start of the spring series. With skies overcast, winds from the South/South east, and wind speed recorded at 10mph, J-22s got underway with a Windward/Leeward (W) course designated in the Sailing Instructions. Two races were planned with

the Keel Boat fleet, with finish times of 15:33, for the last Big Boat crossing the finish line. Early leaders for the Keel Boat fleets:

J-22: First Place: Keith Zars 2 points

PHRF Spinnaker: First Place: Phillip Davis 2 points

PHRF Non-Spinnaker: First Place: Travis Grahmann 2 points

Big Boats: First Place: Ray Leubner 2 points

Cruiser: First Place: Bill Clark 2 points

Multi-Hull: First Place: Joe Monosmith 2 points



Sunday, March 15th, 2020 Spring Series Board Boat Skipper's meeting started precisely at 11:30, where 23 board boats had registered for this spring series. Flying Scots were first Pennant 1, SunFish

& Lasers were Pennant 2 and Portsmouth boats were Pennant 3. Three races were executed under cloudy skies, wind direction from the East / Northeast and wind speed ranging from 3 to 6mph. Race 1 flag dropping at 13:05, with the final third race completed by 16:20, all fleets seem to enjoy the day with a Windward / Leeward (W or W2) course.

Flying Scot: First Place: Keith Zars 5 points

SunFish: First Place: Chris Besch 4 points

Laser: First Place: Craig Berleme 3 points

Portsmouth: First Place: Phillip Davis 4 points



Finally, I would like to thank Chuck Begley for acting Principle Race Officer sitting in for Saturday's Keel Boat races. Chuck did a great job setting the course with wind variance of 15 to 30 degrees prior to the start of Saturday's races. Also, a special shout out to the Race Committee Volunteers running races for both Saturday and Sunday. Craig Uberroth and Arnie Wilenken handled the helm on RC boat & Chase boat respectfully, setting marks and helping with RC duties. In addition, Jim Wilkes volunteered for both Saturday & Sunday, with Toby Hooper & Nancy Hodo providing support on the Committee & Chase Boats. Thank you, Thank YOU!

Important notice: Please be prepared for any ANNOUNCEMENT concerning future racing with the current challenges surrounding the CORONAVIRUS outbreak.



TSA Update

by Chris Fogle, LCYC TSA Representative

By now, most of you know we had to postpone our annual Spring Fling Regatta due to the recent restrictions put on gatherings and events. We have rescheduled the youth regatta for the weekend of July 25th-16th.

We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers who offered their expertise, time, and – in some cases – their boats to help us this year. We hope schedules will allow you to help in July. Thank you!



As far as other impacts to the Texas Sailing Association’s Youth Circuit – the circuit regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club has been postponed and rescheduled for November, and the Palacios Yacht Club has cancelled their event for 2020. We expect other changes to the schedule, but for now – clubs are taking it one day at a time. We will continue to update our youth sailors and parents.

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).

Finally, we’d like to formally recognize LCYC’s 2019 recipient of the Alan and Worth Riley Memorial Award – Ryan Mitchell! Ryan is an Optimist sailor who races in the very competitive Red/White/Blue fleet on the TSA Youth Circuit. We were going to formally recognize Ryan in front of his peers at the Spring Fling Regatta but weren’t able due to its postponement.

So – in keeping with our current protocols for social distancing – we would like to invite everyone to congratulate Ryan on this highest award for LCYC youth sailors!

See you on the water!

2020 Texas Sailing Association (TSA) Youth Racing Circuit Dates

21-22 Mar	Spring Fling Regatta	LCYC
16-17 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	Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta and KO Sailing	Dallas Corinthian YC
	Texas State Optimist Champ	
13-14 Nov	TSA End of Year Regatta: Chocopalooza Regatta	Dallas Corinthian YC

