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FROM THE COMMODORE



2009 should be one of LSC's finest years, if the floods and hurricanes leave us alone. Last year under Ray Kleinhelter's leadership, the club made many improvements to the clubhouse and grounds. The individual fleets improved their % of racing participation and once again LSC put on one of the most popular regattas in the region. A big thank you to Ray for his term as

Commodore and thank you for heading up this year's long term goals committee. Some of the projects I hope will be finished this year are tie-down bolts for the lower dock area (I am tired of having my boat turn over), increased utilization of the clubhouse, identification of owners of all boats in the yard, and an increase in the handicap fleet participation.

LSC's future depends on the participation of the many families that we have in the club. The progression of sailors from parents to child to grandchild makes the club a stable, fun place to be. It is time for the new (younger) generations to start their LSC traditions sailing sunfish, lasers, thistles, highlanders or any of the other handicap boats. The Sea Scouts have been a great asset to the club and we look forward to having them participate in the clubs activities.

I look forward to working with the LSC board of directors and officers and applaud the time and energy they and the members give to making the Louisville Sailing Club the best place to sail and play in the region.

Bill Timmer



LSC BANQUET HELD AT BUCKHEADS IN INDIANA

by Bill Timmer

A view of the river, great friends, and good food made the 2008 fall general meeting and award's banquet a huge success. Ray Kleinhelter, Commodore, presided over the awards portion of the evening after a delicious meal.

Eugene Cox was in charge of the sunfish awards, and thoroughly entertained the entire group with his humorous presentation. Zack Kleinhelter finished 1st, 2nd was Gina Kleinhelter, and Eugene Cox finished 3rd.

Laser awards were presented by pretty much the entire fleet. The winners were Joe Burch 1st, Ray Kleinhelter (with 58 starts) 2nd, Cliff Vatter in 3rd place, Brad Kocian 4th and John Parker 5th.

Paul Terrien did the honors for the thistlers, with the assistance of daughter, Lisa. This year's winners were Lisa Hart 1st, David Bauer 2nd, 3rd Neal Deaves and Ray Kleinhelter, 4th.

Highlander awards were presented by Bill Timmer. Winning this year were captains Neal Deaves, 1st.; Jim McBee 2nd.; and Brent Deaves, 3rd.

The long distance styrofoam cup was awarded by Desna Ratcliff to overall winner, Neal Deaves, who soundly beat a large flotilla of Cruising Club and LSC boats in very breezy conditions.

Over the years, Bob Bauer has designed and created some of the most beautiful trophies anywhere. The half hulls are priceless. A big thank you to Bob for the trophies and a big thank you for being instrumental in the creation of LSC.

A big pat on the back to Brent and Meredith Deaves for organizing the banquet this year.



HURRICANE IKE HITS LOUISVILLE

By John Emmerich

The Highlanders had a fleet meeting at the Club on September 14. I have never experienced 75 MPH winds before. Waves were 5 to 6 feet, the wind was blowing the tops of the waves off.

Jim McBee's Highlander in the background rode it out fine, it was tied down. Bill Timmer's Highlander is on the right in the picture. The boat and the trailer turned over. Three or four Thistles also were blown over. We were able to get everything back on the trailers and upright except for one Scot.

The Laser/Sunfish dock also took a beating.

PICTURES BY JOHN EMMERICH



LSC LOSES A WONDERFUL LADY

LSC lost a charter member, a good friend, and a wonderful lady September 25 when Ann Bauer passed away. With her husband Bob, Ann was instrumental in starting LSC, and remained a strong contributor and member throughout the 53 years LSC has existed. Ann will be very much missed.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009

New officers were elected and various committees have been formed for the 2009 sailing year. Officers are:

Commodore.....Bill Timmer
 Vice Commodore.....Brent Deaves
 Rear Commodore.....Ray Kleinhelter
 Secretary.....Lisa Hart
 Treasurer..... Eugene Cox
 Directors.....Jim Wilhelm
 Scott Kremer
 David Bauer
 John Parker

Committees for the coming year are:

Dock Captain Bill Timmer
 Race Committee..... Jeff Christopher
 Club and Grounds..... Neal Deaves
 Lisa Hart
 Vessel Captain..... Brad Kocian
 Social Chairperson..... Brent Deaves
 Membership..... Ted Wathan
 Historian..... Fanny Timmer
 Long Range Planning..... Ray Kleinhelter, chair
 Scott Kremer
 Paul Terrien
 Brad Kocian
 Eugene Cox
 Joe Burch
 Bill Timmer



CLUB HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Under the leadership of 2008 Commodore, Ray Kleinhelter, the club house's riverside sliding doors have been replaced with new doors and screens. The rear siding has been replaced and the deck re-enforced. The continued improvements and upkeep of the Louisville Sailing Club is possible because of members volunteering time and a great deal of labor. The commitment of the LSC members ensures that LSC continues to be a top club in the Louisville sailing community. Long term planning is ongoing and includes tie downs for the lower level boat dock, improvements to the upper boat storage and continued clubhouse improvements.

INTERESTED IN JOINING IN ON THE FUN?

Louisville Sailing Club (LSC) provides the opportunity to enjoy sailing on the Ohio River. LSC has 4 racing fleets and a Handicap fleet, plus many day sailors who enjoy a less competitive and relaxing sail. Press gangs have gone out of style, but someone is usually looking for crew.

Currently, the sunfish sleet sails on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM. Rear Commodore Ray Kleinhelter has been race chairman of the fleet. Ray has done an outstanding job of setting courses and making sure new sailors are comfortable and well equipped for a night of racing. The sunfish sailors can often be seen sail-



ing during the week as it is so easy to set up the boat and slip it off the dock for a quick sail. LSC has club sunfish available for those who wish to try the sunfish experience.

The laser fleet meets Sunday mornings at 11 to race. This sleet is one of the fastest growing fleets

in the club and usually gets in the most races in a season.

The thistle fleet races Saturday afternoons at 2. It was great this past season to see a number of thistles skippered and crewed by youths and young families. This is a fast, agile boat great for racing and suitable for a great day sailing with the family. Many of our thistle owners have a great number of years of racing experience and help make this fleet extremely competitive.

The highlander fleet meets Sunday afternoons at 2 to race. Our highlander fleet currently includes the National Master Champion, past National Champion, and a few of the Highlander Class International Class officers. The National organization's website is maintained by an LSC member, and the National organization's club magazine is edited by an LSC member. The involvement with the national class activities means LSC highlander sailors travel to various regattas most of the season. The Sunday LSC racing is gaining additional boats this year and looks to be very competitive. The LSC highlander fleet gives one of the best regional regattas on the highlander circuit with 20 to 30+ boats usually attending.

LSC's handicap fleet has not been as active in the racing department, but all those flying scots, snipes, windmills, and other fantastic dinghies are often on the water enjoying the river breezes.

LSC is more than racing sailboats or day sailing. It is the social activities and friendships that enrich our lives as we pursue the joy of sailing.

