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## THE LEUKEMIA CUP 24 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

By: A.J. Savage

The Leukemia Cup 24 hour Endurance Race is almost upon us! This year we have something for everyone. Whether you are sailing in the event or just coming up to experience the atmosphere, you will find a lot going on. Besides the race, which is a spectacle by itself, we have contests with prize giveaways, live music, great food (including the ever-popular Blue Bunny ice cream), and some exciting raffles.

With the backing of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, in addition to sponsors we have sought, we have received many exciting donations. One of these items is a \$200 West Marine gift card, which will be raffled off for \$5 per ticket. The second raffle item is a John McCray limited edition lithograph titled "Flying Home". This beautiful artwork is one of only 50 created specifically for Leukemia Cup Regattas, and it is valued at \$650. A \$30 raffle ticket for this item gives you a chance to own a sailing masterpiece. Proceeds from both raffles go directly to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

You may also join us for the dinner (\$10 per person) sponsored by City Barbeque and Randy's spectacular "end of the race" brunch (\$4 per person). Tickets will be sold during registration from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you would like to attend either dinner or brunch but cannot purchase your ticket during registration hours, you can still do so by contacting A.J. Savage (792-2855 or [edurancerace@wowway.com](mailto:edurancerace@wowway.com)) before May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Last year we exceeded our monetary goal by raising over \$6,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This year we would like to do even better. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Show them how great Leatherlips can be.

**Schedule of Events on page 3**

**MEMORIAL  
DAY  
SERIES**

**MONDAY**

**MAY 28**

**10:30 AM START**

## **Board Member Bio**

**By: John Rupert – Rear Commodore**

As a new member on the Board, and only a fourth year member of LYC, I realize that many of you may not know much about me and what I bring to the club. Therefore, I wish to introduce myself.

Born in Charleston, WV, my family moved to Clearwater, Florida early in my life. We soon moved again, this time to Santa Ana, California where I spent four years in their school system before returning to Clearwater. I ended my secondary school education in Portsmouth, Ohio graduating there after only a year in the state.

I then attended OSU and have a Bachelors of Science and a Masters of Science in Zoology, specializing in aquatic ecology and fisheries biology. I was manager of OSU's Stone Laboratory at Put-in-Bay in 1979 and 1980 (that's where Janet and I first met Anne Filbert, and where we bought our Thistle, starting us on our road to sailing). My Master's thesis was called "Aerial Stocking of Lake Trout Fingerlings", a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) funded project intended to find an effective way to replenish stocks of Lake Trout in the upper Great Lakes. Yes, I threw fish out of airplanes. Great fun! During this time, I was also a guest scientist aboard a National Marine Fisheries Service stern trawler, the RV Delaware II, for a 17-day cruise in the north Atlantic conducting fish sampling for the government's fisheries management efforts. This is my only real blue water experience. And I also spent time working for the USFWS in their endangered species program.

Most of my career was spent with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) working in environmental science. I was responsible for managing intergovernmental coordination with the USFWS, USEPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and many other federal and state Agencies. I have read more Environmental Impact Statements than I care to admit, and sometimes felt buried by the sheer volume of paper. In later years, I worked with the Ohio Coastal Management Program at ODNR and was an Advisory Board member to the Great Lakes Information Network (a web based portal), and an Advisory Board member to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Ocean Data Team. Very interesting work, I must say. By now you realize that I was a bureaucrat. Well, someone has to do it.

Now, I am retired and am very happy about that.

Just a bit about boating. As I already mentioned, Janet and I bought a Thistle in 1980. We sailed at Put-in-Bay and then sailed for a bit when we returned to Columbus. But as the boat is a woody, it needed constant work, and we ended up storing it (in a garage, thankfully) instead of working on it. We got into power boating (oh the shame!) and back into sailing when Janet got her Laser. I was running a number of boats (power) in many of my jobs, so I've been on the water a fair amount. We also have a canoe and kayaks, and just love all aspects of boating.

I hope all of this helps me be of value to LYC. I want to use any talents I can muster to support and enhance the club as best I can. Please tell me anything that is of concern to you about our club, whether it is good or bad, what opportunities you see, what risks face us, or any other issue that affects the well being of Leatherlips. I am still learning the ropes and need to hear from you to know that I am representing your interests well.

## **RECYCLE - RECYCLE - RECYCLE**

**Remember to keep recycling those aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass. Containers are available at the clubhouse and on the driveway near the boat launch ramp.**

## THE LEUKEMIA CUP 24 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 11:00 AM	Registration and Check-in
11:00 AM	Competitor's meeting
11:55 AM	Warning signal
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>START</b>
6:30 PM	City Barbeque Dinner (\$10 per person)
3:00 - 10:00 PM	Live Music from Chris Bare and friends
9:00 PM	Drawing for the winner of the \$200 West Marine gift card

### Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>

12:00 AM	Iacono's Pizza Midnight Snack
12:30 AM	Announcement of the "Halfway There" Award
6:30 AM	Tim Horton's Coffee and Donuts
10:00 AM	Randy's LLS Benefit Brunch (\$4 per person)
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
12:30 PM	Awards (front porch)
1:00 PM	Take a nap!

## LYC CAMP-OUT FRIDAY, JUNE 22

On the grounds of Leatherlips Yacht Club

BYOT (Bring Your Own Tent), Sleeping Bag & Bug Spray...

Along with something to share for Friday's Fun, like Playing Cards (or Uno), Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Sidewalk Chalk... videos/DVDs & snacks for the kids.

We'll provide Saturday's breakfast of scrambled eggs, waffles, bacon, toast, juice, coffee and other assorted goodies!

Leave message with Molly Flanagan (614) 267-9257 if you plan to attend, so we know how many S'mores to bring!

We'll start around 8 pm Friday, rain or shine.



# **DISTRICT 18 GRAND PRIX REGATTA**

MAY 11-13, 2007

By: Janet Rupert

Laser Fleet 513 held the District 18 Grand Prix on Mother's Day weekend at its home at Leatherlips Yacht Club, which is on narrow O'Shaughnessy Reservoir above the city of Columbus, Ohio. The event began auspiciously on Friday evening with a sailing clinic given by previous year's champion, Rick Rothenbuhler of Dieball Sailing. To begin, Rick talked about rigging settings. He said that the biggest mistakes that he consistently sees are boats with no cunningham in light air. Take those wrinkles out at the mast joint. Fifteen boats then launched for practice starts and short races in flat water, 5 mph winds, and no current. Rick followed closely in a coach boat and videotaped the sailors. Afterward we convened in the clubhouse for a critique of the video and more questions and answers.

The following morning 13 more boats arrived. PRO Jamie Jones held the skipper's meeting at 10:15 and introduced the on-the-water judges, George Griswold and Mike Clowes. The wind was 8 mph from the north, the ideal wind direction for our venue, and he set a half-mile windward/leeward course. The 19 full Lasers got off a clean start at 11 a.m. and the 9 Radials did the same a few minutes later. The fleets did have to sail through each other with each race. We got in 5 races, each one more exciting as the wind grew to 15, still blowing from the lake's ideal direction. After the racing ended, it was blowing 20 to 30 and two youths tried out loaner 4.7 rigs from Dieball sailing. That looked like some of the most fun sailing of the day as they scooted over whitecaps!

Sunday was sunny and clear and the wind had settled to 8-10 and clocked to the northeast. We were still in good sailing territory with the windward mark set half a mile up, but when the Radials were halfway up the windward leg, the wind veered further to the east and died a bit. Reaching is kind of sad without planning conditions. The air was quite fluky as well. I sailed south within a few feet of a northbound sailor, and we were both close-hauled. At the end of the race the RC raised the AP flag and reset the course. Now we sailed into the cove next to the Columbus Zoo on a short course. A challenge was added with the leeward mark close to the shore.

With seven races under our belts and the promise of more fluky wind, we called it a day. With one throw out, Barret Rhoads won the day, Ken Swetka took second, and John Shockey third. In the Radial fleet, Tyler Cruickshank was first, Matt Givens second, and Wick Hardenbergh third. One youth sailor, Brady Reys, handled the series in a 4.7 with the Radial fleet.

Thanks to all of the club members who worked on race committee, in the kitchen, as photographers, and to provide moral support for the discombobulated race chair. You made the event a success!

## NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Laura Fenzl  
Children: Jake, Bailey  
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Hilliard, OH 43026  
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jimfenzl@gmail.com  
Fleet: Lightning

Jim joins us as an Active member after having crewed off and on for over 20 years. He just bought a Lightning. Jim says, "My hope is to get back into the sport and introduce it to my kids".

Stacia Charneski  
4841 Taunton Way  
Columbus, OH 43228  
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Stacia joins us as an Associate member. She attended our Open House last spring, signed up for a beginner class, and "loved it!" She has sailed many times with Jackie Herkowitz. She says, "I had a great time last summer, and would like to learn more about sailing. I'm very impressed with the club members - they have all bent over backwards to make me feel welcomed and to share their friendship and expertise.

Joanne Morrissey  
Children: Joe, Sam,  
Breanna  
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JoAnne joined LYC as an Active member right around Docks In. She is interested in learning to sail with her daughter. Her son took lessons at LYC in 2005. She is retired from 20 years active duty in the Air Force.

James Brian McMahon  
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Brian joins LYC as an Associate Member. You may have met him with his dad, Nick McMahon, one of our Members at Large on the BOG. Brian is a driver with Schneider National, Inc.

Joyce Haignere Brannan  
2696 Swansea Road  
Columbus, OH 43221  
(H) 451-8393

Joyce joins us this spring as an Associate member. She has been sailing/crewing for about a year, mostly with the adult classes, with Jackie Herkowitz, and on a catamaran in the Chesapeake for a week charter. She says, "I want to learn to sail and relax, have fun and make new friends."

Dick & Riki Plunk

Dick & Riki joined LYC as Associated members this winter. You may have met them at a social event with Jill and A.J. Savage (they are Jill's parents). They are originally from Cincinnati, but moved to Powell a few years ago.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 26/27 - Leukemia Cup  
May 28 - Memorial Day Series  
June 2 - Lido/Daysailer Regatta  
June 9/10 - Lightning Windshift Regatta  
June 30 - Independence Day Series

Remember racing on Sundays & also the Friday Night Potluck every Friday night.

## **JUNIOR RACING COOKBOOK**

The Junior Racing Team will be collecting recipes and compiling a Leatherlips Yacht Club Cookbook. We are looking for club members favorite recipes to include in the book. You can either e-mail the recipe to: [interlake1340@yahoo.com](mailto:interlake1340@yahoo.com), or mail your recipe to : Scott & Lynn Savage, 6184 McVey Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Articles & pictures can be e-mailed to: [interlake1340@yahoo.com](mailto:interlake1340@yahoo.com) -  
Deadline is the 15th of the month.

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