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LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB MEMBER NEWS, HAPPENINGS



### *Team Evans Wins Swing & Sail*

*Dick Evans and Carolyn Tanner won the 3rd annual Swing & Sail. The father-daughter team placed first overall in scored points. The August 16th event, which included nine holes of golf, followed by a series of sailboat races, attracted 20 participants. Bob France and Kit Holzaepfel took second place honors and John Lawmon and Scott Graham took third. Trophies featured a "Leatherlips" American Indian ducky. Thanks to Scott Graham and Kevin Flanagan for organizing the event. More photos on page 2.*



## ✕ From the Helm ✕

*Commodore Mike Mirarchi updates members on club happenings and requests nominations for board and volunteer positions.*

As I write this we are still waiting for some rain here in central Ohio. We very nearly need a ladder at the hoist to climb down into and up out of our boats. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have some rain and the water level on the reservoir will be back up somewhat.

If you've been to the club recently, you have probably seen the new rail on the ramp. Thanks to Dave Seifert for installing that. Several members had expressed concern about the ramp. While it provides easy access for seniors, parents with strollers and those of us who just don't or can't negotiate the stairs, it did present quite a drop. The railing addresses that and is removable, so we can still

roll boats and other equipment up and into the club.

You may also be interested to know that the Ohio EPA has required the City of Columbus to connect the LYC clubhouse facility to the Shawnee Hills sanitary sewer system. The target date for that to happen is tentatively "fall of 2009." John Rupert will be leading our club's representation in a meeting soon to be held between, LYC, Shawnee Hills, the Ohio EPA and the City of Columbus. Jose Isern will also be involved. Jose is a Shawnee Hills resident and has made sure the Board was aware that this proposal not only affects the clubhouse, but also the property the club owns along the road. I'm sure John and Jose will keep us all informed. (cont. on page 2)

# Volunteers Needed to Lead Sailing Instruction, Jr Racing

In a couple short months my tenure as your commodore will be over. In fact, as directed by the constitution, I have selected a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for membership's approval at the annual meeting. Jose Isern, Kevin Flanagan and Anne Filbert have agreed to serve on that committee. Most board officers who are eligible are willing to continue serving, but if our club is to thrive some new leadership is needed. Deb Obert is doing a fine job taking over as Secretary from Jill Savage. However we may need a couple new Board of Governors members and there are some other very

significant positions that also need to be filled.

One crucial area is Sailing Instruction and Junior Racing – both of which will need to replace very capable leaders. Scott Savage and Christie Whitt have both decided not to continue in their respective positions. These youth-oriented programs introduce young people to sailing and introduce their parents to our club. It's no coincidence that many of our new members are parents of sailing students - or graduates of the adult classes. Teaching people to sail is an important part of the mission of our club. Since our actual instructors are

typically high school/college-age sailors, what the Learn to Sail program needs is an administrator (and a marketer). The Junior Racers need a coach/advisor. If you have an interest or some ideas about these programs please let Scott Savage and the Board of Governors know.

Your Board of Governors meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Your input is always welcome. That's all for now. See you on the water.

*Mike Mirarchi*  
Commodore



## SWING & SAIL WINNERS

Bob France (top) accepts trophies for Kit Hozaepfel, who together took second sailing a Thistle. John Lawmon and Scotty Graham took third sailing a Daysailer. Thanks to Krista Graham for the incredible, made-from-scratch, desserts!

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

SEPT 1  
Holiday Series  
Potluck

SEPT 13-14  
Laser Regatta

SEPT 20-21  
Pigskin  
Regatta  
(Comets)

SEPT 27  
Women's  
Championship



## CONGRATULATIONS BOY SCOUTS *Sailing Merit Badge Completion*

Sea Scout Ship 280 recently hosted the first small boat sailing merit badge at Leatherlips. Thanks to our young member volunteers who assisted with this program and to Ron Lime and Dan Mejak for their leadership! See insert for more about this event.

### *Scouts Pass Ohio Boater's Exam*

Congratulations to Sea Scouts Adrian Hazelton, Jonathon Hazelton, Nick Hazelton and Tyler Eltringham (also a club member) who all just passed their Ohio Boater's exam. All scored very high -- with Jonathon scoring a whopping 99%!

The Ohio's Boater Education Law states "Persons born on or after January 1, 1982, who operate a boat powered by greater than 10HP must successfully pass a NASBLA-approved boating education course or proficiency exam".

The permit is needed to operate the LYC pontoon and crash boats.

*Not sure you could pass the test? Try the practice exam at: <http://www.boat-ed.com/cgi-local/exam/practice.cgi?st=oh>*

### *Venture Boat Repairs*

Sea Scouts, Tyler Eltringham and Jonathon Hazleton work on the club Venture to prepare it for sailing.



damaged during the weekend.

### *Ladder Demo*

Marcus Myers demonstrates the new safety ladder installed by JP Clowes on the south dock.



### *Learning the Ropes*

Quick reaction time by Tommy Heyse avoids a collision during the Small Boat Merit Badge weekend recently held at LYC by the Sea Scouts. Tommy, a 2-time LYC sailing student and also a Boy Scout, put his skills to the test when he volunteered to help teach other Scouts attending the weekend. Not a single boat was

### **LYC WEBSITE**

Visit [www.leatherlips.com](http://www.leatherlips.com) for more information about club activities. If you have difficulties accessing, contact AJ Savage.

# Congratulations Scouts!

## 24 SCOUTS EARN FIRST-EVER SMALL BOAT SAILING BADGE

Twenty-four Boy Scouts from the Buckeye and Delaware districts, 6 Sea Scouts, 6 (and sometimes more) adults participated in the first-ever Small Boat Sailing Merit badge camp hosted by Sea Scout Ship 280 at Leatherlips Yacht Club. Through a series of water and land instruction, these scouts completed the requirements for the merit badge.

This event required 72 hamburgers, 50 hot dogs, 18 pounds of lasagna, 9 dozen eggs, 160 sausage links, 144 fresh baked cookies and 10 gallons of lemonade as well as a lot of planning. Between staff and participants we had about 50 people for most meals. All staff should be very proud of our accomplishment. We started and ended on time, covered all the material and gave each crew almost 5 hours of time on the water to learn, practice and perfect their skills under LYC's typically varying wind conditions. I also personally want to thank Christy Whitt for her true LOVE for sailing and Scouting which were brought together when we formed the Sea Scout Ship. This event was a perfect example of how Scouting units serve their

various communities and give back. It was a vision we had about 6 months ago that I think was realized. It was a perfect way for Sea Scout Ship 280 to give back to the Simon Kenton Council and Leatherlips Yacht Club.

The merit badge program is designed to introduce youth to multiple vocational and hobby opportunities. This weekend we introduced 24 young men to sailing. Some might pursue sailing as a life long hobby (and become LYC members). Some might follow a career path because of it. Some might join Sea Scouts. Only the future will tell.

Thanks again to ALL involved for their help. Truly, as you can see from the list that follows, it takes many people to pull off something like this. Special Thanks to:

- Christy Whitt, SSS 280 Chartered Org Representative (and Leatherlips Learn-to-Sail director) – Program Director
- Tyler Eltringham, SSS 280 Boatswain – Youth Program Director
- Colin Lime, SSS 280 Boatswain's Mate – Chef/ Youth Support Service Director

- Sam Beasley, Troop 843 youth (and MB participant), campfire planning and emcee
- Adrian Hazelton, SSS 280 youth, Lifeguard
- Dan Mejak, SSS 280 Mate, Instruction
- Mike Biedenbarn, Troop 261 Scoutmaster, First Aid/CPR Instruction
- Bob France, LYC member, Instruction
- Bill Hazelton, SSS 280 Ship Committee – Instruction
- Jonathan Hazelton, SSS 280 youth, Instructor/Coach
- Nick Hazelton, SSS 280 youth, Lifeguard
- Tommy Heyse, Troop 296 youth, Instructor/Coach
- Liz Myers, Troop 332 adult (and LYC member), Instruction and administrative support
- John Myers, Troop 332 adult and LYC member, Crash Boat
- Marcus Myers, Troop 332 youth (and LYC member), Instructor/Coach
- Evan Rodgers, LYC member, Crash Boat
- AJ Shigley, SSS 280 youth, Instructor/Coach
- Ted Shigley, SSS 280 parent and Buckeye District Scouter, Knots Instruction and administrative support
- Zach Whitt, SSS 280 youth and LYC member, Instruction
- Worthington Hills Country Club (Swim test location)
- Leatherlips Yacht Club, especially the board of directors, for their support of Sea Scouting and this event.

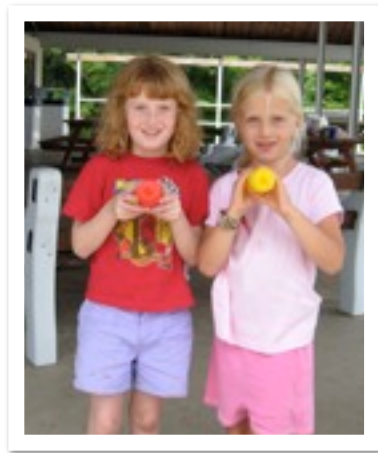
*Ron Lime, SSS 280 Ship Committee Chair – Camp Director/Support Services*



## BATTER UP, I MEAN T-UP!

John Lawmon, left, and Scotty Graham, right, Grip it and RIP it at the 3rd annual Swing & Sail at Mill Creek Golf Course. John and Scott came in third overall in golf and sailing.

## *Dogs, Brats after Holiday Racing*



The Daysailer Fleet will provide a picnic after racing this Monday. Hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, pop and cookies will be available after racing. Donations to cover costs will be requested. First race begins at 12 noon.

See you on the water!



## *Congrats John Rupert!*

John has been certified by US Sailing as a Club Race Officer. He says it's no 'big deal', but we know better. A lot of work went into getting certified. Congrats!

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**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ANNUAL PORT OF CALL**

Thank you to new Social Chair Roxanne Matacia for planning the upcoming Port of Call. Due to some scheduling issues, the PORT of CALL event will be held on Friday, September 5. Check with your fleet captain for assigned countries. If you are new to the club, the Port of Call is a super member mixer where each Fleet hosts a different country's native foods. What a great way to cap off the Olympic year, than with an Olympic taste of LYC!

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