



FALL 2016



LITTLE TRAVERSE

*Yacht Club*

NEWSLETTER

# UGOTTA REGATTA 2016 Review

Debi Schoenherr,  
Regatta Chair

**Wow!** Who would have thought Little Traverse Bay would dish up an easterly wind with flat water and moderate breeze for three days of racing this past July? So much for "local" knowledge! A full capacity regatta with 88 boats, racing two courses, was quite spectacular to see.

The GL/70s returned again this year with a new twist. They were joined by the TP 52s and Talisman racing windward/leewards on Friday, then both days of the traditional Tour of the Bay, under the ORR rating. Once again these big boats did not disappoint with tight maneuvers, sometimes more like dinghy racing. We ran three starts on Friday with the Alerion 28s and the J/70s joining the action, allowing them to sail windward/leeward races all three days.

To add to the excitement, the new World Sailing high speed M32 multi hulls joined the regatta with nine boats. They raced on a separate course just off of Wequetonsing on Friday, thrilling the spectators. They zoomed around the Tour of the Bay courses on Saturday and Sunday.

While there was plenty to see that was new and exciting, long-time competitors filled Little Traverse Bay for LTYC's traditional Ugotta Regatta on Saturday and Sunday. Our top notch race committee pulled off eight starts and three different length Tour of the Bay courses without a hitch. Many thanks to Barbara and Dick Neville, Bill and Betsy VanWesten, Linda Rosiek, Jay Kehoe, Luiz Kahl, and Fred Hagedorn for outstanding RC leadership. As usual, the brightly colored sails and high tech sailboats were a sight to see from every vantage point around the bay.

The post racing parties featuring Gosling Rum drinks, scrumptious buffets, awards, and camaraderie were fabulously run by our LTYC volunteers along with our manager Jamie McKinney and her LTYC staff. Congrats to Dick Swarhout and Julie Matthews for surviving their first year chairing the parties, with help from chair emeritus, Durwood Shawl. The 2016 Ugotta Regatta is in the books. Thank you to all of our 200+ volunteers. LTYC couldn't do it without you!



### Overall Winners:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Zig-Zag      | Marty Jensen  |
| 2. Heartbreaker | Robert Hughes |
| 3. nosurprise   | Dave Irish    |

For full results visit this link: [http://www.yachtscoring.com/event\\_results\\_cumulative.cfm?eID=1643](http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=1643).

# From the **COMMODORE**

Debi Schoenherr



**A**s I sit here in our beautiful Harbor Springs, the trees are bursting with orange, yellow and red hues. The harbor is eerily quiet as most docks, moorings, and boats have been pulled for the winter and I reminisce on how quickly the jam packed past four months have slipped quietly away. But soon the memories will be blanketed in sparkling snow, and while we all wind down 2016, suddenly the bay will awaken and summer of 2017 will spring upon us.

The Board of Directors is already hard at work to usher in an exciting new program for 2017. With the purchase of professional club management software, big changes are coming to LTYC. This new software will give us the capability to issue member numbers to all members, doing away with cash and credit cards for purchases at the club. That's right: no more tickets, punch cards and long lines to check in and pay! We are really excited to take this big step forward and will be working hard over the winter to implement the new system. Stay tuned for more information on how the system will work and what changes are in store for YOU this spring!

Ah, but back to those memories... we kicked off the summer with a wonderful Memorial Day barbecue presented by the social committee. Within a few weeks, the clubhouse came alive with Jamie and the LTYC staff bustling for opening day. At the same time, our LTS instructors arrived, transforming the waterfront once again into a sailing center for the LTS students and race team. Then it was "GO" time. The opening cocktail party and hall of fame presentation filled the club to capacity, while we greeted each other and started making summer plans.

As usual, the Fourth of July crept up on us and summer

was in full swing. Between club racing, dinghy racing, and junior racing, there was racing six days a week... whew! We enjoyed our wonderful Tuesday night barbecues and added a casual barbecue on Thursday nights. We even had a family movie night with a big screen on the waterfront, presented by LTS and the social committee.

The race team held junior regattas every Friday afternoon with many of our members helping out on the water or spectating. Cocktails and camaraderie on the LTYC porch on bar nights took on a life of its own. Honestly, I don't think a day went by that I wasn't down at the club! Well... maybe a few Sundays. Ugotta Regatta did not disappoint as we filled the bay with 88 boats and three days of parties. Check out the regatta review in this newsletter.

The whirlwind continued in August with the second annual Women's Regatta raced in Alerion 28s and 420s, then the Hook Regatta and awards party combined with our annual meeting. Our ever popular Beaver Island weekend featured a great party and not a lot of wind. We wrapped up August with our championship weekend: three days of one-design racing and the annual awards dinner at Birchwood.

While LTS packed away the boats and many of our families returned home, we continued sailing on Tuesday nights into late September, celebrating the last Tuesday night barbecue with sweet endings! And, of course, the social committee capped off our season with great flair at the Low Country Boil!

A huge THANKS to all our volunteers, Jamie McKinney and her staff, Dan Thompson and the LTS staff, the Race Committee, the Social Committee, and all of YOU for making our 2016 season spectacular!



# From the VICE-COMMODORE

Jack Carruthers

## 2016 LTYC Club Racing

The season has come to an end and the boats are put away, but what memories we have of great racing on Little Traverse Bay. Club racing saw a summer of all conditions and our fleets remained competitive regardless. Nights and days of all conditions from no wind to heavy air, the sailors were out in full force. Hopefully, the winter months will go by as quickly as the summer season so we can all get back out on the water.

We had our second Women's Regatta with great excitement! The participation was such a success in 2015, that we added a 420 Division in 2016. We hope to continue to grow. Thank you to all who participated and helped make the Women's Regatta a success.

### Tuesday Night Racing

#### SPRING

<b>Alerion 28</b>	1. Mairsie . . . . .	Sandy Burley
	2. Still Crazy . . . . .	Ed Palm
	3. Seiche . . . . .	Michael FitzSimons
<b>PHRF A</b>	1. Double Black Diamond . .	Bartlett/Borgen
	2. Gryphon . . . . .	Sam Powers
	3. Creative Destruction . . . .	Carter Williams
<b>PHRF B</b>	1. Sundog . . . . .	Chal Curtis
	2. Jammin' . . . . .	Thomas Bosch
	3. Wind Czar . . . . .	Rich Lehmann

#### SUMMER

<b>Alerion 28</b>	1. Mairsie . . . . .	Sandy Burley
	2. Still Crazy . . . . .	Ed Palm
	3. Glory . . . . .	Clas Nilstoft
<b>PHRF A</b>	1. Gryphon . . . . .	Sam Powers
	2. Double Black Diamond . .	Bartlett/Borgen
	3. Green Flash . . . . .	William Petzold
<b>PHRF B</b>	1. Escape . . . . .	Polk Wagner
	2. Tres Buritos . . . . .	Scott Sellers
	3. Wind Czar . . . . .	Rich Lehmann

#### FALL

<b>Alerion 28</b>	1. Moonbeam . . . . .	Carruthers/Holton
	2. Little Goose II . . . . .	Ludington/Sellers
	3. Glory . . . . .	Clas Nilstoft
<b>PHRF A</b>	1. Double Black Diamond . .	Bartlett/Borgen
	2. Green Flash . . . . .	Bill Petzold
<b>PHRF B</b>	1. Wind Czar . . . . .	Rich Lehmann
	2. Sundog . . . . .	Chal Curtis
	3. Tres Buritos . . . . .	Scott Sellers

### Saturday Series

<b>Alerion 28</b>	1. Still Crazy . . . . .	Ed Palm
	2. Moonbeam . . . . .	Carruthers/Holton
	3. Absolut Glory . . . . .	Clas Nilstoft
<b>J/70</b>	1. Tres Burrito . . . . .	Scott Sellers
	2. Escape . . . . .	Polk Wagner
	3. Little Traverse Sailors . . . .	LTS Race Team
<b>NM</b>	1. Tomahawk . . . . .	Adam Lowry
	2. Osprey . . . . .	Bill Brown
	3. Running Water . . . . .	Dave Irish

### NM Championships

<b>July</b>	1. Tomahawk . . . . .	Adam Lowry
	2. 21 . . . . .	John Podmajersky
	3. Istar . . . . .	Ray Leyman
<b>Mid</b>	1. Ethos . . . . .	George Peet
	2. 21 . . . . .	John Podmajersky
	3. Tomahawk . . . . .	Adam Lowry
<b>August</b>	1. Running Water . . . . .	David Irish
	2. Tomahawk . . . . .	Adam Lowry
	3. Intuition . . . . .	Tom Post

### Beaver Island Race

<b>PHRF A</b>	1. Nosurprise . . . . .	Dave Irish
	2. Redline . . . . .	Michael Graham
	3. Creative Destruction . . . . .	Carter Williams
<b>PHRF B</b>	1. Cork's Crew . . . . .	Corky Weber

### Women's Regatta

1. Still Crazy . . . . .	Merritt Palm
2. Mairsie . . . . .	Sandy Burley
3. Absolut Glory . . . . .	Debi Schoenherr

### Dinghy Division

1. Sydney Schulte & Lauren Camp
2. Hadley Camp & Franny Schulte
3. Ali Hill & Natalie Simmons

### Alerion Championship

1. Moonbeam . . . . .	Carruthers/Holton
2. Still Crazy . . . . .	Ed Palm ( <i>skipped by Martin Grin</i> )
3. Absolute Glory . . . . .	Clas Nilstoft ( <i>skipped by Debi Schoenherr</i> )

### J/70 Championship

1. Little Traverse Sailors ( <i>skipped by Ian Beckley</i> )	
2. Escape . . . . .	Polk Wagner
3. Sundog . . . . .	Chal Curtis

Thanks to our Race Committee Team who made our club races happen: Terry Farquharson PRO, Dan Thompson PRO, Debi Schoenherr PRO, Larry Smith PRO, Gretchen Dorian, Peter Maxwell, Beth Varner and Beth Warner. Please consider joining the Race Committee Team next year!

We are looking forward to another great season of Club Racing in 2017.

# CLEAN REGATTA: *A New Addition* to LTYC's Ugotta Regatta

*Marcia Ward, Clean Regatta Chair*



LTYC's Ugotta Regatta earned Clean Regatta designation at the Silver Level from The Sailors for The Sea, a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean and lakes conservation. Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program is the world's only sustainability certification system for water-based events.

One part education, two parts activation, the Clean Regatta program unites and mobilizes sailors by offering support and resources to help heal the water bodies of the planet.

The decision to pursue certification this year was spearheaded by the Little Traverse Sailors Board of Directors. The LTS Board wanted to educate and enlist junior sailors in the "leave no trace" mindset of environmental sustainability through the summer but especially during Regatta Weekend, which draws hundreds of racers and their families to Harbor Springs. LTYC Board of Directors, including Race Chair, Debi Schoenherr, were enthusiastic about the proposal and supportive throughout the planning and implementation process.

The two primary goals for achieving Clean Regatta designation for Ugotta Regatta, in this inaugural year, were decreasing single water bottle usage and reducing the amount of waste materials and food that went to the landfill.

We partnered with Irish Boat Shop and the Harbor Springs City Marina to have water-bottle fill stations available (supplied by LTS). Racers and guests were encouraged to reuse their beverage cups while attending the events at LTYC before and after racing and most enthusiastically cooperated.

The Clean Regatta Team also partnered with organizations that do not normally take an active part in regatta weekend activities. Pond Hill Farms agreed to take all of the

uneaten food collected from the breakfasts and dinners held at LTYC through the weekend. Emmet County Recycling, Irish Boat Shop and Nub's Nob supplied containers for compostable materials and waste management.

Finally, the LTS Junior Race Team pitched in and helped with clean-up during the events and assisted racers and members in managing waste with a sustainability mindset. We estimate that over 400 pounds of food went to Pond Hill Farms to be used as feed for the farm's pigs. Most of the waste from events over the course of the weekend went to Emmet County Recycling as recyclable material. We are very proud to report that a mere 40 pounds of waste actually made it to the landfill. That's a significant reduction in landfill usage for a single event thanks to the enthusiastic cooperation of members, racers and guests!

Being involved in the Clean Regatta Initiative, with the support of LTYC and LTS leadership, along with so many enthusiastic members this past summer was a true honor and delight. Plans are already being made to improve on the work started this year for next year's Ugotta Regatta.



*The future of Little Traverse Bay: LTS junior sailors volunteered to help with LTYC's Clean Regatta Initiative.*



# J/70 FLEET Summer 2016



**T**he family-oriented and fast-growing J/70 fleet had a terrific Summer 2016, racing as a one-design fleet on Tuesday nights (eight races) and Saturday afternoons (15 races) throughout the summer, along with a Fleet Development Day in July, where the fleet worked together on boat speed and crew work drills.

A major highlight of the summer was three days of racing among nineteen J/70s at the 2016 LTYC Ugotta Regatta—the largest and most competitive fleet around (including multiple world and national champions). A new addition for 2016 was our August Championship Weekend, with two days of short-course windward-leeward racing for our new perpetual trophy (donated by Irish Boat Shop).

One of the most striking features of the Harbor Springs J/70 fleet is its family-oriented focus, with several boats centered around family teams. Juniors of all ages raced on every boat with one J/70 sailed exclusively by LTS sailors. This only adds to the fun and sense of community among the fleet. In this regard, we're excited to announce that the fleet has expanded by at least two more boats, bringing the local fleet to nine or more for Summer 2017, when we will again race

on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and expect to have 25 or more boats in the Ugotta Regatta.

And even though sailing is done for the winter in Little Traverse Bay, the Harbor Springs J/70 fleet is still actively competing, with fleet members participating this off-season in: the J/70 Worlds in San Francisco, the J/70 Corinthian National Championship in Annapolis, the J/70 Midwinters in St. Petersburg, the Miami Bacardi Cup, and Charleston Race Week.

The J/70 is one of the most successful one design classes in history, with well over 1000 sailing worldwide, and fleets at major regattas routinely numbering more than 80 boats. The combination of fast, fun, family-friendly racing, as well as affordability, simplicity, and trailerability brings new possibilities for racing at LTYC (and beyond). We expect our Harbor Springs fleet to continue to grow rapidly, and the fleet eagerly welcomes new participants. Come sail with us next summer—our J/70 owners will be glad to bring you along on a race or just show off their boats! Contact the fleet captain, Polk Wagner ([polk@polkwagner.com](mailto:polk@polkwagner.com)) for more information.

# J/105 FLEET

## Summer 2016

The J/105 fleet had a great Summer 2016 racing season that saw the fleet participating in a variety of races that put the full capabilities of the design on display. The fleet held highly competitive one design racing on Sunday afternoons, participated in PHRF racing in the LTYC Tuesday Night series and Ugotta Regatta and offshore racing in the LTYC Beaver Island Race and the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac.

The J/105 fleet is particularly proud of its ability to provide a platform for junior sailors to gain experience in larger boats and offshore racing. The fleet has made it a point of emphasis to include as many junior sailors on board as possible. The size of the boat allows junior sailors to gain experience in a variety of positions. LTYC junior sailors were included as crew on all boats this season.

LTYC was represented by two J/105s in the 2016 CYC Race to Mackinac. Carter William's Creative Destruction scored a podium position for the second year in a row, an impressive feat in a J/105 fleet of 20 boats.

For 2017, the J/105 fleet is working on adding new boats to the fleet and expanding the opportunities for junior sailors to gain big boat, offshore sailing experience. The fleet held its first J/105 Social at LTYC on Labor Day weekend this year to



allow potential owners and crew to experience the capabilities of the boat and what is like to "Feel alive on a J/105."

The J/105 continues to be a thriving class with large fleets participating in major regattas around the world. Interest in J/105s will likely increase in the Great Lakes with the J/105 North American Championship, to be held in the lakes in 2018. **We are proud to announce that LTYC and the Chicago Yacht Club will co-host the 2018 J/105 North Americans—combining the Chicago Mackinac Race with three days of windward/leeward racing in Little Traverse Bay.**

If you are interested in crewing on a J/105 or just understanding what the capabilities of the boat are, any of our skippers would be happy to have you aboard. Contact the fleet captain, Jay Vander Wall ([jayvw@pobox.com](mailto:jayvw@pobox.com)) for more information.

## NM Fleet

It was a far cry from a year ago when we were enjoying an early snow fall. Bidoux was the last NM to be hauled on what was a sunny and unseasonably warm afternoon for mid-October. While some of the 'girls' will be having a little work done over the off season, the rest of the fleet is comfortably tucked away in the Irish Fairview barns for a winter's nap. Preparations are already underway for the 2017 season that looks as though we will field the largest fleet in recent years. We are looking at NM 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 24, 25, 26 and 27 all on the starting line. It is not too early to think about identifying your racing sails and having them measured during the off season.

*Cheers, Bill Brown, NM Fleet Captain*

## From the LTYC Historian

While today is tomorrow's history, 2017 will bring us closer to our 125th anniversary in 2020. If you have any thoughts about the celebration, I would be interested in hearing about them. The end of the 2016 season has seen an expansion of boats in the J/70, NM and Alerion fleets, all to the benefit of the LTYC and its members. If you come across any photos that you would be willing to donate or those that can be copied, please forward them to my attention at the LTYC address.

*Cheers, Bill Brown, LTYC Historian*

## Fall, Winter, & Spring

During the off season, LTYC fun continues on Thursday nights. Bar nights and dinner meet ups take place on alternating Thursdays. Details are sent out via email.



# DINGHY FLEET 2016

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## 420s & Laser Divisions

LTS/LTYC/IBS Harbor Springs Dinghy Fleet had its largest and most successful season of racing yet in summer 2016. With the addition of the new double-handed 420 division to the already-popular Laser fleet, we saw more than 110 sailors participate during the nine-week series, with as many as 50 sailors in 30 boats on the water some nights.

41 races were sailed over 16 nights in the beautiful waters of the Harbor Springs harbor and Little Traverse Bay. Conditions ranged from drifters to 20+ knots, with very tight racing, close scores, and no protests! The racing program was again run by the coaches and staff at Little Traverse Sailors, with the LTS Head Instructor Meade Maxwell and LTS Instructor Peter Hogle as PRO and Race Committee, and LTS Coaches Corinne Durocher and Dan Thompson providing on-the-water coaching to all racers, youth and adult. A big thanks to the LTS team for an excellent summer of racing!

The addition of a 420 fleet this summer created new opportunities and even more excitement among sailors. The 420 is the international standard for two person dinghies, and adding the 420 fleet expanded access to the best racing in Harbor Springs to younger sailors, smaller racers, or families who want to join in on the fun and learning. Several family teams (spouses, father/daughter, brother/sister, and mom/sons) participated in the series. LTS invited LTYC members to use the fleet of LTS 420s for lessons and racing, further expanding sailing opportunities in Harbor Springs.

### Summer 2016 Dinghy Fleet Special Awards

Aquaman Award [most outstanding swimmer] — Benny Varner  
 Master Award [most consistent starts] — Ed Gordon  
 Most Improved — Timmy Brown  
 Youngest Skipper — Jackson Breckenfeld (10)  
 Ironman Award — Ian Beckley (sailed 35 of 41 races!)

### Summer 2016 Final Standings (41 Races)

(\* = LTS Race Team)

#### Laser Junior Series Results

5th Franny Shulte\*  
 4th Hadley Camp\*  
 3rd Preston Carey  
 2nd Robert Duff  
 1st Ian Beckley\*

#### Laser Overall Series Results

5th Hadley Camp\*  
 4th Preston Carey  
 3rd Robert Duff  
 2nd Ian Beckley\*  
 1st Henry Pfeifer

#### 420 Junior Series Results

3rd Harriet Fink  
 2nd Ben Varner\*  
 1st Meredith & Kate Moran\*

#### 420 Overall Series Results

3rd Mac & Susie Jacob  
 2nd Meredith & Kate Moran\*  
 1st Ellie & Polk Wagner\*

The full results for all 41 races (and all competitors) can be found on our FaceBook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harborsspringslasers/>

Anyone interested in joining our fun, friendly, competitive fleet in Summer 2017 should contact the Fleet Captain, Polk Wagner ([polk@polkwagner.com](mailto:polk@polkwagner.com)): we'd love to have you!





# LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS! MORE *Sailing* & MORE *Fun* in SUMMER 2016



Little Traverse Sailors's 55th summer of **building lifelong sailors** at LTYC was a great success. In our nine-weeks of programming in 2016, LTS served more students than ever before, increased the size of the LTS Race Team by more than 50 percent, and more than doubled the amount of scholarship dollars made available to young sailors. Other major milestones included:

- a smooth transition to **our new fleet** of nineteen 420s and ten Bug dinghies as our primary teaching boats, enabling faster learning progressions in these standard boats;
- a major revamping of the **teaching curriculum** for our newest sailors to emphasize more time sailing on their own (e.g., more "tiller time");
- the addition of a **420 fleet**—and LTYC member use of the LTS 420s—into the **Monday and Thursday night LTS Dinghy Racing Series**;
- the creation of our immensely popular **Thursday Adult Learn to Sail** program in J/70s;
- A major growth in private lessons, especially among adults;
- Successfully integrating our new J/70, the new Ann Wilderom RIB, and the new floating docks into the program; and,
- working closely with the LTYC Social Committee to build interest in sailing generally and junior sailing in particular among Club members:
  - weekly Lunch-n-Learn seminars;
  - the Family Movie Night under the stars;
  - the Staff Appreciation Luncheon in June;
  - the Bug Racing Kickoff festival in July;
  - Hook Regatta Awards Party and Barbecue in August



A big thanks is due to the outstanding staff at Little Traverse Sailors, including Dan Thompson (Director), Meade Maxwell (Head Instructor), Corinne Durocher (Race Team Coach), and Freddy Sprunger (Assistant Head Instructor) for their tireless work both on and off the water.

### Little Traverse Sailors — Summer 2016 Awards

- Junior Sailors of the Year    Ian Beckley & Meredith Moran
- Leadership Award            Molly Matthews
- Most Improved                Owen Doyle
- Shipshape Award              Ellie Wagner
- Diane Chapin Nilstoft Scholarship    Mae Raab

The success of LTS in 2016 could not have happened without the help and support of many LTYC members, especially in our critical fundraising efforts—for our new floating docks, and our beautiful Ann Wilderon RIB—during the last fiscal year. Indeed, during the last 12 months, LTS has received more than \$125,000 in donations (in cash and boats)—and every bit of that has gone directly to improving youth and adult sailing in Harbor Springs. Once again, Beth and Tom Varner masterfully chaired the traditional LTS fundraiser: the ever popular two-day Pancake Breakfast during Ugotta Regatta. Our annual report and donor information reports for our 2016 fundraising efforts will be available in December on our website.

Financially, Little Traverse Sailors ended the Fiscal Year 2015 in very sound condition. Revenues were up about 25 percent, and we were operationally cash flow positive. As a small 501C(3) nonprofit educational organization, LTS relies heavily on the generosity of LTYC members, local businesses, and parent volunteers to run our programs.

The LTS Board of Directors—Polk Wagner [President], Mike Duff [Vice-President], Nancy Camp [Secretary], Jan Mancinelli [Treasurer], Justin Bassett, Matt Breckenfeld and Tim Johnson—are already working with senior staff members to plan an even better summer in 2017. Some things we're working on include: a revamping of the curriculum to focus on on-the-water skills, improved programming for teenagers, an expansion of adult classes, and routine upgrades to our fleet.

Stay tuned, and stay in touch. We'd love to hear from you during the off-season! For news and updates from LTS, sign up for our (low traffic) email list here: [www.littletraverse.org/subscribe/](http://www.littletraverse.org/subscribe/)

### Upcoming LTS Dates

December 28, 2016	LTS Holiday Meetup @ Nub's Nob
March 1, 2017	LTS Registration Opens for Summer 2017
June 19, 2017	First Day of LTS Programs
August 18, 2017	Last Day of LTS Programs

LTS Website	<a href="http://www.LittleTraverseSailors.org">www.LittleTraverseSailors.org</a>
LTS Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/LittleTraverseSail">www.facebook.com/LittleTraverseSail</a>
LTS Instagram	@LTS_Sailing
LTS Twitter	@LTS_Sailing

# Mark your 2017 CALENDARS!

Mon 5/29	Memorial Day Afterglow
Tues 5/30	Spring racing begins
Mon 6/12	Lunch program begins
Tues 6/13	Tuesday night BBQs begin
Sat 6/17	Opening Cocktail Party & Hall of Fame
Tues 6/27	Summer racing begins
Wed 6/28	Blessing of the Fleet
Sat 7/15	Chicago to Mackinac Race
Sat 7/22	Port Huron to Mackinac Race
7/27-30	Ugotta Regatta
Fri 8/11	Annual Meeting & Hook Regatta Party
8/12-13	Beaver Island Race
Sun 8/20	Annual Banquet
Tues 8/22	Fall racing begins

*(See left column for Little Traverse Sailors dates)*

## Are you receiving the LTYC E-blast Updates?

Email is the number one way for LTYC to share up-to-date news and upcoming events with you. E-blasts go out to all members, every other Monday during the off-season and every Monday during the summer, with extra updates as needed. If you are not getting these emails, search your messages, including your spam folder, for messages from [info@ltyc.org](mailto:info@ltyc.org). Sometimes, internet service providers block messages sent to lists. If you are not receiving the LTYC E-blasts, send a note to communications chair, Sunny Swarhout Wagner ([sunny@sarahwagner.com](mailto:sunny@sarahwagner.com)) for help.

# Meet Your New BOARD MEMBERS

*Debi Schoenherr*

## **Mac Jacob: Secretary**

Mac resides in Harbor Springs year round and was appointed by the Board of Directors to fill Carter Williams' term when he resigned in June. Mac races Lasers and 420s, coaches ski racing and is a bicycle enthusiast. Mac joined the Waterfront Committee and graciously accepted the BOD nomination of Secretary. Mac will fulfill Carter's term ending in 2018.

## **Tom Ogden: Assistant Treasurer**

Tom resides in Harbor Springs much of the year and was voted in at our Annual Meeting in August. Tom is on the Financial Committee and brings a wealth of knowledge as a financial advisor. He has agreed to understudy our Treasurer, Bill McKinley this year, as Bill's term will expire in 2017. Tom is serving his first term on the BOD which expires in 2019.

## **Tom Trautman: Rear Commodore**

Tom resides in Harbor Springs year round and works for Irish Boat Shop. As a racing sailor and past President of Little Traverse Sailors, his expertise will benefit both club racing and our cohesion between LTS and LTYC. Tom graciously accepted the nomination of the BOD to Rear Commodore. He will lead the LTS team on our Strategic Planning Committee. Tom is serving his first term on the BOD which expires in 2019.

## **Sunny Swarthout Wagner: Communications Chair**

Sunny and her family spend the entire summer in Harbor Springs and are very involved with both LTYC and LTS. This past year, she researched over 15 club management software programs, enabling us to move ahead with new systems to put in place for the summer of 2017. Sunny will continue to be a great advisor as we move through this transition and enhance club communications overall. She graciously accepted the appointment by the BOD to complete Fraser MacKenzie's term when he resigned and will fulfill his term ending in 2017.

Debi Schoenherr, Jack Carruthers, Bill McKinley, John Garr and Kevin Larson would like to welcome our new BOD members aboard and thank them for volunteering to serve our club.

LTYC member **Bill Brown** was elected the next mayor of Harbor Springs.

**Congrats!**



## A Tragedy in Our Community

The entire LTS and LTYC community was devastated to learn of the September 18 tragedy involving one of our most active and involved sailing families: Tim, Tricia, and Teddy Brown died when their plane crashed in South Dakota. Our thoughts and wishes go out in particular to LTYC junior member, LTS Race Team member, Laser Fleet racer, and fixture of Harbor Springs sailing, Timmy Brown, age 15, who was at home in Harbor Springs at the time of the accident.

Teddy, age 13, was a beloved LTS sailor, always full of enthusiasm and kindness. He will be missed in the Mate Third group and during Bug racing—where he was always a sparkling presence. Tricia was an LTS alumni, spending summers on the LTYC waterfront in the 1980s, and an active and enthusiastic volunteer with the program. Tim Brown was an avid sailor himself, and endlessly supportive of the Little Traverse Sailors mission and his children's passionate pursuit of sailing. They will all be greatly missed.

Timmy has the unqualified support of his teammates, the LTYC membership, LTS coaches and staff, and the entire Harbor Springs sailing community. We hope that in the difficult days ahead, Timmy will know that LTYC, LTS,—and the joy of sailing—will always be here for him.

At the request of the family, memorial donations may be made to Little Traverse Sailors.



# STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

John Garr, Strategic Planning Committee

## Initiatives

A tremendous amount of effort by the Board and many members went into our strategic planning effort this year. Below is a summary of what was accomplished as well as future tasks in the nine strategic areas that were identified. If you are interested in getting involved in a particular area, please feel free to contact the respective board member. We had a great first year but there is more to be work to be done.

Strategic Area	Board Liaison	2016 Accomplishments	Future Work
Sailing and Racing	Deb Schoenherr	Reorganized Sailing Committee Created a standing Race Committee Initiative to improve sailing culture at LTYC LTYC waterfront safety plan	Committee Boat Create a power boat fleet LTYC club owned boats
Social	Fraser MacKenzie Tom Ogden	Complete social calendar for 2016, including several new initiatives	Plan 2017 Activities Measure and assess 2016 activities
Membership	Kevin Larson	Establish Membership Committee Gather improved data Advocate for member benefits	Identify and assign Membership Committee tasks
Waterfront	Corky Weber	Establish stable launch area for small boats Establish landscape plan Safety and ADA compliant Transient docking and small boat storage	Continue to improve accessibility  Evaluate life of main dock
Facilities	Jack Carruthers	Establish Facility Committee Review contracts/outside vendors Create opening/closing procedures	Master plan for maintenance and life cycle replacement Feasibility study of interior space usage Replace carpet/paint lower level Address wiring issues
Food Service/Staffing	Kathie Breighner Tom Ogden	Staff training on safety/customer service Review menu Promote new programs Uniform hours for bar service Inventory Control Procedures	Continue to monitor and adjust all Food programs Implement data entry system as it relates to food service
Financial	Bill McKinley	Review Club insurance protection Review Club accounting/financial practices Evaluate the need for audit Establish Capital Improvement Fund	Implement new financial reporting system as it relates to financial practices Assist in Club data base system as it relates to financial practices
Governance	John Garr	Implement consistent agenda for board meetings Organize committee structure to delegate Club activities Propose community outreach activities	Propose Bylaw changes  Review Club liability issues
Junior Sailing	Tom Trautman	(did not meet)	Develop plan to integrate LTS and LTYC
Communications	Sunny Swarouth Wagner	(new area of focus)	Create a committee to strengthen member communications across all channels.

**OFFICERS**

Debi Schoenherr	<i>Commodore</i>	Tom Trautman	<i>Rear Commodore</i>
Jack Carruthers	<i>Vice Commodore</i>	Mac Jacob	<i>Secretary</i>
Bill McKinley	<i>Treasurer</i>		

**DIRECTORS**

Sunny Swarhout	Wagner	2017	Kevin Larson	2018	John Garr	2019
Bill McKinley		2017	Mac Jacob	2018	Tom Trautman	2019
Jack Carruthers		2017	Debi Schoenherr	2018	Tom Ogden	2019

**FLEET CAPTAINS**

<i>Regatta</i>	Jack Carruthers	<i>Club Racing</i>	Tom Trautman	<i>Alerion</i>	Bud Siudara
<i>J/105</i>	Carter Williams	<i>Dinghies</i>	Polk Wagner	<i>Northern Michigan</i>	Bill Brown
		<i>J/70</i>	Polk Wagner		

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

<i>Newsletter</i>	Beth Warner	<i>Sailing</i>	Jack Carruthers
<i>Communications</i>	Sunny Swarhout Wagner	<i>Protest</i>	Debi Schoenherr
<i>Social</i>	Hilde Bonesteel	<i>Membership</i>	Kevin Larson
<i>House</i>	Kathie Breighner	<i>Strategic Planning</i>	John Garr
<i>Grounds</i>	Kathy Cavanagh	<i>Hall of Fame</i>	Corky Weber
<i>Food Program</i>	Kathie Breighner	<i>Business Manager</i>	Donna Weber
<i>Little Traverse Sailors Liaison</i>	Debi Schoenherr	<i>Clubhouse Manager</i>	Jamie McKinley

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**2016 REGATTA ON-WATER VOLUNTEERS**

Dan Thompson	Bob Oldencamp	Larry Haras	Wayne Avis	Barb Neville
Debi Schoenherr	Terry Farquharson	Peter Maxwell	Kevin Farrell	Bill VanWesten
Donna Weber	Dan Pedrotty	Jim Sprow	Carolyn Farrell	Betsy VanWesten
Frazier Mackenzie	Tom George	Bob Oldencamp	Bill Morrow	Linda Rosiek
Gavin St. Onge	Tom Varner	David Fuger	Jim Bartlett	Jay Kehoe
John Doerr	Larry Smith	Bob Nutter	Pat Wright	Luiz Kahl
Mac Jacob	Randy Lane	David Miller	Dick Neville	Fred Hagedorn
				Beth Warner

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Luke & Lisa Albertson	Kathy Cavanagh	Tim Johnson & Marcia Ward	Steve & Shannon Nolan	Teri Shields
Anne Allison	Cheryl Choinski	Cary Kaufman	Maxine Noll	Bob Smith
Laird Blue & Jean Macino	Nicole Choinski	Kevin & Allison Larson	Ashley Pearson	Dick & Cheryl Swarhout
Hilde Bonesteel & Social Committee	Michael Donnelly	Rick & Robin Lee	Emma Pesci	Lynne Symons
Archie Brown & Barbara LaHood	Jeannie Graham	LTS Race Team	Carol Rafko	Diana Throckmorton
Marty & Kathie Breighner	Mindy Hasie	Carmen Ludy	Tina Raine	Chelsea Trautman
Bob & Margie Burch	Kathy Haras	Michael Lynch	Don & Patsy Rifler	Tom & Beth Varner
Kristen Carey	Susie Harris	Darcy MacKenzie	Christy Ross	Polk & Sunny Wagner
	Joan Henderson	Kathleen Macomber	Anne Ryan-Bishop	Marie Wayman
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