



LITTLE TRAVERSE

Yacht Club

NEWSLETTER

"Put It On My Tab!"

New This Year: Member Charge Accounts at LTYC

We have something very exciting in store this summer. It is something our members have been asking for for a long time," said Commodore Debi Schoenherr. When members come to the club this year, they will no longer need to bring a punch card for drinks. They won't even need their wallet to order food, drinks, and merchandise. Every family will have an account at the club to charge their purchases and, eventually, their 2018 dues.

The Board of Directors, the Business Manager, and the Clubhouse Manager have worked all winter to select and implement a new club management system. "This new system will yield a host of benefits to the club in terms of efficiency and informed decision-making, but the biggest difference members will notice will be the charge accounts that are typical of most private clubs," said Sunny Swarouth Wagner, the board member who volunteered to spearhead the initiative. "This will speed up service and provide a more personal club experience for members. Behind the scenes, it will provide invaluable data about events, member usage, expenditures, and more. Personally, I'm most excited that I'll never have to worry about losing a drink card again!"

Look for the letter containing your family's new member number and use it to log in at LTYC.org to set up your account. You are strongly encouraged to set up your account BEFORE you come to the clubhouse for the first time. Volunteers will also be on hand to help you set up your account at the Memorial Day event and the Opening Cocktail party, if you need help in person.

"What do I need to set up my account?"

You will need to link a credit card or bank account number to your member account by logging in at LTYC.org with your member number. Each month, you will receive an emailed statement and your preferred payment method will be automatically charged one week later.

"This is a big deal. Why the change?"

During last year's strategic planning process, needs arose from the finance, social, membership, and food programs, all of which could be addressed through a modern club management system. In recent years, increased use of credit cards was slowing down service while cash at the clubhouse posed a security risk. Charge accounts were the answer, while providing an improved member experience as well.

"What about my old drink cards?"

You'll never need to worry about them again! You can stop by the office or clubhouse during a quiet moment to turn in your old drink cards for a credit on your account. Dig through your pockets and drawers now as this offer is only available this summer!

"What if I forget my member number?"

Don't worry. The clubhouse staff can look up your account by number or name. Or if you are a regular, they will probably see you coming and be ready for you by the time you reach the bar. Starting in 2018, your membership card will include your member number, but you will not need to show it to charge.

"Does this mean I'll have to sign a "chit" or charge slip for every drink?"

Nope. You can request a printed receipt for review or record keeping. Otherwise, you can leave as soon as you are finished without the trouble of checking out. The clubhouse staff will close your tab and charge your account when you leave club grounds.

"Will the waiters and bartenders get a tip?"

We love our hard-working servers. They will get a tip, but you won't have to worry about it. All food and beverage charges will have an automatic 18% gratuity added, which goes straight to the staff. If you want to tip more (or less?), just ask your server to let you fill out a charge slip.

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"What happens if I come to the club and haven't set up my account?"

The clubhouse staff will be able to start your account with a credit card at any time, but for the sanity of our small staff and the consideration of other members, it would be best to take care of this ahead of time. Also, if you want to link to a bank account number (greatly preferred because you won't have to worry about expiring cards), you'll need to have one of your checks on hand to find your account and routing numbers. If you need to set up your account during a busy time at the clubhouse, the staff may need to ask you to wait patiently until they are available to help you.

"Who can charge on my account?"

Anyone you want, and none that you don't. Once you set up your account at LTYC.org, you can submit a request to add "family members" who can charge on your account. "Family members" can include kids or other family members of any age, nannies, crew members, house guests, or anyone you trust at the bar with your account. If someone is not listed on your account, clubhouse staff will not let them charge on your account if you are not there. For added security, you can even upload your photo and those of your designated "family members" to your account so clubhouse staff can recognize who is authorized to charge.

"Speaking of security, should I be worried?"

Security is the highest priority. LTYC is working with Northstar, a major club management software provider which serves hundreds of private clubs around the country, including the Detroit Athletic Club, the Union League Club of Chicago, and the New York Athletic Club, among others. All credit card and bank transactions are handled by ETS, a major payment processor applying the latest PCI-compliant standards - the highest level of security in the banking industry. Credit card and bank information is handled by ETS alone; it is encrypted and is never stored locally.

"What if I think my bill is wrong?"

No problem. At any time, you can log in at LTYC.org and review your charges. There will be a link to contact the clubhouse staff about any discrepancies.

"Does this mean I will have to pay for my guests?"

No. Guests can still pay their own way... unless they want alcohol. As you know, the club's liquor license only allows alcohol sales to members. If your guests want an alcoholic drink, you will need to be there and put it on your tab. But guests accompanied by a member may use a credit card to pay for their own food and merchandise. Those who enjoy guest privileges at LTYC on more than three occasions during a summer will be invited to join as regular members.

"What if I want to expense a particular visit to the club on a business account?"

That's possible. Just explain the situation to your server and



ask them to charge it directly to your business card. However, other than in an exceptional case such as this, in the name of security, accurate data collection, and speedy service for all, members are asked to only use their member accounts to charge at the club.

"I have friends who are members of other clubs with reciprocal privileges. What does this mean for them?"

If you have friends coming to town who want to stop in as reciprocal members, give them a heads up that they are welcome. They should call the office in advance or see a member of the clubhouse staff during a quiet moment to put a credit card on file and open a tab for the duration of their visit. Once that is done, they will be able to charge food, merchandise, and even alcoholic beverages. Those who enjoy reciprocal privileges at LTYC on more than three occasions during a summer will be invited to join as regular members.

"What will happen at Ugotta Regatta?"

The busy regatta weekend will be the only time this summer when cash, credit cards, and yes, even drink tickets will be in action at the club for members and guests alike. For speed at the bar and for the benefit of our volunteer bartenders, everyone will need to buy drink tickets, as in previous years. However, members will have the option of paying for tickets by cash, credit card, or charging to their account. Drink tickets will also be available for purchase in advance during registration.

"I have more questions. Whom should I contact?"

If you have general questions, comments, or want help setting up your account, contact club volunteer, Sunny Swarouth Wagner (accounthelp@ltyc.com). During the summer, if you have questions about charges or about your clubhouse experience, direct them to clubhouse manager, Jamie McKinney (clubmanager@ltyc.org). If you have questions about mailings, billing, or want to talk to someone by phone, contact business manager Donna Weber at the LTYC business office (donna@ltyc.org ~ 231-526-7919).

Greetings LTYC Sailors...

Summer sailing at LTYC is fast approaching and the Racing Rules of Sailing have been updated for the 2017-2020 quad. If you have not gotten a new rule book now is the time to do so! US Sailing members get a free rule book by logging into their US Sailing account and requesting a new rule book. If you are not a US Sailing member or would like additional rule books, they can be purchased online from US Sailing or from many popular sailing vendors. Electronic copies are available for free online at www.sailing.org. For LTYC sailors, there are two key rule changes to be aware of.

NEW RULE 18.2(d):

Rules 18.2(b) and (c) cease to apply when the boat entitled to mark-room has been given that mark-room, or if she passes head to wind or leaves the zone.

Rule 18 defines Mark-Room and 18.2 defines Giving Mark-Room. Under the 2012-2016 Racing Rules it was unclear when a boat entitled to mark-room under Rule 18.2(b) or 18.2(c) is no longer entitled to mark-room. The new 18.2(d) provides the answer. A boat's mark-room under Rules 18.2(b) and 18.2(c) ends when she has been given that mark room. To fully understand when a boat had been given mark-room it is important to understand the definitions of Mark-Room and Room. When entitled to mark-room you are entitled to room to make up to four maneuvers:

1. Room to leave the mark on the required side.
2. When your proper course is to sail as close to the mark, room to sail to the mark.
3. Room to round the mark as necessary to sail the course.

The 2012-2016 version of Rule 18.3 applied to windward marks to be left to port and to starboard, the revised 18.3 for 2017-2020 applies only to windward marks to be left to port. More importantly the revised 18.3 clarifies when 18.3 applies between boats, and the obligations a boat tacking in the zone has to boats that didn't tack in the zone. Rule 18.3 only applies between a boat that has been on starboard since entering the zone and another boat that tacks from port to starboard in the zone. A boat that tacked in the zone breaks 18.3 if a boat on starboard since entering the zone is forced above closehauled or if the boat that tacked in the zone is unable to give mark-room to a boat on starboard since entering the zone. In the simplest way, a boat tacking from port to starboard in the zone has less rights than ever before. The best practice a sailor can implement is not approaching the windward mark on port inside the zone.

Come find me if you have questions about the new rules. See you all on the water soon!

Dan Thompson, LTYC Director of Sailing

4. Room to tack if you are overlapped inside and to windward of the boat required to give you mark-room, and if you would be fetching the mark after you tack.

When entitled to mark-room a boat is always entitled to No. 1, usually entitled to No. 2 and No. 3, and only rarely entitled to No. 4. To decide when a boat had been given mark-room, you must decide which of the four maneuvers the boat is entitled to make and whether the boat has been given room for each one.

REVISED RULE 18.3: TACKING IN THE ZONE:

If a boat in the zone of a mark to be left to port passes head to wind from port to starboard tack and is then fetching the mark, she shall not cause a boat that has been on starboard tack since entering the zone to sail above closehauled to avoid contact, and she shall give mark-room if that boat becomes overlapped inside her. When this rule applies between boats, Rule 18.2 does not apply between them.

From the **COMMODORE**

Debi Schoenherr



Wow.....I drove around Little Traverse Bay today, with daffodils, hyacinths and forsythia blooming and I realized that the summer of 2017 is springing upon us. The ice is out of the harbor early, boatyards are busy and morels are just around the corner. The fresh smell of new beginnings is in the air!

The Board of Directors is proud to usher in an exciting new era in 2017. With the purchase of Northstar 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 or long lines to check in and pay! We are really excited to take this new step forward and will be ready to help you set up your house accounts. Please look for a very important mailing including everything you need to know.

Ugotta Regatta will once again be the premier event at the Club! This year we will be hosting the "big boats" again in ORR A including the R/P 74 "Wizard" along with strong J/70, J/105 and Alerion one-design fleets. If you are local, please register ASAP as we have an 88 boat limit and certainly don't want our local boats to be left out!

We are so excited to welcome back our Little Traverse Sailors Sail School and LTS Race Team Sailors! Their schedule is awesome; check it out on the calendar. If you haven't come down to watch the bug races on Wednesday nights, right off the waterfront, you are missing some fun!

We look forward to welcoming back Jamie McKinney and the Clubhouse staff as well as Dan Thompson and the Little Traverse Sailors staff. We are excited for another season of events run by our hard-working Social Committee, and we can't wait to see all of YOU to make our 2017 season spectacular!

SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Women's Regatta ~ August 4

The popular LTYC Women's Regatta will be held Friday, August 4. The planning committee is busy working on another spectacular afternoon event featuring both keelboat and dinghy racing on two courses with awards and party to follow. The highlight is the presentation of the Diane Chapin Nilstoft Trophy with the regatta winners and the Nilstoft Scholarship to a promising young woman sailor. Previous participants will receive details by email and information will be posted as it is available on the LTYC website. Newly interested participants should email the event registrar (womensregatta@ltyc.org) to be added to the email list.



From the VICE-COMMODORE

57th LTYC Regatta and One Design Series



The 57th annual LTYC Ugotta Regatta and One Design Series will be held July 28-30. This year, we are offering one day of racing in the One Design Series for any classes with 5+ boats. Along with the return of the GL

70s, we expect the J/70s, Alerions and J/105s to race the series of windward/leeward races offered on Friday, July 28. On Saturday and Sunday, July 29-30, we will offer our traditional and ever popular Tour of the Bay using our LTYC fixed marks.

After racing, we'll enjoy the traditional Irish Boat Shop party on Friday evening, the LTYC Party with the Petoskey Steel Drum Band on Saturday evening and the Awards Party, Sunday following racing.

All this fun and excitement at LTYC requires a huge support staff. We need your help! There is no better way to enjoy this week than to become involved, either as a participant or volunteer.

There are two basic opportunities to volunteer: "Shore side" or "On the water." Please contact Julie Ellstrom Matthews at jellstro@aaawirerope.com for shore side volunteer positions or sign up directly at www.ltyc.org/ugottavolunteer-onshore. For "On the water" choices, please email Jack Carruthers at jdcarruth@aol.com. Volunteers receive tickets to the Friday Irish Party, a Ugotta Regatta hat, and a big "Thank you."

Due to the complexity of Regatta Week, we are in need of support boats and drivers! LTYC will need a RC boat, mark boats, pin boats, leeward mark boats, patrol boats and VIP/photo boats Friday through Sunday. Please email me at jdcarruth@aol.com if you can help. If you have volunteered for past regattas, expect my call/email!



From the REAR COMMODORE

Tom Trautman

LTYC Club Racing 2017



If you're like me you have spent your winter watching sailing videos, following friends on the southern circuit, and brushing up on the new sailing rules, all in anticipation of another great season of club racing on Little Traverse Bay. Summer is just around the corner and the sailing calendar is packed with all

sorts of opportunities to get out on the water and compete in a variety of boats and classes. It all kicks off with the Tuesday Spring Series starting May 30th and ends with the final race of the Tuesday Fall Series on September 19th.

There are races and events scheduled for the PHRF Fleet, J/70 Fleet, Alerion Fleet, J/105 Fleet, and the NM Fleet. Starting times for racing have not changed from last season and are included in the summer calendar.

At the request of the J/70 Fleet and new for this season, we will be using an inflatable mark during the Tuesday Summer Series allowing the Race Committee to run windward/leeward racing for the J/70s. Other fleets have opted to use the fixed marks for Tuesday Night Racing. The Club is purchasing class flags to be used on the committee boat to help communicate fleet starts and sequences. We will continue to use Yacht

Scoring for club racing. We are going to make a big effort to announce racing results post racing at the Club and recognize top finishers within the fleets.

Probably the biggest news is that LTYC has contracted Dan Thompson to be the Sailing Director for the 2017 season. He will be doing this in conjunction to his responsibilities as Head Race Coach for LTS. As part of his roles and responsibilities, Dan will manage and administer LTYC Club Racing operations in coordination with myself, the Club Racing and Sailing Committee Chair. Dan will be the designated PRO for club racing, ensuring that things run smoothly on the water. He will work with our volunteers and schedule Race Committee personnel. His responsibilities will encompass One Design Fleet Racing (Saturdays and some Sundays), Tuesday Night One Design & PHRF Racing, LTYC Women's Regatta, Beaver Island Race, and will be available to assist with the LTYC Regatta. This will also allow us to provide a support boat on the water in addition to the "Edith I."

LTYC will be offering season passes again this year for the Tuesday and Saturday Series. There has been only a slight increase to the racing fees from 2016 to help offset the cost of our new PRO. I encourage everyone to register early so we can plan accordingly.

It's going to be another great season of sailing on Little Traverse Bay! I look forward to seeing everyone on the water and at the club.

How to Watch The Cup in the US:

- NBC Sports will broadcast live coverage of the America's Cup qualifiers May 26 to June 3.
- Live coverage of the Challenger Playoffs will be offered on the America's Cup Facebook page and the official app. NBC Sports will show live coverage of the Challenger Playoffs final June 10 and 11. NBC National will broadcast the America's Cup match live June 17, 18, 24 and 25.

Download the America's Cup app at
www.americascup.com/en/app.html



J/105 FLEET

Spring UPDATE



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The J/105 fleet is looking forward to another great season of racing on Little Traverse Bay. The fleet plans to be represented in the PHRF fleet on Tuesday nights and to have one design racing on Sunday afternoons starting June 25th.

LTYC will again be represented in the Chicago Mackinac race with at least two J/105s participating.

For Ugotta Regatta, the J/105 fleet is working to ensure there will be enough J/105s for there to be a J/105 fleet in the One Design racing on Friday as well as the traditional Saturday and Sunday racing.

In addition to the 2017 schedule, the fleet will also be preparing for the 2018 J/105 Nationals that will be hosted jointly by Chicago Yacht Club and LTYC. The Nationals will include the Chicago to Mackinac race as the distance race and buoy racing on Little Traverse Bay as part of Ugotta Regatta. There will likely be over 20 boats participating in the Nationals, so the racing should be spectacular.

If you are interested in crewing on a J/105 or finding out more about the boat, contact any J/105 boat owner or Jay Vander Wall (jayvw@pobox.com).



On to spring. There are currently 24NMs in the fleet, 12 of which are owned by members of LTYC. The "Ladies" have all but completed their off season "Buff and Polish," with a few having had more extensive work. We are anxious for the moorings to be placed and the tenants to take up residency. The racing calendar is complete and is included in this issue. It is NOT too early to think about registering for all or part of the 2017 season and if you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, NOW is an excellent time to do so. If you plan on racing your NM, please be certain to review the regulations, have your sails measured and be ready to enjoy all that the season has to offer.

Cheers,

Bill Brown, NM Fleet Captain

The J/70 FLEET



**More Boats, More
Racing, More FUN!**

As we enter just our fourth summer in Harbor Springs, the family-oriented J/70 fleet has grown to eleven local boats(!) for 2017, with several regular visiting fleet members from Chicago and Detroit expected to join us as well. The fleet plans an active racing and social schedule this summer, racing on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons most of the summer, and including a reprise of our popular Fleet Development Day to help build the skill level of the entire fleet. Once again, the J/70s will be the largest and most competitive one-design fleet in the LTYC Regatta in July, and we'll race our Summer Championship series at the end of August.

The J/70's combination of very fast, fun, family-friendly racing, as well as affordability, simplicity, and easy trailering brings new possibilities for racing at LTYC and beyond. This off-season alone LTYC J/70 Fleet Members competed at: the J/70 Worlds, the J/70 Corinthian North Americans, the J/70 Midwinters, the St. Petersburg and Annapolis NOODs, the Miami Bacardi Cup, and Charleston Race Week. The J/70 is by far the most popular one-design keelboat nationwide, with fleets for major regattas numbering in the 70s and 80s, and we

expect our Harbor Springs fleet to continue to grow.

Come sail with us this summer! This friendly fleet always has room for new crew, and 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 | 215-917-6825) for more information.



ALERION EXPRESS 28 FLEET



The Alerion Express 28 Fleet continues to grow each year and now numbers 18 with the addition of three newcomers this season. And it's no wonder. These easy to sail and very easy to look at "ducks" are the best of sailing worlds. Today's Alerion is actually the 100 year-old progeny of legendary east coast naval architect Nathaniel Herreshoff who in 1916 designed a 26' sloop for his personal use, calling it the "Alerion." The design proved to be "timeless" in its appeal.

Carl Schumacher, a talented racing yacht designer, now looking down from high, took over in the 1980s. He designed a new Alerion that retained Herreshoff's traditional above-the-water line look, added two feet LOA, and incorporated a performance underbody design driven by a fractional rig. He called the "re-make" the "Alerion Express 28." A self-tacking jib was retained to assure easy day sailing and one-design JAM racing.

The Alerion Express today is a hands-down winner that can be sailed single handed or race-crewed with 2, 3 or 4. Alerion sailors with years of Mackinac big boat racing experience praise the Alerion's performance and ease of handling in windward-leeward "summer cottage racing" that has proven, to everyone's delight, to be lots of fun and very, very competitive.

Tuesday night windward-leeward racing last season frequently saw 13-14 Alerions on the race course. This season should see more boats and even more action. Tuesday racing is the big draw for the Alerions with the 3rd start following the PHRF boats and J-70s. Having that many boats all alike on a short starting line vying for best position is a gas; at the gun sometime squeezed together with no more than a foot of separation.

The fleet experimented last season with short-course sprint harbor racing on Thursdays during prime season. Sprint racing will be a topic for discussion at the fleet meeting in late June. Alerion participation is always tops during the annual Ugotta Regatta sailing multi-leg "up and down" races each day (as do the J-70s) rather than touring the bay with the larger offshore boats.

Alerion owners once again will make their boats available for the annual LTYC Women's Regatta on August 4th. This is the third year for this special event. Each boat is "manned" (did I say that?) by 3-4 talented female sailors in an afternoon of close racing around the buoys; really fun!

Anyone looking to crew on an Alerion this season should give me a call. There's a good chance we can get you a ride. Bud Siudara, Fleet Captain 248-417-7300.



DINGHY FLEET 2017

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Both Lasers and 420s!



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Last summer, in 2016, the former Laser Fleet expanded to include a separate fleet of 420s (provided by Little Traverse Sailors) and it was a resounding success—with more sailors racing than ever before, and great competition and camaraderie on the water. By the end of the season, over 100 sailors had sailed more than 40 races with us!

This year we plan to build on that success with a continuing effort to bring a broad array of sailors into the fun that is small boat sailing in Harbor Springs. Once again, Little Traverse Sailors will make its fleet of 420s available to interested doublehanded teams, or you can bring your own Laser. We race every Monday and Thursday evening in the Harbor from June 19 to August 17, and the all-season racing fees (sponsored by LTS) are just \$80 for adults and \$50 for juniors. Most nights the LTS Race Coaches will be on hand for on-the-water coaching and tips. See www.littletraversesailors.org/dinghy-racing for more information and get signed up.

Want to give it a try but not sure you're ready? The talented LTS staff is happy to provide lessons tailored specifically to what you need to know to dive into the excitement of small boat racing. See www.littletraversesailors.org/private-lessons for more information.



The Dinghy Fleet actively encourages new racers of all ages and abilities. Come down to LTS on Monday and Thursday evenings and meet our friendly and fun group. Anyone with interest in more information or getting involved should contact the Fleet Captain, Polk Wagner (polk@polkwagner.com | 215-917-6825); we can often find you a boat to borrow if you want to try it out.

The CLEAN REGATTA

CHALLENGE



**FREE
WATER**

Refill your bottle here.

Are You In?

Disposable water bottles frequently get lost overboard, littering our bay. During Ugotta Regatta weekend this year, your Clean Regatta Team, led by Marcia Ward, will focus on helping racers, yacht club members and guests eliminate single use water bottles on boats and during regatta weekend events at LTYC. Is this realistic? You bet it is!

Start now to plan your hydration strategy. We encourage you to begin looking around the Harbor Springs downtown area and locating the many free water fill stations.

Hint: LTS has a fill station set up right on our waterfront near the hedge. BYO reusable water bottle and you are good to go.

Here's a challenge for those of you who race weekly on NMs, Alerions, J/70s, J/105s, PHRF boats, and dinghy racers:

1. Get in the habit of carrying a refillable water bottle (or two) with you and fill them up prior to leaving the dock.
2. Snap a photo of yourself filling up your water bottles.
3. Post your photos on the LTYC Facebook Page for the chance to win weekly prizes awarded to members embracing the single-use-water-bottle elimination effort!





BUILDING *Lifelong* SAILORS

Little Traverse Sailors is getting ready to begin our 56th summer in Harbor Springs with a ton of excitement, energy, and new programs planned. We look forward to working with LTYC members to make this a great season of sailing!

Some highlights of our Summer 2017 program include:

- Our famous Youth Learn to Sail program (for sailors 8 to 18) begins Monday June 19 and runs weekly through August 18.
- This year we transition to the new LTS Fleet System, where sailors will be promoted through the ranks by mastery of on-the-water sailing skills rather than by skill-sheet completion. Students will see more individual attention from their instructors, get more “tiller time” to practice what they’ve learned, and work together with students at a similar experience level.
- A redeveloped curriculum for the Mate [Blue/Intermediate] and Skipper [Red/Advanced] Fleets, emphasizing fun ways to learn practical sailing skills and seamanship. More time on the water, and more coaching.
- Three new Club 420s as we continue to expand and modernize our fleet.
- A slightly longer lunch break to allow more socializing and downtime for our young sailors during their busy days of sailing. (We’re starting 15 minutes earlier this year, at 9:45 am.)
- A new senior leadership team with years of experience in LTS and lots of new ideas and energy.



DON'T DELAY—many of the mid-summer weeks fill very quickly—register your young sailors now at www.littletraversesailors.org!



What won't change in 2017 is our dedication to providing world-class sailing instruction in a safe and fun environment. And all in one of the most beautiful sailing venues anywhere!

LTS ADULT LEARN TO SAIL

The LTS Adult Learn to Sail program provides members the opportunity to learn the sport of sailing in the safe, fun, high-quality learning environment that LTS is famous for. The program has been designed in response to the many requests from the adults in the Harbor Springs sailing community to offer an opportunity to become introduced to the sport of sailing—or expand existing sailing skills.

The curriculum has been developed according to the standards established by US Sailing, and the teaching will be led by US Sailing Certified Instructors and Coaches from LTS. The skills taught in the program will be adapted

according to the skill level of the group in the class, and tailored to the specific goals and desired outcomes of each sailor. These can range from basic sailing skills—parts of a sailboat, points of sail, basic steering—to intermediate topics such as sail trim and steering to telltales to advanced topics related to the sport of racing.

The program will be taught in in LTS J/70s, a stable (yet high-performance) keelboat. The J/70 is ideal for this role, with a large open cockpit, simple sailplan, and responsive steering. The skills learned on a J/70 are easily transferrable to larger and different types of boats, and the family-oriented local J/70 fleet (the fastest growing local fleet) is an excellent

Focus on the LTS Race Team: *The Future of Sailing* IN HARBOR SPRINGS

The LTS Race Team has a long and successful history in Harbor Springs, with more than two decades of advancing young sailors to the top echelons of the sport. The 2017 Team, our largest ever, promises to continue the tradition—solidifying the future of sailing in Harbor Springs by creating the next generation of LTYC racers.

The LTS Race Team is designed for committed sailors age 13-20 who want to take their sailing experience to the next level. The summer-long program gives team members the opportunity to grow their sailing skills, learn advanced racing tactics, and build a passion for sailing in a fun team sport environment. This year, the team has 20 members, two coaches, and will practice every afternoon from 1pm to 4pm in Lasers, 420s, and J/70s—with occasional work in other boats, such as Alerions, J/105s and a Carkeek 40. Practices consist of drills and lessons designed to develop their abilities as both skippers and crew across a variety of boats, and specifically to prepare them for successful high school and college sailing careers—as well as a lifelong pursuit of sailboat racing. Most Fridays during the summer, LTS will host a Youth Regatta Series, inviting area junior racing programs to Harbor Springs to compete with and against the Race Team.

Youth sailors are the future, and the dedicated and talented members of the LTS Race Team ensure that sailing in Harbor Springs will remain as vibrant as ever for decades to come.

2017 LTS RACE TEAM MEMBERS

Luke Baker	Townsend Driggs	Molly Matthews	Sydney Schulte
Matthew Broadley	Libby Forsen	Anders McCarthy	Hannah Sellers
Timothy Brown	Caroline Grin	Jack Miller	Kristin Sequeira
Madigan Carroll	Adrienne Johnson	Kate Moran	Trip Wagner
Owen Doyle	Maren Matthews	Meredith Moran	Ellie Wagner

If you need crew this summer, Race Team members are an excellent option! You can contact the coaches—Dan Thompson, Head Coach, and Robert Duff, Assistant Coach—by emailing RaceCoaches@littletraversesailors.org. And to learn more about the LTS Race Team, to support your youth racing program, or to help out with the Youth Regatta Series, see www.littletraversesailors.org/racing.

Returns for Summer 2017!

entry point into the local Harbor Springs sailing scene.

For summer 2017, we will be offering two four-week sessions on alternating Thursday nights throughout the summer. Classes begin at 4:15 on the LTYC porch for a brief onshore introductory lesson, followed by rigging the boats and heading out into the Harbor or the Little Traverse Bay. Each evening will be designed to teach a specific set of skills, with on-the-water drills reinforcing the lessons introduced on shore. We will be back on shore by 7:00 or 7:30 (depending on wind) to de-rig and do a short debrief. On Thursday nights, the LTYC bar will be open and the Thursday Night BBQ will be in full swing for after-class socializing.

To ensure optimal learning and safety, our classes have very limited enrollment—just 10 sailors per four-week session. Be sure to check your dates before signing up, because we won't be able to accommodate makeup classes, unfortunately. The cost will be \$425 for the session. Register by visiting the Adult Learn to Sail page on the LTS Website: www.littletraversesailors.org/adultsailing and signing up. We expect spots to fill quickly, so don't delay.

If the Adult Learn to Sail Program doesn't fit your needs (or schedule), LTS also offers similar training through our private lessons program. Learn more by visiting: www.littletraversesailors.org/private-lessons.

LTYC Welcomes New MEMBERS

Membership at Little Traverse Yacht Club stands at 360 members. Since last summer, we welcomed five Active members, one Intermediate member, and one Junior member. Additionally, all members of the LTS race team are Junior LTYC members with 13 new members joining seven existing members. Get to know all of our new members at the New Member Welcome Party with live music on Friday, July 1.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Donald & Sandra Para,
sponsored by John & Melanie Fisher

Glenn & Diana Johnson,
sponsored by Ken Isham

Gregory Curtner & Sonnet Meek,
sponsored by Tom Trautman

Charles & Mary Beth Clark,
sponsored by Joan Culver

Sean & Sarah O'Brien,
sponsored by Joe D'Italia

Lisa & Frank Wiley,
sponsored by Jack Carruthers

NEW INTERMEDIATE MEMBER:

Reid Spearin,
sponsored by Tom Post

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS:

Thomas & Kacie Stoddard,
sponsored by Graham Kretchman

**Plus 13 new race team members
(listed on page 15)**



Summer Time

FUN!



Your social committee has been hard at work lining up some great events for our 2017 season. Take a look at our calendar and you will be pleasantly surprised. We are looking for

volunteers to work an event now and then-what a great way to be involved. I'd like to thank our social committee for all their dedication and time spent to make these events a success. We just wrapped up our winter On-Shore Dinners. What a great turn out we had this year! Thanks to Geri Flick & Lynne Symons who do all the coordinating. Can't wait to catch up with everyone.

Hilde Bonesteel, Social Committee Chair



See you on

The Lunch & Learn Series is where socializing meets sailing, through regular lunch get togethers, for casual conversation with a different nautical theme each week. Invite a friend or come on your own every Wednesday at noon, June 21-August 16. Coordinated by Ali Hill, the schedule has something for everyone. Have lunch on the porch, meet new or old friends, share, and learn.

What's New in the CLUBHOUSE & FOOD PROGRAM



On-Shore Dinners kept the fun going all winter long.

The winter months are busy ones at LTYC. We've been busy getting ready for another summer and here are a few things you'll find that we've been up to:

- The inside of the Clubhouse has a new coat of paint
- New carpet makes its debut in early June—as soon as our furnace-less building warms enough for installation
- A new grill on the patio will make for even better burgers
- A slight remodel of the women's bathroom
- The upstairs has new wiring—not exciting but oh, so necessary
- Club management software will make for lightning fast ordering for food and bar

Club Manager Jamie McKinney returns to LTYC with another great food and bar staff. And, of course, great food! The staff is excited about the new software program as members can now easily charge food and drinks to their LTYC account without having to swipe a credit card, handle cash, or count drink tickets. Big change! Food orders will appear immediately in the kitchen speeding up the ordering process and reducing the possibility of errors when deciphering hand writing.

Oh, the bar! Yes, no more tickets will mean much quicker service. No more waiting in line on BBQ nights to buy drink tickets. Just order a drink from one of our bartenders and the charge will immediately post to your LTYC account. Tips are automatically built in, 18%, for all food and drink purchases. LTYC is now a cashless Club meaning easier ordering for you and much, much easier reconciling of transactions for our staff.

If you still have a drink card from the last season, just present it to one of our staff and the remaining punches/dollars will be credited to your LTYC account.

Lunch on the Porch: June 13–September 2, 11 am-2 pm, serving Monday-Saturday (not June 12).

Tuesday Perch Dinner & BBQ: June 13–September 10, 6-9 pm (non-racers RSVP).

Thursday Grill Night: June 22–August 17, 6-9 pm

Bar Nights: Thursdays–Saturdays, June 22–August 19, 3-8 pm

WEDNESDAYS AT LUNCH & LEARN

June 21 – UNDERSTANDING THE (UPDATED) RACING RULES, DAN THOMPSON

Get ready for the racing season with a quick overview of US Sailing's 2017 updates to The Racing Rules of Sailing with Dan Thompson, LTYC Director of Sailing.

June 28 – MANAGING A RACING BOAT, NICK FORD & NORM BERGE

Up your game with tips on how to effectively manage a racing program, from equipment maintenance and crew management to transportation logistics and (yes!) manners.

July 5 – CRUISING FROM HARBOR SPRINGS—WHERE CAN YOU GO FROM HERE?

Share your powerboat and sailboat cruising experiences to Beaver Island, Door County, the North Channel and beyond.

July 12 – LTYC BOOK CLUB, KATIE CAPALDI BOECKL

Explore the literature of boats, northern Michigan, and summer with Katie Capaldi Boeckl from Between the Covers.

July 19 – IRISH BOAT SHOP—CLEAN MARINA, SUE IRISH STEWART & MICHAEL ESPOSITO

Irish Boat Shop is a designated Michigan Clean Marina, committed to the water quality of Little Traverse Bay and the safety of the Harbor Springs community. Learn about the steps that IBS takes to ensure both.

July 26 – ALL ABOUT THE LTYC ALERION FLEET

The versatile Alerion is perfect for a day on the water, whether racing or picnicking.

Aug 2 – WELCOME TO THE LTYC WOMEN'S REGATTA

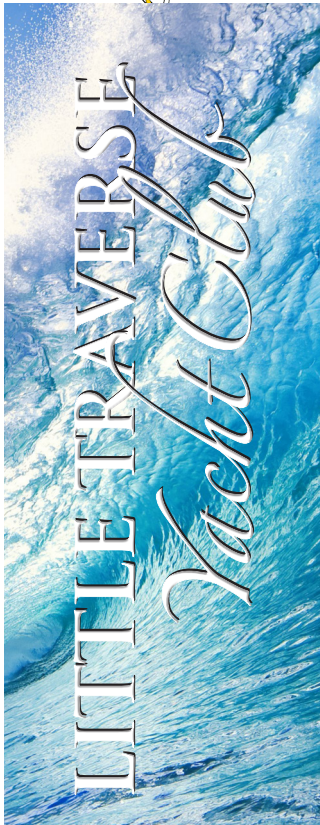
Kick off the 3rd Annual LTYC Women's Regatta over lunch and laughter on the patio.

Aug 9 – HARBOR SPRINGS MUNICIPAL MARINA, MICHAEL JOHNSON, HARBORMASTER

Managing the present and planning for the future of one of Lake Michigan's premier destinations for boaters.

Aug 16 – LTYC HISTORY LESSON, BILL BROWN

(Subject to be determined, but Bill is game to round out our season with another glimpse at the boating history of Harbor Springs.)



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To enhance the enjoyment of boating in and around Little Traverse Bay for its members, through activities that promote racing, cruising, instruction, social activities, and fellowship.

