

# Lake Harriet Yacht Club



2012

## Sailing for fun in 2012



## Commodores' Letter

Dear Club,

At the end of another great year, I reflect on why our club is so successful when other clubs, and the sport of sailing overall, struggles with membership growth and participation. The Lake Harriet Yacht Club has two to three times the racing participation of other MC clubs in the Twin Cities. Of the 34 clubs in the ILYA that race MCs, we have the largest fleet (30 boats), the highest average boats on the line (17), and three times the average in total race completions in the season (639). Our Die Hard Regatta, with only one third of racers from off-lake, was the 8<sup>th</sup> largest regatta in the country. What is the secret ingredient that makes the club so great? Could it be the sweet lake water?

One key ingredient is the partnership we have with the Twin Cities Sailing Club. Over the years, TCSC has grown in membership, increasing our Harriet sailing family in size. Through its dedicated leadership, it has been turning novice sailors into enthusiastic racers. This past year, TCSC skippers were almost one third of all MC weekend racing starts and almost half of the Wednesday racing starts. Of the top 15 LHYC members competing in the MC Championship series, one third started their Lake Harriet sailing in TCSC, including myself. Not only are they active on the water, but almost half the LHYC Board of Directors have origins in our sister club. In return, LHYC members share their expertise with TCSC members in many formal and informal ways: we coach, organize racing clinics, safety training, race officer training, and of course offer a full season of top-notch sailboat racing. This great synergy is rare and certainly a key ingredient in both club's success.

A second factor is generosity through volunteerism. If time is priceless, certainly the sheer number of labored hours is a great measure of our club's value. Through the support of dedicated volunteers, the youth program has grown to eight Optimist boats, two 420s, and kayaks for fledgling parents. With a well-orchestrated crew of many volunteers, the adaptive program provides a rare opportunity for those with disabilities. The kids and adaptive skippers are expanding their skills, having fun, and becoming confident sailors. To support club racing, so much is behind the scenes: filling up gas tanks, repairing motors, adding a weather station, updating the website, engraving the trophies, paying the bills, working with the Park Board, responding to community inquiry, organizing parties, and recruiting new members. It takes tremendous dedication to make our club run. Beyond the hours labored, there is much thought and emotion that goes into insuring a fair and fun sport. This is surely a sign of our passion for the club and its members.

Perhaps the ingredient that stands out the most is the Lake Harriet Yacht Club culture. Many of us have experienced aggressive sailing, rule-book benders, and egos while at off-lake at regattas. Not only is this rare on our lake, we have quite the opposite - great sailors helping others to improve. After leading in a race and then falling behind, I have been offered advice as to why I did not win. And then after beating that skipper in a later race, I have been congratulated by that same person. The result of this blend of competition and a desire to improve others was evident in this year's Die Hard Regatta. In each race, there were sailors from all levels, both LHYC and TCSC, that would lead a leg or place high in a race. The faces up front in each race were different. What a great show.

The last ingredient, our beloved Lake Harriet: Small. Shifty. Surrounded by trees. Surrounded by friends. Sweet water.

Robert

## Lake Harriet Commodores

1941	Harold Westerman	1965	Bo Warner	1989	Tran Alfrey
1942	Ralph Tyler	1966	Bill Burnet	1990	Kathy Schurdevin
1943	Clarence Johnson	1967	Duval O'Neal	1991	Dolores Pospesel
1944	Clarence Johnson	1968	Bob Mott	1992	Mark Prochaska
1945	Charles Rink	1969	Bob Rocknem	1993	John Barbour
1946	Harold Shaw	1970	Al Schultz	1994	John Bates
1947	Fred Hotchkiss	1971	Bill Kelly	1995	Jim McCarthy
1948	Rome Riebeth	1972	Dixon Tews	1996	Drew LaMosse
1949	Rome Riebeth	1973	Jack Friedrichs	1997	Bob Sheldon
1950	Darrell Holt	1974	Jim Morgan	1998	Jim Keck
1951	Evert Welch	1975	Arnold Caswell	1999	Tom Telzrow
1952	Earl Beaudry	1976	Tom Aldritt	2000	Wally Daniels
1953	Stan Vaill	1977	Larry Seymour	2001	John Katics
1954	Robert Johnson	1978	Steve Woldum	2002	Kristin Anderson
1955	Earl Ewald	1979	Dorothy Schepers	2003	Wendy Peter Ott
1956	Stu McLeod	1980	Robert Watson	2004	Bill Colburn
1957	Russ Backstrom	1981	Harry Fuller	2005	Bill Colburn
1958	Fred Hird	1982	Skip Chapin	2006	Karen Hemstad
1959	Bill Sanford	1983	Robert Hoyt	2007	Jennifer Bowers
1960	Marsh Wattson	1984	Jerry Behrendt	2008	Paul Baltzersen
1961	Alex Dean	1985	Peter Taylor	2009	Jim Marquardt
1962	C.B. McCue	1986	Bill Hanson	2010	John Hovde
1963	Scott Long	1987	Al Fleming	2011	Dave Mott
1964	Stu MacPhail	1988	Jeff Land	2012	Robert Netzer



## 2012 Lake Harriet Yacht Club Officers

Robert Netzer, *Commodore*  
 Joe Friction, *Vice Commodore*  
 Dave Mott, *Rear Commodore*  
 Charlie Gantzer, *Secretary*  
 Chuck Ott, *Treasurer*

### Board of Directors

Jason Curtis, *Director*  
 Pam Paufler, *Director*  
 Bob Dillon, *Director*  
 Jennifer O'Brien, *Director*  
 Craig Larson, *TCSC Representative*

### Race Committee, Officials and Fleet Captains

Wendy Ott, *Principle Race Officer*  
 Chris Seymour, *Race Committee Chair*  
 Joe Friction, *MC Fleet Captain*  
 Ted Jewett & Jack Zimmerschied, *M-16 Fleet Captains*

### Regatta Chairs

TCYS Youth Regatta ..... Bill & Susan Kirkpatrick  
 Fall Regatta ..... Joe Friction

### 2012 LHYC Committees

Equipment .....	John Hovde	Safety Boat Schedule.....	John Getsinger
.....	Mark Anderson	Wednesday Night.....	Kevin Berger
Lake Harriet's Cup.....	Pam Paufler	Refectory Display Case.....	Wendy Ott
.....	John Berg	Website.....	Jennifer O'Brien
Preseason Land Clinics.....	Bruce Martinson	.....	Jason Curtis
.....	Bill Colburn	.....	Paul Baltzersen
Scorekeeping.....	Steve Loscheider	Trophies.....	John Wentzell
.....	Andy Crowe	.....	Joe Friction
Pre Season Clinics .....	Chris Seymour	Yearbook .....	Chuck & Wendy Ott
.....	Dave Mott	Park Board Liaison .....	Paul Baltzersen
Gordy Bowers Clinic.....	Jennifer Bowers	TCSC Liaison .....	Jason Curtis
.....	Bill Colburn	ILYA Delegate .....	Joe Friction
Women's Clinic.....	Jennifer Bowers	Adaptive Sailing Program.....	Karen Hemstad
.....	Wendy Ott	.....	Ted Jewett
Dee O'Neal Cup.....	John Berg	.....	Andy Crowe
Social Chair .....	Wendy Ott	Youth Sailing Program ...	Bill & Susan Kirkpatrick
Banquet .....	Jim Marquardt	Education Chair.....	Pam Paufler

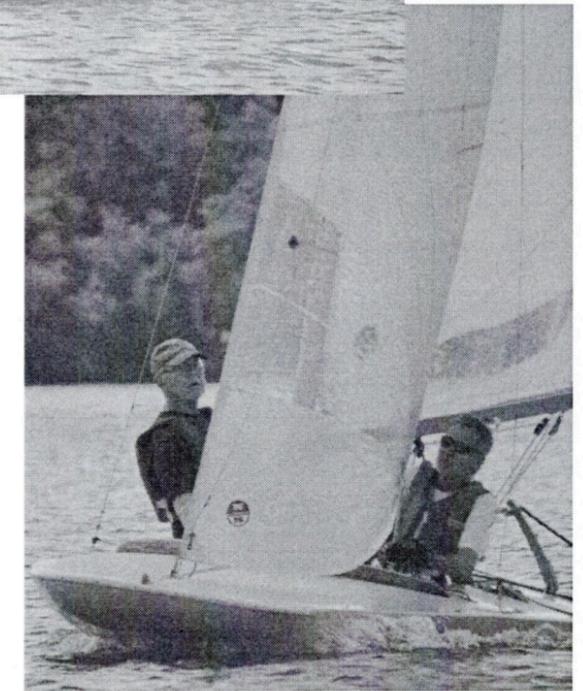
## 2012 MC Fleet Season Championship

MC Fleet Champions			
1	Dave Mott & Bill Kirkpatrick		2121
2	Bill Colburn	Tangerine	2239
3	Robert Netzer & Andy Crowe		2033
4	John Katics & John Getsinger	Gryffin	1847
5	Joe Friction & Gary Reiter	Minnehaha	2511
6	Chris Seymour	Prima III	2091
7	Jim Marquardt	Scuppers	1765
8	Jason Curtis	Humdinger	1933
9	Charlie Gantzer		2539



## 2012 M-16 Fleet Season Championship

M-16 Fleet Champions			
1	Joe Schroeder		LH11
2	John Barbour/Wally Daniels	Attack	LH700
3	Ted Jewett	Commodore 9	LH9
4	Paul Bastyr/Jennifer O'Brien		LH181
5	John Wentzell	Windblown	LH333



## Special Awards 2011

Marshman Wattson  
 Women's Challenge  
 Dick Adams Memorial  
 US Yacht Racing Union  
 Al Fleming Memorial  
 Pete Taylor Memorial  
 Spirit Award  
 Lynn Jorgensen Award

Outstanding Skipper of the Year  
 Women's Challenge  
 Most Devoted Sailor  
 Sportsmanship Award  
 Outstanding Social/Crew Club Member  
 Outstanding Light Air Sailor  
 Best Promoter of LHYC Spirit  
 LHYC Race Management  
 Most Improved M-16 Sailor  
 Most Improved MC Sailor  
 Most Improved Adaptive Sailor  
 Adaptive Midshipman Award  
 Rear Commodore

Bill Colburn  
 Jennifer Bowers  
 Wendy Ott  
 John Hovde  
 Steve Loscheider  
 Crowe/Netzer  
 Jason Wold  
 Joanna Lees  
 Joe Schroeder  
 Chuck Ott  
 Lynda Peterson  
 Brian Foster  
 Dave Mott



## Memorial Day

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2344	Bill Colburn	1	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
2	2033	Netzer/Crowe	2	LH9	Ted Jewett
3	2539	Charlie Gantzer	3	LH11	Joe Schroeder
4	2511	Reiter/Fricton			
5	1474	Paul Baltzersen			

The Memorial Day picnic was hosted by Chuck & Wendy Ott. Weather was great, good food and a wonderful big group of kids.....LHYC the next generation!!



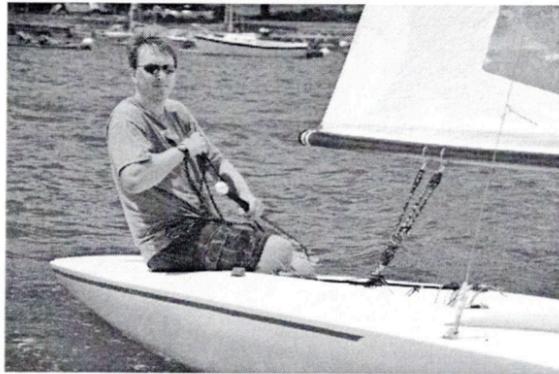
## Combined Holiday Series

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2344	Bill Colburn	1	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
2	2033	Netzer/Crowe	2	LH11	Joe Schroeder
3	2091	Chris Seymour	3	LH9	Ted Jewett
4	1847	Katics/Getsinger	4	LH333	John Wentzel
5	1687	Bowers/Paufler			



## Isaac Reeves

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2121	Mott/Kirkpatrick	1	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
2	2091	Chris Seymour	2	LH11	Joe Schroeder
3	2511	Reiter/Fricton	3	LH9	Ted Jewett
4	1847	Katics/Getsinger	4	LH333	John Wentzell
5	2033	Netzer/Crowe			
6	2344	Bill Colburn			
7	2539	Charlie Gantzer			



Thanks to John Hovde and wife Diane Fisher for putting on a great 4th of July party (and willingness to share their awesome gazpacho recipe). Well attended, great food, and even sprinklers & squirt guns for the kids outside.

## 4th of July

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2344	Bill Colburn	1	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
2	2091	Chris Seymour	2	LH11	Joe Schroeder
3	2033	Netzer/Crowe	3	LH9	Ted Jewett
4	1474	Paul Baltzersen	4	LH333	John Wentzell
5	1765	Jim Marquardt			
6	1847	Katics/Getsinger			
7	2511	Reiter/Fricton			

## Peter Super

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2121	Mott/Kirkpatrick	1	LH11	Joe Schroeder
2	1847	Katics/Getsinger	2	LH9	Ted Jewett
3	2033	Netzer/Crowe	3	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
4	2344	Bill Colburn	4	LH333	John Wentzell
5	2511	Reiter/Fricton			
6	1687	Jennifer Bowers			
7	1765	Jim Marquardt			



## Dorothy Schepers

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	1765	Jim Marquardt	1	LH11	Joe Schroeder
2	2539	Charlie Gantzer	2	LH9	Ted Jewett
3	1847	Katics/Getsinger	3	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
4	1933	Jason Curtis	4	LH181	Bastyr/O'Brien
5	TCSC	Jamie Fraser			
6	1474	Paul Baltzersen			
7	TCSC	Darin Newman			

## Labor Day

MC Fleet			M-16 Fleet		
1	2033	Netzer/Crowe	1	LH700	Barbour/Daniels
2	1687	Bowers/Paufler	2	LH333	John Wentzell
3	1847	Katics/Getsinger			
4	1474	Paul Baltzersen			
5	1850	Crowe/Netzer			
6	2539	Charlie Gantzer			
7	TCSC	Jamie Fraser			



Following the race, a party was held at Mark and Julie Anderson's house. We had the unusual problem of too many deserts, but who can complain? A great afternoon in their backyard celebrating the last day of club racing.

## Commodores Cup

1	2121	Mott/Kirkpatrick
2	1847	Katics/Getsinger

The weather forecast was intimidating at 15-25 mph with predicted gusts to 45 mph later in the afternoon. A hearty dozen boats & crew gathered at the shed for the skipper's meeting and Q&A. The course was a 2013 America's Cup inspired course: reaching start with an entry buoy in mid-course, a leeward gate, windward gate, leeward gate again, back past the entry, and reach to a finish. With the heavy wind, it made for exciting reaches (and gibes). We measured the wind around 15 mph with gusts to 19. In honor of races past, Robert dusted off the old starting cannons and with help from Lynn, they ran the sequence with both horns and 10 gauge shotgun blanks - no excuses not to hear the start and finish. However, the armaments caused a bit of confusion on the first start, but the race went off and back in less than 20 minutes, boats screaming around the course. Wendy helped adjust the course as the wind direction continued to clock from SSW to W to WNW. We considered a 4th race, but the wind had shifted so much the course would have required major surgery - and with a total of 9 anchors involved, we decided to head for beer and snacks instead. Mott and crew Kirkpatrick did nicely winning the 1st two races. John Getsinger won race #3. Both Maloney/Bieger and Darin Newman did well with 2nd and 3rd place finishes, and kudos to Ted Jewett and Dave Saltzman as the only M16 on the course. Congratulations to Dave Mott & Bill Kirkpatrick for winning this year's cup. We only had two capsizes and one T-bone of the judge's boat, not bad for likely the windiest day of the year. And thanks to Wendy Ott, Lisa Netzer, Dave Broom, and Leslie Lytle for helping with safety. Chuck and Charlie won the "citizen assistance" award after helping a struggling International 14 that could not get the boat sailing or righted. After much entertainment for those on shore, they were finally towed in to safety by Chuck & Charlie. We made a quick escape to the Low Brow as another set of high-wind victims were setting up an inflatable catamaran on the boat launch (after having laughed at the other capsized sailors)...



## Wednesday Night 2012

Open Fleet		
1	1850	Crowe/Netzer
2	1933	Jason Curtis
3	1474	Paul Baltzersen
4	1280	Stuart MacPhail
5	1687	Bowers/Paufler
6	2539	Charlie Gantzer
7	1847	Katics/Getsinger



## Dee O'Neal Cup

Fleet		
1	TCSC	Frazer Heinis, coached by Dave Mott



## Pete Taylor Memorial Trophy Best Light Air Sailing 2012 John Katics/John Getsinger

The Pete Taylor award goes to the LHYC sailor who scored the best on race days where the wind is 5 MPH or less.

Correction.....2011 Pete Taylor Award was won by Andy Crowe and Robert Netzer



## Women's Clinic

The 2012 Women's Clinic was a huge success with 15 women participants sailing with 7 volunteers including Jennifer Bowers, Deborah Anderson, Mary Maloney, Cindy Armbrustmacher, Cynthia Callanan, Wendy Ott and Christy Mattingly. A 45 minute dry land clinic was followed by 2 hours on the water. The wind came and went but was enough to provide a great experience for the 15 new sailors. Big thanks to Stace and Frazer for running the safety/taxi boat and for taking pictures!!



## Die Hard Regatta 2012

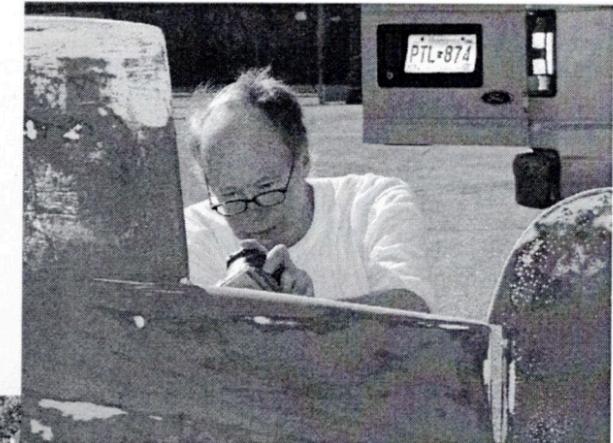
MC Fleet		
1	Mark Tesar	
2	Noel Neuman	
3	Todd Tesar	
4	Bill Colburn	
5	Dave Abramson	
6	Jamie Searles	
M-16 Fleet		
1	Barbour/Daniels	
2	Joe Schroeder	
3	John Wentzell	
4	Ted Jewett	
5	Dave Klein	
C Fleet		
1	Bill Coppage	
2	Dave Ginsburg	
3	Larry Salzman	
4	Ed Owens	



The regatta party was hosted by Bill Kirkpatrick, and it was definitely a blast. We had pizzas straight out of a mobile brick oven from Red Wagon Pizza. The gin and tonics were flowing, and everyone was breaking down the races of the day. We also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Clear Lake's Mark Tesar at the party.

## LHYC Adaptive Sailing Program

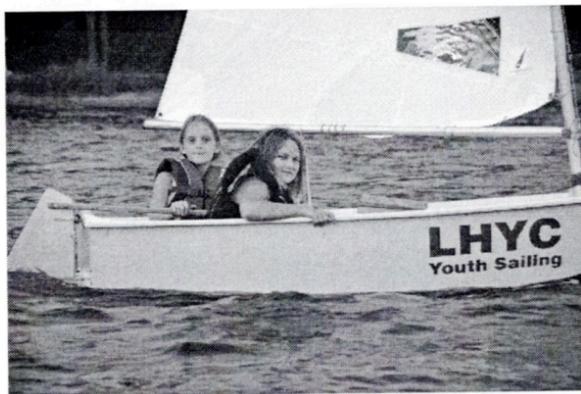
The 2012 Adaptive program started a monthly race night where the sailors practiced starts, buoy roundings and held informal races. This is the first year our number of volunteers outnumbered the sailors; this speaks to the joy the program is bringing to everyone involved. Thankfully we didn't have any major boat problems this year, due to the solar pumps installed by Jim Marquardt. For the second year in a row, the Minneapolis Park Board donated two buoys to the Adaptive program which has allowed us to spend our limited funds on boat maintenance.



## Youth Sailing Program 2012

We had another fun year of youth sailing with a number of new sailors joining us. A couple highlights were a great Twin Cities Youth Sailing Regatta, a moonlight sail on the 420's on the 4th by the teen girls to watch the fireworks and a number of warm nights where we enjoyed a sail and a swim.

LHYC has eight opti's, and two 420's for kids aged 7-13 to sail. All kids are welcome who are able to demonstrate a proficiency to get from here to there and back again. (If your child needs lessons contact Larry Salzman @ the Calhoun Sailing School (612)978-0002 for excellent instruction.) There will be group sails on Wednesday nights at 6pm (weather permitting and once the water warms up). You can use the boats for free-sailing any time. The boats will be stored on canoe racks by the shed. We also have 2 kayak's available for parents to use to follow their sailors. There is no cost other than \$80 to join LHYC. If you have interest in this program please contact Bill Kirkpatrick @ (612)922-6511.



LHYC 2012 Members





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