

**LAKE HARRIET YACHT CLUB**  
2020 yearbook



2020 Commodore Jason Curtis

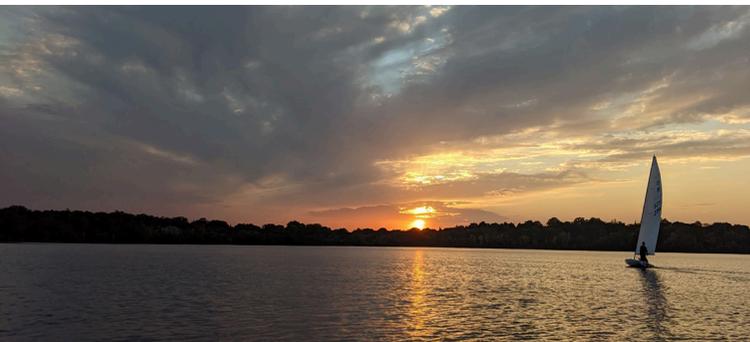
2020. It began like every other year with anticipation and excitement for new experiences and connections. As we know now, 2020 has been unlike any other year. In March, Covid-19 changed all of our lives drastically. A lot can change in a month. The Board's original priority of streamlining the safety boat signup process was quickly overshadowed as the safety of all members and the entire season were at risk. With the best practices guidance from the Governor and local yacht clubs, we slowly formed a plan. Online board meetings, the norm now, were filled with discussion around budget, safety, and next steps for a racing season.

LHYC Safety and Racing Protocols were developed and released with collaboration and input from members. Saturday June 13th brought the first race of the season with many modifications. These included mandatory masks, social distancing, and life jackets. Safety boat volunteers needed to be from the same household and the taxi service was cancelled. M's and MC's raced as one fleet with three minute starts. Course lengths were shortened and the maximum wind speed was reduced to 15 mph. The Race Officer position was opened up to all volunteers and many stepped up to help out. Sunday racing would return in July and Wednesday nights followed in August. All LHYC parties were moved online! The "No Frills" Die Hard was a huge success through careful planning and the support of dependable volunteers.

Sailboat racing has always been a part of my life and identity from an early age. I grew up racing Lasers in Nova Scotia. The Atlantic Ocean delivered many thrills and demanded wet/dry suits and plenty of hiking out. It instilled my lifelong passion for sailing. A continent away, I feel fortunate to have found a competitive racing community here in Minnesota, on beautiful Lake Harriet, full of incredible like-minded sailing friends.

This year has brought plenty of struggle and pain. Sadly LHYC lost three members of our sailing community. Tom Cronmiller, Lynda Petersen, and Bev Weddle. This difficult year has reinforced our appreciation for what we are most grateful for - not just a good breeze, Minnesota Summers, or a great finish.... but the people we share our sailing experiences with and who make it truly meaningful.

— Jason Curtis *2020 Commodore*



## LHYC 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### DIRECTOR: Adaptive

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Ted Jewett

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John Katics *Race Committee Chair*

## RACE OFFICERS

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## 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Joe Friction

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Cynthia Callanan

## 2020 SPECIAL AWARDS

### MARSHMAN WATTSON

Outstanding skipper of the year

### RYAN GROSCH

### DICK ADAMS MEMORIAL

Most devoted sailor

### JAMIE FRASER

### US YACHT RACING UNION

Sportsmanship award

### JOE REINCKE

### AL FLEMING MEMORIAL

Outstanding social/crew/club member

### MARY MALONEY

### PETE TAYLOR MEMORIAL

Outstanding light air sailor

### RYAN GROSCH

### SPIRIT AWARD

Best promoter of the club

### CYNTHIA CALLANAN

### LYNN JORGENSEN AWARD

Outstanding LHYC race management

### JOE FRICTON

### MOST IMPROVED MC SAILOR

### BOB CHRISTIE

### ADAPTIVE TOP VOLUNTEER

### TED JEWETT

### REAR COMMODORE

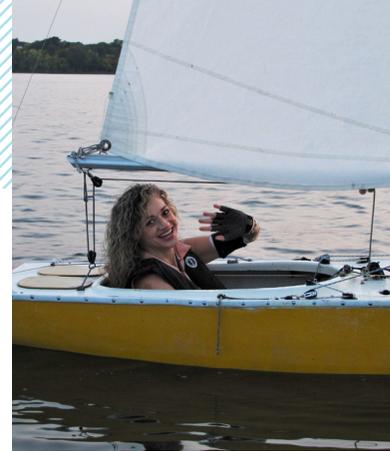
### JASON CURTIS

## 2020 COVID AMENDED ADAPTIVE SAILING SEASON

Through the tireless efforts of our healthy volunteers, three boats were setup on Monday afternoons and sailed this year. On most nights, seven volunteers followed strict COVID protocols to safely help between three and five sailors get out on the water. This year's sailing was some of the best ever with moderate, steady winds. However, many sailors couldn't come due to the risk of contracting COVID-19.

We have a new lift to keep the boats safe when not in use. The lift worked great in mild to moderate winds but will need some tweaking to handle high winds. Having said that, all three boats got through the season without a scratch or taking on water. Great job Ted and team! In additional news, we sold Annie, our 2.4 Meter boat, and acquired another Mini 12. Consequently, we now have a fleet of one design boats, which is perfect for leisure sailing, interchangeable parts, and racing.

Speaking of racing, Paul and Evan (our perennial racers) seem to race whenever they are on the water. While we did not hold any "race nights" as in years past, the fixed buoys and the encouragement of safety boat volunteers can make a race happen. After the season, in a gracious concession email, Paul wrote, "It is always fun sailing little races with you Evan. If this was a normal year, you would have won the big trophy." On a sad note, three of our well-loved sailors died this year: Tom Cronmiller, Lynda Petersen and Bev Weddle. They will be dearly missed.



## A SAFE YEAR FOR ADAPTIVE SAILING





## YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

LHYC Youth were able to have a successful summer, despite the season's disruption. The Club's usual Youth Program activities are the antithesis of socially distant: even the tiniest pair of sailors can't fit into an Opti and keep six feet away from each other. So, 2020 called for a change in plan. Instead of gathering in person to support each other on Tuesday evenings, an online signout sheet was created, and families were invited to take the boats out individually any day of the week. At least ten sailors were able to get out to the lake for a few hours during the warm summer.

The Youth Program encourages outreach during a typical season, with bring-a-friend evenings and an occasional social event, but the best way to make those happen this year eluded us. Despite that, both new and returning members sailed this season. Our parents and members generously donated time (and maybe were happy to get out of the house) with an incredibly well attended boat-pull event to wrap up the season.

We can't wait for the fruit scavenger hunt, capsizing practice, sponge tag and dessert at Bread & Pickle to bring us together in the future.

— Jamie Fraser *Youth Sailing Program Director*

## SPECIAL SERIES SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

### MC/M16 COMBINED

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1st	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	35.2
2nd	Wellman, Eric	L'Etoile Du Nord	62.2
3rd	Christie, Bob		85.0
4th	Fricton/Reiter	Minnehaha	98.0
5th	Reincke, Joe	Dash	104.2
6th	Fraser, Jamie	Don't Panic	137.2
7th	Schroeder, Joe		175.2
8th	Maloney/Bieger		178.8
9th	Berg, John		182.0
10th	Jagielski, Kevin		208.0

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING

Racing Director: Jamie Fraser

### MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1st	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	10.0
2nd	Berg, John		28.7
3rd	Wellman, Eric	L'Etoile Du Nord	39.0
4th	Christie, Bob		41.0
5th	Fraser, Jamie	Don't Panic	50.0
6th	Reincke, Joe	Dash	51.0
7th	Armstrong, Anthony		57.0



## 2020 NO FRILLS DIE HARD REGATTA

Regatta Chair: Joe Fricton



In this year of COVID that was anything but normal, LHYC continued its tradition of hosting the Die Hard Regatta. While modifications were made to the regatta to ensure social distancing and safety, the racing was intense and everyone had fun. There were 18 registered skippers, 3 of which were from Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club and Minnetonka Yacht Club. A big thank you to Jamie Fraser and Mickey Fraser for their work as Principal Race Officers. They did fantastic work keeping the races fair and moving along.

In order to keep everyone safe, masks were required on docks and safety boats, sailors brought their own breakfasts and lunches, and the party was limited to beverages at Bread and Pickle. But when everyone was on the water, it was a regatta as usual.

On Saturday, the wind was very light in the morning, which led to a postponement. In the afternoon, the wind picked up just enough to allow us to complete 2 races. Great sailing by Adam Koller and Ryan Grosch who each picked up 1st place finishes on Saturday.

On Sunday, sailing conditions were perfect. The wind was gusty, started at 8mph and built to over 13 by the end of racing. Joe Fricton battled Ryan Grosch throughout Sunday, but Ryan held on to win the regatta with 10 points to Joe's 12. Great sailing by Eric Wellman with a bullet in the final race of the day.

While the regatta was certainly a success, all the participants are looking forward to a more normal Die Hard in 2021.

Joe Fricton - Regatta Chair

### MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	CLUB	NET
1st	Grosch, Ryan	LHYC	10
2nd	Fricton, Joe	LHYC	12
3rd	Wellman, Eric	LHYC	15
4th	Koller, Adam	LHYC	21
5th	Reincke, Joe	LHYC	29
6th	Morical, Keith	UMYC	36
7th	Berg, John	TCSC	40



# THOMAS CRONMILLER

LHYC ADAPTIVE SAILOR  
BOARD MEMBER  
VOLUNTEER & FRIEND

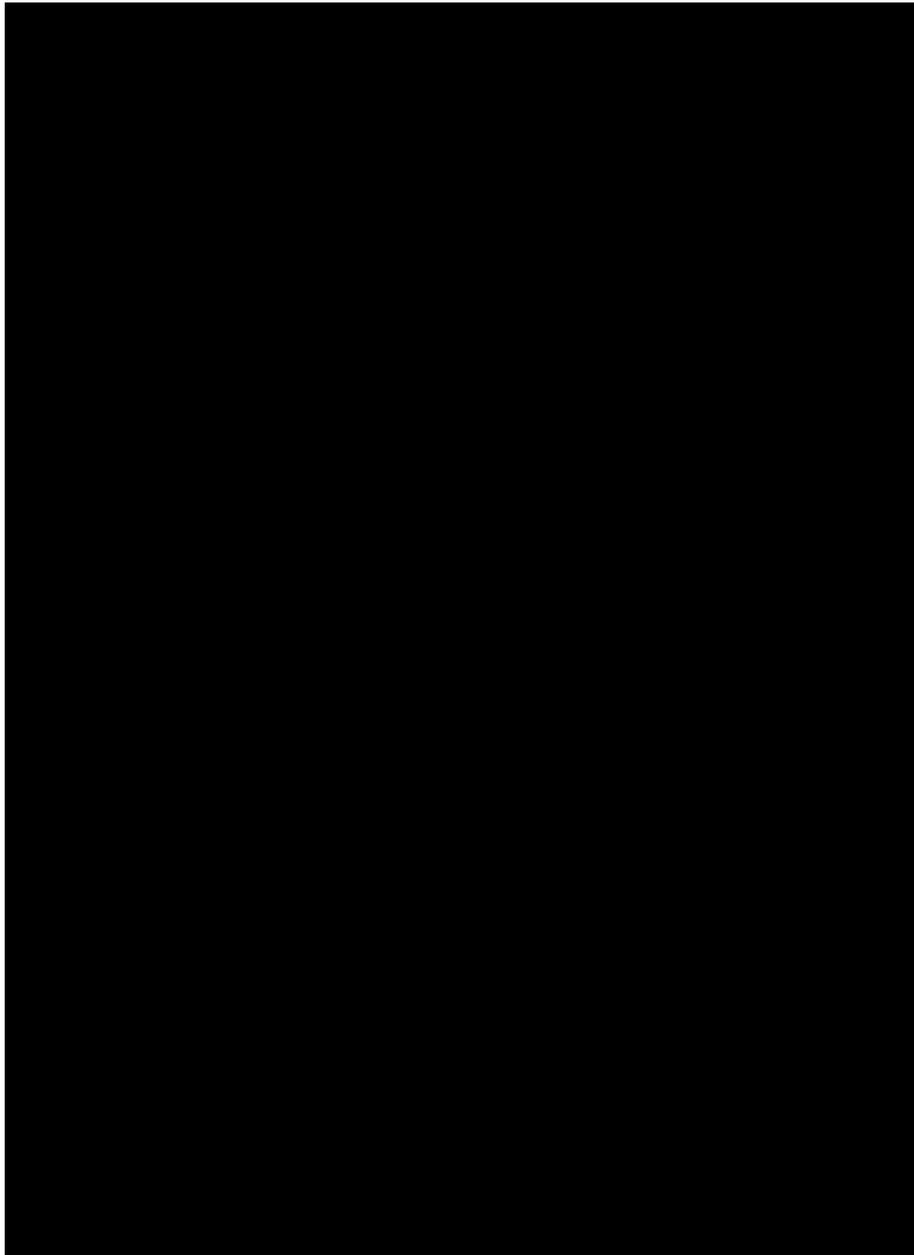
RIP FEB 5, 2020



**Tom Cronmiller** passed away suddenly and peacefully as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage, Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Tom was an avid sailor, cyclist and traveler, as well as a gifted furniture maker and cook. He spent many years as Tax Manager for the real estate investment firm Meritex. In 2012 Tom suffered a stroke. He demonstrated humor, courage and determination and was active in adaptive sailing and bicycling and continued to travel worldwide. With the help of family and friends, he was able to realize his dream of sailing in the British Virgin Islands. Always one to help others, Tom volunteered at Courage Center where he had undergone rehabilitation after his stroke. He touched many lives with his kindness and humor. Tom was the Board Representative for the Adaptive Sailing program for LHYC. He was also an active participant and volunteer for many years. Tom's positive attitude, dry wit, and commitment to the sport of sailing have been missed on and off the water.

**Lynda Petersen** passed June 19th on her 70th Birthday from a blood clot after chemo. Lynda passed very quickly with no pain. Lynda was an active member of the Adaptive Sailing club, she loved sailing and grew up sailing bigger boats on Lake Michigan. Lynda was always happy at the lake and couldn't wait to get into a boat. When it was too windy for our small boats to sail safely Lynda would always push and say she could handle the wind from her days on Lake Michigan. We also had friendly banter about needing to come back into the dock to ensure everyone had a chance to sail, Lynda just wanted to head out across the lake and sail all night! Lynda's friendly smile and happy demeanor is already missed at the lake in our community.

# LHYC MEMBER DIRECTORY



## DONATIONS

### **BOATSWAIN (\$1– \$49)**

Grace Sheely (In memory of Tom Cronmiller)  
Anthony Armstrong (Die Hard Regatta)

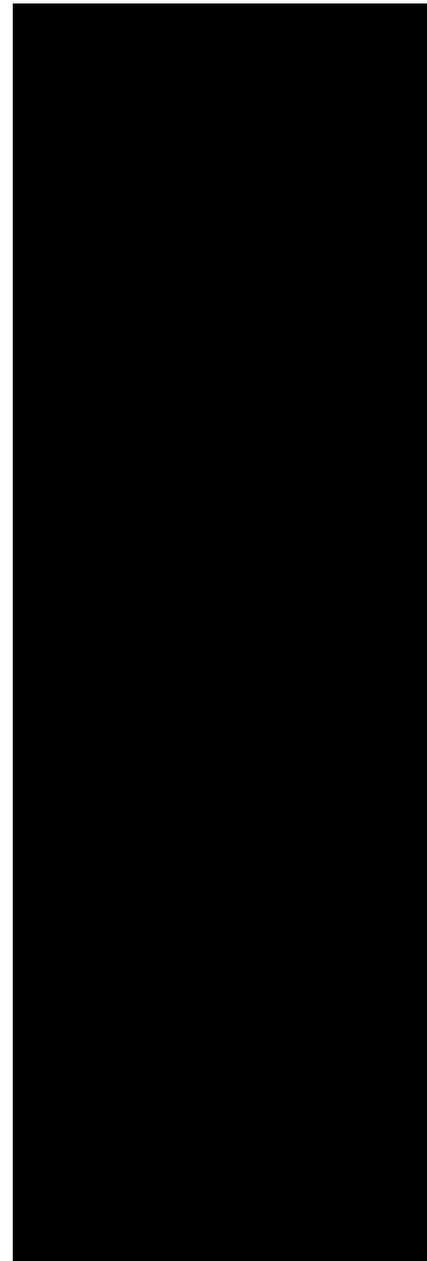
### **QUARTERMASTER (\$50 – \$249)**

Joan Gilmore (In memory of Tom Cronmiller)  
Laura & Philipp Muessig  
(In memory of Tom Cronmiller)  
Randi & Desiree Church  
(In memory of Tom Cronmiller)  
Al Kracke (In memory of Tom Cronmiller)  
Noel Neuman (Die Hard Regatta)  
Judson Koehn (Die Hard Regatta)  
Eric Wellmann (Die Hard Regatta)  
Joe Friction (Die Hard Regatta)

### **NAVIGATOR (\$250 – \$499)**

### **FIRST MATE (\$500 – \$999)**

### **SKIPPER (>\$1,000)**



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