

LAHAVE RIVER YACHT CLUB SCUTTLEBUTT

July-August 2011

Float Launch May 14th, 2011

The Rear Commodore would like to extend a sincere "Thanks" to all those who helped with the Float Launching and Pot Luck! A special thanks to Laurie Campbell for the new picnic chairs, and to the "Grounds Beautification Crew"- outstanding! It is great to see people working together for a common goal! *LRYC is officially open for the season!*



Marina Crew!

The LRYC Flag Officers and Executive are pleased to have **Logan** returning for another season on the docks! Joining him are **Andrew** and **Nigel** for their first season! From fueling, to helping tie along side, tender service and grounds keeping, these guys work hard! Be sure to say "Hi" when you see them!

Learn to Sail Program

The junior learn to sail program is set to go for another season! 2011 Session dates = July 4-15, July 18-29, Aug 1-12, Aug 15-26 and they are filling up fast! The kids and instructors are excited for a fantastic summer of sailing! For more information, visit the website or contact Doug at svoceanexplorer@hotmail.com



Racing News

The start of the racing series may have gotten off to a soggy start- but don't let that dampen your sails! **Saturday Race Series** are underway, as are the **Tuesday** and **Thursday Night Series**. Remember, Thursday nights are "White Sails Only"- come out and join us all you "cruisers"! Hoist a sail with us for fun, competition and some laughs! All newcomers welcome! And "cruisers", be sure to mark the following **Special Race Days** on your calendar- **LaHave River Challenge July 1st**, **The Webber Family Trophy Weekend July 9-10th**, **Lady Skipper Race Weekend Aug 20-21**, **Labor Day Weekend Regatta Sept 2-4th**, **Spectacle Island Race Sept 10th** and the **1st Annual Rum**

Trophy Race Sept 17th! Visit our website for details!

The Official Race Starter

My name is Maranda Webber and during racing season I act as the official race starter at the LaHave River Yacht Club (LRYC). My job consists of sounding a horn and firing a cannon at the appropriate times to start and finish the race. I must also record the finishing times of each boat and calculate their corrected time using a handicap system. Each model of boat has a different handicap which ensures that the race is fair and everyone has a chance of winning. To announce the five minute mark (meaning the race will start in five minutes) I fire the cannon. Our cannon is powered by propane and although it shoots only air instead of cannon balls, it may still harm someone at close range. The sound created is very loud and many choose to plug their ears to the noise, I give a fair warning. The four minute mark is signaled by the piercing blow of the horn, which is also loud but higher pitched. Another horn marks one minute to the start of the race. Then finally, the cannon goes off and the race begins! If you hear 2 quick horns after that, it means someone crossed the finish line too early and the boat has to re start. As I wait for the racers to return, for an average of an hour, I usually read. The excitement starts to rise as I see the boats returning to the finish line. People watching are fixed as the boats get closer and closer to the finish line. The first boat to cross gets the cannon shot and the rest a horn. By the time all the boats are docked and the sails stowed away, I have calculated the results and know the winner. It is a fun job that keeps me outside and allows me to practice my math skills a bit. The best part of all is that I get to spend time with all the racers and after a while start to recognize their boats. The job becomes stressful when you don't know which boat is coming over the line. It is all worth it though and I am glad that they asked me back again this year.



The Webber Family Race was created by my son Michael when he arrived at the club some time ago. At that time there were no races scheduled that took the boats away from the river. After some experimenting, the race has settled into the pattern of sailing to the Brooklyn Marina, Liverpool, on Sat. and returning on Sun. It is considered one race and the times of both days are combined to get a single result. This race takes boats out on the "big pond" and some extra preparation is needed. Fog is not uncommon but the race will not start if the wind forecast is unfavorable. A good working VHF radio, GPS navigation, extra clothing/foul-weather gear, food/water and adequate number of crew are some points to consider. Register with the race committee in advance. In the past, boats not wishing to race have "cruised along" to Brooklyn for the party. If you decide to do this, let us add your boat name to the dockage list. The race chairman will pre-book dockage in Brooklyn and their people are usually there to greet us when we arrive. There is a charge for dockage. We have been cooking onboard on Sat. evening as their club does not offer service at that time, but they do up a great departure breakfast on Sun. morning. Washrooms with showers are available in their clubhouse. This event is very popular, has a good turnout of boats and usually offers some good sailing. Talk to the regulars and join in!

Cheers,

Commodore Warren Webber

Cruiser Fest 2011 3rd Episode **"The 7 Seas Adventure"**

We will have some novelty prizes but mostly this event will be for fun and laughter.

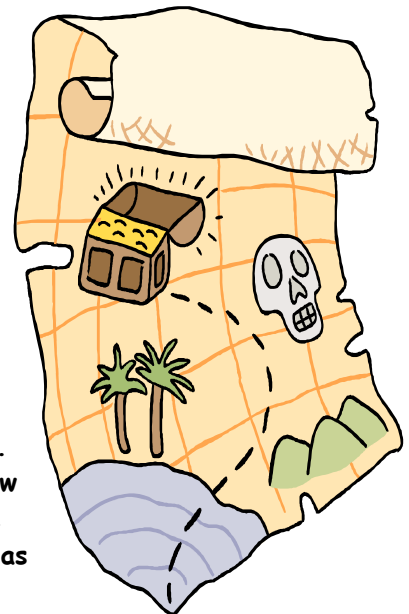
Come out and meet some new friends and explore some new places. Test your powers of reasoning and be careful not to walk the plank! It's a packed weekend starting on Friday night with Mussel Night social, Karaoke and campfire tales. Don't

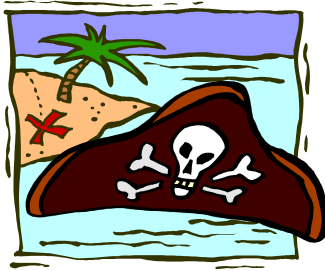
forget your musical instruments! Saturday will have the infamous hunt for the gold with everyone encouraged to dress the part - and don't forget if you fly a Pirates Flag - you are fair game to be under "fire". Face painting, water games, BBQ and dance with Saucy Jack will round out a very full day.

Sunday is Mimosa Sunday! Order breakfast at the club and then if you don't have to head for home, let's go out to the beach for a party in the sun.

We will be making a flyer available online for more information. Registration is \$20.00 per boat and crew of 4. Additional crew are \$5.00 each. Don't have a boat? Want to get in on the fun? Give me a call and I will see if I can get you on a boat as crew.

Contact Wendy at lryc.sponsorship@yahoo.ca for more information or details. Applications available on our website at www.lryc.ca or will soon be on our Facebook page at The LaHave River Yacht Club. See you there!





How To Be Speakin' Pirate-Like

- **Double up on all your adjectives** and you'll be bountifully bombastic with your phrasing. Pirates never speak of "a big ship", they call it a "great, grand ship!" They never say never, they say "No nay ne'er!"
- **Drop all your "g"'s** when you speak and you'll get words like "rowin'", "sailin'" and "fightin'". **Dropping all of your "v"'s** will get you words like "ne'er", "e'er" and "o'er".
- Instead of saying "I am", sailors say, "**I be**". Instead of saying "You are", sailors say, "You be". Instead of saying, "They are", sailors say, "They be". **Ne'er speak in anythin' but the present tense!**
- If it be helpin', start yer sentence wi' a "Arr, me hearty," in a deep, throaty voice — ye'll find that the rest be comin' much easier.

Below be ye link in which ye'll find words submitted by many pirates o'er the years, an' which comprise a loose piratical dictionary.

<http://www.nightofmystery.com/userimages/file/TipsPDFs/Mateys-Dictionary.pdf>

KIDS CORNER

Summer Fun at The LaHave River Yacht Club

Hello Boaters! I'm Rhiannon Levy (Alan and Heather Levy's daughter). I want to tell you about all the neat and fun things you can do at our yacht club!

Friday night socials- Who doesn't like to eat and party with friends? If you want to get together, meet new people or hang with friends, then come on down to a Friday night social! Kids are welcome too! We usually grab some munchies then hang out at the swing set or walk along the rocks.

Cruiser Fest- Arrrrrrr matey, ever wish you were a pirate?

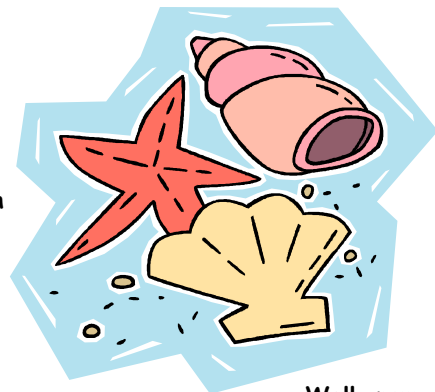
Well, now you get to be one at the Cruiser Fest! There will be search for gold on the islands, but to get to it you must figure out

the answers to the riddles! See other pirate friends.... Slow then down with water balloons and water guns! Remember, parents absolutely LOVE getting soaked so keep that in mind! Once you come back, see who has the most gold!

Sailing Trips- Hop on your boat with friends or family and head out to a LaHave Island! Search for sea treasures like sea glass and neat sea shells! Go swimming and build sand structures with the gang!

Bonfires- After a fun long day just sit back and relax while you look up at the stars, tell stories to friends, while you enjoy a nice gooey S'more or marshmallow in front of a warm fire.

Everyone is welcome. You can find me at the end of the south dock on my boat Wyndancer with my mum and dad. Hope to see you around the club this summer!



KIDS KLUB

By Nicholas Coleman

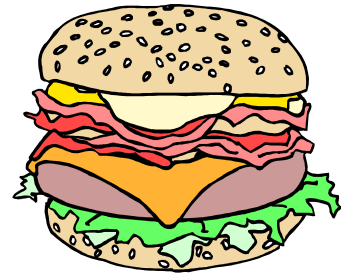


We the kid boaters of the LaHave River Yacht Club have decided to form a "Kids Klub". We will have something special just for us the 4th Friday of each month. Our first one will be June 24th when we are celebrating being out of school for the summer! If you have some ideas of what you would like to do, let Miss Wendy (Grams) know and we shall try and get it going. Maybe if we get enough interest we can do it every second week instead! You can have your folks email her at lryc.sponsorship@yahoo.ca or leave

message for her at the club. She has offered a prize if we want to name our group so put on your thinking caps! Put your idea on a slip of paper with your name and phone number and hand it in at the bar for her. We get to decide on the best one before the end of the year. See you Fridays!

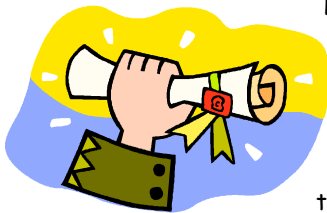
From the Bar & Grill

Our Bar & Grill manager Shannon is excited for the upcoming summer season! She would like to have a "Daily Special" when things start to pick up for the summer. She will be offering meals that are easy to take on the boat for sailors who want to grab something from the grill before heading out. Also, she would like you to meet the two new B&G staff members! Jodi is already hard at work, with lots of experience as a cook and a baker. Erika will be there for some of our events and as part time help. Shannon and the Vice Commodore are working together to update the menu. She would love to hear ideas from members - let her know what you are "hungry to have" on the menu!



Shannon, Jodi and Erika hope that everyone has a great summer and they can't wait to see you at the club- often!

Something New in Memberships



LRYC is trying out some new things this year and one of them is offering a "Student Membership". The requirements to apply for this membership are pretty simple. You must be between the ages of 18 to 25, and you must still be continuing your education.

We here at LRYC are a family oriented and we feel that by setting up this type of membership we will have now covered all age groups within the Community.

Therefore, we are happy to introduce to you the very first LRYC "Student Member", Spencer Martin. I know I speak for everyone by saying welcome aboard and we all look forward to meeting him.

See you on the water!

Sharon Edison, Membership Chairperson



First in the Water

Congratulations to Richard Rhodenizer and "Pegasus " who launched on May21st!

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