

River Debris

Grand River Sailing Club Newsletter – River Debris

December 2009

From Commodore, Bob Valentine

Hello and Happy holidays to everyone.

Well, after many hours of staring blankly at my computer screen, hands on the keyboard I have finally completed my first River Debris news letter. I knew following in the footsteps of Brad Knapp was not going to be an easy task since he did such a fine job as Commodore and made it all look easy.

Brad thanks again for your years of hard work on the board and your continuing support and guidance as I assume the GRSC Commodore duties.

Now on to the newsletter. The I-LYA (Inter-Lake Yacht Association) meeting was held the first weekend in December with some interesting and important items to report. Rob Mock sent me a very well written, informative email summarizing the I-LYA meeting discussions/decisions for 2010. (WOW, 2010 already!) Instead of me plagiarizing Rob's email to me, I have included below.

The good news is Bay week is going to adopt a Friday, Saturday, Sunday format similar to the Noods, instead of the Monday-Wednesday schedule. Bay Week dates are the 6-8 of August with the deep water from Cleveland on Wednesday August 4th. The first race on Friday will have a 10:30 start instead of the grueling 8am dock time. The reasoning behind this is to allow crew to catch the first ferry/jet express to the Island Friday morning to alleviate having to spend an extra night at one of the Island's fine roach coaches. A lodging package is being put together along with possible discounts (a first) and the dockage which has been a problem in years past is close to being resolved. Race Management is also going to improve as well, Ron Specie from GIYC, who ran the J 105 GLCs two years ago will be RC on one course and Jim Tige, has offered to come back and help with One Design. Also for the PHRF fleets, instead of the long around the Islands races that turn into endurance drifters, they intend to schedule two shorter races that will incorporate the Islands as one of the turning marks. Ideally there could be two different courses /races as the wind changes or if there is a lack of wind the fleet will not be out all day drifting.

An on line questionnaire was sent from ILYA to sailing club delegates back in November and the response was overwhelming, with one of the highest returns ILYA has ever received to any of their questionnaires. The sweeping changes are the result of the questionnaire; the sailors have spoken and have been heard. ILYA and Lake Yacht racing Association, (LYRA) Lake Ontario's version of our ILYA are discussing LYRA having an event in the eastern end of Lake Erie (read bring Lake Ontario sailboats to lake Erie) that will dovetail into a stop over in Buffalo and Cleveland and the Cleveland Deep water race and bay week. Early speculations indicate that 200 boats are possible.

Thanks Rob!!

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The I-LYA web site www.i-lya.com has a new look and is well worth visiting to keep up to date on the 2010 Regatta schedule. Over the next few months the various yacht clubs participating in the I-LYA will be submitting their Regatta dates to be posted on this site. So make sure you re-visit often to see what is scheduled for 2010. Also, please consider attending some of the 2010 Regattas listed. Supporting and participating in these Regattas will not only help our club and participation in our annual Regatta, it will also keep alive the overall sport of sailing on Lake Erie.

At our December board meeting we talked briefly about the 2010 GRSC schedule. The GRSC board will also be visiting this site over the next few months to help us in setting our schedule for the 2010 GRSC season.

From Rear Commodore, Todd Rogers

With four 60-70⁰ weekends in a row - I actually caught up on some of my neglected summer chores - played a couple rounds of golf (twice as much as I did all summer) - and more than once found myself longingly looking at the lake, and wishing that the boats were still in the water!!! Oh well, our yard in Chardon is now covered in solidified water - so all I can do is simply look back on November fondly.

I have received a great deal of positive feed-back about having monthly discussion group/training sessions. These instructional sessions are intended to cover only BASIC safety, boat handling, racing rules and tactics. They will be geared specifically for newer GRSC skippers and crew, but are open to all racing and cruising members, and especially POTENTIAL members, to participate in and/or help instruct. Chester's Legacy Tavern will provide us a private room, and several club members have also offered to have meetings at their homes. I have tentatively scheduled the first session on January 20th, at Chester's at approximately 7:00 PM. I will issue reminders separately and again in next month's newsletter.

Mike Nolan's annual Holimont ski trip is slated for the following Wednesday, January 27th - and hopefully his 2010 flyer is attached to this newsletter. (We all know how Mike's attachments sometimes go!!!)

Also, we're working with Lauren Nelson (Treasurer for Life Gary's daughter) at putting together plans for a special "GRSC HOCKEY FIGHT NIGHT". This will be a group outing to a Lake Erie Monsters game. There are several weekend games in February that would be good candidates - Sat Feb 6th at 1:00 PM - Saturday Feb 27th at 7:30 PM, and Sunday Feb. 28th at 3:00 PM. There are also some Friday night games if those would work out better. (Please see the attached schedules.) Anyone that is interested in attending or getting more details, and if there are any preferred dates, please contact me and Diane at mrsrogers@roadrunner.com. Lauren also asked me to pass along her contact info if anyone had any questions about the Monsters:

Lauren Nelson
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Hope to see you all soon, but until then - Season's Greetings - Merry Christmas - Happy New Year - and (as Past Commodore's Brad's emails always end) - "Have A Great Day"!!!!

-Todd

Breakfast Club

There was mention at the last board meeting in renewing the Sunday Brunch gatherings. Sammie's in Grand River was picked as the place to meet.

For anyone interested we will start by proposing a 9:30 am meeting at Sammie's on the first Sunday of each month beginning in January. We can adjust the time and place if necessary.

Breakfast dates for 2010 - January, 3rd February, 7th March, 7th April, 4th May, 2nd

GRSC

Club Calendar

- Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the Month.
- Crew Training- every Wednesday night at Chester's Legacy Tavern in Painesville.
- Tuesday Libations-at Capp's in Leroy.
- Sunday/Saturday Brunch- Sammie's Restaurant in Grand River. 1st Sunday of each month.

HoliMont Ski Trip

Below is the information on the Ski trip Todd mentioned above that Mike Nolan is helping to promote.

The form at the bottom of the page has the sign up instructions

Continental Ski Club Invites
 Grand River Sailing Club on a
 Day Trip to



HoliMont

Ellicottville, New York

Wednesday, January 27th, 2010

Price Per Person: \$75.00



Includes:

- Round Trip Bus Transportation
- Lift Tickets at HoliMont Ski Area
- Donuts for the ride up
- Pizza for the ride back
- BYOB (Coolers and Ice Provided)

Departing at 7:00 a.m. from
 Lakeland Community College, Rt. 306 & I-90 in Mentor

Returning at 8:00 p.m. (approximately)

Full Payment of \$75.00 per person due by January 20st, 2010

To attend the HoliMont trip, fill out this form and send with check for full amount made payable to Continental Ski Club to _____

Name	Amount	<div style="text-align: center;">  Mike Nolan 9059 Auburn Road Chardon, Ohio 44024 (440) 285-3722 </div>	
Total			