

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

The Log

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Supper Club

Friday, November 3
Dean Neal

BLYC "Tailgate" Party

Saturday, November 4
Ohio State @ Iowa

Supper Club

Friday, November 10
Lakeside Trio

BLYC "Tailgate" Party

Saturday, November 11
Ohio State v. Michigan State

Supper Club

Friday, November 17
David Hogrefe

BLYC "Tailgate" Party

Saturday, November 18
Ohio State v. Illinois

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23
CLUB CLOSED

Beat Michigan Party

Friday, November 24
*Cat & Howard
and their OSU Pep Band*

BLYC "Tailgate" Party

Saturday, November 25
Ohio State @ Michigan

Inter-Lake Yachting Association

Fall Meeting

December 1-3
*Doubletree by Hilton
Westlake, Ohio*



COMMODORE ROSE MCENTIRE

Your 2018 Board is hard at work!

We have been busy talking with ODNR about the dam remediation and plans for the permanent bridge to our island and our dock access. The State has provided details and a picture of an "example bridge" like that they will be installing (at their cost) to the Club. The pedestrian bridge will be constructed with weathering steel — 30 foot span, 8 foot, 2 inches wide — with wood decking.



"Example Bridge" from ODNR

We do not know when this will happen, but as I learn more, I will share with you.

We are facing some very large projects this year. No surprise that our seawalls are in very bad shape — including the portion next to the pool! We are getting estimates to have the project completed in phases, with the pool area more than likely being the first. We will work with the contractors to hopefully complete this phase pre-pool time, but that will be dependent on the water levels.

How can you help, you ask? — by getting your friends and neighbors to join the Club! Now is a great time to join — they pay now and not again until January 2019! New member initiation fee and additional capital improvement fees will help offset the costs ahead of us! Second way — When you receive your renewal invoice in January, get payment into us quickly — again the capital improvement fees are needed. Finally — come out and enjoy your Club and the wonderful friends we have all made! We have many fun events throughout the winter and they are more fun if you are there to share with us!

On behalf of the entire Board, we want to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is the perfect time to remind one another of the many reasons we have to be grateful. I hope that you're surrounded with the love of your dear ones in this festive season.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

See you at the Club!

Commodore Rose McEntire

ENTERTAINMENT

- Governor Mark Hedman

The leaves have turned and fall is definitely upon us with some brisk nights. However, with those brisk nights we have Buckeye Fever at BLYC. We've got Ohio State football on the big screen every week at the Club and have a great time cheering on our beloved Buckeyes through another season! Come join the scarlet and gray fun! Also don't forget to change those clocks on November 5th when daylight savings ends.

November will be another fabulous month for entertainment at the Club. To start, we have Supper Club with **Dean Neal**, solo guitar, playing Friday November 3rd from 7:00–10:00 pm. The following Friday, November 10th we welcome back the **Lakeside Trio** — always a favorite! Finally, Supper Club on November 17th with **David Hogrefe** on solo piano.

Buckeye Football! — November 4th, **OSU @ Iowa**, November 11th, **OSU v. Michigan State**, November 18th, **OSU v. Illinois**, and November 25th, **OSU @ Michigan**. You'll definitely want to join us for Nov 11th game which will be our potluck game day. Watch Facebook, Twitter, and the weekly e-News for more information. Also be sure to join us the night before "THE GAME" on Friday, November 24th for the **Beat Michigan Party** featuring the **Cat & Howard Show** and their Buckeye Pep band.

Looking ahead, we've got a big holiday season planned at the Club with lots of great parties and events. The annual BLYC Speaker Series will start up in January. Once again, P/C David Luttenberger has done a great job lining up interesting and informative speakers and topics for your enlightenment. Some topics for 2018 — *Nuclear War*, *Pet Rescue*, and *Doing Business in China*. Watch the *Log* and the website for a complete schedule soon. As in the past, these will be on Thursdays, January through March, at 7:00 pm. Chef Josh will again be offering special features for the series — you can dine and enjoy the presentation all at the same time!

As always, your timely reservations help our staff to serve you better, particularly as we start entering the holiday season soon!

Cheerio!

Mark Hedman
Entertainment



SAVE OUR HISTORY!

Recently Tim O'Brien shared this photo of BLYC, taken during a Lightning regatta in 1963, with us through our Facebook page. Do you have old photos or other items of historical significance to the Club? Please consider sharing them with us so that we can scan and archive them. Contact BLYC Historian, P/C Steve Harris for info.

BAR & KITCHEN

- Vice Commodore Donald Dick

I am very excited about starting a new Club year and would like to express my sincere thanks to the members who came out for elections to support me and to my fellow Board members for their confidence in electing me as your Vice Commodore. Together, we will work to continually improve BLYC during these trying times, and we *will* come out better on the other side — I am confident in that fact.

As we look to the coming year, we continue to fine-tune our operation and there are some exciting new things going on...

- Chef Josh has prepared an excellent new menu for the winter months. We will begin the new menu on Wednesday, November 8th — All your favorites, plus some exciting new options such as Salmon & Shrimp Cakes and Fried Brie appetizers — Grilled 10 oz. Ribeye Steak, House-smoked Pork Chops, Johnny Marzetti, and a new Cheesesteak sandwich.
- We have a new "Private Party Menu & Brochure" available. BLYC is the *best* place to hold your special event and our staff does an amazing job of fulfilling your needs. See Paul for a copy of the brochure and check out all that we offer. Thank you to P/C Steve Harris, for assembling this great brochure describing the various venues at BLYC available to you! I'm sure that you will find it useful.
- Sundays this winter, we will feature "comfort food" specials — reasonably priced and perfect for Sunday dinner.
- Throughout the winter months, we plan to feature soup & bread specials as part of our "Weekly Features" too.

As always, we are looking to streamline and better manage the restaurant operation of the Club. As such, we have implemented a couple of new policies to better serve our members and to make planning easier.

- Prime rib is always popular on Fridays — so much so, that we sometimes run out. In order to better serve you, you can call in to "reserve" your prime rib dinner. Call in by 2:00 pm on Friday to hold your order. If, however, you do not show, your account will be charged for the full amount of the dinner. This will help us to better plan and to reduce waste. We hope this helps you to get what you want, when you want it.
- Another issue that often comes up are "no-shows," particularly with large parties at our events. For parties of eight or more that make reservations but don't cancel and don't show, we will now charge \$10 per head to your member account. It is unfortunate that we must do this, but we often end up turning away other members when reservations fill up. No-shows not only cost the Club potential sales and increase waste in the kitchen operation, but it also leaves other members out of the fun. Please be considerate and not only make reservations, but cancel when you are unable to keep your reservation.

We are very fortunate at BLYC to have a great team leading our Bar & Kitchen operation. I am confident that Paul and Chef Josh, along with their top notch staff, will work to make your dining experience at BLYC the best it can be. If you ever have suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to ask them, or feel free to contact me directly.

Don Dick
Bar & Kitchen

HOUSE & GROUNDS

- Governor Charlie Campbell

Greetings from House & Grounds

As Governor, I want to thank all who came out on Sunday, October 15th to help get the Club ready for fall and winter. Everyone of you did an excellent job of getting things done. Don't lose that spirit — you will be needed again in the spring. Great picture...

There are many projects that are facing House & Grounds this year — new bridge, seawall, stairs & elevator, roof over the kitchen, pool, and many other items in need of repair. Although all projects have their own merit for completion, financing and prioritizing the needs are criteria that we also need to consider.

A new bridge, the walkway from the dam to BLYC, is being built by ODNr. Please see Commodore McEntire's article for details. Commodore Luttenberger has done an excellent job representing BLYC and keeping ODNr on track.

The seawall, as most can tell by looking at it from either side, looks like "swiss cheese." It was built to last 20 or 30 years, has made it 50 or 60, but will not go 70 or 80. Currently, bids are being received to repair the two worst sections — around the pool and the entire west "L" wharf, including docks.

Transitioning to any of the Governorships would be difficult — unless you are at BLYC. It is amazing how Past Commodores, members, our maintenance crew of Chuck & Trent, and our bookkeeper Rebecca have assisted me in so many areas. I thank you!

As a career firefighter, teamwork was most essential. Your new "team" of Governors, led by Commodore Rose McEntire, has come together quickly with leadership and a common desire to move the BLYC forward.

Enough for now — there will be more to come...

Charlie Campbell
House & Grounds

DOCKS & RENTALS

- Governor Bruce Ames

Repairs, Repairs, Repairs...

By the time you read this our fall clean-up day will be behind us and the lake will be nearing its winter level. Winter is coming!

As all of you are aware, our docks around the club are in dire need of repairs. Charlie Campbell and I are currently obtaining bids to replace seawalls and docks. The quotes are due in on October 20th. In the meantime, I have resurrected the 2010 Engineering Study that Commodore Don Harris had completed. This will be a very useful tool as we do our evaluation of bids. More to come on this...

The fate of the "Boat Boys" docks for the 2018 boating season is up in the air. I will provide more information when I have it.

Bruce Ames
Docks & Rentals



JUNIOR TRAINING

- Governor Mike Bruckelmeyer

NEWS ALERT!

The fall series of the high school sailing season wrapped up on October 14th at Hoover Sailing Club with 15 boats on the water. Our very own BLYC sailors from Olentangy Orange High School claimed 2nd place (just missed 1st by one point) in the Buckeye Cup and our all girls team also claimed 3rd in the Interscholastic Sailing Association girls division. Congratulations to Susannah Schroeder, Katy Schroeder, Abby Headlee, and Clay Headlee for their fantastic season!

Thanks to all of you who were at the Club for the Fall Work Day! It was great seeing Vic, Tami, Katy, Lily, Oliver, Barb, and Zeb.

The Junior Training Program is for children and grandchildren of the members of the Club to come together to learn about aquatic sports and activities. Since training is part of my duties, I would like to offer additional programs and activities that expand beyond sailing. Sailing is and always will be extremely important to me and to the Club but I think we can participate in other activities too. So, I need your help. Please think about other activities and things you would like to do this year. A few of my ideas include: Powerboat Licensing Courses (adults and children), CPR Training, Scuba Diving (pool), Water Rescue, and Summer Movie Nights by the pool. This program is for *YOU*, so let me know *YOUR* ideas and let's have some *FUN*! Send ideas to me in an email or bring them when we get together. The sooner the better so I can add them to our calendar.

Finally, the Junior Sailing/Training program is a self-funded organization that relies upon its OWN fundraising activities to pay for its activities throughout the year. We rely upon your financial support through fundraisers and donations to pay for equipment, instructors and coaches, regatta fees, and camps. We continue to offer our commemorative brick pavers for you to purchase. The BLYC Training Program is a charitable organization so your donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please see me or the Yacht Club website, Juniors tab, for an order form and instructions.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!

Mike Bruckelmeyer
Junior Training

BLYC AUXILIARY

In October, The BLYC Auxiliary hosted 32 for an Oktoberfest celebration that included delicious items prepared by Chef Josh and a presentation by Granville Brewing Company followed by tastings of four of the beers that they produce. The Auxiliary was pleased to be able this event for free to members and their guests.

A short business meeting followed with a discussion about the August fundraiser and how successful it was. The Auxiliary met the goal that was set and beyond. Within the next couple of weeks, Tim Kellogg will be working on the framing for the awning on the east side of the Club with the completion of the project to follow shortly. Again, the Auxiliary is so excited to be able to contribute in such a tangible way to our Club.

Also in October, Buckeye Lake held their annual "Trunk or Treat." The Auxiliary has participated in this the last couple of years. We are so grateful to Ryan and Erin Russell for volunteering to pass out candy to the local children.

As the Holidays approach, please check your email and the Club website for updates on activities that will be available for members. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10th and watch for information regarding the Children's Christmas party with Santa, Mrs. Santa, and their elves. This is sure to be a memorable day! If you have questions or would like to help with this event, please contact Julie Bruckelmeyer.

Raffle tickets are being sold for the OSU basket and it will be raffled off at the Beat Michigan Party on Friday, November 24th. Check with any Auxiliary board member for more information.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 pm. This will be our Thanksgiving celebration. The December meeting will be on Thursday, December 7th (please note this is a date change from the normal meeting night). There will be some local holiday entertainment to help us all get into the Holiday spirit! Again, we encourage you to watch your email and the Club website for details. We hope to see you there!

Jeff, Susan, Stephanie, & Julie
Your 2017-2018 Auxiliary Board

RACE & REGATTA

- Governor Chuck Gleich

It is no secret that the last few years of the dam remediation project have been devastating to our sailing programs at BLYC. This off-season, I plan to undertake a full re-evaluation of sailing at our Club to identify the needs and wants of the membership in order to better plan for a strong, active program going forward.

To this end, P/C Steve Harris and I have developed a survey which is now available on the BLYC website under the "Sailing & Boating" tab. If you are a sailor, ever were a sailor, want to be a sailor, just have a casual interest in sailing — whoever you are — we would like *all members* to take the survey, give us your thoughts, and help us get this effort underway.

Chuck Gleich
Race & Regatta

PLEASE NOTE:

SO THAT OUR EMPLOYEES CAN ALSO ENJOY THE
HOLIDAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES, THE CLUB WILL BE

CLOSED
THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

MEMBERSHIP

- Governor Brian Thom

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club:

Scott & Mary Moyer

We are happy to have them as part of our "Yacht Club family." If you see them around the Club, please extend them a warm, hearty "Welcome Aboard!"

This time of year is the best time to invite your friends out to experience all that the Club has to offer and ask them to consider membership in BLYC. If they join now, their dues will cover the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018!

We're working hard this year to continue to both maintain and grow the membership of BLYC. If you have ideas to help with either recruitment or retention, please let me know.

Together, we can keep BLYC great!

Brian Thom
Membership

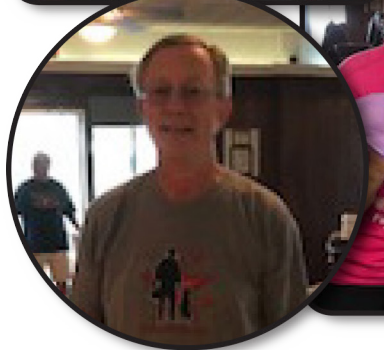
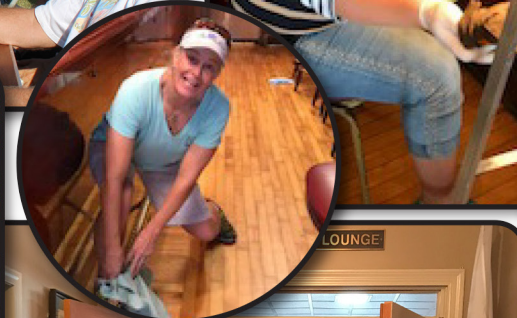
COMMUNICATIONS & FINANCE

- Rear Commodore Mark Pyle

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the fantastic fall weather and exciting slate of events at the Club. With several football Saturdays ahead, Friday Supper Club, live entertainment, the return of Euchre Sundays, Thanksgiving, and some new events under consideration, November should offer something for every member. Please continue to check the various media sources, particularly the weekly e-News for up to the minute listing of events.

This is also budget season for the Board and finance committee as we lock down the financial forecast for the current fiscal year. We are exploring alternatives for raising additional revenue to help keep member dues from rising. We are weighing the cost versus benefit of adding pages to the *Log* to include advertising space for member businesses for the upcoming calendar year. As Commodore McEntire mentioned, we have some significant capital improvement expenditures before us and it will take some creative ideas over the next few months and years to fund the necessary improvements. We're off to a good start strengthening the balance sheet, but we still have much more to do. Stay tuned for more in upcoming months.

Mark Pyle
Communications



Check out our new Flickr Photo Gallery via www.buckeyelakeyc.com...



LOOKING AFT

- P/C Steve Harris, BLYC Historian

The Ghost Trophy

The first cat-boat raced at Put-in-Bay was at the annual I-LYA Regatta on July 19, 1906 — during BLYC's first year as a club. In December of that year, I-LYA adopted rules establishing 22-foot "K" cat-boats as the official one-design sailboat for all I-LYA races. The class was instantaneously popular, so much that President Taft donated a cup to Toledo Yacht Club for the K-cat champion in 1909. TYC dominated the series for many years, but later lost the cup to Detroit Yacht Club in 1917. Six years later, TYC would win it back and, in order to never lose it again, the Taft Cup was retired. It is now a trophy awarded to the first place finisher on the short course of TYC's annual Mills Trophy Race — an overnight, long distance race from Toledo to Put-in-Bay raced each June.

K-boats were not just popular in the western basin of Lake Erie. They were hugely popular at BLYC as well. Many of the old sailing photos we have from the early days of the Club are those of K-boats. BLYC sailors were very active in the class, both here at home and at the I-LYA Regatta. For decades, the K-boats were the dominant fleet throughout the region. But, as time passed and technology improved, the wooden hulled, Marconi-rigged K-boats fell out of popularity in favor of modern, faster, more efficient one-designs.



I've written about Frank Miller before — he was one of BLYC's first junior members in 1917; in 1919, at only 18 years of age, he was asked to serve as our Commodore (which he declined); he later went on to be Commodore of both Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and I-LYA. He was also a K-boat sailor. At the 1955 I-LYA Regatta, Frank and his crew skippered his K-boat, *Cat's Paw*. They easily won as, with the decline of the class, they were the only entrant. Commodore Miller would later write, "We were surprised, pleased, and embarrassed when Commodore Lee Wilson presented us with one of the lovely first place silver bowls..." at the awards ceremony. Commodore Miller donated the trophy back to I-LYA as a perpetual trophy — The Ghost Trophy, so named as they amused themselves imagining that they were racing against

the "ghosts" of the K-boat fleet of regattas past — for the winner of any K-boats that would race in the I-LYA Regatta. *Cat's Paw* continued to race, often alone, for many years skippered by Commodore Miller and under the BLYC burgee. He would later sell her to BLYC's Commodore Gus Schell, who carried on the tradition for several years thereafter. Eventually, the Ghost Trophy was retired and has been re-dedicated as the Commodore Gus Schell Trophy, currently awarded to the 5th place finisher in the Laser class at the I-LYA Junior Championships, held at Put-in-Bay each summer in July.

2018 will mark the 125th I-LYA Regatta at Put-in-Bay and, in recognition of that long history, I-LYA hopes to revive the Ghost Race — at least one more year. I-LYA Historian Tom Thanasiu has loaned BLYC the original Ghost Trophy, along with Commodore Miller's "keeper" trophy, and they are currently on display in our trophy case at the Club. There is a K-boat, owned and recently restored by the Western Lake Erie Historical Society, in Toledo and *Cat's Paw* is still here at BLYC. They are the only two known to still be in existence. Time takes its toll on all things and old, wooden sailboats are no exception. *Cat's Paw* may now be too far gone to race this summer, but certainly the "ghosts" of the K-boat fleet, including Frank Miller, Gus Schell, Larry Sackett, Brownie Cornell, and many more from here at BLYC, will be on the race course this summer at Put-in-Bay.

All Members are Invited to Bring your Children and Grandchildren to the ...

Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm

Santa will arrive at 2:00 pm

**Crafts • Games • Cookies
And a gift for each child!**

Call the Club to make a reservation for the party
and for the brunch if you plan to eat

Please be sure to give us the names of the children, their ages,
and gender so that Santa and his elves can do their work.

**BLYC Children's
Christmas Party**



Two football helmets are shown. The top helmet is white with black star patterns and a silver facemask. The bottom helmet is yellow and blue with a blue facemask. Both helmets have a 'Riddell' logo on the side.

BEAT MICHIGAN PARTY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Featuring:

**Cat & Howard
and their
OSU Pep Band**

7:00-11:00



STANDING COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS

Secretary/Treasurer	Rear Commodore Mark Pyle	Insurance Committee	TBD
Fleet Captain - Sail	Commodore Don Harris	Commodores Assoc.	Commodore Gayle Fisher-Mulvey
Fleet Captain - Power	Commodore Joe Campbell	Blue Gavel	Tony Durieux
Fleet Surgeon	Doctor John Vangilder, M.D.	Classic Boat Regatta	Commodore Chuck Wadley
Fleet Chaplain	Father G. Michael Gribble	Snowball Regatta	Commodore Steve Harris
I-LYA Delegate	Matt Davis	Annual Golf Outing	Jeff Clark
Alternate	Commodore Don Harris	Bob Dye Memorial Poker Run	TBD
Parliamentarian	Rufus Hurst	Commodores' Steak Nite	Commodore Greg Miller
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