



Windword

Lake Murray
Sailing Club

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Commodore's Report

Please accept my thanks for your vote of confidence in electing me your new Commodore for the 2007-2008 administrative year. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to help promote and grow LMSC as a vital and active sailing organization on Lake Murray. I would also like to thank immediate past Commodore, Tommy Weaver for his three years of tireless efforts in successfully building and strengthening our club.

It was my particular pleasure to welcome this year's board members and committee chair volunteers to our first regular meeting in November. The meeting was very well attended. I can assure you that you have elected a very supportive and involved team to form your current Board of Stewards and that our committee members are dedicated to handling the many tasks required to make our volunteer organization function. They are taking the reins from last year's team and will continue the top notch work we have come to expect from LMSC volunteers.

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The Windword is going digital!

Please note that this mailing will be the last "snail mail" issue of the "Windword" except for those who may not have computer access. Please notify Adolfo Fabregat (446-8830) or Rich Sweet (345-2913) if you still need to have the B & W hard copy version mailed to you and we will be happy to do so. Future "Windword" issues will be published on the LMSC website (<http://www.lmsc.org/>). This approach will eliminate most of the cost and time required to fold, stuff and mail physical copies to over 100 members. Notices will be emailed via the listserve as each issue is posted. Also, each of you will be able to enjoy the full color version of the newsletter which will hopefully make it easier to read and easier to enjoy the photos!

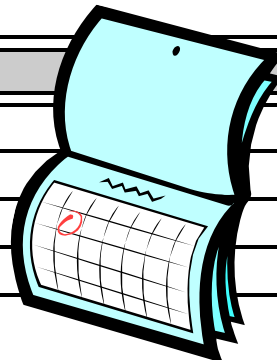


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Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

January	5	Race Committee Clinic - 10 am Frostbiter - 12 N
	12	Frostbiter - 11 am
	14	Board meeting - 7 pm
	19	Frostbiter - 11 am LMSC Awards banquet - 5 pm. - Potluck dinner
	26	Frostbiter - 11 am
February	2	Frostbiter - 11 am
	9	Frostbiter - 11 am
	11	Board meeting - 7 pm
	16	Frostbiter - 11 am
	23	Frostbiter - 11 am Oyster Roast - 3 pm



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names of current board members and committee chairs listed separately in this edition of the *Windword* or on the LMSC website (www.lmsc.org) under "Club Directory". We want you to know us and we want to know you. Don't be bashful! Contact any board or committee member about issues affecting the club or your club experience. Your input can help us better determine where LMSC energies and resources may best be invested.

As we move into 2008, LMSC is faced with some exciting possibilities. Our membership is rebounding from past low numbers, we have an emerging youth program, fleet demographics are changing, and many of our new members are excited about becoming involved in the effort to support and grow our club. Many of us are considering new ways to promote increased member participation by planning "value added" sailing and social events and by considering enhanced entertainment features in the club house.



We also face challenges. We must find a way to conserve our shoreline so that we do not lose valuable real estate to erosion. Our building and its ageing infrastructure present potential long term maintenance liabilities, as do our docks. All of these involve potentially costly remedies and must be planned for in our budget.

Given the scenario described above, LMSC is in a unique position to define its goals for growth and development as a sailing organization. It also has the obligation to plan for intelligent use of club resources that will be allocated to necessary facility maintenance and upgrades. To that end, we have gratefully accepted the offer by Bud Sweet to head a long range Planning Committee of distinguished past LMSC commodores. The Planning Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Stewards, will help identify and prioritize project areas the club must address over the next 5 to 10 years. It will conduct assessments on target issues, develop proposed plans to address those issues, and make recommendations to the Board of Stewards for implementation.

Mardi McKinnon has graciously accepted the position of

Publicity Chair. Mardi's task, with this special committee appointment, involves gathering positive news-worthy information about any LMSC club or fleet sponsored activity and presenting it in "news format" to various local media for broadcast or publication. We would like to generate favorable awareness in the greater Lake Murray communities about LMSC and the recreational



promise it holds for area residents. Please plan to share details of upcoming events with Mardi and remember to call or email her with follow up reports. Regattas, awards dinners, youth camps and events, LMSC personalities in the community, and similar stories could easily be translated into positive media coverage. Mardi had the contacts. We need to be her reporters and keep the information flowing. Check the committee list elsewhere in this issue or the "Club Directory" on our LMSC website (www.lmsc.org) for Mardi's contact information.

Speaking of newsworthy events, LMSC had a super Christmas party on December 15th. Many families and kids attended and had a wonderful time! We even had a special, red-clad guest who came bearing gifts! Don't forget to kick off the New Year by attending the 2008 LMSC Annual Awards Dinner. Mark your January calendar now for Saturday 19th. Debbie weaver, our entertainment chairman will be announcing additional details about these events, including times for the Awards Dinner. Watch for listserv messages over the next week.

I am very proud to be associated with each of you and honored to serve as your commodore for a brief time. Together, we can continue the proud traditions of LMSC and build an even stronger club for our current and future enjoyment. All we have to invest is ourselves.

Here's wishing you had a most enjoyable holiday season and that you have the happiest of New Years.

Ryan Gaskin





Website Update:

Be sure to check out LMSC.org! Our website always has updates, new information and pictures! Posted recently is the 2008 Club Calendar as well as pictures from recent club events such as the Commodore's Cup. Also, starting in 2008, LMSC.org will be your place to read the Windword. Be sure to go there often and set yourself a bookmark!

2008 Board Member and Committee Chair Directory

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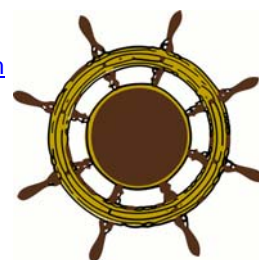
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2007-2008**

Commodore - Ryan Gaskin

Vice Commodore - Frank McKinnon

Rear Commodore - Phillip Willis

Treasurer - Rich Sweet

Secretary - Matt Bregenzer

At-Large Members

Cole Hexel

Brooks Allen

Bill Gordon

Alan Whelchel

Lawn Service Information

Advisory to all club members:

Our LMSC lawn service is contracted at very reasonable rates based, in part, on the provider combining scheduled work at our site with jobs at certain other local sites. The service cannot be provided at current rates if he has to make a special trip solely to handle LMSC tasks.



If you, as a member, are renting the LMSC facility when the lawn service crew is cutting grass, trimming, or performing other grounds maintenance tasks, please do not interfere with his work. Insure that all guests park vehicles away from the maintenance areas affected. Do not request he defer the task to a later time or date. The grounds crew has been instructed not to honor on-site requests to re-schedule his job.

We trust that all members renting the LMSC facilities during regular weekday work hours will understand the necessity of allowing our paid grounds maintenance to proceed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Big Events!

Be sure to be on the lookout for details on our two BIG Events coming soon! The first will be the annual Awards Banquet. This super event will be held on Saturday, January 19th @ 5:00 P.M. This will be a potluck event and if you haven't been to one of these at LMSC, come to this event and find out how great we are at cooking! (and you thought we just knew how to sail...)

The second event will be the Oyster Roast (and Fried Chicken Feast for those who aren't Oyster Lovers!). This will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. The Oyster Roast is a long term tradition at LMSC that has been enjoyed by many generations of LMSC members. Be on the lookout for more details and be ready to sign up!