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Letter from the Commodore

I would like to express my gratitude to all LDSC members for their kindness during this difficult time for me after the death of my husband, Brad. Your support is overwhelming; I can't begin to express how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

And, somehow, the sun manages to rise each day, and spring has come again. It has been a long, unyielding winter. I'm sure that everyone is anxious to get out on the water. The Mississippi was at 12.88 feet Tuesday morning (April 13th) at Lock & Dam 15, according to National Weather Service data. It is below the 'Alert' stage of 13 feet, and well below the 15-foot flood stage. But, we need to all be aware that fast currents and debris will be present. This will call for extra caution on the water.

Billing went out in March for membership dues. Remember that boats at the club need to be in sailable condition and trailers in good repair (no flat tires). And, please, if you see things that need to be fixed, contact the harbormaster or another board member.

This is a special year – 2010 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of LDSC and the 50th year of the Polar Bear Regatta. If you have any ideas on how to celebrate these two events, please contact any board member – we would love to hear your ideas.

Thanks to everyone for all the hours spent volunteering at the club – whether it is on the board, sailing school, race committee, work parties, or any of the things that go into making it run year after year. Our club has no paid positions; therefore we volunteer to do what needs to be done. Why do we do it? Because it is our way of giving back to a sport we love and for the pleasure we get from being in our 'little slice of heaven here on earth'. There will be many opportunities for volunteering this year. If we ALL pitch in and do a little, we can accomplish much.

The sailing school, under the watch of Bob Hummel and Greg Albansoder, gets better every year. We are gaining new members from it. Please consider giving of your time and expertise to help make the school a success.

Every year there are times when we struggle to have enough help on the committee boats. If you can help, contact the PRO for that day. The schedule is in this newsletter.

We open the season with Memorial Day events Sunday, May 30th, with dinner sponsored by the MC Fleet following the afternoon races. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Bonnie Thiede, LDSC Commodore

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QUAD CITY SAILING SCHOOL.... NEW SAILORS WANT TO ADVANCE SAILING SKILLS

Congratulations to the new sailors on their recent sailing accomplishments. Many have purchased boats and are ready to catch a wind in their new sails.

A recent survey of our newest sailors from last year's sailing classes shows an excellent interest in learning more about racing rules, crewing, operation of the committee (safety) boats, advanced sailing lessons, and purchasing boats individually or in partnership. With this continued interest in learning, QCSS and LDSC plan to offer a short course on each of these subjects prior to the beginning of the race season.

The Quad City Sailing School program has been redesigned this year from a two-week program in the evenings to a one week program with a full day on Saturday, then evening sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Saturday program is expected to accelerate the learning process by having students on the water for most of the day.

The "Introduction to Sailing" program is now offered through the Davenport Parks and Recreation Department. This program is designed for people who may be interested in sailing, but want to learn more before making a decision to take the complete course.

Bob Hummel

New Clubhouse Floor

The tile removal was completed late on the afternoon of October 29th, 2009. Here are some of Mick Watson's thoughts on the removal/installation:

"It almost broke my back to complete what Don D. and I (Mick) removed. Then Jake showed up. He and Don tried applying some heat to break the bond between the tile and the GLUE. That didn't work. Then they tried a higher volume torch and they peeled it away with some effort. Don and I were supposed to meet up there at 4:00pm today (October 29th), but, to my surprise, he and Chris were working on the last of it! Don gave me a tour as he explained who, what, where, when, and how the tile came up. It looks like Jake worked most of the preceding evening on the floor, maybe by himself. Mike Webber was helping with the clean-up when I returned to the club after taking the remaining tile and the chipper/shredder back to K & K.

My thanks to Don Davis, Jake, Chris, and Mike for making this a successful project."

Mick Watson

Garage Sale

A LDSC "garage" sale is being organized to raise funds for our 50th Polar Bear / 75th Club Anniversary. It is to be held 8:00am to 3:00pm, Saturday, June 12th. Donated good used items need to be at the club by Thursday, June 10th, so that they can be priced to sell. Unsold items will be donated to charity. For more information, please contact Jane or Nell.

Nell Wendell

PRO Schedule for 2010 – (As of 3-22-10)

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|---------|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| May 30 | M & S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| May 31 | M & C | 10:30, 1:00 & 3:00 | Chris Fonner | MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY |
| June 1 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| June | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| June 9 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| June 13 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Lee Schneider | |
| June 16 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| June 20 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| June 23 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| June 27 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Don Davis | |
| June 30 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| July 4 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY |
| July 7 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| July 11 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Bruce Byorum | |
| July 14 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| July 18 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| July 21 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| July 25 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Mick Watson | BIX WEEKEND |
| July 28 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| Aug 1 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| Aug 4 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| Aug 8 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Tim Anderson | |
| Aug 11 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| Aug 15 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| Aug 18 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| Aug 22 | C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Dave Staub | |
| Aug 25 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | |
| Aug 29 | S | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jim Davis | |
| Sept 1 | W | 6:00 | Bonnie Thiede | LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT |
| Sept 5 | L & C | 1:00 & 3:00 | Nell Wendell | LABOR DAY SUNDAY |
| Sept 6 | L & F | 10:30, 1:00 & 3:00 | Howard Dwyer | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY |
| Sept 12 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Greg Albansoder | |
| Sept 19 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Jane Reab | |
| Sept 26 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Bill Axup | |
| Oct 1 | POLAR BEAR REGATTA PARTY | | | |
| Oct 2 | POLAR BEAR | | Judge – TBD | POLAR BEAR REGATTA |
| Oct 3 | POLAR BEAR | | Judge – TBD | POLAR BEAR REGATTA |
| Oct 10 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Dick Duley | |
| Oct 16 | PUMPKIN RACES AND CELEBRATION - tentative | | | |
| Oct 17 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Mark McElhiney | |
| Oct 24 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Don Allebach | |
| Oct 31 | F | 1:00 & 3:00 | Rick Kuebler | HALLOWEEN |

From the Treasurer

Dues statements were mailed the week of March 22nd and need to be returned by May 1st. Please make corrections as needed and return the statement so that the handbook will have current information.

Nell Wendell

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| 2010 LDSC SCHEDULE |
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The race times listed are the scheduled times for the warning signals for Class C yachts. Class MC yachts will start next. Variety Class yachts will follow Class MC.

SUMMER SERIES (ALL CLASSES)

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| May 30th | 1:00 P.M. | July 18th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 6th | 1:00 P.M. | August 1st | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 20th | 1:00 P.M. | August 15th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| July 4th | 1:00 P.M. | August 29th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |

COMMODORE SERIES (ALL CLASSES)

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|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| May 31st | 1:00 P.M. | July 25th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 13th | 1:00 P.M. | August 8th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 27th | 1:00 P.M. | August 22nd | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| July 11th | 1:00 P.M. | September 6th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |

FALL SERIES (ALL CLASSES)

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|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| September 5th | 1:00 P.M. | October 10th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| September 12th | 1:00 P.M. | October 17th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| September 19th | 1:00 P.M. | October 24th | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |
| September 26th | 1:00 P.M. | October 31st | 1:00 P.M. |
| | 3:00 P.M. | | 3:00 P.M. |

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES (ALL CLASSES)

The warning signal for Class C yachts is 6:00 P.M. Class MC yachts will start next. Variety Class yachts will follow Class MC.

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|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| June 2nd | June 30th | July 28th | August 26th |
| June 9th | July 7th | August 4th | September 1st |
| June 16th | July 14th | August 11th | |
| June 23rd | July 21st | August 18th | |

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SPECIAL SERIES (ALL CLASSES)

The race times listed are the scheduled times for the warning signals for Class C yachts. Class MC yachts will start next. Variety Class yachts will follow Class MC.

In all special series with five races, one may be dropped, and the series will be scored as a regatta.

Memorial Day Series

Sunday, May 30th 2 races 1:00 & 3:00 P.M. (Dinner to follow races)
 Monday, May 31st 3 races 10:30 A.M.& 1:00 P.M. (2 races back-to-back)
 Party Chairs (MC Fleet)

Labor Day Series

Sunday, September 5th 2 races 1:00 & 3:00 P.M. (Dinner to follow races)
 Monday, September 6th 3 races 10:30 A.M.& 1:00 P.M. (2 races back-to-back)
 Party Chairs (C Fleet)

!!50th!! C & MC Polar Bear Regatta **

Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd
 ** See published Regatta Sailing Instructions for race times.

Other Dates to Remember:

Full Moon Sail – Saturday, June 26th
 Full Moon Sail / Wine Tasting – Saturday, July 24th
 Dam to Dam Sail – Saturday, August 21st
 Pumpkin Sail - Saturday, Oct. 16th
 Annual Meeting - Sunday, November 7th
 Annual Banquet – Arsenal Club – Friday, November 12th

Work Parties (All to start at 9am):

Saturday, May 15th
 Saturday, September 11th
 Saturday, October 30th

Sailing School:

June 5 through June 11
 June 19 through June 25
 July 10 through July 16
 July 24 through July 30

Four Sessions – 6 Students max. – Cost \$185

Saturday, 8-5, then Mon., Tue., Thu., Fri., 5:30-8:30pm at LDSC
 To Register, call Davenport Parks and Recreation Department at 563-326-7812

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Facebook is so popular and easy to post onto. Add a couple sections and ... there we go with our own site within another and rolling already!

Volunteer Webmaster Wanted for LDSC Website

If you are interested in trying out this position, contact

Commodore, Bonnie Thiede,

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Work party

Saturday, May 15th, 9:00am

Memorial Day Series/Party

Sunday, May 30th - 2 races, 1:00pm & 3:00pm (Dinner to follow races)

Monday, May 31st - 3 races, 10:30am & 1:00pm (2 races back-to-back)

Look for a postcard in the mail with more information.

Contact Mick Watson for dinner reservations.