

April 2019

ISLANDER

The Cleveland Yachting Club

Founded in 1878

All Hail the Island Life

From Rocky River to Turks & Caicos, members live for waterside fun

Hop On Down to CYC

Two back-to-back weekends with Easter festivities for the family

Ready, Aim, Fire

Getting to know CYC's sharp-shooting Skeet Fleet

WINTER CRUISE

A whale of a story...CYC members share snaps of the memorable trip to Turks & Caicos islands

Rick Mack proudly shows off the 100-pound Wahoo fish he caught while angling in the Atlantic Ocean. The catch was cooked and provided dinner for 58 people!



Feeling the ocean breeze, Pam Davis, Julie McGovern and Maureen Tracey sail with other CYC members on the Caicos Dream Tours Catamaran. The day included snorkeling for conch shells, relaxing on the beach and enjoying a great cookout to cap off a fun day in the sun.



You can lead a horse to water... Matt Davis takes a horse-back ride in the spectacular turquoise water and along the white sand beaches.



Enjoying the island nightlife are, from left: Marilyn Hunger, John and Dee Walsh, Jill Oatey and P/C Lynn Lazzaro.



Turks & Caicos, an archipelago of 40 low-lying coral islands in the Atlantic Ocean, provided the perfect oasis for this year's winter cruise. CYC members enjoyed a break from Cleveland's long winter, and got a jump on summer-time fun. Thanks to Sophia Tjotjos for organizing the Winter Cruise.



ON THE COVER: During the Winter Cruise to Turks & Caicos, Fleet Surgeon Alan and Pam Davis dive into the Atlantic Ocean as captured by roving photographer P/C Chris Tjotjos.



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The month of March at The Cleveland Yacht-club was truly terrific! I am amazed at all the different events that take

place on our island, and how many members support these events with their dedication and involvement. The response for our special Prime Rib Dinners on Saturday Night and Thursday Burger/Euchre Night is a great example of our members getting together, sharing a meal and having fun. And don't forget that every Sunday is brunch down at our Club, where Chef Matt displays an incredible assortment of tasteful foods and amazing desserts! Hope Julie and I will see you at one of these wonderful events.

Spring is here and, for us boaters, there is much anticipation for the upcoming launching of boats. Docks are being installed by our Yard Crew, the Gas Dock is being readied with fuel and supplies, and the hot dog cart will be touring the island, while members work on their boats. Spring is definitely in the air!

April has become a favorite month for many members. The ladies are just returning from their fabulous

Ladies Day Trip to Savannah, Georgia, chaired by Nicole Stacey and Maureen Tracey. There were 48 women enjoying the town and creating memories that will surely last the year! And don't forget about the terrific Pig Roast that Chef Matt is preparing for Stag Night (no pictures please—hahaha)! Coming up on April 14th is our own Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones to enjoy, coupled with our famous Easter Buffet on Sunday, April 21st! These are two events that the whole family can enjoy. Then on May 3rd, the Power Fleet opens its season with the Kick Off Party/Swag Sign-up. What can I say...more chances and opportunities to be with friends and family.

As the months go by, I am understanding the comments from Past Commodores, "Enjoy your time as Commodore for it goes by quickly." Well, they were not kidding. And for all of us, this year will go by faster than you can imagine!

So when was the last time you walked our island and experienced its beauty, or had a cup of coffee and stared out at our Lake from the Patio? We truly are privileged. You have my personal invite to come share CYC with Julie and I, and enjoy all the many fleets and their planned events. Thank you for all your support my friends! Looking forward to seeing you this month. God Bless.

—Commodore Kurt G. McGovern

"Don't listen to what people say—watch what they do—it will tell you what they are."

AROUND THE CLUB

Dive into spring activities from skeet to sketching

SPOTLIGHT ON SKEET FLEET



Date formed

Early 1960s

How many members

Currently between 25-40

What you do

Skeet Fleet practices at Beaver Creek Club in Amherst, and has competitive matches with Mentor Harbor Yacht Club and Youngstown Country Club, as well as the annual gathering on March 30, 2019, at Hill-n-Dale in Medina. The shooting involves two rounds of skeet and a 75-bird round of sporting clays. Championship to be held at Beaver Creek.

Who can join

We invite everyone to join us, as we can use all the help we can get as we proudly carry the CYC burgee into battle with the Swamp Frogs and whoever else wants to take us on!

Fun factor

Sporting clays is also known as “golf with a shotgun,” but more fun as you get to destroy the disc instead of trying to find a wayward golf ball.

— Skeet Fleet Captain Jim Winton

Meet the Artist at CYC

We are pleased to welcome Hilary Gent to the first CYC “Meet the Artist” talk. Hilary is owner and director of HEDGE Gallery at the 78th Studios in Cleveland, and a well-established regional artist. This event is scheduled on Thursday, April 11, in the Marine Terrace at 5 p.m. Please register online or call CYC.

— Marcello Mellino, Art Fleet Chairperson

Love of Reading, Writing

The CYC Book Club is meeting the third Thursday in April on the 18th to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Please make reservations with the club if you can join us for drinks/dinner at 6 p.m. Our meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

— Annette Yamada

Congratulations to our member author Michael Jordan, who was awarded the Gold Medal in the 2018 Florida Book Awards Popular Fiction Category for his book *The Company of Demons*.

Pick up Car Stickers/Roster

When you stop in the club this month, make sure to pick up your 2019 car sticker and roster.

New this year, we are issuing a Dockholder (blue) and a Non-Dockholder (white) car sticker after the dock assignments have been made. Vehicles displaying a blue sticker will be the only ones allowed in the “Dockholders Only” spaces, and this policy will be enforced. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember...

For the comfort of all in our clubhouse, it is requested that there be no smoking, e-cigarettes and vaping.

In the dining and bar areas, please no hats/caps and no mobile phone usage, except for non-verbal (texting, email, etc.).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet our newest members



Tiffany Gardner-Bader

The surgeon administrator/practice manager

at Bodnar Periodontics, Tiffany and husband Steve own a 28-foot Sea Ray and plan to dock at CYC. In addition to boating, she is interested in joining the Wet Hens, Book Club and participating on a committee.

Sponsors: Stephen Huzar and Donald May



James Morrison

Dr. Morrison is a physician at the Cleveland Clinic. James and wife Courtney plan

to dock their boat at CYC. They are looking forward to the many social activities and spending time entertaining their family and friends at the club.

Sponsors: George Sehringer & Douglas Hawkins

SAIL FLEET NEWS

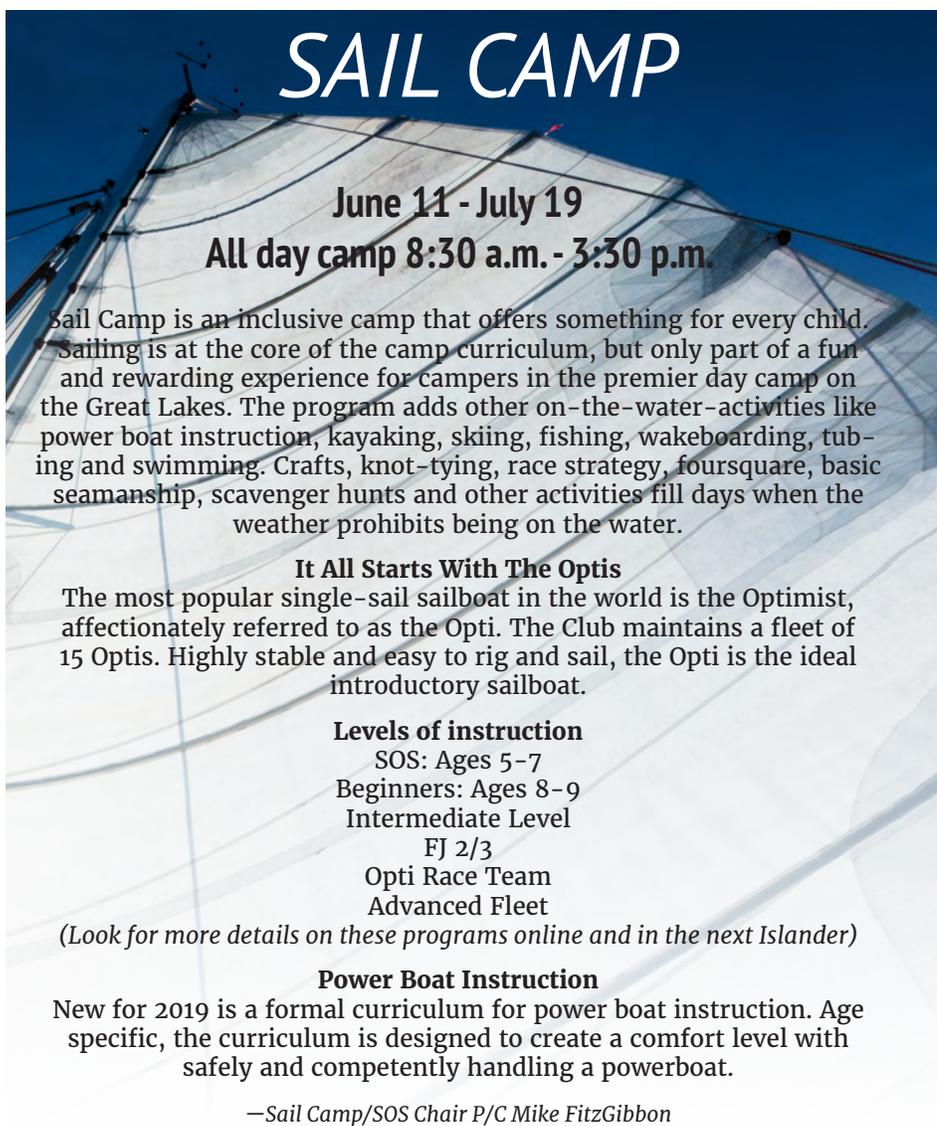
Untie the dock lines for a new season

The annual Sailors' Trophy Night was a wonderful celebration of last year's sailing season and a chance to honor achievements of sailors, crews and fleet champions. With Trophy Night behind us, efforts are underway to prepare for another summer of fun and competition on the water. Our first social gathering of the 2019 season will be the annual Shrimp Boil, which will be held at Center Isle in late April or early May. Be on the lookout for more details.

As many of you are aware, CYC's longtime Sail Race Officer retired after 40 years as a key part of our sailing program and the CYC family. The Sail Fleet continues to search for a new Sail Race Officer to begin in the spring and is working to get the word about this open position. Please help us by helping to spread the word and by recommending qualified candidates for consideration. To refer candidates or for additional information, please contact Sail Fleet Chair Tom McNeill at tmcneill3@gmail.com or 216-233-2924.

We look forward to seeing you all soon at the Shrimp Boil!

— Caryn Candisky



SAIL CAMP

June 11 - July 19
All day camp 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sail Camp is an inclusive camp that offers something for every child. Sailing is at the core of the camp curriculum, but only part of a fun and rewarding experience for campers in the premier day camp on the Great Lakes. The program adds other on-the-water-activities like power boat instruction, kayaking, skiing, fishing, wakeboarding, tubing and swimming. Crafts, knot-tying, race strategy, foursquare, basic seamanship, scavenger hunts and other activities fill days when the weather prohibits being on the water.

It All Starts With The Optis
 The most popular single-sail sailboat in the world is the Optimist, affectionately referred to as the Opti. The Club maintains a fleet of 15 Optis. Highly stable and easy to rig and sail, the Opti is the ideal introductory sailboat.

Levels of instruction
 SOS: Ages 5-7
 Beginners: Ages 8-9
 Intermediate Level
 FJ 2/3
 Opti Race Team
 Advanced Fleet

(Look for more details on these programs online and in the next Islander)

Power Boat Instruction
 New for 2019 is a formal curriculum for power boat instruction. Age specific, the curriculum is designed to create a comfort level with safely and competently handling a powerboat.

—Sail Camp/SOS Chair P/C Mike FitzGibbon

POWER FLEET

Power Fleet is busy preparing for launch, polishing, cleaning, refitting and filling the coolers. Activities are live on the calendar, so make your registrations today, but you must be a member of the Power Fleet first. We have on-island activities throughout the summer, so if you are not signed up, do so ASAP. As an additional incentive you will be added to the super-secret PF email list that only PF members receive. It is informational and inspirational. And you don't even need a decoder pin; just sign up for Power Fleet membership.

Our next activity is the Power Fleet kickoff party and swag sign-up on May 3. Skippers will give an overview of their cruises, and we will answer any and all questions you may have. Looking forward to a fun summer.

—Phil and Sarah Slaght, Power Fleet Chairs

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Power Fleet events:

CALENDAR

- May 3 Kickoff Party/Swag Sign-up
- May 18 USCG Inspections/BBQ/
Swag Pickup
- June 12-14 PIB
- June 14-16 CIC
- June 22 Dock Crawl on Island
- June 28-30 Mentor Harbor YC
- July 23-26 NCYC
- July 26-28 Harbor Beach
- July 28-31 Bay City
- July 31-Aug 02 Lexington, Michigan
- Aug 02-04 GPYC
- Aug 09-11 Vermilion
- Aug 16-18 Cedar Point
- TBD Browns Cruise
- Sept 27-29 PIB Closeout Cruise
- Oct 19 Clambake/Awards

FABULOUS FARE



Kids' Cooking Classes

Wednesdays, April 3 and 17

Junior chefs will have a ball learning to cook, as Chef Matt will teach kids ages 5 to 13 three courses they can make themselves. Scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. on two dates in April, each class is limited to 25. Class participants will receive a complimentary CYC apron. Cost: \$30. Make reservations online.

Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 4

Get a jump on the fiesta, as CYC is celebrating a day early, on the cuatro de mayo! Enjoy south-of-the-border fare and fun atmosphere. Stay tuned for more details.

— Michael & Debbie Springer

CYC LOOKING FOR SAIL RACE POSITIONS

Boating on Lake Erie and getting paid for it this summer! CYC is looking for a Sail Race Officer and an Assistant Sail Race Officer to run the Sail Race Committee Boat on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Boating experience is preferred, but training will be provided to qualified individuals. Please contact General Manager Marc Dallas (mdallas@cycrr.org/440-333-1155) or Sail Race Chair Tom McNeill (tmcneill3@gmail.com).

A Woman's Place...is in the Club

Our Wet Hens were busy last month with their monthly Wednesday dinner providing camaraderie in the cold Cleveland winter. That night, the Hens also feathered the nest of a refugee in crisis from the Hope Center with donations of furniture and housewares. On March 14, the GGV hosted an Irish wine tasting party at Mary Lovett's lovely home; and on March 20, the group attended the Metroparks Adventure Sailing program at Merwin's Wharf.

Wet Hens were billed in March for our \$15 dues, but new members still can join anytime. Encourage your friends to join by calling or emailing Cathy Tasse. The more, the merrier!

Make plans to join us on April 10 for our Wet Hens Dinner, featuring a speaker open to all women of CYC! Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a new program: "A Woman's Place...is in the Club." This year, two women are on the CYC board for the first time. Come and listen to insights about the organization of CYC and its bylaws as they affect women. RSVP online or by calling CYC.

And looking ahead, mark your calendar for May 15 and 22. We have a cool new arts event that Wet Hens won't want to miss. Our Arts Chair, Janet Wade, has arranged jewelry making nights in the CYC library, to make either silver beach glass earrings (May 15) or a bracelet (May 22). Class size is limited to 10 each. Reservations may be made online or by calling CYC, and sending a \$35 check made out to Wet Hens. Questions? Call Janet Wade.

— Cathy Tasse

Swim Team ready to make a big splash

Summer is less than two months away and the Orcas cannot wait to make another big splash! Hoping to top the amount of fun they had last year, your CYC swimmers are striving to win a third WCSL Championship in a row. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off in the clubhouse. Please email Coach Aaron at cycorcas@gmail.com with questions.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

After-school Practice Schedule (May 28 - June 7)

8-and-under..... 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; Tues & Thurs

9-and-up..... 4 -5 p.m.; Mon, Wed & Fri

Summer Practice Schedule (June 11-July 16)

Sail Camp Swimmers..... 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

8-and-under..... 8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

9-and-up..... 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

All Swimmers..... 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (Tues & Thurs only)

(No practices on weekends)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1: Swim Team registration deadline

June 10: Full team practice & Ice Cream Social

June 12: Swim meets start and will be every Wednesday until July 17

TBD: Team trip to Play: CLE

TBD: Family Meet

July 16: Pasta Dinner/Poster Night

July 17: Championship Meet

— Aaron Mekker, Head Swim Team Coach

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

APRIL

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Kids' Cooking Class
Men's Bowling
Family Night
Dinner Specials

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Ladies Day Trip to Savannah
Euchre
Burger Night

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Ladies Day Trip to Savannah
Babysitting Night
Men's Stag Night



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Ladies Day Trip to Savannah

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Ladies Day Trip to Savannah
Brunch

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Men's Bowling
Family Night
Dinner Specials
Wet Hens Dinner

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Art Fleet Meet the Artist
Burger Night

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Babysitting Night

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Brunch
Children's Easter Egg Hunt



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Kids' Cooking Class
Family Night
Dinner Specials

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Euchre
Book Club
Burger Night



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Babysitting Night

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Easter Buffet

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Management Committee Meeting

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Family Night
Dinner Specials

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Burger Night

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Brunch

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Board of Trustees Meeting

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Boys will be boys, men will be...well sometimes we re-vert back to our boyhood days, especially on Stag Night! Chef Matt will prepare an incredible Pig Roast at Center Isle for all members to enjoy as well as some creative “game” dishes. There will be a tended Cigar Bar, Bourbon Tasting Stand, entertainment and raffle boards.

Date: Friday, April 5th, starting at 6 p.m.

Invitees: Men Only

Cost: \$35 per person

Reservations required: 440-333-1155 or online.

—Chairpersons Jim Winton and Commodore Kurt McGovern



EASTER FESTIVITIES

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 14
Who will find the golden egg? Everyone comes up a winner at this festive event. Gather in the clubhouse at 2:30 p.m. for our annual Egg Hunt. There will be three age groups: 5 & under, 6 to 8 years, and 9 & over. Please note that the children need to bring their own basket.

Easter Buffet
Sunday, April 21 seatings at 1 and 4 p.m.
Bring your family to the Club on Easter Sunday for a fabulous buffet. Menu features Salmon Wellington, roast leg of lamb with mint jelly, spiral ham, turkey, strip loin of beef, tortellini, crepes, salads, fresh fruit, assorted desserts plus a special children's buffet. Cost is \$32 for adults, \$15 for children.
Make reservations online or call the front desk at 440-333-1155.

DINING HOURS:	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Mon/Tues:	closed	closed	closed
Wed/Thurs:	closed	11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	5-8:30 p.m.
Fri/Sat:	closed	11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	5-9:30 p.m.
Sun:	brunch served - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.		5-8:30 p.m.

CLUBHOUSE BAR:
Mon/Tues: closed; Wed-Sat: 11:30 a.m.-midnight; Sun: 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

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