

MOORING LINES

Newsletter of the Lewes Yacht Club

Celebrating Our Seventy-Fifth Year

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<p>Just a quick note from the Editor! This month we are beginning <i>Volume Three, Issue One</i>, of the <i>Mooring Lines</i>. We have completed two full years of this newsletter and are beginning the third with this issue!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marjorie Miller, Editor</p>	<p>Please don't forget all of the LYC Holiday occasions listed here in this newsletter, On Line and in the Quick Notes!</p> <p>Also, please do not forget that if your envelope is not <u>postmarked by November 30th</u>, you will lose your LYC <u>membership</u>! If you are planning to resign, please observe the courtesy of informing the Membership Chairman, Bill Miller.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To All Of Our LYC Members! Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!</p>
<p>Don't forget that our newsletter is available On Line! Go to www.lycnewsletter.com. Click on LYC Newsletter & Calendar. Then, click on Homepage and in the dark Blue band at the left, click on Newsletter.</p> <p>Also, do not forget you can get the newsletter on Line and with easy instructions an print it out in black and white to save your color cartridges.</p> <p>For questions email: webmaster@lewesyc.com</p>	



House Committee Report

Happy Holidays! The holiday season is upon us and we are looking forward to a busy Christmas season. We hope to see you all over the holidays. I know we are helping a few of you with your holiday parties. If anyone is interested in last minute help with parties, either at the restaurant or in your home let us know.

Events for December

12/1/07 Craft Show and Buffet Luncheon
 12/16/07 Board and Brunch
 12/25/07 Closed for Pub Night
 12/28/07 Closed for Friday Dinner
 12/31/07 Open for New Years Eve

CRAFT SHOW AND BUFFET LUNCHEON: 12/1/07

The craft show is completely sold out with people waiting for tables. Stop by and get a jump on your Christmas shopping. Great items will be available such as homemade jellies and jams, beautiful hand-crafted sea glass jewelry, woodwork items and much more. We are the last stop on the Christmas Tour, and will have a great buffet lunch for just \$9.00.

Craft Show: 10am – 4pm Lunch 11am – 3pm

BRUNCH: 12/16/07

Due to very poor attendance of our holiday party the past two years we have decided not to do it this year, but we would like to invite you to brunch on December 16th from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a very special brunch and the company of your fellow members. There will be no assigned seating and we encourage table hopping! Hope to see you there. \$13.95 Adults and \$6.95 Kids.

NEW YEARS EVE 12/31/07

There will be more to follow in quick notes as far as the menu and entertainment. We will have a fabulous Station Buffet Dinner, with some of your favorites like carved tenderloin and roasted leg of lamb, lobster ravioli and much, much more. We will be serving both upstairs and downstairs with music in both locations. Reservations will begin December 1st for members only and on December 8th for parties of members with guests. The cost is \$60.00 per person; \$120.00 per couple, gratuity included for dinner. It includes a Champagne toast and party favors. There will be a cash bar available. Be prepared to pre-pay when you make the reservation, by credit card or check. Refunds will only be available with a 48 hour cancellation so we may have the opportunity to fill the vacancy. We had a great time last year and I hope all of you will join us.

Private Functions

12/1 Dinner, 12/4 Dinner, 12/8 Dinner, 12/9 Lunch, 12/11 Dinner, 12/12 Dinner, 12/15 Lunch, 12/15 Dinner

Adrienne Hastings, Manager

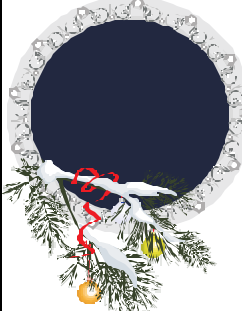
Other Dates to Remember

Friday Night Dinners are still being served from 5-9 pm through November, but the dining room is closed the Friday after Thanksgiving. Friday night Dinners resume on 12/27.

Pub Nights: Open 11/27

Saturday, Craft Fair & Luncheon: Stop in for fine crafts and a great lunch!

Friday Night, December 30th—New Years Eve! We will have **33 and a 1/3** as music for the evening! Reservations begin for members on Saturday Dec. 1st. Reservations for members, who may bring up to and not beyond 6 guests (non-members) will begin Saturday, December 8th. Reserve early. This is always a popular event. Cost is : \$120.00/couple or \$60.00/ single, plus gratuity. Reservations must be made with a credit card. Cancellations within 48 of the event will be subject to a penalty.

Membership	Finance Committee Report	
<p>POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007/2008</p> <p>Below is <u>another</u> list of twenty more families who MAY receive invitations to join LYC this coming year. If you have any comment on anyone on the list becoming a member of LYC, please contact a member of the Membership Committee or send an e-mail to membership@lewesyc.com.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon Dardine, Lewes, DE 2. Marylinda & Bob Heffernan, Pittsburg, PA 3. Louise & Rick Pfarr, Lewes, DE 4. Kathy & Alan Badger, McLean, VA 5. Edward Sigda, Milton, DE 6. Susan & Harry Glembocki, Lewes, DE 7. Ruby & Mark Schaeffer, Smyrna, DE 8. Karen & Daniel Dauphin, Newark, DE 9. Michelle & John Madden, Milton, DE 10. Sue Ann & Bill Shafley, Cooksville, MD 11. Catherine & Richard Miller, Lewes, DE 12. Trish & Michael Katz, Wilmington, DE 13. Joanne & Brian McGregor, Rehoboth Beach, DE 14. Martha & Richard Royall, Lewes, DE 15. Mary Holland, Lewes, DE 16. Faranak & Chuck Drake, Manassas, VA 17. Barbara & Jerry Shaw, Lewes, DE 18. Marjorie & Stephen Robinson, Montchanin, DE 19. Denise & Robert Klinger, Pottsville, PA 20. Kristen & Clint Phillips, Lewes, DE <p style="text-align: right;">William E. Miller Membership Chairman</p>	<p>The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 to review the actual 2007 fiscal year-end numbers and to update the 2008 budget. We also reviewed Capital Improvement requests for the Capital Reserve Fund.</p> <p>With input from the House Committee and due to rising costs, the finance committee discussed a possible small increase in traditional menu and bar items for fiscal 2008; all other quoted items shall remain the same for 2008.</p> <p>The Finance Committee determined that the Income and Expense Report should be changed to a Cash Flow Statement to show money in and money out for a clear picture of where the money comes from and where it goes. We had short discussions about the dining minimum and dues payment frequency.</p> <p>The Finance Committee and the Marina Committee have begun discussions on several scenarios for the new marina financing with various options and alternatives. These discussions are ongoing and open to all members who would like to participate.</p> <p>Several items have been budgeted for 2008 including new storage facilities so you may see some construction adjacent to the pool equipment room in the near future.</p> <p>Once again, our objective is to be fiscally responsible; therefore, all Committees are encouraged to adjust their requests for the benefit of the entire membership. The Finance Committee meetings are open to all LYC Members, suggestions and questions should be directed to me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nick Carter Finance Committee Chairman nick.carter@verizon.net 302-228-6425</p>	
Marina News		
<p>*Marina services are closed for the season. The water will remain on until a freeze is eminent. All boats in slips must be removed by January 15, 2008.</p> <p>The latest dockage waiting list and the revised marina rules are posted on the web site and on the bulletin board in the clubhouse lobby. The revision to rule #8 gives a considerable amount of flexibility to members wanting to use the launch ramp.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dick Valeria Marina Chairman</p>	<p>Winter came down one night Quietly pirouetting in on silvery-toed slippers of snow, And we were children once again.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">By Bill Morgan, Jr.</p>	

Pool –

22. Do you use the pool (when it is open) Daily **36** 2-4x/week **89** Occ. **185** Never **69**

23. If you use the pool, how would you rate the following:

<u>Water temperature</u>	“Perfect” 226 Too warm 18 Too cold 22
<u>Life guards</u>	Excellent 108 Good 143 Fair 20 Poor 6
<u>Pool hours</u>	Open too late 16 Close too early 63 Good as is 196
<u>Changing rooms/toilet rooms</u>	Excellent 28 Good 144 Fair 87 Poor 15

24. Do you feel the swim team is an asset to LYC? Yes **258** No **21**

If “No”, please elaborate below.

The Marina – the docks & bulkheads have exceeded their expected life span and are need of major reconstruction or replacement at a significant cost.

25. Should LYC have a marina? Yes **334** No **21**

26. Do you currently use the marina facility? Yes **142** No **234**

27. Would you like to use the marina in the future? Yes **228** No **108**

29. If a dues increase is required to pay for marina construction +/- or repair, how much of an annual dues increase would you feel was acceptable?

\$50 - **37** \$100 - **80** \$150 - **13** \$200 - **33** \$250 - **9** \$300 - **19** no increase - **146**

Sailing -

30. Do you sail? Yes - **115** No - **221**

31. If you sail with LYC, please rate the LYC sailing program by answering the following:

Sunday races	Excellent 20 Good 29 Fair	Poor 3
Sailing School instruction	Excellent 31 Good 29 Fair 7	Poor 2
Juniors’ opportunity to race	Excellent 17 Good 18 Fair 11	Poor 3

Question #31: Members Asked to Make One Negative & One Positive Comment About the LYC

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

1. Dues and minimums are too high for occ. Users of the Club.....9
2. Need more opportunity for members to speak at the Board meetings
3. Need new people on the Board and all the Committees,
especially the marina committee.....4
4. Need new ideas and new approaches in running the Club
5. Need qualified members running things at LYC
6. Need to publish the annual budgets each year
7. Board and Committee chairs doing a great job.....3
8. Elect more women to the Board.....1

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Since we are “tight” for money, newsletter is too expensive.....4
2. Newsletter comments about unsupervised children “too negative”
3. Newsletter reports on club activities contain too many negativities
4. Newsletter informs me very well on club activities.....3
5. Newsletter gets to me too late, news is old by time I get it
6. Most members should get newsletter on line to money
7. Quick notes are good

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7. We need more classes of sailboats

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Hire professional fund raiser
2. Still too many cliques3
3. People who complain should volunteer.....2
4. Thanks for asking for my input, do it every year
5. We should have cabana, chairs umbrellas services on the beach
6. Members should treat each other with respect and civility.....2
7. LYC is well run.....2
8. Elections should be conducted by an outside third party
9. Make age for Senior membership.....70
10. Lock up the building at night
11. Members are rude.....2
12. Hire an independent professional to review Board/management fiscal operations
13. All activities, except for youth, should be self supporting
14. LYC is a bargain at these dues/minimums rates
15. Art class was great
16. We need a professional club manager
17. Need to be sure each guest is accompanied by a member
18. Do we have a defibrillator yet?
19. We should have an indoor pool and exercise facility
20. Put platform tennis court up where the volley ball court was
21. We should pay our annual bills in two payments
22. Too much vandalism.....2
23. We need better balance between improvement and maintenance.....1
24. LYC isn't as much "fun" as it used to be.....1
25. Pay dues in the fall and minimums in the spring.....1
26. Each director should chair a committee.....1

POOL

1. People shouldn't be allowed to reserve/occupy chairs all day.....1
2. Pool looks great.....1
3. Swim team too large, it "freezes out" member children.....3
4. Swim team much better this year.....6
5. Swim team takes up to much pool time6
6. New diving board is terrible, bring back the old one.....3
7. Pool heating, extended season is great.....1
8. Stay open later, open earlier (in the day).....3
9. Enforcement of pool rules has made pool kid unfriendly.....2
10. "No marco polo rule" is great.....1
11. Poor pool safety & discipline of children.....1
12. Keep kids out of lap lanes.....2
13. Life guards are great.....1
14. Life guards are great but their hours are too long.....1
15. Pool & bath house needs to be cleaner.....1
16. Don't like heated pool, it feels like a public bathtub.....1

17. Deck & pool pavers are too hot for bare feet.....	6
18. Pool & pool hours are great.....	5
19. Aquacize is great.....	2
20. Put bike rack back where it was before.....	1
21. Improve men's room, it smells.....	1
22. Men's room needs more showers.....	1
23. Heating the pool is too expensive.....	1
DINING-BAR COMMENTS	
1. Hours often misleading (i.e. open till 7PM but turned away at 6:30PM)..	1
2. Adrienne is wonderful.....	13
3. Keep bar open later on weekends.....	1
4. More Sat. & Sun. events in season.....	1
5. Improve food quality, service, variety.....	9
6. Great food quality, service, variety.....	34
7. Wine selection is <i>dreadful</i> -1; wine selection is <i>great</i> -.....	2
8. Snack bar service slow & confused.....	1
9. Keep DR/snack bar/bars open later; open seven days a week in season..	5
10. Open more off season.....	4
11. Theme meals, especially off season (i.e. Italian, French, Spanish, etc.)..	1
12. Lucite martini/drink glasses for the deck.....	1
13. Screen the area under the deck, the flies are awful.....	4
14. More salad selections in DR.....	1
15. More lunch hours off season.....	4
16. Healthier food choices in snack bar/DR.....	3
17. Sat night dinners off season.....	1
18. More sound absorbing materials in DR.....	1
19. Lobster on Friday and Saturday menus.....	1
20. Pub nights are great.....	4
21. More pub nights.....	2
22. Gluten free offerings on DR menu.....	2
23. "Monday Night Specials" were terrible.....	1
24. Start up the outdoor grill again in the summer.....	1
25. Offer take out food.....	1
26. Paging system for the snack bar.....	1
27. Dining on the deck is great.....	3
28. Parking needs new surface.....	1
29. Recorded music during dinner too loud.....	1
30. New Years Eve downstairs felt "second class".....	1
31. Downstairs bar never open for pool/beach people; up stairs too dressy for us..	1
32. Why are we losing money?; cut back on staff to save money.....	3
33. Reservations hard to make/get.....	1
34. DR prices too low to break even.....	1
35. Rotate or change menu in DR every 4-6 weeks; more DR specials needed.....	4
36. Catering a good idea.....	1
37. Need more outdoor parties.....	1
38. Improve deck area so it can be used as part of DR.....	1

39. "Regulars book up all the reservations" on Friday & Saturday nights.....1

MARINA

1. Non-boat owners & non-marina users shouldn't have to pay for new marina.....14
2. Need a surcharge for privilege of having a slip.....5
3. Charge market rates for slips or slip users pay for new marina30
4. Lottery for slips.....15
5. The wait time for slips is too long.....10
6. Too much parking space reserved for trailers/vehicles (esp. at night).....8
7. Marina does not need to be rebuilt; repair with existing funds over 3 yrs.....1
8. Marina help is excellent.....4
9. Ramp dock is great.....2
10. Entire club should share in cost of rebuild.....3
11. Wait list "loses names on it".....1
12. Save money elsewhere to fix marina.....2
13. Budget for marina project should be published before committing to project.....4
14. Need more slips.....4
15. Assess each member \$50, that should pay for marina repairs.....1
16. Have an independent 3rd party review marina operation and make fiscal recommendations.....1

LEWES YACHT CLUB SWIM TEAM NEWSLETTER

Head Coach: Scott Bleile Jr.

Assistant Coach: Melissa Bleile

As you begin to prepare for the upcoming holiday rush, I want you to keep **Summer 2008** in mind.

The LYC swim team will **begin** to create next year's roster in November. Registrations are available by email, on the **LYC website (www.lewesyc.com)**, or mailed to parents. All registrations should be returned to Coach Bleile.

This year the swim team has created an early registration period for **ALL RETURNING SWIM TEAM MEMBERS ONLY**. The registration period will run from November 1, 2007 to February 15, 2008. This time frame was created to allow any swimmer from last year's team to secure their spot for the upcoming season. If anyone, from the 2007 team, happens to miss sign-ups during this time period, then regular sign-ups will be from March 1, 2008, to the first day of practice in June. In which, during the regular sign-up time period, LYC MEMBERS will have first priority.

The **purpose** of a sign-up period is to help organize our team with regards to the size of each age group. This year I will not accept more than 16 swimmers per group. For example: (16) 10 and under Boys; (16) 10 and under girls. Helping to organize our team prior to the start of the season will allow for meets to run smoothly, organization of helpers, and also coaches and volunteers.

Also, new for this year are the prices for registration. During the Board of Director's meeting in October, the LYC Board raised and approved new prices for the upcoming year. Prices were increased to help cover improvements to our swim team. This **increase** also is going to help defray the cost of new starting blocks slated for 2009.

The new prices are as followed: LYC MEMBERS: \$85 **per** child
NON MEMBERS: \$200 **per** child

Thank you for your attention to this matter and looking forward to see everyone again in June. Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Coach Bleile

Contact Coach Bleile at 302-542-1344 or swimteam@lewesyc.com
Mailing address: Scott Bleile Jr.: 25236 Dogwood Drive
Seaford, De 19973

REGISTRATION FOR 2008 LEWES YACHT CLUB SWIM TEAM

Application must be filled out and completely as directed & payments made in full

CHILD'S NAME _____ DOB _____

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MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER (Circle one)

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number _____

Cell Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Member-\$85 for each child

Non-Member-\$200 for each child

Registration Total Submitted: \$ _____

RELEASE- I the undersigned parent/guardian of the above registered child/children, by signing this document do hereby give my permission for my child /children to participate in the Lewes Yacht Club Swim Team practices and meets, and release the Lewes Yacht Club its staff and employees from any and all liability form injuries or any circumstance that may arise from my child's/children's participation in the Lewes Yacht Club Swim Team or the use of Lewes Yacht Club Pool and facilities.

IMPORTANT This form must be completed in its entirety and by signing the form, it is acknowledged to have been read and understood.

Print Parent's Name _____

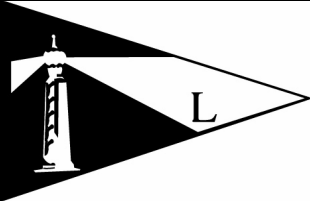
Parent's Signature _____ DATE: _____

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Mission Statement: *The Mission of the Lewes Yacht Club is to serve our members and their families in their enjoyment of the beach, the bay and our club facilities while supporting the diversity of our membership, the informality of our activities and the respect for one another. Relying on the principles of volunteerism, ours is a club of committees overseeing the day to day operations of the Club in a prudent manner.*