



Newsletter
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The LORC executive and I have decided to initiate a new monthly newsletter instead of the singular or bi-annual ones of the past. This newsletter will be sent to all those who have registered for previous seasons and those that register for this season. It is the aim of the current executive to improve communication between all participants of LORC and to increase the visibility of sailing in Toronto and on Lake Ontario.

As the new chairman of the LORC executive the privilege of writing this monthly piece has become my duty. I look forward to receiving feedback from all LORC participants as the best type of communication is open, direct and honest. It is my intent in these monthly newsletters to highlight upcoming events, make mention of events and actions deserving of comment and to keep as many people happy as possible.

The **Paul J. Phelan Memorial Race** kicks off the off-shore races, and the season itself, on the 20th of May. Hosted by ABYC we look forward to good turn out and season opener.

Saturday May 26th and 27th is the **Ashbridges Bay Open and One-Design Regatta**. This is a combination event made up of AB's One-Design Regatta and their Open Regatta. It will be a great kick off to the regatta series as ABYC really knows how to put on a good show both on and off the water.

The LORC web site has been remodelled and thanks go out to John Crawley for all his efforts and time. One new change that has occurred in the ever popular form is that it has become a necessity to get people to register before they can post to the forum. This is mostly due to the amount of spam that John was getting on the site and to eliminate some of the unnecessary posts that some people were leaving. The registration is similar to other popular sailing sites and all you need is a screen name and a working email address.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for 2007. North Sails, Gul, Fogh Marine and Quantum Sails have all signed on and we are grateful for their involvement this year. Even though the regattas come under the control of the host clubs LORC does have expenses and costs associated with its operation and with the help of these sponsors it allows us to do what we need to do.

I will endeavour to keep these newsletters short and to the point and I will touch on all points raised in emails to the board or comments made on the forum. I took on this position because I said that I wanted to get involved and make a difference. I offer up the same challenge that I was given by the past chair, a bottle of quality single malt to whom ever provides the board with workable and positive plan that will improve sailing and sailboat racing in the GTA.

Fair winds to all and see you on the water.
John Mitchele, Chair LORC Executive