



Lakefront Yacht Club: A brief History

Lakefront Yacht Club, a private club out of Lakefront Marina, a public marina on the south shore of Lake Erie, serving the Port Clinton, Ohio area was conceived out of a simple question. In August of 2005, the question asked “Is there a yacht club?” was answered, “No, but we are looking for someone to start one”! And so the keel was laid.

In the early spring of 2006 the first exploratory meeting was held with all boaters of LFM invited. A group of about a dozen met to entertain the idea, determine if a yacht club was a good fit for the boaters of LFM, and agreed to continue. April 1, 2006 saw the first meeting with an established agenda, recorded minutes, and the conclusion to meet again with guest speakers. That meeting of April 29, 2006, “called the question” establishing Lakefront Yacht Club, and nominated, and elected our first Bridge. With a final 2006 roster of 44 boats, LYC was launched and underway. LYC Ohio Articles of Incorporation were filed on June 23, 2006.

The next years 2007 and 2008, LYC established itself as the new social center of activities at the marina, and had grown to 52 boats. Still operating in marina shared facilities, the marina community room and poolside pavilion, the Club filed with, and was accepted by I-LYA as an associate member on April 5, 2008.

In 2009 and 2010 LYC began to see the rewards of the tremendous efforts of its Bridge, membership, and continued support of LFM. On Sunday September 5, 2010 LYC dedicated its first clubhouse location. Our new seasonal space, five thousand square feet of winter heated boat storage, became our summer home. LYC had grown to 77 boats with our own seasonal recreational and meeting space under roof. “If you build it, they will come” resonated that summer.

LYC continued with new activities and participation in 2011 and 2012. Our social calendar expanded and cruises visited more destinations with larger fleets. Educational and boating safety courses were highlighted. Marina management and ownership saw many changes from 2006, but LYC enjoyed continued support. With these efforts and support LYC continued to strengthen and grow.

On the foundation of these successes, 2013 and 2014 became pivotal years for the Club. The Club had expanded to over 100 boats and firmly established itself in the marina. LYC would, with great efforts from the Bridge, membership, and marina staff, complete the renovation of three thousand square feet of vacant temperature controlled marina rental space adjacent to our five thousand square foot seasonal home. Lakefront Yacht Club became a year round club. LYC updated its status with I-LYA in the spring of 2014 and at the fall meeting was voted full-fledged voting membership in I-LYA.