

DLYC News

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As I sit in front of my computer attempting to draft my first Commodore's message I am torn as to the message I want to deliver. As an engineer, training for drafting inspirational messages was sadly missing so here goes the best I can do. First of all, let me give the traditional message of welcoming spring's arrival and my sincere hope that everyone had a great winter and is excited to get back to our summer activities hopefully centered around the DLYC. Secondly, we have a full slate of activities thanks to the people working on the various committees. As of my last count we have over 50 people volunteering in one capacity or another. I would encourage all of our members to get involved in the club activities. It is a great way to meet your fellow lake residents and be part of a great tradition.

While the winter months are the traditional slow time for the DLYC there has been a low but consistent level of activity regarding future plans. For the last several years we have been working on an update to the waterfront area of the club. This activity originated out of the Strategic Plan and identified as a "want" by the general membership. The Executive Committee approved a plan that calls for a pier patio to be added to the existing docks along with swim lanes for our youth swimming program and additional youth sailing dockage. Related to this the Executive Committee also authorized a fix for our committee boat (we had a number of holes in the pontoons) along with a general upgrade of the boat deck and structure. A major effort spearheaded by the Communication Committee is resulting in a makeover to our web page. I need to recognize Sue Heinrich, Marilyn Quackenbush and Jackie Bankowski for their tireless efforts on this project. The Executive Committee also modified the existing club rental policy to lower cost to make the club more available for membership rental.

Our Club has had a long tradition of sailing at both the senior and youth levels and in fact this was the original purpose for starting the Club 81 years ago. We are all aware that this vital activity has been in decline at DLYC. In response to this, a study of our youth sailing activities was completed and a "position paper" was created outlining needed steps that need to be taken. This activity involved a dedicated committee who has looked at the youth sailing programs at a number of comparable clubs in western Michigan with successful programs. While no formal action has been taken at this time, I would encourage all members to provide input on this as the discussion moves forward.

I have not commented on all of the social activity that has been planned for the summer since I will leave this up to the social committee to report on. I will say that between getting piers and boats in and all of the yard clean-up, Donna and I would love to see you at the Derby Party as a first step for a full and fun summer.

Louis Csokasy

Commodore

Social News:

Your social committee has a full calendar planned for the summer with some returning favorite events and some new ones. The full summer calendar, as it stands today, is attached to this bulletin so that you can print it and put it on your fridge.

With spring finally in the air, we are ramping up with several events in May. Kicking off the social season is the **Kentucky Derby Party** on May 4th hosted by the Csokasys and the Pettys. Then on May 18th we have the **Spring Dinner** hosted by the Stolars, Clarks, and Malones. The **Bridge Group's Opening Party** in on May 20th. For Memorial weekend we will start off with a **Happy Hour** on Friday evening and our annual favorite **Pancake Breakfast** hosted by the DLYC board. This event has been on the schedule since the beginning of the club! You will find the details for all of these events in the ads in this bulletin.

Brand new and exciting news is that in June we have invited **The Rock at Big Fish Lake** restaurant to serve brunch on June 9 and June 30 from 10 to 1. The details will follow in the May bulletin. If this is successful, we may do more.

Be sure to check the online calendar for all of the events planned and to register and pay for those where it's required. (Tip – events in green on the calendar require reservations) Also watch for emails with updates and reminders for upcoming events.

We hope you will join us and enjoy the events we have planned. We are always looking for volunteers to help and for new ideas.

See you at the club!

Your Social Committee



In Memorium

Bud Leonard, Sr.
Dec. 7, 1934 - Feb. 22, 2019



Charles B. Leonard, Sr., known best to us as Bud, passed away at the age of 84 at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, MI surrounded by his loved ones on February 22, 2019. Bud was born in Chicago, IL and spent his summers at Diamond Lake. After working in the Iron business for 40 years, he retired in 1996 and took up residence full time at Diamond Lake.

Over the decades Bud developed a strong passion for sailing. He was a member of the Diamond Lake Yacht Club for over 65 years and served as Commodore of the Junior Yacht Club in 1951 and then as Commodore of the DLYC in 1968 and again in 2000. He sailed and won many races and Regattas on Snipes and MC's along the way.

Bud is survived by his wife Bev, children Barbara Mares (Louis), Buddy (Joan), and Bobby (Rose) and 11 grandchildren. His life will be honored by the family in a celebration at a later date. Our hearts go out to Bev and the rest of the family.

Don't miss the first party of the season!

Kentucky Derby Night at the Club

Saturday May 4th

Drinks 6:00

\$10.00 donation per person

Enjoy snacks, drinks, taco bar

Hat contest, So wear your finest!

Purchase your Horse for the Race

Win, Place, and show winners this year

Party Hosts – Csokasys and Pettys

No RSVP needed!



SPRING DINNER MAY 18

Cocktails and Appetizers at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Cost: \$35

Reservations & pre-payment required - Limited places

Reserve on line and pay by May 11th



***Menu featuring:
Rib Eye Beef Roast***



Hosts: Stolars, Clarks, and Malones

Annual Pancake Breakfast



Sunday May 26th
A DLYC Tradition!

9:00 – 11:30 A.M.

\$8 for Adults

\$4 for Children 6 and under

No RSVP's needed

Sign Up for Summer Youth Activities!



Expedition Kayaking



Spring Greetings fellow Expedition Kayakers!

Another fun season on nearby water is being planned by Mike and Nancy Jarrick and Tom and Margie Yarger. We hope you can join us for one or all of the following adventures!

Friday, June 14 kayak on Long Lake followed by lunch at Brewster's in Three Rivers

Friday, July 12 kayak on the Dowagiac River followed by lunch TBD

Friday, August 16 early afternoon kayak on Magician Lake followed by an early dinner at the Strand in Marcellus.

More details will follow as the time approaches, but please put these dates on your summer calendars!

Diamond Lake Youth Swimming:

Our program follows the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program YMCA swim lessons as taught by the YMCA of Southwest Michigan. The program is designed for children of all ages, and as the student's progress through the levels at their own pace, mastering the skills in one level before advancing to the next. Each level of our Learn-to-Swim class includes training in basic water safety and helping others in an emergency, in addition to stroke development. All members and non-members of the DLYC will be required to sign a release form prior to participation.

Swimming skills must be assessed by the YMCA prior to placement in class.

Our Instructors: YMCA of Southwest Michigan

Contacts:

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Facebook at YMCA SWM page



2019 Swim Schedule: The Y will be at the Pancake Breakfast on May 26th to sign up children!

July 1-5 (No class July 4th) Rain date July 6th.

July 8-11 Rain Day July 12th

PLEASE NOTE: Go to dlycmi.org under the Youth Programs tab to see the schedule for the swimming classes. By age group These schedules are subject to change based on registration, attendance and final recommendations by the Y swim instructors. Some classes might be consolidated.**

Costs:

\$100 for 60 min classes

\$80 for 45 min classes

\$60 for 30 min classes

\$125 for 30 min private/semi private

\$195 for Life Saving class

**The club reserves the right to combine classes or cancel depending on number of participants. If one or both weeks are cancelled, you will be fully refunded. No credit for partial attendance.

Additional Youth Activities

In addition to youth swimming, the youth team is working on the other activities that are usually offered including the following:

Youth Sailing: The planning for youth sailing is under way but not yet ready to be published.

Youth Golf: The program leaders have already spoken to Dale Campbell who is once again willing to provide offerings to our club. Golf would be at the Diamond Lake Golf Club. A minimum of five participants is required to schedule a class. Dates and times have not yet been set.

Youth Tennis: Dale Campbell is also willing to provide tennis lessons to our youth. Summer tennis camps for the older kids (Middle school/high school), will be located at Edwardsburg High School Courts as well as Morris Park Country Club. He also would like to have a Little Shots (8 and under) program on the Sports Court at the club.

For those interested in Little Shots or Junior Golf, please email Ann Coles at acoles2000@gmail.com. If there is enough interest, we can look for dates that will work for all involved.



Cass County Sheriff's Office 2019 Boating Safety Classes

Students may pre-register by calling the Cass County Sheriff's Office at (269) 445-1240. Please have the student's legal name, address, phone number, and date of birth at the time of registration.

All classes start at 8:00 am and should be done by 1:00 pm. Students are required to bring a #2 pencil. Adults are recommended to take the class.

Anyone born after July 1, 1996 is required to have a boater safety card to operate any vessel.

Cass County Sheriff's Office
Marine Division

**June 29, 2019, 8am-1pm, Diamond Lake Yacht Club, 21316 Shore Acres,
Cassopolis, MI**

Communications

I am a strong believer in setting expectations, so I want to let everyone know what the communications plan is for this year. There are a few changes this year as follows:

Bulletins: Bulletins will be published online on the first Monday of each month as follows:

May

June

July

August

September (2nd or 3rd week to include the annual meeting results)

Additional bulletins in the fall will be published as needed. All input for bulletins is required one week in advance. Some printed copies will be available at the club inside the door.

Email Blasts: There will be weekly email blasts and some ad hoc ones.

Weekly: On Sundays there will be a "What's Happening This Week" email from Sharon Block

Ad hoc: Email blasts that are sent out with a specific topic or a reminder to keep members informed

System emails: These are sent out by the website system and include reminders in advance of events, and membership renewal reminders.

DLYCMI.org: The website is available 24/7 and we do our best to keep it up to date. Be sure to check there for the latest information on the social calendar, and youth activities. You can also find previous bulletins, board minutes, photographs, and other information there as well.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sue Heinrich

Kayak for Sale



River Runner Kayak with rudder and Paddle (13 foot) - Good condition \$175

Two sets of rooftop kayak carriers - **Thule "Hull-a-Port"** ; Like new, Retail \$150; selling for \$80 each set; will separate..



Contact Jim Hosking
269-445-2161 or
jehosking@gmail.com

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 6:00 PM - Derby Party
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:30 AM - DLYC Board Meeting 6:00 PM - Spring Dinner
19	20 2:30 PM - Bridge Group Opening Party	21 6:30 PM - DLA Board Meeting	22	23	24 6:00 PM - Happy Hour	25
26 Pancake Breakfast 9- 11:30	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:00 PM - Pickle Ball Tailgate
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 6:00 PM - Stock The Bar/New Member Party
9	10	11	12 12:30 PM - Opening Season - Ladies Luncheon	13	14 8:30 AM - Off-Lake Kayaking 6:00 PM - BYOA Party	15 8:30 AM - DLYC Board Meeting
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 6:00 PM - Commodore Dinner
23	24	25	26 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon	27 6:00 PM - Happy Hour	28	29 8:00 AM - Boater Safety 6:00 PM - Bingo Night
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July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan	2 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan 7:00 PM -Pre-Course Life Saving Class @ YMCA	3 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan	4 Independence Day	5 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA Of Southwest Michigan 6:00 PM - Beer and Band	6 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Rain Date
7	8 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan	9 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan	10 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon	11 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming - YMCA of Southwest Michigan	12 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Rain Date 8:45 AM - Off-Lake Kayaking	13 6:00 PM - Hog Roast
14	15 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Life Saving -YMCA of Southwest Michigan	16 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Life Saving -YMCA of Southwest Michigan	17 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Life Saving -YMCA of Southwest Michigan	18 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Life Saving -YMCA of Southwest Michigan	19 8:00 AM - Youth Swimming Life Saving -YMCA of Southwest Michigan 8:00 AM -Golf Outing 6:00 PM -19Th Hole Party	20 8:30 AM - DLYC Board Meeting 6:00 PM - BYOA
21	22	23	24 12:30 PM -	25 6:00 PM - Happy Hour	26	27 6:00 PM - Taco Night

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 6:00 PM - Dinner Crawl (Host Homes Needed) Call Sharon 574-276-9992
4	5	6	7 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon With A Twist (White Elephant Exchange)	8 6:00 PM - Happy Hour	9	10 6:00 PM - Gaming Night/Scavenger Hunt
11	12	13	14	15	16 8:45 AM - Off-Lake Kayaking	17 8:30 AM - DLYC Board Meeting
18	19	20	21 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon	22	23 6:00 PM - Dinner Party (Details To Follow)	24
25	26	27	28	29 6:00 PM - BYOA	30	31
1	2 Labor Day 10:00 AM - Labor Day Annual Meeting & Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7