

DLYC News

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With the close of July, the summer is definitely reaching the midpoint but we have at least the next several months to enjoy the lake activities and the events still planned at the Diamond Lake Yacht Club (DLYC).

I want to take an opportunity to address two of my favorite themes which are sailing and volunteering. I know you are now asking yourself why Louie keeps going back to the same old items in every Commodore letter he writes. The reason is that these two items are critically important to the well being and future of the club.

We are all aware that the club was founded over 80 years ago by a group of sailors interested in promoting sailing and social activities of the lake community. Well, this last Sunday I had the pleasant experience of dropping in on the club's waterfront while the club's "all sail day" was in progress. Reflecting on the activity I observed, I would have to say that those objectives that the club was founded on were in good hands. Reid and Austin Francis (Members of the third and fourth generation of Francis sailors on Diamond Lake) were there as always supporting a rather large gathering of all different types of sailing boats operated by young and old sailors alike. Everyone was enjoying the sailing activity on a beautiful sailing day. They had over 15 sailboats on the lake with more coming in. Of course, these activities do not happen by accident and I want to thank the whole Francis family for their volunteer efforts to encourage sailing the Diamond Lake. By being a member of the Diamond Lake Yacht club, you share in these traditions and should feel good about the activities of your club.

As an update on the youth activities this summer, I will start with the swimming activities. As you are aware, we contract our swimming out to the Niles "Y" as they are the experts in this area. They ran two weeks of lessons and were full both weeks. The club initiated a new "Kiddie Kamp" activity spearheaded by Sharon Block that saw 30 participants over a two-week period. Youth sailing is still going on with over 40 young sailors participating in learning to sail or improving their skill level. A special thanks to Anne Coles and Julie Conboy Hesse who have spent countless hours working on youth sailing and coordinating with the "Y" on the swimming classes.

Your Board has received their first formal draft of proposed changes to the By-laws in their July meeting. The changes will be discussed and voted on in the August meeting to prepare for their hearing and vote at the annual meeting. In other actions the Board agreed to purchase five (5) used boats to support the youth sailing activity. In addition, it accepted a new policy for the use of the club's sailboats by the membership. This policy says that any member may use these boats at no costs provided it is cleared by the Rear Commodore and a release for it is signed. This provides another great benefit for belonging to the DLYC.

Ending this message to the membership, I want to thank all of the members who have volunteered their time to making the DLYC the place it is. Whether it is hosting a social event or sitting on one of the committees, your efforts are recognized and appreciated.

Louis Csokasy

DLYC Commodore

Social News:

The Social Committee and our Club volunteers have been very busy in July:

Let's thank Sharon Block and her daughters, Karen and Jennifer for organizing and working the 2 weeks of **Kiddie Camp**. The children and parents thought this was a fun and successful event. Hopefully, we can get them to do this again next year.

BEER & BAND PARTY--Lissa and Scott Eschowsky and Mary and Mark Anderson

LADIES LUNCHEONS--Jane Moraw and Barb Blenke

HOG ROAST--Gini and John Razzano and Debi and Dave Tuttle

GOLF OUTING & LUNCHEON--Sue and Dave Dunlap

TACO NIGHT—Nancy and Terry Gerber, Marilyn Quackenbush and David Trelease

BYOA—Jane Moraw and Nancy Coffel

COME TO DINNER TUESDAYS—have been fun. We have averaged serving approximately 50-60 people for each dinner.

**A very special thank you to Brenda, our kitchen coordinator extraordinaire,
for her help with all of the parties.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the AUGUST events:

Saturday	03	Dinner Crawl	6:00pm	
Wednesday	07	Ladies Luncheon	12:30pm	Sharon Block
Thursday	08	Happy Hour	6:00pm	
Saturday	10	Craft Beer Party	7:00pm-10:00pm—ish	
Tuesday	13	Come to Dinner Tuesday	6:00pm-8:00pm	
Saturday	17	Beer and Brats	6:00pm	
Wednesday	21	Ladies Luncheon	12:30pm	Nancy Gallagher
Friday	23	Pirates Ball	6:00pm	

**Thank you to all of the volunteers that host these events.
Come to the Club and support them.....and have fun!**

This September, the Social Committee will be setting up the calendar of events for 2020. We are always looking for new ideas for events at the Club. Please contact Mary Bolen at email maryLBolen@gmail.com or Kathy Seidl at marian0103@comcast.net with any ideas.

**Check the website for additional information
on these and other Club activities.**

dlycmi.org

Kathy Seidl and Mary Bolen

Social Committee Co-Chairs

Diamond Lake Dinner Crawl

August 3, 2019

6:00 pm

Meet at the DLYC

6 to 7 Cocktails

7 Pontoon ride to host home

7 to 9 Steak Dinner*

9 Return to club for dessert

\$30 per person

Reservations required!



Register online and pay online or by check!

- Go to Event Calendar and click on Dinner Crawl on Aug 3
- Pay online via credit card or mail check to P.O. Box 363, Cassopolis, MI 49031

Chairs: Blocks, Clarks, Kyles

Sharon Block – 269-445-0445 – sharonblock@comcast.net

Phyllis Clark – 269-445-2808 – phclark689@comcast.net

* For special dietary requests, contact Sharon or Phyllis

Summer of 2019 Ladies Luncheons

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to host a luncheon!

The schedule for this summer's ladies' luncheons is nearly complete. This year we are asking you to sign up online by the Monday before so the hostess will know how many to expect. Thanks again for all the volunteers and remember, if you are a hostess, you do not need to bring food to ANY of the luncheons for the entire summer. We are looking forward to lots of fun eating and visiting!

Aug 7 Sharon Block 20869 Decatur 574-276-9992 sharonblock@comcast.net

Aug 21 Nancy Gallagher DLYC Clubhouse 312-622-2980 singit2u2@gmail.com

DL Yacht Club Beer Tasting

Come out and reconnect with summer friends and beer enthusiasts at the annual beer tasting - featuring beer from different regional breweries...

We will be learning about different types of beer and their distinguishing properties, and trying beers ranging from light, to IPA, Stouts, Darks, and unusual small batches. The beers are available locally (**can get at Dussel's!**) - and many even come in lake-friendly cans.....

If you home brew, we will have a special section for you to showcase your own personal beers!

Hosted by
Kyle Hogarth, David Horvath, & Steve Molony

Saturday, Aug 10th: 7pm to 10:00ish

We are encouraging advanced registration - so we can make sure we have enough beer - but you may also register and pay at the door.

Member Fee: \$25

Non-Member Fee: \$30

I want a door prize but I don't drink beer: \$5

FIRST 75 PEOPLE TO REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A DLYC DOOR PRIZE!



Drop-In Happy Hour



Thursday, August 8th



6:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Come have a drink, laugh with friends, and enjoy a moment

Free event

Hosted by The Ducombs

TUESDAY NIGHT “COME TO DINNER”

Come Join Us for a Casual Tuesday Night Dinner

Tuesday, August 13th

from 6:00-8:00

Italian Beef Sliders
Salad
Dessert



\$10 per adult and **\$5** for children 10 and under

Pay at the door – No registration required

Hosted by Bill and Kath Stoler

Expedition Kayaking

Friday, August 16th

Everyone is welcome at our next Expedition Kayak, on August 16th at Magician Lake, followed by lunch at the nearby Strand restaurant. We will meet at the club at 8:45AM to caravan up to Magician. *This is a time change from previous announcements.* The restaurant recently opened for lunch on Fridays, so we are opting for lunch rather than dinner. See you on the water!

Please contact Jarrick's (708-334-0948) or Yargers so we can get a count.



Family Night

Saturday August 17th.

4:30 PM - Family Pickleball Tournament

Call Laura Ferris to register—All ages

Yard games - Swimming

6:00PM Beer, Brats, Dogs, Sides & Desserts

Everyone Welcome!



Hosts: Mike & Sally Malone and Ted & Laura Ferris

Batten down the hatches and sail on over to the

PIRATES BALL

Friday, August 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Good food and Music

Appetizers

Caribbean Chicken and Ribs

West Indies Salad

Fruit Pies



Reservations Required by August 20 - \$15 per person

Host—Leslie Paul

Pirate attire welcome but not necessary

BYOAppetizer Party

Summer is almost over!

Thursday August 29th

at 6 p.m.

No Muss, No Fuss!

\$5.00 donation

Hosts: Gerbers and Razzanos



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF DLYC



- Business Meeting
- Election of Board of Governors
- Changes to the By-laws
- Trophy Presentations



Labor Day, September 2nd at 10:00 am

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served

Board Meeting will follow immediately after

Polish Dinner

Saturday, September 7, 2019 6:00 pm

Buffet Dinner:

Polish sausage,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Chicken - Sweet & Sour cabbage,
Green Beans - Noodles
Pie for dessert.



\$20/person Reservations required

Hosted by Don & Donna Kyle

Sailing on Diamond Lake



First Place!!

DLYC Sailing

Sunfish and Butterfly Races

Saturdays August 3rd & 10th, Regatta August 31st

9:30 am

All Sail Day

Sunday August 18th

1:00 pm

The summer is not over as we still have **Sunfish/Butterfly** races on August 3rd, 10th, and the annual Labor Day Weekend Regatta on August 31st. These races are open to all ages and experience levels! We may incorporate some Opti races in with those. All races start at 9:30 a.m. and we have club boats available.

We also have our last **All-Sail Day** of the summer on August 18th which will include a scavenger hunt on the water! The most recent one we did on July 28th had such a vast array of boats that made Diamond Lake look amazing! Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the nice and windy day! These events are open to anyone, even if you haven't ever sailed before. Come down to the club or give us a heads up at dlycsailing@gmail.com and we will find a boat and sailor for you to go with.

Lastly, if you are an adult looking to learn how to sail we will have our last fun, **Adult Sailing Class** on Friday, August 9th from 5:30 - 8:00. Participants from our first event commented afterwards, "I had no idea that I would have so much fun tonight!" Please let us know if you are interested at dlycsailing@gmail.com.



Diamond Lake Youth Sailing

The youth sailing program 2019 has been incredibly successful! ... More so than any of us could have anticipated. We celebrated and instructed 40 youth sailors during the month of July. Our success is due to the dedication of our fearless Commodore, Louie Csokasy, and our hard working lead instructor, Lane Francis. Both of these individuals took a huge leap of faith over the winter when they committed to the new format and new boats. Lane has been assisted by his team of regular staff: Riley, Genevieve and Timothy. Throughout the summer he needed some extra help from Austin, Beatrice and Connor. All of these young adults took their roles seriously, and worked diligently to provide a fun, safe and encouraging program for our members, family of members and non-member families. We had our fair share of excitement and nerves at the start of each session. Watching these young participants struggle with the new Optis on day 1 and then rig, sail and dock them with confidence and a smile by day 4 was such fun. Our intermediate sailors took new risks and gained a great deal of skill.



Lane tackled the challenge of starting our beginners and entry intermediate sailors with the new Opti boats, and worked incredibly hard to integrate the new 420 and our reliable “go to” Sunfish boats for the more intermediate sailors. One can feel the confidence when you talk with Lane about the program now—please inquire next time you see him!

We have been overwhelmed with pride and excitement observing the growth of our new program, our instructors, our sailors and the beauty of the piers when they are full of boats and kids.

Please visit the DLYC Facebook page or our Instagram account to see a summer full of memories and comments and views from near and far!

A tentative schedule for next year will be posted soon and sign-ups will start in February or March. Watch the website and we encourage you to sign up early. We sold out of every session and had to turn away participants.

Anne Coles and Julie Conboy Hesse

KIDDIE Camp 2019 launched into fun!

For two weeks in July, 20 kids, ages 2-7, rotated between sports on the court, crafts, games and snacks while parents and grandparents were able to run errands, socialize or get some work done. Along with these young tots, seven awesome club member teens led the way. Great fun was had by all!



August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 1:00 PM - All Sail Day	29 1:00 PM - Youth Sailing - Session 5A: Dinghy & Scow Class	30 1:00 PM - Youth Sailing - Session 5A: Dinghy & Scow Class 6:00 PM - Come For DINNER	31 1:00 PM - Youth Sailing - Session 5A: Dinghy & Scow Class	1 1:00 PM - Youth Sailing - Session 5A: Dinghy & Scow Class	2 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 5B: Racing Fundamentals	3 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 5B: Racing Fundamentals 8:30 AM - SUNFISH AND BUTTERFLY RACES 8:00 PM - Dinner Crawl
4	5 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 6: Make-Up All Classes	6 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 6: Make-Up All Classes	7 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 6: Make-Up All Classes 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon - Sharon Block - confirm 574-278-8882	8 9:00 AM - Youth Sailing - Session 6: Make-Up All Classes 8:00 PM - Happy Hour	9	10 9:30 AM - SUNFISH AND BUTTERFLY RACES 7:00 PM - Craft Beer Party
11	12 5:00 PM - DLA Board Meeting	13 8:00 PM - Come For DINNER	14	15	16 8:45 AM - Off-Lake Kayaking	17 8:30 AM - DLYC Board Meeting 4:30 PM - Beer, Brats and Dogs with Family Pickle Ball - All ages welcome!
18 8:00 AM - All Sail Day	19	20	21 12:30 PM - Ladies Luncheon with Guest Chef teaching us all some special recipes	22	23 6:00 PM - Pirate's Ball	24
25	26	27	28	29 6:00 PM - BYOA	30	31 9:30 AM - SUNFISH AND BUTTERFLY RACES
1	2 Labor Day 10:00 AM - Labor Day Annual Meeting & Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 6:00 PM - Polish Dinner with live music!