

# DLYC News

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## Flag Officers

### **Commodore**

John Seidl

### **Vice-Commodore**

Tom Nolan

### **Rear Commodore**

Jackie Bankowski

### **Treasurer**

Marilyn Gardner

### **Secretary**

Marilyn Quackenbush

### **Past Commodore**

Louis Csokasy

## Board Members:

### **Term Expires 2021**

Phyllis Clark

Louis Csokasy

Andy Jones

Tom Nolan

Tammy Renner

John Seidl

Mike Sharpe

Bill Stoler

### **Term Expires 2022:**

Austin Francis

Marilyn Gardner

Nancy Gerber

Sue Heinrich

Marilyn Quackenbush

Ginny Rapp

### **Term Expires 2023:**

Amy Ball

Jackie Bankowski

Stan Blenke

Dave Bolen

Linda Magnuson

Sally Malone

### **Emeritus**

Ron Francis

## **Commodore's Message—Fall 2020**

### **Full Speed ahead-**

- Our Board of Governors and Committees are in the midst of planning a full calendar of social and sports activities for 2021. We are also discussing the possibility of moving outdoors with a number of events to keep everyone safe and comfortable in our Covid-19 world. Mark May 1, 2021 on your calendars for our season kick-off Kentucky Derby Party and stay tuned for a full calendar of opportunities for both young and old to re-engage with our Diamond Lake Neighbors.
- Volunteers are needed to assist in the operating of our club. Please review our "Help Wanted" page for opportunities to volunteer. We particularly welcome younger members who would like to have a voice in planning of activities for our club.
- My thanks to the new Board of Governors members: Amy Ball, Jackie Bankowski, Stan Blenke, Dave Bolen, Linda Magnuson, and Sally Malone for their commitment to the club.
- Finally, Please renew your membership for 2021. The Diamond Lake Yacht Club adds much to the quality of life on the lake. We need your continuing support to "keep the lights on" and our programs available to our lake community.

**Stay Well and Stay Safe,**

*John Seidl*

*DLYC Commodore*



## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



Diamond Lake Yacht Club. We are excited to let you know about some new and awesome activities and events to look forward to next summer here at our Club. Not only will you have the chance to renew old treasured relationships with longtime DLYC friends, but there are many advantages now for you to bring in new members to Diamond Lake Yacht Club!!

**Did You Know - - -** The \$200.00 initiation fee has been dropped to encourage new families around the lake to join!

**Did You Know - - -** The "Early Bird Special" has been extended to February 28th. You only pay \$300 to renew if you sign up early. After February the regular renewal fee is still \$350, which supports your Club's ongoing expenses for insurance, utilities, maintenance and much needed improvements (i.e. the old 30-year carpeting is finally being replaced).

**Did You Know - - -** The Club now has 22 sailboats that you and your family and friends on Diamond Lake can use - Just fill out the reservations and release forms on our website and you can spend hours of sailing fun on the lake. Sailing classes are very popular and you should get ready for some exciting regattas coming to Diamond Lake next summer that the Sailing Committee is in the process of planning with Eagle Lake and other neighboring lakes.

**Did You Know - - -** There is a pickle-ball court and basketball court available for you to use behind the Club. Our new Pickle-ball Chairman, Nancy Gerber, is working on organizing a DLYC Tournament for next Season. Beginners are welcome! If you don't play, just watching the games and cheering for your friends is great fun too.

**Did You Know - - -** The swimming program with YMCA instructors was so popular last year that they extended the lessons for a third week.

**Did You Know - - -** The Social Committee is hard at work putting together a full Season of fun events - all centered around you participating in a variety of activities within an environment where you will feel safe and secure.

So many reasons for you to renew your membership!! Please contact anyone on our Membership Committee or Commodore John Seidl with questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing you next summer at the Diamond Lake Yacht Club!

Membership Committee:  
Mary Anderson

Ginny Rapp, Chairman  
Sally Malone

Donna Kyle, Co Chairman  
Tom Nolan, Vice Commodore

## DLYC SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2021

We are all hoping for a return to social events next summer. Much discussion is ongoing as to how to hold more member events outside should the Covid-19 Michigan State Mandates exist next summer.

Our new social chairs—Donna Kyle and Leslie Paul are busy calling for members to make a commitment to host an event. If you would like to host an event or have an idea—please send them a note!

We plan on kicking off the season with our Annual Kentucky Derby Party in May, other events include: Pancake Breakfast, Spring Dinner, Happy Hours, An Ice Cream Social, Tuesday Night Dinners, a golf outing at Hampshire, A Pickle-ball Tournament, Craft Beer Nights, and many more...

If you would like to get involved (and we hope that you do... please send a shout out to:

Donna Kyle

[donnakyle@gmail.com](mailto:donnakyle@gmail.com)

574-360-1113

Leslie Paul

[lespaul50@msn.com](mailto:lespaul50@msn.com)

574-210-3370



## Message from the Secretary:



The minutes from the Annual Meeting on 9/7/20 are now on the web-site. It would be great if all members would review the document and let me know if you have any comments/corrections. I tried to make sure I knew who all was in attendance, but with masks on everyone, I may have missed someone. Please let me know if that's the case. I can be reached at 239-463-4581 or [mquacken1@yahoo.com](mailto:mquacken1@yahoo.com).

**Hope you all have a safe and Wonderful winter!**



## WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for members with extra time and energy to join some of our key committees.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Calling all "techies"! Join the communications committee to assist in:

- Bulletin Production
- Web Site Maintenance
- Expanding social Media Presence

Contact:

Jackie Bankowski at [jcmgm@aol.com](mailto:jcmgm@aol.com)

John Seidl at [seidlj@ymail.com](mailto:seidlj@ymail.com)

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

- Volunteer who is handy or has the know-how to get projects done in Cassopolis and Diamond Lake
- Seeking volunteer to assist Bill Stoler in property management of our clubhouse and waterfront

Contact:

Bill Stoler at [stoler1@frontier.com](mailto:stoler1@frontier.com)

### SAILING COMMITTEE

- Volunteers for the Reid Francis MC Memorial Invitational to be held July 24, 2021.
- Assistance in the Youth Sailing Program

Contact:

Jackie Bankowski at [jcmgm@aol.com](mailto:jcmgm@aol.com)

### YOUTH PROGRAM

- Seeking volunteers for our youth sailing and swimming programs
- Seeking Chair for Youth Kiddie Kamp

Contact:

Amy Ball at [amydegerball@gmail.com](mailto:amydegerball@gmail.com)

John Seidl at [seidlj@ymail.com](mailto:seidlj@ymail.com)

### MERCHANDISE

- Seeking member to select and manage our offering of DLYC merchandise

Contact:

John Seidl at [seidlj@ymail.com](mailto:seidlj@ymail.com)



## Youth Sailing 2020—Perseverance and Gratitude

This summer seemed to be all about flexibility and understanding. The uncertainty in mid-June over summer camp offerings was put to rest when the first sailing session was booked to capacity. That made all the extra effort from the sailing staff worth it. And there was a lot of extra effort this year!! There was setting up in the morning and tearing down in the afternoon all the tables and chairs in the front yard to create the outdoor classroom. Boats had to be disinfected between sessions leaving less time for a lunch break. There was temperature tracking and mask/gaiter enforcement. Gone were the comforts of snacks, bottled water, and an air conditioned clubhouse at the end of a hot day on the water. No one complained and the results reflect that:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% INCREASE</u>
Total registrations	41	56	up 37%
Participating Sailors	32 (15 non-members)	37 (21 non-members)	up 16%
Revenue	\$4,100	\$6,620	up 61%

The multi-year commitment the club made in 2018 for the purchase of boats has made the numbers above possible. In just over 2 years, the club has added 9 Optis, a 420, a Butterfly, and a Zodiac to the fleet of boats.

We were fortunate, in a challenging year, to have the reputation of the club rest in the hands of third and fourth generation members. **Lane Francis, Genevieve Hesse, and Timothy Hesse** should be commended for their dedication in keeping sailing enthusiasm alive at the DLYC. **Mason Coles** and **Conor Hogarth** were this year's sailing volunteers. And without hesitation, **Leah** and **Nicholas Peluchowski**, filled in for Lane during week 4. We also appreciated the support of our members who registered for private lessons, or purchased gaiters and/or Regatta t-shirts.

In addition to youth sailing, DLYC is hosting the currently postponed MC Invitational. The club will benefit by joining a broader sailing community with surrounding lakes. These relationships should position us well for continuing the success of our sailing programs.

### Mark your calendars

**Reid Francis Memorial MC Invitational – Saturday, July 24, 2021**



## Youth Sailing 2021 let's keep the success going!

We have boats! Sunfish, Opti's MC's and a 420, we are scheduling all ages and several classes for 2021. We are also featuring Adult and Private lessons. Take the plunge and learn to sail! Nothing beats the feeling of being on the water.

For planning purposes we have set the sailing classes for **2021** the weeks of **June 28th, July 5th, and July 12th**. We are discussing extending the sailing events through August 5th. Stay tuned for more information on that!

Get the word out to your friends and neighbors that we have 22 boats with experienced instructors for classes. Let's fill the lake next summer with sailors!



## DLYC Youth Swimming 2020 was so popular we extended the season!

We had another successful summer of swim lessons at DLYC thanks to our great partners, the Niles YMCA. Their instructors taught our young swimmers how to be stronger and safer in the lake.

We originally had two sessions scheduled and they were so well attended, that we added a third session in August. With so many summer activities cancelled, it was nice to have an outside activity with plenty of room to spread out. We look forward to another great summer next year!

The tentative dates for **2021** are the weeks of **June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>** and **July 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Amy





**DLYC 1ST ANNUAL PICKLE-BALL TOURNAMENT** Sports Court

Next Summer, our Pickle-ball Chairman Nancy Gerber is working on organizing a DLYC Tournament.

Beginners are very welcome! Lessons will be available.

Come watch or join in the action next summer.

Outdoor activities flourished under the Covid 19 pandemic this past summer. Let's all hope for a return to a new normal Summer 2021.

**SPORTS COURT IS GREAT FOR BASKETBALL!**

Don't forget over the summer the sports court is also available for basketball! The Didrickson boys and friend had a heated competition last fall. They mentioned to me that after the competition they were headed to the ice cream shop on the neighboring golf course. A great day!







**Sportsman Award—Anne Coles**

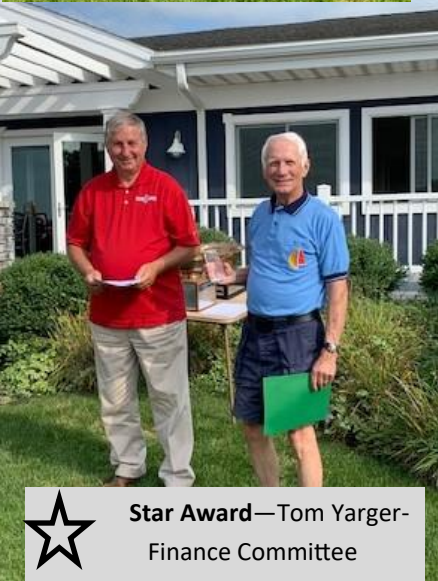


**DLYC ANNUAL MEETING-9/7/2020**

**DLYC - AWARDS 2020**



**Yachtsman of the Year Award—**  
Sue Heinrich and Jackie Bankowski—  
Communications Committee



**Star Award—Tom Yarger—**  
Finance Committee



**New Commodore—John Seidl**  
**Past Commodore—Louis Csokasy**



**Graduated Board Member—**  
Mike Jarrick



**Star Award—Phyllis Clark—**  
Membership Committee



**Star Award—Mary Bolen - Social Com-**  
mittee (Dave accepted in her absence)



**Star Award—Kathy Seidl—**  
Social Committee