

# DLYC News

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Winter 2020

## 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—Winter 2020

### Reopen and Renew

One of my Granddaughter's friends has a t-shirt that simply reads... 2020 Sucks. That's not the most elegant way to describe our year, but certainly the most accurate. The pandemic has altered the way we live and the way we engage with our family and friends. We are fortunate to be at Diamond Lake during our distancing, but we miss our friends from around the lake. Kathy and I pray for all those suffering from the virus and look forward to renewing Diamond Lake friendships in 2021.

Since our club annual meeting on Labor Day weekend, your Club Board of Directors has been meeting and "Zooming" in preparation for the 2021 program year. The Social Committee has been planning events for the summer with Plan B in mind. Plan B would move many of our events outdoors to allow members to ease into our new normal, as defined by science, and the State of Michigan. We plan on having a full social season, with a variety of activities, so get on board by renewing your membership.

Reopening in 2021 will require timely two-way communication with our membership. The Communications Committee has been meeting to plan for an enhanced communication effort with weekly updates, or more frequently as our calendar dictates. We remain in need of additional committee members to assist in our website and bulletins.

Our Membership Committee has been meeting regularly with a goal of expanding our membership, particularly to new lake residents and younger age groups. Our favorite events, and new social events are being planned with the "younger" members in mind. Please renew your membership for what should be an exciting program year.

The Sailing Committee and the Youth Sailing Foundation have met planning ahead for next year, particularly the youth sailing program and the Diamond Lake Regatta scheduled for July 24, 2021.

A special thanks to Bill Stoler and Louie Csokasy for winterizing our sailboat feet. Not much snow yet, but...I'm sure it's on the way.

For the past few months, Tommy Block and Bob Clark, have led a committee to replace our well-worn clubhouse carpeting. A special thanks to them and their carpet selection committee, Donna Kyle, Sue Heinrich, Phyllis Clark and Sharon Block, for a job well done. As the photos show, we have a fresh look and can hardly wait for the Derby Party for y'all to see it. They claim it is red wine resistant.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and wish you HAPPINESS and HEALTH in the New Year.

*John Seidl*

*DLYC Commodore*

## New Carpeting at the Clubhouse!

Over the winter we have been making some key upgrades to the club, most importantly new carpeting! Over the past few months the carpet selection committee: Donna Kyle, Sue Heinrich, Phyllis Clark and Sharon Block have selected a brand new look for our formerly "tired" clubhouse floors!

Ta-da!

We now have a fresh new look inside and are hoping to test the new floor out with members at The Kentucky Derby Party on May 1st.



## Membership Renewal Time

Just a friendly reminder to renew your membership in the Diamond Lake Yacht Club! The second reminder letter will be coming out soon - remember, we are extending the Early Bird Special through the month of February so you will be able to renew your membership for only \$300. You can either renew on our website ([dlycmi.org](http://dlycmi.org)) or by mailing a check to DLYC, P.O. Box 363, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

The Sailing Committee has sailing lessons, races and an MC regatta planned. Our athletic court will be hosting a Pickle Ball Tournament and our popular swimming program with the YMCA will be busy again during the Summer of 2021. The Social Committee is putting together an exciting schedule of events starting in May with a Kentucky Derby Party. This Spring, your Club has a "brand new look" with the addition of new carpeting that was made possible by your membership support.

**30%** of our membership has already renewed for 2021!!! A very special **Thank You** for supporting your club during the past year through difficult times, and we all look forward to participating with you in activities within a safe, healthy environment in the Spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman, Ginny Rapp ([ginrapp@icloud.com](mailto:ginrapp@icloud.com) or 269-228-0475).



**Diamond Lake Yacht Club**



## Youth Sailing Schedule 2021

We have a growing Youth Sailing Program, our registration increases each year as our novice sailors experience the joy of sailing on the water of Diamond Lake. Our committee has been busy trying to increase our fleet with more and newer boats. Our program includes classes for all ages as well as adult and private lessons. Take the plunge and learn to sail! Nothing beats the feeling of freedom on the water.

The sailing classes for **2021** will be the weeks of **June 28th, July 5th,** and **July 12th.** There is a possibility we will be extending the sailing events through August 5th. Stay tuned for more information on that!

Let's fill the lake next summer with sailors! Maybe even you?



## DLYC Youth Swimming Schedule 2021

We plan on another great summer of swim lessons at DLYC. We give thanks to our terrific partners, the Niles YMCA on helping us grow this program. The kids love the instructors and after the first few days—they're hooked! Swimming is yet another outdoor activity that the kids from the lake can participate in, and our young participants are shown how to feel stronger and safer in the lake.

Depending on registration, several levels of classes will be offered. Please check the DLYC website for more information and how to register. Mark your family vacation calendars...the youth swim classes will be held **June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>** and **12<sup>th</sup>** summer 2021.

Amy





### DLYC has PICKLE BALL !

We have pickleball! This summer our Pickle Ball Chairman is Nancy Gerber, if you are interested in lessons or participating in the DLYC Tournament this summer, please contact her.

Beginners welcome!

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## SAVE THE DATE — Reid Francis Memorial MC Invitational Saturday July 24, 2021

Planning is currently underway for the re-scheduled **Reid Francis MC Memorial Invitational**. We have contacted sailors from 5 lakes for an inter-lake MC competition. The lakes joining Diamond Lake are: Eagle, Indian, Birch and Corey. The Races are scheduled for Saturday July 24th, 2021. We will need your help—volunteer requests will begin early next summer. It should be a fun, outdoor event—sailors, media and spectators will all need some assistance from our DLYC members.



## DLYC Season kick-off

### The Kentucky Derby Party May 1, 2021



This season begins with The Derby Party hosted by the Tuttle's. Also scheduled is the annual "Stock The Bar" event hosted by the Hayden Family—it is always an important event!. A New event in June will be a Texas Hold'em night hosted by Tom Nolan and Eric and Anne Coles. The annual golf outing will be at The Hampshire Country Club and hosted by Dave and Sue Dunlap. August has a new event—a Ladies Luncheon White Elephant hosted by Marilyn Quackenbush. The favorite end to the season will be the Hog Roast in September hosted by Steve Clement and Linda and Wes Magnuson.

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## Goodbye 2020...Happy New Year 2021!!!

### See you on Diamond Lake this summer!

