



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

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(Three pages)

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It's never too early to be thinking about the fun times we are going to have in the coming spring and summer months. As I take on the honor of being this year's CLYC Commodore, I look forward to hearing your thoughts for new ideas and activities that the club can offer to make it a more enjoyable for all.

First I must express special thanks all the members who helped out last fall with sprucing up the clubhouse and grounds. We had a tremendous turnout at both of the events. A special thanks goes out to Bill Locke for coordinating the leaf removal and Rich O'Boyle for keeping us on track with things needed to batten down hatches on the house for it's winter nap. Also, a shout out to Tim Sprung for cracking the whip on the dock installing folks to get the lifts out of the water before the freeze up.

We started the New Member Referral program this year, which helped us get 14 new members. The program will continue in 2020 and members are encouraged to contact Mark Sokoll (248-722-9963) for specific info on the program, and to refer potential new members. Maybe you would like to give a gift of membership to someone you love!

Progress has been made on the project to repair and renovate the clubhouse. Members approved the general plan for repairs and renovations, and the required financing. The projects are on hold for the winter, and will resume after the snow melts. Repairs and renovations required a modest increase in annual dues. Which was the first increase in 5 years. Annual dues for regular membership will increase \$50 to \$525, \$262.50 for senior members, and \$275 for members under 30 years old. Dues must be paid by March 31st

Neil Robb would like to remind members that the Clubhouse Reservation Forms for 2020 are available on the website. Please fill them out and return by March 31st. Neil would appreciate any suggestions for the website. Did you know - If you click on the banner at the top of any page it will take you back to the home page?

Significant improvements were made to the Learn2Sail program. Craig Hamilton has requested feedback by March 1st for the following topics:

INTERESTED STUDENTS

- Learn2Sail will again be FREE to CLYC members and their households!
- Children should be at least 14 years old and accompanied by a parent

SAILORS WILLING TO ASSIST AS AN INSTRUCTOR OR FOLLOW-ON MENTOR

STUDENTS AND SAILORS: Please send an email to CLYClegacy@gmail.com and include your cell phone number. Interested families should include the names (and ages of children) of desired students. The Learn2Sail schedule will be communicated by mid-April. Check out Craig's poem on the next page.

Sailing is a Gift. Pass it on!

by Craig W. Hamilton, CLYC

Sailing is a gift. That we can enjoy
With friends and family - or by ourselves. Oh boy!
Sailing across the water with the wind on your face,
Lifts your spirits and is a heavenly place.
Inspiring others to sail, our club's legacy grew.
Those before us loved sailing. We hope you will to!

The wind's constantly changing, its direction and force.
A wise skipper foresees and tweaks the boats course.
With hands on the tiller and sheet for the sail,
The skipper makes changes and (almost) always prevails! :>
The boat heels driving forward. Cool spray hits your face.
It's exciting to harness - the winds power and grace!

It's fun to learn sailing. How to make a boat go.
With each new experience - your confidence grows.
Learn about the wind, the sail and boat.
Develop the skills that will keep you afloat.
You learn sailing by doing and making mistakes.
What's the worst that can happen? You're swimming in the lake! :>

Racing speeds learning. It sharpens your skills.
Sailing in strong wind - tests wills and gives thrills.
Compete and share wisdom, learn the rules,
Build teamwork and friendships. Improve your tools
To face the tests - tomorrow may give.
Each sail, like each day, is a journey to live.

Sailing is fun, when out for a cruise
Or racing to win. Each way you don't lose!
Learn from mentors, who show you the way.
Coaches that build - your confidence each day.
Our summers go fast. And before time is gone.
Come, learn to sail, then pass it on!



Michael Sabourin is the newest member of the club's board. His position is Director of Raft, Marks, & Support Boat. Dan Hockenberry has come back to the board and taken on the responsibilities of Vice-Commodore and Race. Please welcome them both and special thanks for their commitment. There is an open position on the board in Sailing / Boating Safety. If interested in helping out please contact me.

I would personally like to thank Mike Britz for his service as last years Commodore and the help and guidance he has given me as I settle into my new position. I've asked for his help many times in the last three months and he has always graciously answered all my questions.

With the mild winter we have had so far one can only hope that as spring comes around we will be sailing and boating before you can say "Ahoy Mates". Wishing you all fair winds and a great winter.

Harry Sabourin
Commodore