



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

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Hello Fellow Club Members,

Wow! October! Another summer is drawing to a close at Clark Lake Yacht Club and it's time to batten down the hatches on the grounds and house. The colors are beginning to change and change is what this year has been all about. I want to thank everyone for all the work they have done so far this year in helping the club function as close to normal as possible in this time of the Covid-19 virus.

I hope you have the opportunity to come to the club this fall and help us take care of making the house and grounds ready for the spring of 2021.

The Fall Work Party on October 3rd was well attended. Thanks to everyone who came out to help shut down the clubhouse and prepare the grounds for winter. If you didn't come to the party, you missed a great selection of Hinkley donuts.

There's still some nice weather before the snow flies, so you can still use the grounds, but keep in mind that the bathhouse will be shut down as of the week of October 19.

Next up is the Fall Leaf Party on November 7th at 10am. We should be done by noon. Come and help move the leaves from the yard. This event is well managed under the command of Bill Locke. He has headed this event for many years and does a fantastic job making it a fun time. There will be donuts along with water and coffee.

Bill and his crew show up an hour before the 10am start and begin piling the leaves so when you arrive they are ready to rake leaves into tarps and towed to the woods. Please bring your favorite rake and gloves. If you have a 4 wheeler or leaf blower the job gets even shorter and easier. If between 15 to 20 workers come out, the whole thing can take about an hour and a half. It's a great opportunity to spend time with the family and fulfill some of your family's 8 hours of member service. If you have any questions Bill will be happy to answer them. He can be reached at 517-581-2855

The Sunday races this year got a late start due to the virus, but we still managed to get in 13 races. For the series, Neil Robb placed first, Steve Cummings placed second, and Richard O'Boyle placed third. Congratulations to our determined sailors who wouldn't let the virus deter them from competing.

We talked a lot over the past several years about the need to do some serious renovations to the clubhouse. We are happy to tell you that a project to renovate the bathrooms on the second floor is starting this month. A welcome first step with more to come soon.

As the summer season ends, we are going through our annual leadership changes with some folks leaving the Board and others joining.

- Our Vice Commodore Dan Hockenberry is leaving the Board and the state as he moves to a warmer climate. Dan has been a member since 1987 and has served as Commodore twice.
- Terry Klaasen who most recently was a Director on the Board is also leaving the Board. Terry has been a member since 1979 and was also a Commodore twice. Terry is still a member and is looking forward to taking it easy next summer.
- Tim Sprung is leaving after three years as Rear Commodore and dock manager. Tim will be spending summers in his native Canada, and winters in Florida.
- Roy McCall is leaving his position as Director in charge of the grounds.

Many many thanks to Dan, Terry, Tim and Roy for all their hard work. Its guys like this who keep the club running for all the members to enjoy.

So of course we have some new members who are going to step up to the task of running the club.

- Patrick O'Harris will be our new Rear Commodore.
- Clint White will be our new Director in charge of docks.
- Anne O'Harris is going to fill a new position that has been created to help manage clubhouse rentals.
- Bruce Chipman is going to take charge of our Learn 2 Sail program.

We do need a member to volunteer for the position of Director in charge of grounds. This is the position previous held by Roy McCall. Please contact me at 734-489-4781 if you would like to consider this position. I can answer any questions you may have and we can talk more about the duties of Director/Grounds.

Normally we have an election for officers at the annual Commodore's Batten Down the Season event in October. Sadly we had to cancel this event this year due to the virus, so no election. Accordingly, some officers that would normally stand for election will assume their new roles with the approval of the Board. This year the Board also redefined several of the Director positions. The Director/Supplies and Director/Sailing and Safety have been discontinued and replaced by Director/Membership and Director/Docks. These changes were made to reflect the changing needs of the club and how it needs to operate. At its September meeting the Board voted to approve the following:

- Me, Harry Sabourin, as Commodore for a second one year term.
- Steve Cummings for Vice Commodore for a one year term
- Patrick O'Harris for Rear Commodore for a one year term.
- Hugh Harris for Secretary/Treasurer for a one year term.
- Mark Sokoll for Director/Membership for a three year term.
- Clint White for Director/Docks for a three year term.
- Mike Britz has volunteered to stay on the Board as Past Commodore.

Warm regards,

Harry Sabourin
Commodore 2020