



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

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July 16, 2021

Greetings fellow club members,

The summer season is in full swing and the club is buzzing with activity.

We had a great Fourth of July party. Many thanks to Jenna Chmielewski and her crew for putting on this event. It was well attended and the weather was fair.

We have three upcoming events scheduled.

Cocktail Party, July 24th, 6pm – Kids are welcome and kiddy cocktails will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenna, and if you would like to help please contact Jenna at:

realtorjennacares@gmail.com

Kids Triathlon at Clark Lake, July 31st. – This is an annual event sponsored by the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation with help from the Clark Lake Yacht Club, and is centered on the Clark Lake Yacht Club grounds. It's a great event for kids, and helps the Clark Lake Yacht Club get some great visibility in the Clark Lake area. Jenna is our leader for this event too. She sure is busy. Jenna needs help with this event. If you can lend a hand please contact her (email address above). We will be providing hot dogs and drinks.

Tie-dye Party, August 1st, 1pm – Amy Locke is spearheading the event again this year. In the past there have been some very unique shirts and towels created. Contact Amy at alockeit@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to help.

The grounds at the club are looking shipshape these days. Many thanks to Rick Joseph for the tremendous improvement in the grounds. It starts right at the entrance where a new fence has been installed and very nice landscaping has been planted to improve the entrance sign. The paved area for parking dry dock sailboats is nearly complete and the boat trailer lot has been expanded to accommodate more members' trailers. All the miscellaneous junk that littered the grounds has been removed, and the worst of the dead trees cut down. Please do not leave boat trailers on the blacktop parking area at the south end of the property.

The first Learn 2 Sail class of 2021 is in the books. Bruce Chipman had both members and nonmembers take the course. The open water part of the program was completed thanks to able bodied sailors Bill, Mark, Neil and Pat who instructed the students in the sailboats. Next classes are on Saturday starting August 7th. To attend you need to register. Learn 2 Sail classes are free to members. Our website has the form for the class. Bruce says Craig Hamilton made the transition of taking over the Learn 2 Sail program very seamless.

The club has sailboats for members to use and they are located on the east dock. They are identified by the CLYC plaques in the front of each craft. If you would like to try your hand at sailing these boats can be used. There is also a paddleboat there for your use also. Thanks goes to Pat O'Harris for keeping these boats rigged and ready to go.

The Wi-Fi in the club has been updated. New equipment was installed by Comcast this past week. Speeds are much faster as a result. Passwords are the same until further notice.

Ann O'Harris and Anne Huysen have been working very hard getting the clubhouse ready for renters after the remodeling of the bathrooms upstairs. They removed all the plaster dust left over from the construction. All the rooms are clean and tidy now. Renters can familiarize themselves with the duties and responsibilities of renting with a book Ann has produced outlining the "do and don'ts" of staying at the club. The book is located in the renter's kitchen.

Many thanks to Mike Britz who managed the sale of 5 of the Club's excess sailboats. Proceeds from these sales covered a major portion of the cost of the grounds improvement.

The Club owns a radio controlled sailboat. Not a big boat, but a small model. It's sitting in the great room if you'd like to see what it looks like. Radio controlled sailing is a growing activity for kids (and even some really older kids) throughout the U.S. The Board would like your feedback about starting a radio controlled sailing program. We would need a member to manage the program. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in and/or managing a radio controlled sailing program..

A reminder that the galley kitchen refrigerators are for temporary cooling. If you are leaving items in them they must be labeled with your name or removed when you leave. The club can not take responsibility for any items left in the refrigerator. Items will be disposed of or used by the membership if left too long. Feel free to use plates and other utensils from the galley. If they are used, please wash them after and put them away after you use them.

There are 28 towables presently inflated in the garage. We are running out of room. It is suggested these towables be stored deflated and put in an appropriate sized plastic bin with your name on it. A high speed inflation device will be installed in the garage soon.

There is a new hot water heater in the bathhouse replacing the 50-year-old heater that was installed at the time the building was constructed. I think we got our money's worth out of that unit!

There is now a bottled water dispenser provided by club members Jeff and Randi Watts on the Commodore's porch. Thank the Watts for this when you enjoy to a cool drink on a hot day.

Clark Lake Yacht Club has a long standing policy of No Pets on the grounds. Please be considerate to fellow members and not violate this rule.

I sincerely hope that you all have a great summer experience. If there are any questions or concerns pertaining to the club, please contact me or any board member and we will try and help.

Harry Sabourin
Commodore 2021