



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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Jackson, Michigan 49204

A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

Rebel Fleet No. 2
Interlake Fleet No. 7
Buccaneer Fleet No. 1
Sunfish Fleet No. 676

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Ahoy Members!

I am both humbled and honored to be your Commodore for 2022. Special thanks to our previous Commodore Harry Sabourin, previous Director of Grounds & Waterfront Rick Joseph, previous Secretary/Treasurer Hugh Harris, and all returning Board Members and Directors. New people on the board this year are Bob Krusky as Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Chipman as Rear Commodore/Learn to Sail Instructor, and Steve Middlebrook as Director of Grounds & Waterfront.

RULES:

It is very important that every member has a copy of the annual handbook and is aware of the rules of the club. Here are *some* rules/expectations you might not be aware of:

- CLYC does not allow pets on the property, not even emotional support animals. "Service" animals such as seeing eye dogs are permitted.
- All lifts and trailers must be clearly labeled with the owner's name.
- Non-members (guests) are not allowed on the property without the presence of the member, this includes renters. If you can't be there, contact another member who can come in your place so this rule can be observed. This does not apply to vendors hired by the club or to Regatta's.
- Only renters are allowed upstairs and only renters may use the upstairs bathrooms.
- All renters must bring (and use) their own sheets on club beds.
- Each member is required to work 8 hours per year on club activities or be charged \$120; honorary and Senior members are exempt. CLYC doesn't wish to invoice any member for lack of hours so please contact a director or board member for help.
- *Some* rules are suspended during the September Regatta or when we host national races, here are a few examples:
 - 1. We do allow camping.
 - 2. Dogs are (still) not permitted.
 - 3. Non-members are allowed to rent rooms upstairs.
 - 4. Boats are allowed to moor in the swimming area.

There may be other rules that are not observed during these events. Please contact a board member or director if you have questions about which rules are suspended.

2022:

1. One big task this year is to update the electrical system in the clubhouse. This will be a major expense and one that will require the club to access our line of credit.
2. An ongoing focus at CLYC is to promote Sailing both through our Learn to Sail classes and Sunday race days. We would like to roll out a marketing campaign in 2022 to attract more sailors and interest in sailing, please let us know if this is something you can assist with. **Sailing classes are free to members, please consider taking a class (and bring a friend) so you can better utilize our many club boats for free.**

ITEMS OF NOTE:

Our current dock vendor was unable to complete the removal of docks this Fall. Evidently the "going rate" is double what we had been paying. The fact that our docks are all wood (heavier) does not help. We had to spend \$1800 (50%) more for Fall dock removal, and will potentially spend 100% more in 2022 (than before); expect our 2022 dock fees to reflect this. On the bright side we anticipate better and more timely service with a new vendor. Our intention is to create a multi-year plan to replace wood docks with aluminum.

I plan to ask that all new members be assigned a mentor (veteran/current member) for their first year. Mentors will be responsible for making sure new members understand our rules as well as their rights and privileges, and to ensure they are personally invited to and aware of all social and work events, etc. Please let us know if you would like to be a mentor to a new member.

The Fall Leaf Cleanup Party will be Saturday, Nov 13 (rain date Nov 20) 9am. Donuts and water provided. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, 4 wheeler if you have them. This should only take a few hours if enough people show up. Avoid paying for work hours and come to this event (and sign in). Contact Bill Locke if you have questions 517-581-2855.

Lastly, Brian Main, one of our previous members from 1994-2013, has passed away. Some of you may recall that Brian's wife Randy was once our club's Social Chairman. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Brian Main.

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/jackson/name/brian-main-obituary?id=31185750>

I am excited for the next 12 months, we have a lot to accomplish, and I look forward to hearing from and meeting every member and their families.

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