



# Clark Lake Yacht Club

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*A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.*

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

**Member**  
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October 19, 2021

Ahoy Fellow Members

The Fall Work Party on October 9th was a big success with many members and their families attending. We got almost all the tasks on Richard O'Boyle's list completed. The house is now ready for its winter nap.

Reservations for the Commodore's Batten Down the Season Dinner are now closed. I look forward to seeing everyone who signed up at the Cascades Manor House October 23, 2021. Cocktail hour begins at 5pm. Dinner starts at 6pm.

The dock and lift removal has not yet started but will happen soon. A reminder that your name must be on your lifts to help the removal and install crew identify where they go next spring. Also trailers must have your name attached if they are to be stored in the trailer parking area next year.

The bath house will be winterized and locked on October 24, 2021. With the replacement of the water heater that has served us well for 51 years we want this one to survive as long as possible over the cold Michigan winters.

The Fall Leaf Cleanup Party will be held on November 13th (rain date Nov 20th) starting at 9am sharp. Again this year Bill Locke will be heading it up and has this operation down to a fine science. Bill is providing Hinckley's donuts and water. This party is the last opportunity to fulfill your service hours for 2021 and have a lot of fun in the crisp fall weather. Bring rakes, leaf blowers, and a 4 wheeler if you have one. With a lot of helpers it should take no longer than noon to finish. Don't forget to sign the sign-up sheet at the event to get your hours. Bill can be reached at 517-581-2855 if you have any questions.

2020 had its challenges with keeping everyone safe from Covid yet functioning as an open and operating club was our priority. I believe we were successful. 2021 saw many improvements to the house and property. The renovations of the bathrooms in the house and replacements of the water softener were major improvements. The club grounds haven't looked this good in years. Rick Joseph has worked very hard to make major improvements. Entrance fencing and address signage was installed. The sailboat storage area on the East side of the property was paved and the summer trailer parking area enlargements are the biggest.

Ann O'Harris has worked hard to improve bookings of the house rooms and many other scheduling assignments. She has revamped the Wi-fi system. Pat O'Harris has been removing the windows in the Great Room and other areas. He scraped and removed the glass, preparing them for reglazing. Their work on these tasks goes above and beyond.

There are a lot of unsung heroes in our club, members who help each other in pursuit of a common goal. A recent example is on the day the lifts were to be taken out. Members gathered together and helped each other remove the lifts belonging to the group and other members who were unable to help that day. Maybe we could bring back this "lift party" from the club's not so distant past.

Hugh Harris is retiring from the board after more than two decades as club Secretary-Treasurer. He took on the assignment after serving as Commodore in 1998 and served until 2006, and then again from 2011 until now. He has been a steady hand in the daily operations of the club ever since. We hope he will continue to share his expertise in financial matters. Rick Joseph is also leaving the board. Rick served as Commodore in 2008 and has been on the board as Director of Grounds & Waterfront for the past few years. If you see these guys around, give them a hearty thanks.

It's been my pleasure to serve as Commodore the past two years. I've enjoyed my time and wish the best to the next Commodore to lead the Clark Lake Yacht Club.

Harry Sabourin  
Commodore 2021