



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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Greetings Members!

August 2022

The first topic this month is **VOLUNTEERING**. As everybody knows, all members agreed to work one social event AND 8 hours to avoid being billed \$120. The opportunities for acquiring work hours are decreasing as we approach the fall season. **My goal is to have every member complete the required number of hours.** We don't want to invoice anyone; we prefer to have your help. However, it is unacceptable and disappointing that some members do not hold up their end of the membership agreement to work one social event and volunteer for eight hours of service. That is why I intend to propose the Board increase the billable non-work hours in 2023 and/or create a means to better hold members accountable for this requirement. Honorary and Senior members are exempt, but it may surprise you to know that almost every one of those members works well over 8 hours every year.

*Perhaps the biggest opportunity for volunteering is the upcoming Regatta September 14-18. This is a huge event this year with more participants than we've seen in years, plus the club is cooking most of the food on the weekend. The Buccaneer National Championship folks arrive on Wednesday 9-14. The Sunfish Regional Championship and the CLYC Invitational Regatta folks begin arriving on Friday, 9-17. Buccaneers will begin racing Thursday morning, but all of the aforementioned will be racing on the weekend, close to 50 boats! We need **lots** of help for this event and we want to make a great impression on our guests. Ann O. will be making calls to members to see who can help out, please consider working this event, it will be epic!*

We still need 1 person on Aug 21st to help with Sailboat Races. This is an easy job and is enjoyable. Contact Scott Rosenbeck at jsrosenbeck@gmail.com or 517-605-3579 if you can help out.

The fall leaf cleanup party takes place on Saturday, Oct 8th, usually lasting less than 3-4 hours.

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

- The exterior lights we ordered for the lakeside porch months ago finally came in and now the lakeside porch is lit up at night.
- The 2nd floor gutter guards were installed over the past weekend.
- The docks were recently inspected to ensure their safety and I made several

repairs/adjustments. Thanks to various members for pointing out areas where attention was needed. If you see anything that doesn't look safe, please report that immediately to me (734-645-2514). Future Dock Chairmen will be required to execute a monthly inspection going forward. I don't want anyone getting hurt.

- The moving of lake rocks back against the shore to prevent erosion has been completed and the creation of an opening for beaching Catamarans in the East bay is nearly complete. This opening also serves as a safe way to step in and out of the water.
- We are aware of the Men's bathhouse sinks draining slowly, a fix is coming soon.
- The Club purchased 12 new deck chairs and we are soon buying 12 more!
- Fleet 58, a Hobie fleet based at Clark Lake that had disbanded several years back is being resurrected in 2023. Fleet 58 was once the largest in the nation! Ex-members of Fleet 58 and a few of our members will be involved.
- The club has identified a new system for connecting the new aluminum docks to the wood finger docks in 2023. This new method will greatly increase safety and stability.

Club Boats:

We recently received two Sunfish sailboats as a donation from Neil Robb's family. These boats are in great shape; both are already available for use. Hugh Harris has been repairing the fiberglass on our older Sunfish so we currently have 4 Sunfish available, soon to be 5.

- The CL14 is temporarily out of service. Please do NOT use that boat until we can make repairs.

Special Thanks go out to:

John Cunningham for mowing the grounds all summer!

Ann O'Harris for cooking BBQ for race participants after every race, for organizing the garage, for installing ¼ round floor trim in the kitchens, & cleaning up the new Sunfish sailboats (w/Neil).
Hugh Harris for repairing fiberglass on club boats.

Jenna, the Locke's, the Fleming's, and all who helped with the Kid's Triathlon – A great event!

Harry & Michael Sabourin for all their work trying to find parts to repair the club support and committee boats. Harry also borrowed a friend's boat to temporarily replace our support boat.

Tim & Michelle Studer for providing their pontoon to replace our committee boat. Also Tim for his extra work on the grounds, moving sand and wood chips, etc.

Scott Rosenbeck for his perseverance in making sure the Sunday races always had support volunteers. We now have a few non-members joining us!

Thanks to Neil Robb, Hugh Harris, Ann O'Harris, Scott Rosenbeck, Larry and Patti Schmeda and team for leading the organizational efforts for the Regatta.

Thanks to Bruce Chipman for his work in the Learn2Sail program

Lift and dock removal begins the first week of October. **Please have your boat (& lift if applicable) removed by OCT 1.** I will send out payment information for vendor lift removal in September.

Please mark your calendar for the Commodore's Ball on Friday, October 21st, which will be held at Cascades Manor, Sparks Room, in Jackson. (this is NOT a volunteering event). More information will be coming in September's newsletter.

Reminders:

Members are responsible for their guests and members must be present at all times when guests are on club property.

We have renters in the house all summer. Renters lock all clubhouse doors and turn off lights by curfew: 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday. If a renter turns in earlier than curfew, the doors will likely be locked. If you visit the property for any reason after hours and the doors are locked, please do not try to come into the house, and out of courtesy, please keep your voices down. Also, if you use the bath house after hours, it is your responsibility to make sure you turn off the lights and close the doors.

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