



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

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Ahoy Members!!

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You know it's a new season when we already have one party and one Sunday race under our belts! Let's get down to brass tacks, we need your help:

Volunteering is a huge part of what makes this club what it is, and one of the defining factors that sets us apart from other clubs. Volunteering helps the club, helps you to socialize with other members and just makes you feel good inside, am I right? But seriously, we need your help and here is a list of some items we need help with:

Sunday Races: It takes two individuals in a support boat and two in a committee boat for a race to happen. The volunteer schedule still has a few spots open. Go to our website, look under INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS and click on the SUPPORT AND COMMITTEE link. Any square in yellow indicates a date where we need help. It's easy work and you get volunteer hours for doing it. Contact Vice Commodore Scott Rosenbeck for more information jrosenbeck@gmail.com or 517-605-3579.

Sunday Races, part 2: We need participants. Don't let the word RACE fool you, this is just a *course* that you traverse and it helps you to become a better sailor by compelling you to sail towards a specific location. It's FUN, peaceful and no pressure; it's only competitive if you want it to be. All levels of sailors are welcome, and you can even come to simply ride along (crew) with another sailor. Crewing gives you a better feel for what this is all about, so just show up any Sunday around noon and bring a life jacket or we'll find one for you. You don't even need a boat – we have those for you!! There are free burgers and dogs afterwards for all participants. You can bring a non-member friend to these events too. Easy right?

Parties: Club rules state that all non-senior & non-honorary members must help out at least one party each year and unlike previous years', these hours count towards your 8-hour requirement. We need workers AND people to chair parties if you can build and lead a team. Contact Social Director Jenna Chmielewski at realtorjennacares@gmail.com or 517-937-5232 to sign up.

Grounds: If you're the type that likes yard work, we got that for you too. Most of the mowing schedule is full, but we have other jobs on the grounds that we could use help with like weed whipping, raking, repairing picnic tables, painting the deck, etc. Contact Grounds Director Steve Middlebrook if this fits your style, steven.c.middlebrook@gmail.com or 517-962-6357.

Sailing: We need help completing the training of our students graduating from our Learn2Sail classes. We need members to take these recruits out on the water. This can also count towards work hours because new sailors often become new members. You can use your own boat or a club boat. Contact Rear Commodore and Instructor Bruce Chipman at chipcrew@sbcglobal.net or 517-474-0921.

House: This year we are attempting to use members for the weekly cleaning of the bathhouse. There may be other jobs in and around the house that could be done as well. If you think this work is in your wheelhouse, contact Ann O'Harris at oharrisa@gmail.com or 734-476-7905.

News:

Referral Program goes on hiatus – that's right, we've finally reached the number of members where we no longer need a Referral program. No more \$200 bonuses as of now, however we will still waive initiation fees for siblings of current members. We know we are a great value.

Yearbooks are in! Blue cover yearbooks are now available in the (lakeside) porch so grab the one with your name on it. The business card can sometimes be used at other yacht clubs around the state for entry.

New Member Brunch: This is an annual party for all our newest members where we, the old membership, buy brunch for our new friends and get to know one another. It is scheduled for this Sunday, 6-12, at 9am. The menu is amazing and the price reasonable; remember you are paying to feed our new members and yourselves. We need to know in advance if you are coming so click the link that was emailed to you or contact Ann O'Harris at oharrisa@gmail.com or 734-476-7905.

New Members: Please join me in welcoming new members Katie and Jeffrey Hawkins along with their kids Mackenzie, Nicholas & Lauren. Also, please welcome returning members Rick & Melinda Hawley.

Donations: We appreciate the following:

- A propane BBQ grill was donated by the Sokoll's. We haven't found a permanent resting place for this yet, but please remember to move the grill away from the bathhouse before using and turn off the gas when finished using the grill.
 - 4 outdoor tables were donated by the Huysen's.
 - An anonymous donation of \$750 was received from a member, half as an added tip for the dock vendor and half for a house project.
- *If you would like to donate extra money towards a specific project at the club, we would be happy to accept it.*

In remembrance:

- Past commodore and super member Kathy Shaw passes away recently.

Recent happenings:

1. The Kitchen floors were completed shortly after the Memorial Day party, yay!
2. The tin backsplash (in the member kitchen) was installed, and Rick Joseph did a ton of caulking so final painting could be completed. Just a little trim and painting left to do. We also installed all new electrical switches and plugs in the kitchen areas.
3. The carpet runner for the stairs was installed by Ann O'Harris – It looks Fab!
4. Driveway repairs were completed by Tim Studer and Chris Bish. Thanks also go to the Bish's for allowing the club to use their front loader, we may need it again! The sand piles you see is for filling in low spots around the yard, grass seed will be added in the Fall.
5. The faucet in the renter's kitchen was replaced.
6. An extension hose was added to the sump pump discharge so water is moved away from the foundation. We still need to extend downspouts and install leaf guards on some of the house gutters.

Monthly Reminder:

BOATING SAFETY:

Did you know that anyone born after 12-31-78 must have completed a boater safety course to operate a Personal Watercraft (PWC)? Or that anyone born after 6-30-96 must have completed a boater safety class to operate a power boat? If you get stopped by the County Sheriff or DNR, you could receive a hefty ticket if you don't have proof of taking this class.

Everybody knows that safety is a huge priority on the lakes. Every year countless individuals are injured, hurt or killed because they didn't take the proper safety precautions. There is no guarantee that an accident won't take place, but let's take reasonable precautions to protect our loved ones, follow the law, and do the right thing by getting this training and carrying the proof.

Going forward the club will insist that all operators of Club owned powerboats have this (or are old enough to not be required to have it).

Here is a resource for how you can obtain an Online boating license for \$29.50:

<https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/?campaignid=237760699&adgroupid=17330829379&keyword=boaters%20safety%20michigan&qclid=CjwKCAjw7vuUBhBUEiwAEdu2plirNKNyZr4K0Q3OdmLnGHvSplFLciFHCeh7 trWdh6m4c0nBTSpqxoCEmkQAvD BwE>

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