



Clark Lake Yacht Club

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Jackson, Michigan 49204

A member managed sailing, boating, and social club.

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Interlake Fleet No. 7
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Sunfish Fleet No. 676

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Winter is here!

November 2022

The Commodore's Ball was well attended at near room capacity of 56 members. Votes were held for Board members and our top four seats were re-elected for another year (Commodore-Myself, Vice Commodore-Scott Rosenbeck, Treasurer-Leanne Barger & Rear Commodore-Bruce Chipman). We also elected Judy Chipman as Social Director (3-year term), Ann O'Harris as House Director (3-year term) and Ian Buckley as Dock Director (last year of a 3-year term). Member(s) of the Year awards were given to Tim Studer and John Cunningham. Sunday race trophy winners for 2022 were awarded to Chance Winnie, Mark Sokoll, and myself.

Yesterday saw a great turn out for the leaf party, our last volunteer opportunity of the year, and the work was completed in record time. Thanks to Bill Locke and all who helped out yesterday. The Secretary will be going through the list of members to ensure all members completed their required 8 work hours and/or sending out invoices to those who didn't. Please remember that our system for recording work hours is far from perfect, if we accidentally bill you incorrectly, simply let us know and we'll make the necessary adjustments.

October Work completed:

Scott Rosenbeck, Tim Studer, Dave Huysen, Ann O'Harris and myself inspected every finger dock, rebuilt some, reconfigured others, and generally prepared them for safe use next year.

Other news:

- Members Chance Winnie, Ian Buckley & Tony Winnie worked with prior members of the Clark Lake Hobie Fleet 58 to officially launch the reactivation of the Fleet for 2023. While this is not official business of CLYC, it will increase sailing activity on the lake, potentially bring new members to the club and enhance our Sunday races. Great work guys!
- As you already know, 2023 will be the first year where all of our 4x10 docks will be aluminum. We are purchasing new connection systems for the finger docks so it will be virtually impossible for them to come undone from the main docks; making our docks much safer.
- A reminder the Club is selling over 30 of our old Wood 4x10 dock sections @ \$40 to members. We have nine 4x10 sections of hybrid aluminum/wood docks for sale @ \$100 for members, both docks will cost more for non-members. The Club is also selling a Remote Controlled sailboat, contact m.britz@att.net if interested.

Please Welcome New members:

Allen & Kathaleen Schroeder (friends of Neil Robb)

- Rumor has it that our new member family is donating a Hobie Wave to the club!!

Updated Fees in 2023:

CYLC prides itself on being affordable and well below market price for nearly everything. The board always attempts to bring more value in exchange for the fees our members pay. A staggering amount of work was accomplished in 2022, but there is still a great deal of maintenance work that needs to be completed to ensure sustainability of our assets. In a year where everyone is experiencing 9% inflation, it's no surprise that club costs have also increased, including but not limited to labor, supplies, utilities, etc. Know that the board is doing everything it can to keep up with maintenance and keep increases to a minimum.

There are three increases the board has approved for 2023:

- 15-foot slips with finger dock costs will be \$350 (was \$300 for 2022)
- House rental costs will be \$1,150 for a week for the entire upstairs (was \$1,000 in 2022), individual room rates will increase accordingly.
- The cost for members not completing work hours will be \$200 (was \$120 in 2022). This price hasn't changed in well over a decade (and is 100% avoidable).

A full list of fees will be sent to members along with the Annual data sheet and house rental requests in late December.

Speaking of creating value... here is a rough draft wish list that I hope we can accomplish in 2023. Some of this work may need to be split between 2023 and 2024 due to the short window of time we have with good temperatures prior to when our renters arrive.

1. Repair plaster ceiling and repaint ceiling in the Great Room.
2. Repair walls & ceilings upstairs and repaint upstairs.
3. Repair kitchen ceiling in Renter's kitchen.
4. Repaint cupboards and window trim in Member & Servers kitchen.
5. Sand, stain and polyurethane bedroom floors upstairs.
6. The beach area was originally scheduled to be enlarged, dug out and sand replaced this Fall, but it has been postponed to Spring 2023.
7. Assuming the current rule is updated and approved, we may see a fire pit installed by the lake in 2023. We already have a member willing to donate a smokeless fire pit that should reduce timbers from escaping above the pit. We are looking for someone to donate pavers and the labor to install them. Contact Steve Middlebrook or myself if this is something you can help with.
8. Repair block and repaint inside of Men's bath house.
9. Begin replacing a few mattresses upstairs.
10. We are planning to update the current website with one that allows for member-only login so some information is restricted to members. The site will also have a mechanism for members to make electronic payments.
11. Numerous grounds repairs, including more paved areas, more low spots filled in and create more trailer storage.

Thinking of 2023 (repeated from October newsletter):

- Keep an eye out for club emails in December and January. Each member wishing to rent rooms at the club must send in a request for Summer dates in January. The process for doing so will be explained in a late December email.
- If you didn't know, we ask each member to fill out an annual data sheet. This questionnaire asks about your boat (if you have one), your slip, whether you're interested in Learn-2-Sail, etc. Please be sure to return that promptly.
- If you had a slip in 2022, you will have the same slip for 2023 *unless* you request a change. The Dock Chairman will do his best to accommodate every request. There is currently only 1 person on the waiting list for a powerboat slip for 2023. Please let me know ASAP if you don't plan to be a returning member OR won't need a slip for 2023.

Lastly, a reminder from the Huysen's that you may want to check with your insurance agent to ensure that your lift is insured along with your boat. They assumed their lift was insured with their boat since they were bought and reported together, but the lift was not insured until they insisted. If you want your lift insured, you may have to insist that it is.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season.

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