

DLYC News



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I hope everyone had a chance to experience the recent solar eclipse, even though it wasn't as dramatic here as it was in the band of totality. The special eclipse glasses made it exciting for me to be able to actually see the shadow as it moved across the sun.

With the summer winding down and Labor Day only a little over a week away, I have to wonder where did the summer go? The Youth programs have concluded and all the kids are back in school except here in Michigan. The Sunfish races are over and the MCs have only one more race before the Labor Day Regatta. The final Ladies Luncheon took place today. But never fear, we still have social events on the calendar.

We have one more exciting social event before Labor Day, a new event – **Gaming Night** – this Saturday, August 26th at 6:00 pm. Come and try your luck at Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Texas Hold'Em, and the Big 6 Wheel. Everyone will get \$100 in funny-money chips. It should be a fun evening!

Labor Day brings the **DLYC Annual Meeting**. Please plan to attend. There will be a business meeting and the election of new board members as usual. On the fun side, 6 names will be drawn to repay bonds from the 2008 remodel, and trophies will be awarded.

After Labor Day, the social events will continue with a Wine Tasting and Salmon Dinner and the annual Chili Cook-off in September. Then October 14th is the new date for the Cheeseburger in Paradise party. And there will be a Christmas party again this year at the beginning of December.

You will find all the details for the upcoming social events in this bulletin as well as on the website. In addition, the results of the Sunfish Season, the Matt Taggart Regatta, and the Diamond Lake Open Regatta are summarized in this bulletin.

We have had a great season at the club this year! Many thanks to our flag officers, committee chairs, and all the volunteers who make this club a success. Enjoy the rest of the summer and be sure to attend the annual meeting.

Sue Heinrich

Social News

THANKS to ALL who made the Dinner Crawl such a success.....

Ginny Rapp - For the wonderful name tags!!! Tommy Block and Bob Clark - For parking boats and being supportive assistants. Phyllis Clark –For the yummy Blueberry cobbler and setup . Donna Kyle – For the fabulous Texas sheetcake and helping with setup. Sue Heinrich – For a Gluten free dessert choice.. Mary Bolen – For the YummyArtichoke Dip....so good it disappeared. Laura Ferris – For the great Cauliflower Dip. Terry Gerber and Carl Moraw – For their Bartending Expertise

AND ALL OUR OUTSTANDING HOSTS AND HOSTESSES!!!

BILL AND KATH STOLER

LARRY AND JAN GATES

DON AND PAT CRESSY

JIM AND HELENE HOSKING

JACKIE AND MIKE BANKOWSKI

KATHY AND JOHN SEIDL

STEVE AND NANCY BALL

JOE AND JO ANN BLAZEK

MIKE AND CARRIE BARRY

FRED AND ANN DEAN

It is truly a pleasure to work alongside so many Diamond Lake Friends!!

NEXT, on the Social Scene is the last ladies luncheon at Carrie Barry's home at 20335 Cara Ave. PLEASE give her a call, even at this late date, if you plan to attend.

FOLLOWING that, this SATURDAY, August 26th is a new and sure to be fun Gaming Night! Come socialize and learn a few new games. \$100 of money funny surely allows everyone to try their hand at spinning the wheels! If you pay in advance, the cost is \$15. If you choose to pay at the door, the cost will be \$20. It's not too late to sign up online. If you need help doing so, just call Sharon Block or Sue Heinrich for assistance.

LASTLY, the year is quickly coming to a close but some fun fall events are being planned so keep an eye out for future email blasts. A special thanks to the entire Social Committee for their hard work and hours of participation in making this season such a success. I am always amazed at the number of active and willing volunteers DLYC showcases. Thanks to each and everyone for making this year a blast!!!!

Sharon Block



GAMING NIGHT



August 26th 6-10

\$15 per person in advance

\$20 per person at the door

Appetizers provided by Diamond Shores

Everyone gets \$100 in funny-money chips

Take your chances/learn to play...

Roulette

Craps

Black Jack

Big Six Wheel

Texas Hold'Em



Come Join The FUN!!!

Big Winner gets bragging rights!

Members and Member Families only

(Must be 21 to attend)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF DLYC



- Business Meeting
- Election of Board of Governors
- Trophy Presentations
- Drawing for bond repayment from



2008 Remodel

LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4th AT 10:00 am

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served

BOARD MEETING WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER

New Members

Please welcome new members **Tom and Patti Walz**, long time lake owners recently relocated to Cara Avenue.

It is not too late to tell your friends and neighbors about the Late Summer Membership Special. Join now and enjoy all the remaining events of this summer and fall plus your dues are paid through summer 2018!

Third Annual Wine Appreciation & Salmon Dinner

Thursday September 14th 6:30 p.m.

Starting with a Champagne Reception,
We will enjoy five wines to complement a
Lovely Salmon entrée grilled by Mike Malone
Plus fabulous pot luck sides

\$30 per person

Please contact the Dunlaps at 445-3611 to discuss
What you want to bring to the dinner:
Appetizer, Vegetable, Salad or Starch Side, or Dessert

Registration Required by Tuesday September 8th

Limit 36



The DLYC Chili Cook-Off is Back!!!



Saturday September 23th

6:00 p.m.*



Bring your own chili and taste the others!

Salad and Desserts Provided

Famous Beer Bread!

Not a Chili Cook? Come Anyway!

Make a \$10 donation at the door

No Reservations Needed

Notre Dame plays at **Michigan State** at 8:00pm

Watch the game at the club!



COME TO



Margaritaville!

for a

Cheeseburger in Paradise!

October 14, 2017



Sailboat for Sail

**HOBIE CAT 14' HOLDER (MONOHULL) DAYSAILER, TRAILER AND CUSTOM COVER
\$2,795 OBO**

Hobie cat 14' holder daysailer (monohull) sailboat with trailer and custom cover. Great shape, main and jib sails like new. All rigging hardware good condition. Swing rudder. New centerboard. Trailer. Has been dry stored indoors in winter, on lift in summer.

Easy to launch and operate. Great for beginner and advanced sailors alike. Very stable and easy to handle. Non conductive comptip mast. Storage area for necessities.

Call Angie (574) 304-1502.



Sunfish Season Wrap-Up

As for the season results, only four of the skippers made this qualification, as they must sail in at least half of the races to be counted for the season. We also followed the way the MC Fleet scores the season by doing an average of the races a skip-

	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>	<u>Race 4</u>	<u>Race 5</u>	<u>Race 6</u>	<u>Race 7</u>	<u>Race 8</u>	<u>Race 9</u>	<u>Race 10</u>	<u>Average</u>
Leah Peluchiwski	DNS/5	DNS/5	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1.125
Reid Francis	2	1	3	4	DNS/6	DNS/6	4	3	2	2	2.625
Daren Nerad	3	3	2	2	4	4	DNS/6	DNS/6	DNF/5	DNF/5	3
Lane Francis	1	2	5	5	2	3	5	4	3	3	3.3

per competed in. The results for the season are as follows:

jjSadly the summer is coming to an end, I can't believe it has gone by so quickly! With the end of the summer, comes the end of Sunfish races, much to my disappointment. This season, we tried a new thing by switching races to Thursday evenings, instead of the traditional Saturday mornings. Because of this change, we were able to get a few more races in this summer, which is exciting! Part of this was due to the fact that we could now have our regular season races and special regattas like the 4th of July Regatta.

This year, the 4th of July Regatta was unfortunately subjected to light winds and rain, making it possible to only get two races in. We thought about counting the next regular season race as part of the regatta, but it turned out that even counting those races, the results from the regatta would still be the same. The results for the 4th of July Regatta are as follows:

	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leah Peluchiwski	1	1	2
Reid Francis	2	2	4
Daren Nerad	3	3	6
Lane Francis	4	4	8
Parker Coles	6	5	11
Tommy Block	5	6	11

Congratulations to all of our sailors and thank you for coming out and racing! Sunfish races are always one of the highlights of my summer and it wouldn't be possible without everyone coming out to race. Thank you also to everyone who came out to run races on the committee boat, your help is much appreciated, without you we would have to take away from our sailors each week to run the races, and I always love seeing a lot of racers out there, so thank you for making this possible!

A special thank you to Austin Francis for doing a fantastic job at being Rear Commodore this year! He has not only taught me how to sail, but also how to work hard at the things you care about. Despite not even living in Cassopolis anymore, he was still at the lake multiple times a week to make sure races and the club was running smoothly, and to help me out when I forgot to do things. I couldn't have done this summer without him, and probably wouldn't be the same person without knowing him and experiencing his love for the sailing and the lake. Thank you for being a great teacher!

I had a fantastic summer both racing and teaching this year, and I hope that everyone who participated in sailing this summer got a taste of what makes it so special whether they were racing, learning, helping out on the committee boat, or just spectating. If you didn't get to experience sailing this summer, I hope to see you out on the water next year!

Thank you!

Leah Peluchiwski



Matt Taggart Junior MC Regatta

What an awesome week of sailing and events at the DLYC during the last week of July!! I just wanted to give a recap of the Matt Taggart and the MC Open Regatta. Improvisation was key with the Matt Taggart Junior Regatta this year as what is normally a 1 day event, turned into about a 4 day event. We started the first race on Friday afternoon in quite heavy wind. The pairings consisted of Jay Molony & Austin Francis, Timmy Hesse & Reid Francis, Mary Bridget Molony & Leah Peluchowski, Kirsten Usher & Lane Francis, and Kaylin Durski & Martyn Wills. To say it was an adventure for relatively new MC sailors is an understatement. Kaylin & Martyn even took a little swim as they tipped over, but I was happy to see them get it back up smiling. We definitely battled it out that first race against the wind and each other. Following that race, the decision was made for safety reasons to call it a day and look to finish the other 2 races on Sunday after the MC Open Regatta. Sounded like a perfect plan, right?! Up until we arrived to Sunday with little to no wind. Again, the races were postponed till Monday night, with the challenge now being to find 2 more adult crew members to fill in for 2 of the originals that wouldn't be able to participate on Monday. To the rescue came Nick Peluchowski who joined Timmy and Bob Miller who joined Kaylin. We were very thankful to both of them!! Late afternoon on Monday brought beautiful wind and weather which allowed us to get in 2 short races and finish out the Junior Regatta in very competitive and close sailing fashion. The finishes were nail-biting and each of the top 4 boats were only separated by a point!! From what I can tell, the youth had a great time and I know as an adult, it was very enjoyable as well. The results were 1st Place: Jay & Austin, 2nd Place: Timmy & Nick(Reid), 3rd Place: Mary Bridget & Leah, 4th Place: Kirsten & Lane, and 5th Place: Kaylin & Bob(Martyn). Our goal as adults, instructors, etc, is to see new sailors experience the sport and have fires lit that excite them enough to come back out and continue sailing with us and on their own. Hopefully that was accomplished! :) A big thank you to the adult sailors, Bob Wurster and his race committee, and Georgy Ann Peluchowski, our lunch organizer.

Diamond Lake Open Regatta—Results

<u>Position</u>	<u>Sailors</u>		<u>Boat</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>	<u>Race 4</u>
1	Ted	Keller	2598	1	1	2	1
2	John	Hans	2492	7	2	1	2
3	Richard	Blake	2161	3	3	3	7
4	Bob	Heathcote	2646	2	4	6	6
5	Mike	Keenan	2010	6	7	4	4
6	Ron	Hull	2335	4	6	7	8
7	Jack	Sanderson	2173	5	8	9	5
8	Don	Wilson	1934	9	5	5	10
9	Reid	Francis	246	10	9	10	9
10	BJ	Hague	1900	11	14	11	3
11	Leah	Peluchowski	2117	12	11	8	11
12	Austin	Francis	2017	8	10	13	12
13	Brian	Horwood	2354	15	12	12	15
14	Lane	Francis	1862	13	15	15	13
15	Martyn	Wills	2469	16	13	14	14
16	Nicholas	Peluchowski	1628	14	DNF	DNS	DNS

Diamond Lake Open Regatta



The 2017 Diamond Lake Open Regatta turned out to be a great success with 16 boats showing up and skippers from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Saturday morning brought us wind out of the North to Northeast and we ended up sailing 4 races. 2 of the races were 5 legs and 2 were 3 legs with each leg being about a mile long. The wind was a little heavier in the morning and then calmed slightly as the day went on but made for exciting racing with shifts here and there. We were happy to see a past champion Ted Keller return this year as a competitor and he didn't disappoint with winning 3 of the 4 races. John Hans had a little bit of a rough start in race 1, but came back to compete in the remaining 3 races finishing 2nd overall. The defending champion Richard Blake sailed consistently and took home 3rd for the regatta. Saturday evening we enjoyed an awesome hog roast dinner that was tied into the DLYC Commodore dinner. The club was packed and it seemed like good times were had by all! Huge thank you to Julie Conboy Hesse and the crew she put together that volunteered for the event!! We hoped to get another race in on Sunday, but awoke to very little wind on the water and eventually called it a day. The one benefit to not racing on Sunday was that we were able to get an informal tutorial by Ted Keller with some solid input from John Hans. I can say that it was very effective for some of our DLYC sailors in the the next club races as Lane Francis applied much of what was said and came from typically being in the back of the pack to winning both evening races. I'm very thankful for all of the veteran sailors that take time to give positive guidance and feedback in order to make all of us better racers and more competitive on the water. Below are regatta results.

Thank you to Bob Miller, Mike Seedorf, Jackie Bankowski, Mrs. Hague, and Kaylin who were our race committee for the weekend. Also, thank you to all of the meal volunteers consisting of Commodore Julie Conboy Hesse and her whole family, the Peluchowski family, Francis family, Vice Commodore Mike Malone and his wife Sally, the Dean's and a whole host of other people. We also appreciate the Blocks, Gates, and Millers who hosted sailors in their homes and photographer Bob Clark. As the Rear Commodore, hosting my 2nd event, I can't imagine running a regatta without all of these incredible people helping to make it happen. We are already looking forward to next years regatta and hope to see another great turnout!

I encourage everyone, especially if you live on the lake, to get out and experience the beauty of sailing! And if possible, try some racing and encourage your children and grandchildren to get out and race as well. I won't lie and say that it won't require some work, but at the same time can be so rewarding. There were times when I didn't want to sail or race as a kid, but there is not a single day where I look back and regret my parents and family encouraging me to get out on the water anyways. I was never forced to sail, but always strongly encouraged in order to become better at it, as well as keep consistent numbers in the fleet. The more boats and people involved, the more fun it often is!!

I want to give a shout out and thank you to Leah Peluchowski who has done a great job as our head sailing instructor over the last few years. If you didn't know already, she is an incredible sailor and it has been a pleasure to watch her develop in that regard and into a wonderful, young lady who is always willing to help in any way needed. She always goes above and beyond and has made my job as a rear commodore much easier with her staying on as the instructor and often assisting me in planning. It brings back many good memories of coordinating with Georgy Ann, her mother, back when I was first an instructor and Leah was just starting sailing.

Lastly, thank you to Julie, our fearless Commodore! She is an encourager beyond what I can put into words and an incredible leader. It has been a blast working with her in these positions!

Austin Francis, Rear Commodore