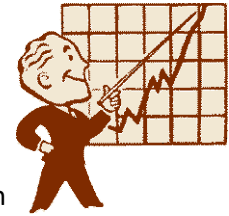


Hi to all DLYC Members,

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

I'm happy to report today that I survived my first 2016 Board Meeting this morning with 16 type-A personalities in the room! I had promised you all an update from the Strategic Planning Committee, so here's what I now know. Louie Csokasy and Tommy Block are heading up this committee of 6, and over the winter they looked at many other yacht clubs – some similar, and some not so similar to our DLYC! They brought many documents to the session they conducted with some of the Board Members after the regular meeting this morning, and I can report that they have done a great amount of research already! They spent some time with a few of us looking for an entry Mission Statement, then they will do more work to collect facts and data, look at the clubs strengths and weaknesses, and then perhaps fashion a revised Mission Statement. I say perhaps, as the Mission Statement we now have may accurately reflect our club today, and in the future. This process may take the better part of the summer, but I will keep you posted along the way.



I also wanted to remind you to mark your calendars for the Commodore's Block Party on 6/25. You may be tired of me talking about this party, but I'm really hoping that you all will attend. It will have a little something for everyone, so plan to come and bring the family. We will have games and prizes for the kids, Sticky Boots playing for the adults, and Nelson's Chicken and burgers on the Barbie for everyone! It's fashioned so you can all put a face on the Board, so I

hope you come and meet these great people you have representing you at the DLYC. Ginny Rapp has been the driving force on this party, and she will be selling tickets at the Pancake Breakfast and at the Youth Pizza party. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3-12. We have the approval of the Cassopolis Road Commission to close the road for this party, so it will be a safe environment for everyone! Hope to see you there!

The Sailor's Memorial Fund is still accepting donations, so please consider making a donation if you haven't already done so. The sailors have quite a few things they would like to see done on the property, as well as other things they need. So, if you have a deceased sailor in mind, please make a donation in their name.



Finally, I have included in this message the information about the Cass County Sheriff's 2016

Boating Safety Class that will be held at the DLYC on 6/26 from 7:45 AM – 1 PM. Now is the time to give your 12-year old children and grandchildren an opportunity to get their boating certificate, which will allow them to drive that spiffy boat you have parked in front of your place! Hope that didn't scare you too much!



Tina Drewno has done a wonderful job accumulating information regarding the new youth swimming classes as well as this Boater Safety class, so many thanks to her for her efforts! See the Cass County Sheriff's Office 2016 Boating Safety Class information below.

Come on summer!

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Quackenbush  
DLYC Commodore

**Cass County Sheriff's Office**  
**2016 Boating Safety Class**

**Contact: Cass County Sheriff's Marine Division**  
**269-445-1240**

Students may pre-register for the class at 269-445-1240 or register with the Administration front desk. Students must be 12 years old by the date of the class. Please have the student's legal name, address, phone number, and date of birth at the time of registration. All classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and should be done by 1:00 p.m. (EDT). Students are required to bring a #2 pencil, a sack lunch & something to drink. Upon successfully completing the course you will receive your boater safety certificate which is required for those born after Dec. 31, 1978 to ride a Personal Water Craft.

**Adults are encouraged to take this class too**

**Several classes will be offered this Summer**

**June 26th class will be held at DLYC!**

**Arrive by 7:45 a.m. – about 1:00 p.m.**

**Call Soon to Register!**

**Space is Limited!**