

Hi to you all,

August 7, 2016

First of all, I want to show you a beautiful picture from the DLYC Regatta last weekend!



I'm not sure if this photo was taken by Jerry Van Dyke or Tommy Block, but since they both took many beautiful pictures, we will extend our thanks to them both!

Following are comments and stats from Austin Francis, the DLYC Rear Commodore:

## **DLYC Open Regatta 2016**

Below is the article that was sent to be included in the MC Touch of Class magazine. I want to preface it by saying thank you to Bob Miller, Bill & Georgy Ann Peluchiwski, Julie Hesse and kids, Mike & Sue Seedorf, Fred & Ann Dean, Mike and Sally Malone, Jerry Van Dyke, Tommy & Sharon Block, the MC fleet, and anyone else I may be missing. These were all people that either helped with race committee, crash boats, meals, photos, and a host of other things. I appreciate each and every one of you and could not have pulled things off without you! We had a fantastic regatta that was intertwined with the Matt Taggart, Saturday morning yoga, the Youth Helping Hands project, and Trivial Pursuit. I witnessed a very active club with a lot of people that desire to come together and help. It was quite inspiring! We received many compliments from out of town competitors who attend regattas throughout the year. Also, thanks to the photography and creative skills of the Van Dykes we were able to watch a video from the racing on Saturday and the Matt Taggart at our dinner. The top 2 finishers from the regatta were so impressed with the idea behind the Matt Taggart that they are planning to come early next year and take part in the event. This will be a huge opportunity for our youth sailors. They are also going to talk with their clubs about implementing something similar! I think that says a lot about where the DLYC is and what we have to offer.

Austin Francis  
DLYC Rear Commodore

## DLYC Open Regatta - Fleet 28 - Diamond Lake YC, MI - July 30-31, 2016

The DLYC Open Regatta brought in 16 sailors this year from around the Midwest. The forecast for the weekend did not look very promising for the 3 races scheduled for Saturday and 2 for Sunday. Minimal to light winds were predicted with the occasional chance of precipitation. Bob Miller, our "PRO," and his crew set a course Saturday morning with winds of about 6-10 out of the NW, and a mist coming down. Half of the competitors were a little anxious on the first start that resulted in a general recall. The second start was successful and the winds maintained pace throughout the race with Richard Blake taking the win. As the day progressed, the rain stopped and the wind slowed. Thankfully, the decision was made to sail 3 races back to back before coming in for lunch. The second race was again won by Richard Blake. In the third race, we saw sailors really trying to find the pockets of wind and sail into them as it declined rapidly and became somewhat of a crapshoot at times. John Hans took quite a commanding lead as the rest of the competition tried to pick the right spots. The island played quite a factor on the day as it was easy to get sucked into its shadow if not careful. Overall, there was some great competition with the hope of getting 2 more races in on Sunday.

Dinner in the evening was enjoyed at the home of Bill and Georgy Ann Peluchiwski where we had some amazing food and drinks. They were great hosts and Bill is phenomenal at cooking!

Sunday, as somewhat predicted was winds of maybe 2-3 and extremely fluky. We sat around for a few hours in hopes that it would come up, but eventually called it a day around 11:15 a.m, as we were not planning to start any races after 12:00. Everyone packed up and then came into the club for lunch and a quick trophy presentation. In a regatta with 3 youth sailors, our top Junior/Youth was Leah Peluchiwski who finished 8th overall, top Master was Andy McDonald, top Grand Master was Jim Engels, and top Mega Master was Jack Sanderson. Top finishers went to John Hans 3rd, Andy McDonald 2nd, and the defending champion from 2015, Richard Blake, again took home 1st!

Thank you to all of the sailors that came and participated, Bob Miller and his crew, Georgy Ann Peluchiwski who put together all the meals, Jerry Van Dyke who did our trophy photos, and all of the other DLYC volunteers. Look forward to next year!

<b>DLYC Open Regatta 2016</b>					
<b>July 30-31, 2016</b>					
<u>Name</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Richard Blake	2161	1	1	6	8
Andy McDonald	2001	4	2	2	8
John Hans	2492	5	3	1	9
Jack Sanderson	2173	2	7	3	12
Jim Engels	2024	3	5	4	12
Michael Schrage	1769	8	8	5	21
Sue Loux	2141	10	4	8	22
Leah Peluchiwski	2117	6	12	7	25
Lane Francis	1862	13	6	11	30
Don Wilson	1934	9	11	10	30
Jim Hayden	2093	7	10	15	32
Martyn Wills	2469	12	13	9	34
Austin Francis	444	15	9	12	36
Brian Horwood	2354	11	14	14	39
Nicholas Peluchiwski	1628	14	15	13	42
Will Haynes	1526	16	16	16	48

Thanks also to Austin for running this wonderful event and writing this great summary!

## Here's an invite to the Survey Guided Feedback Sessions from Julie Hesse:

Please plan to attend one of two Survey Guided Feedback Sessions. The two options are:

1. Thursday, August 11 from 5:30-7:00 pm or
2. Saturday, August 13th from 9:30-11:00 am.

Both sessions will be held at the DLYC. During these sessions you will have the chance to view and discuss the results of the most recent survey sent to all members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie at [jconboyhesse@me.com](mailto:jconboyhesse@me.com) or Mike at [mike70malone@gmail.com](mailto:mike70malone@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you next week.

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## Here's a reminder from Sharon Block regarding the Dinner Crawl planned for 8/20:

### DEADLINE APPROACHING!!!!!!

Getting hungry for a good steak???? Boats are filling up. Sign up now for the Dinner Crawl on August 20th. Details are on the website at [www.dlycmi.org](http://www.dlycmi.org)! Just go to the calendar and find the August 20th date and click on Dinner Crawl. There will be cocktails and appetizers at the club at 6 PM, then you will be transported to dinner via a pontoon, with dessert provided back at the club. You can register online or call Sharon Block or Phyllis Clark. Hope to see you there!



Thanks to Sue Heinrich for advertising in her paper, 'On and Around the Water', that now is the time to buy a new DLYC Membership because it's good through 2017! If you have any friends who have been sitting on the fence, now is the time to encourage them to join the club! If a new member joins now, they can attend the remaining parties in 2016, and be paid all through 2017! There is still the Golf Outing planned for 8/12, the Dinner Crawl planned for 8/20, the final Bring Your Own Appetizer Party planned for 8/27, and the Annual Hog Roast planned for 9/3. Plus, they can come to the Annual Meeting on 9/5! You can direct them to the website where the membership forms are located, or have them contact the Membership Chair, Bonnie Shaffer, at [bgshaffer@aol.com](mailto:bgshaffer@aol.com).

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BTW, just a reminder that you can read all of my Commodore's Messages on the DLYC website! I have added them all under News and Bulletins, and then click on 2016 News and Bulletins. If you've missed any, you can go back and read the ones you might have missed!



Also, if you haven't been to the website to make sure the member of your family who pays the bills is listed as primary, please do so as soon as possible. It's important to have the primary member coded as such as we move ahead with the integration of our accounting system with our website.

Finally, we now have many beautiful pictures of the Matt Taggart and the Regatta races on the website, thanks to Jerry Van Dyke and Tommy Block. I have also posted 19 pictures from the Commodore's Party back in June. So, next time you're on the website, check out the photo albums under About Us, and then select the drop down that says Photo Albums. These pictures are private to members only, so please enjoy them, but don't share them with non-members without asking!

Here are some wonderful pictures of our DLYC kids with their Helping Hands Project! The kids collected much more than was expected, and one of them told me the pantry at Helping Hands was overflowing after they stocked it with all of the wonderful things all of you donated to this cause. I understand they had about twice as many backpacks as were requested, so again, thanks to the generosity of all of you! See their photos below!



Thanks to all of the kids, parents and members who supported this worthwhile project!

Hope to see you all soon at the club!  
Sincerely,  
Marilyn Quackenbush  
DLYC Commodore