



Have you been driving, walking and stopping by the DLYC lately and smelled children's sunscreen? Well, your nose is not playing tricks on you! Youth sailing is in it's a second of four week sessions and the swimming lessons are in the first of two week sessions. The classes for sailing are seeing a lot of new and returning faces. The swim lessons are too, and next week has almost 25 children participating.

The weather has been causing the sailing and swimming instructors to be creative and quick on their feet. They are utilizing the clubhouse instead of the lakefront, and everyone is grateful for the ability to hold classes inside or outside depending on Mother Nature. Sailing prefers the newer front area and swimming prefers the bigger area. I have been there for a few meetings during indoor classes and it is nice to see the clubhouse being used for multiple activities at once. Energy and enthusiasm...a few wet feet!! July might be the best month at the clubhouse given all the day, afternoon and evening events being held for all members and guests of all ages. Enjoy the activity, and if you happen to have a few extra minutes--stop by and enjoy the view of the children swimming and sailing. The Gries family donated a picnic table that is by the lakefront (THANK YOU!!!)-- feel free to sit and enjoy the fun.....maybe there is some bias here...but the DLYC has some really really cute kiddos.

Here are just few things one might expect to see:

1. Sails on the ground and on boats
2. Towels: wet, dry, folded, strewn on the ground, lost, found and the best...wrapped around a child
3. Kids learning how to make knots
4. Kids learning how to perfect a stroke
5. Kids learning how to rig a boat
6. Kids learning how to get their faces wet
7. Kids eating cheerios and blueberries while they wait for a sibling to finish a lesson
8. Kids learning to walk over the rocks in the parking lot with ease as every day goes by!
9. The tiny kiddos holding tightly to their Y required float and wondering if they really do want to get in the water!!
10. Instructors, Parents, Grandparents providing valuable skills and opportunities! THANK YOU

LOOK AHEAD:

1. **First Chalk talk TONIGHT:** We are planning 2 adult sailing chalk talks/lessons on Wednesday, July 12th and Wednesday, July 26th. Timing is 4:15 to 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to increase the knowledge of sailing on Diamond Lake and get more adults out in boats. One of the reasons I really enjoy sailing and still do to this day is because it is a family activity. Watching my grandfather and father sail and now competing against my father had a huge impact on my desire and ability to sail. If you would like to come join us, please let me know at austin.francis89@gmail.com. It will be a great time!!

2. **Sunfish Races:** Thursday @ 5pm

3. **All Sail Day:** Round 2 on Saturday 12:30-3:00. Meet at the DLYC

4. **Yoga** Continues on Saturdays @7:45

5. **Annual Hog Roast/MC Regatta Dinner/Commodore Dinner:** July 29th @ 6pm. Reservations highly encouraged. We are having the event catered and would like to give accurate numbers!

The Commodore message is supposed to be sent on Sundays...and that is not always the case this year! There might be only one message or sometimes there are multiple in a week from a few of us. We are taking the approach that good news and updates should be shared throughout the week...especially this year as we are trying out new things as a result of the survey and Strategic Plan. This might seem a bit unconventional from the past...but summer is short and so is my memory these days:-). So, this summer let's refer to the Sunday Commodore Messages as the Unpredictable and perhaps too Frequent Commodore Updates!