

Hi to you all,

April 16, 2016

We are headed back from Florida to Michigan in a few days and are hoping the weather warms up a little before we arrive! It sounds like this weekend was good, but it looks as though the weather may not hold next week! Guess we better pack up some warm clothes!

I wanted to remind everyone that the Derby Party will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 PM. Both of the traditional hosts for this party (Csokasy/Petty) have family and/or health issues! So, my husband and I, and the Dunlaps, will fill in for them this year. We have decided to make this a Bring Your Own Appetizer (BYOA) Party this year. Since there is no registration, and we have no idea how many of you will show up, this seems like the best way to handle the party. Every one of these parties that I have ever attended always had more food than required! So, plan to wear your favorite hat (or not!) and get ready to win the Derby! The Csokasy's will loan us the horses, so bring a little cash with you as well. It will cost \$5 for every horse you buy. That's a lot cheaper than owning an official Derby Horse!



The next event on the social calendar is the Pancake Breakfast, which is always a member favorite! This event is prepared and served by the DLYC 2016 Board! We plan to have some members of the Website Project Team available that morning to answer any questions you might have about the website. You can also just have one of them walk you through the website if you have not logged in yet. More details will follow in Mid-May when the complete 2016 calendar, and more messages, will be sent to each of you via the US Postal Service.



The DLYC finished in great order at the end of Fiscal 2014-2015. The club has a healthy cash flow, and there was a small profit even with the fixed and variable expenses. If you want a copy of the Balance Sheet, and/or the Profit and Loss Statements from the year end, please notify the DLYC Treasurer, Victoria Maione, and she will email copies to you.

Tommy Block and Louie Csokasy have volunteered to execute a Strategic Planning Process for the DLYC. We have a Board Meeting planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, so I may have more information as to their progress after they share their status with the Board. This Process will help the club identify where our priorities for the future should be focused.

The Youth Sailing Program has defined their calendar, and I will include it with this email. It looks like another great year for the youth sailors, whether your children or grandchildren are a beginners, intermediates, or advance sailors. See the information below.

Hope to see you all at the Derby Party and the Pancake Breakfast!  
Sincerely,  
Marilyn Quackenbush  
DLYC Commodore



## Youth Sailing Program 2016

Sailing is a long-standing tradition at Diamond Lake. We are pleased that Leah Peluchiwski, from our own Diamond Lake, has returned, this time as our new lead youth sailing instructor. Leah brings a wealth of sailing experience from Diamond Lake, Lake Michigan and other inland lakes regattas.

The goal of the Youth Sailing Program is to teach the next generation of DLYC Members valuable sailing skills,  
give them real sailing and race experience while making lifelong friends.

For those of you who participated last year, we did end-of-year skill evaluations. **This year we will place you in a level based on this evaluation.** We need you to be flexible as we adjust the placement as registration fills up. If you are new to our program, please let us know what sailing experience your sailor has.

**Level placement is ultimately up to the instructor.** This is essential in order to provide the optimum instruction and safety. The **minimum** age this year will be **8**.

Just like last year, we will begin and end the season with short sailing camps that meet twice a week for 3 hours. These will occur June 27–30 and August 1-4.

Windriders, our regular sailing lessons, will be held for 4 weeks meeting once a week per section. Classes will run July 4-29.

The club has a few boats to borrow, if you do not have your own. However, we would like to encourage those who are able to

consider purchasing a Sunfish. Many nice used ones can be found with a little searching. Use of a Yacht Club boat is available for a fee. The fee is assessed ***per child per class***. Some boat storage is available at the club; please check with Leah on availability. A fee of \$50 for the season is required for boat storage. This option was available on the membership form. If you did not get a chance to sign up, please contact Leah to see if any more space is available. **No** boats may be stored on the lawn at the club.

Sailors of all abilities and ages are invited to our Sunfish races on Saturdays at 10am. New this year is a fee for Sunfish racing of \$25 for the season. This fee covers trophies and committee boat gas and maintenance.

It is going to be a great year, and we look forward to working with the DLYC youth!

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<b><u>Early Season Beginner</u></b>	Little or no experience; min age 8	2 Days, June 28, 30, 9:30am-12:30 pm
<b><u>Early Season Intermediate</u></b>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	2 Days, June 27, 29 9:30-12:30,
<b><u>Early Season Intermediate</u></b>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	2 Days, June 28, 30 1-4
<b><u>Early Season Advanced</u></b>	Must be able to sail solo in variety of winds - <b>subject to approval</b>	2 Days, June 27, 29, 1-4 pm
<b><u>Windriders</u></b>	Little or no	4 Days, Tues, July 5, 12,

<u><b>Beginner</b></u>	experience; min age 8	19, 26 9:30am-12:30 pm
<u><b>Windriders Intermediate</b></u>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	4 days, Tues, July 5, 12, 19, 26 1-4pm
<u><b>Windriders Intermediate</b></u>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	4 Days, Thurs, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 1-4 pm
<u><b>Windriders Advanced</b></u>	Must be able to sail solo in variety of winds - <b>subject to approval</b>	4 Days, Wed, July 6, 13, 20, 27 1-4 pm
<u><b>Late Season Beginner</b></u>	Little or no experience; min age 8	2 Days, Aug 1, 3 9:30am-12:30pm
<u><b>Late Season Intermediate</b></u>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	2 Days, Aug 2, 4 9:30am-12:30pm
<u><b>Late Season Intermediate</b></u>	Subject to instructor approval; min age 9	2 Days, Aug 1, 3 1-4 pm
<u><b>Late Season Advanced</b></u>	Must be able to sail solo in variety of winds - <b>subject to approval</b>	2 Days, Aug 2, 4 1-4 pm