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## Commodore's Comments

Here we are in mid-June and it's Father's Day weekend, fast approaching the longest day of the year. Time flies, especially when you're having fun!

I'd like to use the front page of the Bilge to throw out some reminders. Joe DeGrandchamp is hosting the first kids' fishing derby in July. Look for Joe DeGrandchamp's article here in the Bilge for more details. Let's turn this into a yearly event.

Mark Klausner will be leading the Fourth of July boat parade again this year. The parade will start at 11:00 AM at the beach at the north east end of the lake on the Fourth of July. Thank you, Mark!

Mike Luna is hosting this year's fireworks show. Make sure you go to the go fund me page for this event and donate. It takes a lot of effort and coordination to put on a fireworks show for everyone so all donations are much appreciated. Thank you, Mike, for taking this on.

We also have our first sailboat race scheduled for Father's Day weekend. Let's hope for good weather so everyone can enjoy the sailboat racing.

Don't forget about our pancake breakfast this Sunday morning at the yacht club.



We will be serving our famous pancakes, either plain or with blueberries, from Joe DeGrandchamp's blueberry farm. Thank you, Joe, for donating the blueberries.

As always, have a safe and wonderful weekend. Hope to see everybody on the water!

-Vaughn Kubert, Commodore

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 18** Pancake Breakfast 8:30am - 12:00pm

**June 24** Cass County Boating Inspection  
Free Safety Check 9:00am – 1:00pm

**June 28** Game Night at the Club  
6:30pm

**July 2** Cardboard Boat Races and Ice Cream Social 10:30am – 1:00 pm

**July 4** Pontoon Parade 11:00am

**July 8** Music on the Lake by RPM  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Music at 7:00pm

**July 12** Open Grill Night 5:37pm

**July 12** Game Night Left-Right-Center  
7:00pm

**July 19** Ladies of the Lake Coffee  
9:37am

**July 26** Game Night at the Club  
6:30pm

**July 29** Music on the Lake by The J.R. Clark Band  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Music at 7:00pm

**July 30** Pancake Breakfast 8:30am – 12:00pm

**August 5** Lee Memorial Fundraiser Event

**August 9** Game Night Cocktail Bingo  
6:00pm

**August 16** Ladies of the Lake Luncheon 11:37am

**August 23** Game Night at the Club  
6:30pm

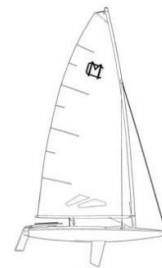
**September 3** Annual Meeting and Dinner 6:00pm

All activities are held at the Indian Lake Yacht Club except the Lee Memorial Fundraiser. Look for further details about each event in the Bilge or on the ILYC website.

## FUEL SERVICE

Saturday and Sunday  
June 17 and 18  
10:00am – 5:00pm

The ILYC accepts credit card, cash, or check payments for its marine-grade gas sales. Ice, candy, and cold drinks are also available at the yacht club.



## SAILING

We're looking forward to kicking off the 2023 ILYC Seasonal Championship this Sunday, June 18! We would love to include anyone that wants to learn more about sailing, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to learn more or jump on a boat with one of our sailors. Also, a reminder that we do have a loaner MC Scow as well as a couple of Sunfish that are ready, willing, and able to be sailed. Please let me, Kathy Elghammer, or any Board

member know if you are interested in using one.

Here is a picture from last weekend's Eagle Lake Open Regatta in nearby Edwardsburg. They had 35 boats sailing, what a sight! ILYC's own Bob Buddig, Dave Delgado, Scott McIntyre, and John Smith joined the festivities and all had a great time.



A reminder: we truly appreciate your courtesy of staying well clear of the sailboats when they are racing. We are diligent in trying to set up courses to minimize disruption to power boaters, but we have to take what the wind gives us. Also, if you are driving a wake surfing boat, we ask you to please stay as clear as possible as the waves wreak havoc on us. Thank you!

Look for lots of information on sailing for this summer. We look forward to bringing some more sailors onto the water!

-John Smith, Fleet Captain

### **SAIL WITH A SKIPPER (SWAS)**

If you ever wondered about how sailboats glide over the water with only the wind on their sails, here is your chance to find out!! Our skippers who race the MC Scows (with the tall white sails) on Sundays have offered to take those interested in sailing out for a personal sailing experience for a couple of hours.

These outings will be on Saturday mornings at 11:00, if the wind is favorable. Each guest will meet the skipper, help rig the boat, and set sail for a couple hours if wind allows and sailors desire. Sailing into the wind, downwind and tacking, even rounding a buoy will introduce you to the fun of riding the wind! If you are lucky enough to be on the lake during the week, we may be able to set sail with you on a week day as well.



Peg Bowsman, SWAS last September

To sign up you must be 10 years of age or older. Arrive with a proper life vest and water shoes. Wear a cap and sunscreen if needed.

To make a reservation to SWAS, please text your name, age, and lake address to Kathy Elghammer at 312-286-7913 by Thursday night before each Saturday. I will contact you with details of the sail on Friday.

-Kathy Elghammer



## **SUNFISH SAILING LESSONS**

Sunfish sailing lessons will start in July with reservations required. Look for more information in next Bilge.

-Kathy Elghammer

## **LAKE ACTIVITIES**

### **ILYC First Annual Children's Fishing Derby**



Attention all fishermen under the age of 17! The ILYC is proud to announce we are holding the first annual fishing derby for children!

The derby will be held during the month of July with several different age groups as well as many fish categories. This derby is open to children that are sponsored by ILYC members. Details will be forthcoming in the Bilge as well as on the web site. Stay tuned!

-Joe DeGrandchamp

## **Pickleball Court Improvement: Project II**

Thank you to EVERYONE who generously donated to the Pickleball Court Improvement Fundraiser over the last two years! My husband, Jim Rubino, and I and all of the volunteers were a great team in raising nearly \$13,000! The three courts are beautifully asphalted. The courts were perfectly measured by Jim Rubino and then painted by hard working volunteers. Currently, a little repair work needs to be done on some cracking in the asphalt that took place over the winter.

The Ask: Reaching out to the Indian Lake community and friends of Indian Lake to please help by donating to a new fundraiser! This time, we are fundraising for chain link fencing around the 108' x 60' courts. We currently have estimates of \$15,700.00-\$18,000.00 for an 8' fence around all four sides, two court entry doors, and two 4-foot fences in between the courts. We currently have \$2,001.00 "in the kitty" to start us off.

As you can imagine, fencing would make for more enjoyable and faster play for ALL players so that stray pickleballs won't have to be plucked out of the poison ivy infested woods!

### **THERE ARE 4 WAYS TO DONATE:**

(1) This project has a NEW "GOFUNDME" account: Go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/pickleball-court-improvement-project-part-ii> (FYI...3% goes to GoFundMe)

(2) Personal checks written to "Carol Rubino" with "Pickleball Courts" written in the memo area and "For Deposit Only" on the back of the check  
(3) Venmo: @Carol-Rubino-2 "Pickleball Courts" written in the memo area  
(4) Zelle: "Pickleball Courts" written in the memo area



Thank you for your consideration!

Questions? Please email Carol Rubino at [carol.rubino@gmail.com](mailto:carol.rubino@gmail.com) or check in with Keith (Turp) North and/or Kevin Skibinski.

Much gratitude goes out to the Miller Family for allowing us to use their property and giving us permission to improve the courts!!

-Carol Rubino

## **LAKE NEWS**

### **Orchard Bluff**

May was an exciting month for the Van Gennep Family on Orchard Bluff. Jim and Donna Van Gennep are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Wesley James, son to Ryne and Erin. Wes already had his first visit to Indian Lake over Memorial Day

weekend (at just 3 weeks old) and loved being on the pontoon! The entire Van Gennep family is looking forward to watching Wes grow and seeing him enjoy the lake over the years.



Their youngest daughter, Riley, graduated from Lincoln-Way Central High School with Honors (Cum Laude & National Honor Society). Riley is excited to be continuing her education not too far from Indian Lake. She will be attending Saint Mary's College and studying Nursing. Go Belles!



-Donna Van Gennep

### **Beachwood**

I am happy to report that two volunteers have stepped up to take over the



coordination of luminary sales. Thank you to Mary Beth Luna and Lynn Bedalov for their leadership.

Look for more postings from them in future issues of the Bilge.

-Sandy Page

### **The Unofficial Happy History of Pancakes by Betty Crocker Kitchens**



600 BC - The first recorded mention of pancakes dates back to ancient Greece and comes from a poet who described warm pancakes in one of his writings.

1100 AD - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) becomes a traditional way to use up dairy products before lent. The pancake breakfast is born!

1445 - The year that villagers in Olney, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom, started their famous pancake race. Each year the winner receives a smooch from the church bell ringer.

1700s - Before baking soda chefs used fresh snow, which contains ammonia, to help make pancakes light and fluffy.

1800s - Milk and occasionally cream become the preferred liquids for pancake batter. Before then, brandy and wine had been just as common.

1870s - The flapjack becomes known as the pancake and America is changed forever.

1880s - Maple syrup becomes the preferred topping of choice.

1931- Bisquick is first introduced and good cooks across America start using it to make extra fluffy pancakes.

1966 - A *New York Times* food editor publishes a recipe for a baked pancake that he discovered while visiting a friend in Honolulu.

1985 - Bisquick becomes the official sponsor of National Pancake Week, creating a weeklong celebration of all things pancake.

1995 - The largest pancake ever flipped was made in Rochdale, United Kingdom. It measured 16.4 yards across, weighed 3 tons, and took more than just a frying pan to flip it over.

2008 - Actor Rainn Wilson creates SoulPancake.com, a feel good website that encourages people to explore what it means to be human with a little laughter along the way.

2009 - Aldo Zilli set a new world record for flipping a single pancake. He flipped it 117 times in 60 seconds.

2012 - 890 people set a world record for the most people tossing pancakes. 930 tried, but 40 flippers were disqualified for dropping their cakes.

-Deb Raffin

## CLASSIFIED ADS

2000 Lowes Sea Nymph V FM 1655  
Series Fishing Boat, Trailer, & Lift with  
Johnson 50 hp engine  
Clean, one owner, \$12,000  
Call Ronn at 630-235-5441

## THE BILGE-WATER BULLETIN CLASSIFIED ADS

- ❖ The text for a classified ad should consist of a brief description of the item, the asking price, and a contact person with a phone number.
- ❖ Each classified ad should include one item only. An exception will be made for garage sales.
- ❖ The cost for a classified ad with text only is \$15.00.
- ❖ The cost for a classified ad with text and one business card size picture is \$25.00.
- ❖ The cost for a classified ad with text and two business card size pictures is \$40.00.
- ❖ There is a two picture maximum per ad.
- ❖ Lost, Found, and Free Classified Ads are free of charge.
- ❖ All Classified Ads run for two weeks.
- ❖ If you would like any item (for sale, lost, found, or free) to run

another two weeks, consecutively or at a different time, please send an email to [ilycbilge@gmail.com](mailto:ilycbilge@gmail.com)

Payment for Classified Ads should be sent to:

Indian Lake Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 888  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

## Editor's Note

Thank you to everyone who sent articles for this week's newsletter. The Indian Lake Yacht Club and Bilge-Water Bulletin are community efforts, and we want you to be a part of the community. Please help us with your contributions.

Feel free to share stories of your family history and home on the lake, special events happening in your family or lake neighborhood, recipes, boating, lake life, jokes, or any other topics of interest.

The **deadline** for submitting articles, photos, and classified ads is **Monday at 12:00 noon** for any items to appear in Friday's Bilge-Water Bulletin. Please send all emails to [\*\*ilycbilge@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ilycbilge@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you.

–Deb Raffin