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Commodore's Comments

Here it is the middle of July already. I want to take a minute and highlight our upcoming happenings.

The BIG EVENT is back!

BBQ & BLUES

SATURDAY, JULY 29 at 6pm

Catered by ON THE SPOT BBQ with Entertainment by JR CLARK BAND

\$12 adults, \$6 kids

We are bringing back the ever popular egg toss & kids treasure hunt. You won't want to miss this night at the yacht club! There will also be raffle prizes.

Saturday, August 5 will be the Don Blackmond Memorial beer and wine tasting evening at the Blackmond farm. The funds raised at this affair will support the mission fund at Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital. \$75 per person

I want to thank Turp and Linda North for hosting last Wednesday's open grill night at the yacht club. We had a great turn out and a lot of fun and laughter! Dinner was followed up by a game of Left Right Center, which rolled over twice. Congratulations to Barb Fox. She was the eventual winner.

The Yacht Club is such a fantastic place to gather and enjoy a meal with friends and family. I really appreciate your attendance at our scheduled and various get-togethers. The view is fantastic!

I hope to see everybody at the upcoming functions I mentioned. As always, I'll be seeing you on the water. Have a great weekend, everybody!

-Vaughn J. Kubert, Commodore

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 27 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

Friday, July 21, 2:00 – 6:00pm

Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23
10:00am – 5:00pm

Tuesday, July 25, 2:00 – 6:00pm

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

With forecasted winds of 15+ mph, we moved racing to the morning and it paid off nicely. The fleet was able to get in 2 long races of 3 laps each, creating many opportunities for sailors to change position and rewarding those who kept fighting until the end.

Solid racing throughout the fleet in both races, and all but one kept the “floppy side up” (not tipping over) as B.J. Hague likes to say. John Smith had a good day with two 1st place finishes. Tom Tucker and Riley Van Gennep, sailing with Bob Heathcote, demonstrated strong sailing as well. Nice job Riley! Scott McIntyre sailed well to take 4th in the first race, and Bob Buddig took 4th in the second race. The Girl Boat notched a couple solid 5th place finishes, and we saw excellent competition throughout both races. It was great to see Dave Benton out there again with Mike Carrigan as his crew!

Race Results July 16

Sail	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2
365	Dave Delgado	6	7
576	Jeff Tucker	7	DNF
953	Dave Bilder	DNF	8
1306	Scott McIntyre	4	6
1719	Eddie Swierczewski	DNS	DNS
1819	Tom Tucker	2	3
1900	B.J. Hague	9	DNS
1913	Bob Cesario	10	DNS
2263	Kathy Elghammer/Mary Lou McManaman	5	5

2354	John Smith	1	1
2365	Dave Benton/ Mike Carrigan	11	DNS
2646	Riley Van Gennep/ Bob Heathcote	3	2
2680	Bob Buddig	8	4
2853	Keith Anderson	DNS	DNS

-John Smith, Fleet Captain

SAIL WITH A SKIPPER (SWAS)

Please make your reservation by Thursday for a sail on Saturday, July 22.

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 during the week as well.

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 text your name, age, and lake address to Kathy Elghammer 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

Lessons will start in July. This year you can make a reservation for a lesson by calling or texting me, Kathy Elghammer, 312-286-7913. I will get back to you to set a time that works with great weather and good wind.

-Kathy Elghammer

LAKE ACTIVITIES



ILYC KIDS FISHING DERBY

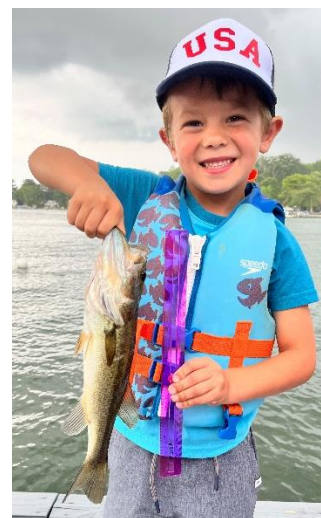
Fishing Derby Participants,

We are so excited to see all of your submissions coming in! Please remember to submit your photos to ilycfishingderby@gmail.com by July 27th. Please include the fisherman's name and age.

There is still time to participate! Please sign up using the QR code below or send us an email for the link.



We have had many great donations from around the lake and local businesses. Thank you to everyone that has donated! We are so excited to pass along these prizes at the conclusion of the derby.



-Joe DeGrandchamp

Game Night

Even with the threat of rain, over 30 Indian Lakers joined in the fun on Open Grill Night followed by LRC! We had to play 3 games of LRC before Barb, Lisa Kubert's Mom, beat everybody else and emerged as the Game Night Winner!

Thanks to Linda and Turp North for their planning of this ILYC tradition!

Hope to see many of you at our next game night on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm. As always, BYOB and get ready to have some fun!

BBQ & Blues



BBQ & Blues on July 29 is shaping up to be a great event! Dinner will be catered by On The Spot BBQ, and phenomenal music will be performed by The JR Clark Band! Dinner will start at 6:00pm, music begins at 7:00pm. Many local retailers have contributed to ensure great raffle prizes!

-Delia Snediker

Pickleball

Fencing: Pickleball Court Improvement Fundraiser Project II

We are reaching out to the Indian Lake community and friends of Indian Lake to

please help us by donating! We are fundraising for chain link fencing around the 108' x 60' courts. We would like to install an 8' fence around all four sides, with two court entry doors and two 4-foot fences in between the courts.

As you can imagine, fencing would make for more enjoyable and faster play for ALL players so that stray balls won't have to be plucked out of the poison ivy infested woods! How many communities can say that they have three pickleball courts 5 minutes from their homes? We can! Please donate for this wonderful improvement to the courts.

THERE ARE 4 WAYS TO DONATE:

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

Have you wanted to learn how to play pickleball or want to improve? Here is your chance! Soon, we will be sharing news about pickleball clinics lead by certified trainers coming up on August 5th. Look for more information in the next Bilge!

Lastly, please stay tuned for information regarding a kick-off for a dollar-for-dollar fundraising match coming up.

Thank you for your consideration!

-Carol Rubino

LAKE NEWS

Orchard Bluff

Harvester Replacement Funding Update

Thanks to the people who donated to the Harvester Replacement project this week. Due to their commitment to Indian Lake, we have now have \$14,126 on deposit in the Harvester Replacement Fund.

This week's donors are: Tom Buddig, Jason Drougas, Angelo & Sue Ippolito, Julie Karstrand & Katy Rotroff, Kristine & Tony Olenik, Kevin Skibinski, James & Judith Sullivan, Jim Weaver, and Jill Wright.

To date we have received donations from:
Gold Level: Keith & Mimi Anderson, Joe & Joan Campbell, Anthony & Karen De Angelis, Tim & Jenifer Garvey, Angelo & Sue Ippolito, Boyd & Linda Timm, and Jim Weaver

Silver Level: Thomas Buddig, Michael & Kimberly Carter, Bruce Hague, Floyd & Sandy Page, James & Judith Sullivan, Lee Phillips, Laura Van Dyke-Wall & Daniel Wall, and Jill Wright.

Bronze Level: Johnell Bos, Mary Elizabeth Campbell, Ross Cucio, Jason Drougas, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Cara Garvey, Bonnie Hague, Jeff & Theresa Karstrand, Julie Karstrand/Kay Rotroff, Lynn Lubach, Debra Meehan, Kristine & Tony Olenik, Lee Phillips, and Kevin Skibinski

Remember this is a generational investment for the betterment of Indian Lake. Donations can be made through the ILIA Harvester Fundraiser GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/26b378de> or mailed or dropped off at ILIA c/o Joe Campbell, 55156 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac 49047.

-Joe Campbell

Indian Lake Club

The Tuckers will be visiting from Colorado and are looking to buy or rent an inboard ski boat from July 27 to Aug 2. We're life-long lakers, have all the gear, and just need the boat! Happy to pay the going rate and store it on our shore station over at the club or your dock. Thanks for considering. We'll take good care of it, fuel it, clean it up, etc. Please email jedatucker@icloud.com.

-Jeff Tucker

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

JennAir oven in good shape (picture available)
\$200.00
Text/call John at 630-240-3508

Wooden Bookshelf 6'x3'x18" in good shape (picture available)
\$50.00
Text/call John at 630-240-3508

Wooden Bar Hutch 3'x4'x18" in good shape (picture available)
\$50.00
Text/call John at 630-240-3508

Shore Station
4000 lbs capacity Short-Mate, made in Rockford, MI
Newer cover in excellent condition, commercially cleaned
Call Ronn at 630-235-5441

Found

A hat that was blown off a pontoon boat during July 4th parade. Call Linda at 269-462-9139 to claim.

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

Send Payment for Classified Ads to:
Indian Lake Yacht Club
PO 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.

I look forward to hearing from you.
–Deb Raffin

