

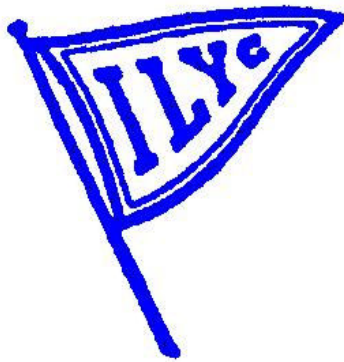
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Responsible Boater Tips

From the Desk of BJ Hague

This week is a look at life jackets.

1. All vessels must be equipped with a personal flotation device for each person on board or being towed. This must be a type 1, 2, or 3 approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. Wearable and of proper size for each person on board or being towed.

Sizing of a personal flotation device is by body weight and chest size.

A note here, they also must be out of there shipping packaging. (Plastic wrap)

In addition to the above requirements there are several others that pertain to children.

2. Children under the age of 6 have to WEAR a USCG approved Type 1 or 2 PFD when riding on any vessel.

3. Children under 12 years of age riding on or being towed behind a personal water craft must wear a USCG approved type 1 or 2 PFD.

You might wonder what a type 1 PFD is. These are the orange ones that the top goes behind your head. They are also known as Offshore Life Jackets. These are geared for rough waters and have the most buoyancy.

Type 2 PFD's are the one's that most of us have on our boats. They are also orange but have a little less flotation than the type 1 vest. There is still flotation that goes behind the head. Also known as Near-Shore Vest.

4. Inflatable PFD's are not allowed on personal water craft, and don't forget that all PFD's must be in good serviceable condition.

That's all for this week! Be safe out there and above all, have fun on the lake.

B.J.

Community Calendar

Coming Soon

Sunday, June 27, 2010

ILYC Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 3, 2010

Regatta Race Day

Sunday, July 4, 2010

**ILVFD Pancake Breakfast
Tice Beach Floating Parade
Regatta Race Day**

Saturday, July 17, 2010

**Cardboard Boat Regatta
ILYC Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Seasonal Race Day

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Boater Safety Clinic

Sunday, August 1, 2010

ILVFD Pancake Breakfast

The Commodore's Commentary

Well, its official: Summer has arrived! I'm sorry to say that the ILYC ushered out spring on a sour note. My apologies to all those looking to re-fuel their watercraft this past weekend only to find out that we were not dispensing fuel as advertised. Due to an area power outage we were unable to pump gas and worse yet, a hazardous situation resulted late Saturday. Our tank, filled in anticipation of a busy weekend proved to be a bit too full as evidenced by the strong odor of gasoline which permeated the late afternoon air.

Thankfully, someone recognized the seriousness of volatile vapors in the vicinity and summonsed authorities. Responding to the call, the Indian Lake Volunteer fire Department (ILFD) fire chief and several other firemen arrived and took charge insuring that no serious damage resulted. Having been notified of the situation, I arrived to find all traffic had been stopped at a safe distance, the source had been identified, and properly equipped and trained personnel were in route to lower the level in our tank to a safe level. Everyone in the service area of the ILFD should be thankful to have such a well staffed, finely trained, and personable group of dedicated volunteers helping protect us. I certainly do.

While I'm on the subject, allow me to make an appeal on their behalf. It always surprises me to find out how little some area residents appreciate the benefits we derive from having such a fine organization in our midst. The men and women affiliated with the ILFD donate their time and WORK at securing the equipment needed to effectively serve the community. Last year it became known to me that the fire fighters have near the top of their wish list extrication equipment, tools known to many simply as the Jaws-of-Life. Obviously these tools are not a necessity, but if their availability saves one person from loss of life or limb, what is their value? Currently, when our department responds to a situation calling for this equipment, they must either improvise or call for assistance from a department that has the equipment, sometimes adding precious minutes to the time it takes to reach and provide medical aid to the injured. I am told that the cost of the very basic tool set is in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

During this hazardous situation response, some persons were inconvenienced, but there was no resultant damage to persons or property, but the actions of one person known to me were shocking. This person was determined to launch his craft, even if he had to push the trailer by hand. However, the gate on the ramp was closed, he didn't know the combination for the lock, and apparently had not paid his membership dues. Let me reiterate: **THIS RAMP IS FOR THE USE OF INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.** (Registered and paid.) Some may question the reason for the rigid enforcement of this policy, but this is private property and there are liability ramifications. Any questions?

Dave Benton
Commodore - ILYC

Summer at a Glance

Saturday, June 12, the Indian Lake Yacht Club board of directors hosted their annual icebreaker cocktail party. While it was warm, the skies remained threatening throughout and before the evening ended light showers chased partygoers inside. This was an opportunity for many to see the fresh look of our clubhouse for the first time. Listed below are some of the other events we're hosting this summer. Come join in the fun.

June
27

As has become tradition, this was our kickoff event for the summer which officially begins in another week. Next on our calendar is the first pancake breakfast which is being held Sunday, June 27, from 7:30 until noon. Come on down to the yacht club: We're eager to serve you.

Sailors, mark your calendars for the same date, our fleet captain is planning a tune up race to give everyone a chance to pre-test their equipment and skills before the Fourth of July series of races.

July
17

Noteworthy is the return of the cardboard boat regatta to be hosted July 17 by our Vice Commodore this year. All enthusiasts should start their planning now: It's only five short weeks away. Acceptable materials for construction are cardboard, duct tape, and environmentally friendly paints. We're also planning on accompanying this event with our ice cream social.

August
7

Due to the enthusiastic reception Movie Night got last year, we've once again included it on our social activities calendar. All of the details have not been worked out yet, and a movie has not been chosen by the committee, but the date is set. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 7, and plan to bring the whole family down for an open air showing.

August
14

Finally, get ready to enjoy good food and good friends Saturday, August 14. Your evening will begin with a good old fashioned barbecue as you can only really have lakeside at Indian Lake and to top it off we're bringing a live band in for your entertainment pleasure. (But, if the past is any indicator, members of the audience may provide the most entertainment.) You won't want to miss this one!

News from the Cove



If you saw a beautiful bride and her handsome groom walking on Inn D' Inn Drive on the afternoon of Saturday, May 22nd that was Jaime Rubino Henry and her new husband Michael Henry, the daughter of Jim and Carol Rubino of Ridenour Drive.

Submitted by The Rubino Family

News from the Sacred Heart of Mary Youth Group

The Quest! Youth Team will be having a food booth at Tremendous Fruit during the International Cherry Pit Spitting Contest.

Cherry Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs and more!

When? Saturday, July 3rd.

Time? 11:00 am-4:00 pm

**Where? 9351 E Eureka Road. Eau Claire, MI
(Near Indian Lake/MI 62/Brush Lake Road)**

Lots of Family Fun!!

Please Come and Support your Local Youth!! :)

Thank you!

Submitted by Carol Rubino

ILYC Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 27, 2010

Serving 7:30 to noon

**At the
Indian Lake Yacht Club**

Did You Know?

In Scandinavia, Solstice Means Fun in the Midnight Sun

In the Northern Hemisphere, the longest days of the year have arrived. For Scandinavians that means one thing: Party time!

"It's just a time when finally nature is awake and alive," said Rose Marie Oster, a Swedish native and professor of Scandinavian studies at the University of Maryland in College Park.

For thousands of years, Scandinavians have celebrated summer's arrival—the summer solstice—with the Midsummer Festival, Oster said.

Highlights of the festival include singing and dancing around maypoles and bonfires, feasting on traditional foods such as pickled herring, and tipping back some schnapps and beer.

Traditionally, Scandinavians celebrated midsummer on the solstice itself—the longest day of the year. Today they observe it on a weekend around the solstice, so merrymakers can take an extra day off work, Oster said.

"It's a big thing," said Margaret Schueman, president of the American Scandinavian Association, a nonprofit cultural organization in Washington, D.C. "People just love it."

*Source: John Roach for National Geographic News
June 21, 2005*

Editors Note: The summer solstice occurred Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7:28AM in the Northern Hemisphere and generally does occur on the same date each year, but does change once in a while due to the difference between the astronomical calendar (365.25days) and the human calendar.

Correction

It was incorrectly stated that the Tice Beach Floating Parade would be July, 3. We have been informed it shall be at 11:00AM on the 4th as was the tradition started by Joe Poole.
Submitted by Bob Dutkiewicz

Item for Sale

Shore Station SSV36108 3,600# aluminum vertical lift, 108" beam, no canopy \$500
Contact Mike Rotroff 262-366-6212 or rotroff@wi.rr.com

ILIA Meeting Notes

Saturday, June 21, 2010 the Indian Lake Improvement Association held their first of two scheduled summer meetings.

Included in the meeting was the observance of a moment of silence in memory of past treasurer, Bob Wilson. Interim treasurer and current elected secretary, Tom Carlson, praised the preparation work done by Bob for the transfer of duties before his sudden departure. By Toms account, he left our house in perfect order, and anyone could continue on with little effort.

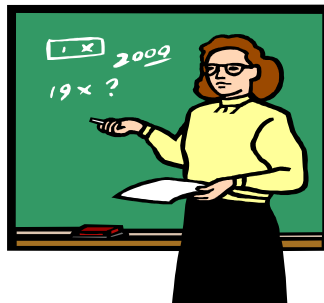
Another major item on the agenda revolved around upcoming elections. The terms of all officers and three other board seats are expiring and it was stressed that potential candidates must have their hats in the ring by August 1. Resident Sam Esposito volunteered to chair a nominating committee with minimal twisting of his arms.

Highlighting the meeting, however, were the presentations by John Tucci (equipment supplier) and Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (limnologist) who summarized the work accomplished to date on the aeration project and what we might expect over the months ahead. Indian Lake now has 10 diffusers connected by about 14,000 lineal feet of weighted hose operating in the area referred to as the south basin. Air is supplied from a single land based 7 horsepower compressor that will be running 7-24 throughout the summer and fall, but by DEQ order must be shut down no later than Dec. 1, and not re-started until ice is gone in the spring. Under the guidance and direction of Ms. Jones samples of the water column and sediments at the bottom of the lake will be gathered and analyzed. As far as she knows, no one undertaking a project such as this has utilized anywhere near as much scientific and statistical analyses as our pilot project plan includes.

Think About It!

The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Tom Bodett



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