

Indian Lake
YACHT CLUB
Yachting Yarns

July 2019

Sunfish Racing at the Club



Hello from the Commodore

By Merritt Wichner

Greeting, Y'All, here we are coming up on the 4th of July. Meanwhile June was packed with two successful Junior Sailing sessions as well as the Adult Training— Great Job Barb, Jonathan, Pat AND ALL who helped!!

It's truly amazing to see 20 sunfish piloted by novice youngster sailors, confidently launch, sail across the lake to the beach and safely make it back. And if the wind gives way, the watchful and intrepid instructors and helpers are there to provide a tow back. Again, this is quite a program, Thanks to all who make this possible!!

After the way-too- wet spring,

summer is upon us, boats are in and sailing and the club activities are in full swing. My boat, well... yes I've been out 3 times but just once on my boat "finally". It was and still is a work in progress.

Thanks. Bill and Matt for taking me for a sail with you and thanks Mike and Dan for helping me launch and raise the mast. I was able to tune the rig to tame that ornery furler on my vessel.

A coupla notes:

Please keep the door on the locker room shut, to keep out the bugs, they make quite a mess.

If you pay for and have a boat trailer parked at the offsite farm, please tag it with your name and "ILYC", to allow us to get an accurate count. This will help Clark pay for the correct count of the boats parked there.

Here comes the fireworks on July 6th and the other Indian Lake holiday activities, the calendar is online. For more information, go to the visitindianlake.com website. (Did you know you can donate to the Chamber of Commerce, to help defray the cost of fireworks? It's also on the website)

Be Safe, Happy 4th of July,

Fresh Breeze and Following Seas.

Flooding At Indian Lake

By Jonathan Eckels

The lake was up about 6-7" with more rain coming in on June 18th. I loosened the mooring lines on most of the cruisers that day. However, some lines were tied to shackles and too tight to be untied. This was a near record water level. a couple sailors who have been around since the 70's and 80's only remember one other time that the water was this high. Fortunately, the new spillway was finished in time.



Sailing Camp Session 1

By Barb Dillon

High gusty winds with some rain mixed in would sum up the weather for session one!

The veteran campers rose to the occasion handling the conditions like seasoned sailors while doing a great job of taking the new sailors under their wings. We managed to do a lot of sailing and activities like nautical scrabble & knot tying kept us busy during the storming periods.

On Friday Joe Ewing gave rides on his E Scow to some very lucky campers. It was a sailing experience they'll probably never forget! Thanks Joe!

We'd like to thank the following dedicated adults for making session 1 a success:

Pat Tynan

Eric Jensen

Connie Jensen

Geoff Rigney

Allen Shields,

Jane Eckels

Joe Ewing

Don Wright

Lorie Wright

We are in the midst of session 2 so we'll have more pictures next month!

Barb Dillon

Jonathan Eckels



Windy Conditions at i20 Regatta Cause Capsize



Bill Monsma and Crew Member Pat Tynan took a swim during the I20 Regatta Saturday, June 29th. During the first couple races, Bill and Pat capsized. While Pat was a new crew member for Bill this past weekend, Bill took full responsibility for the issues. The first time was a problem with the rear cleat failing to be released. Bill stated that the main sheet was cleated under load and a wind came up. Neither of them could get it to release. Pat had to yank on it with everything he had to get it loose. It was “one with the boat.” The second was a knot in the main sheet. They had the spinnaker out. The main was in too far and it started to carve the boat to the side. He went to ease the main but it still went over. It was an unfortunate series of events. They were able to finish both of these races and both were happy about that. The second race, they were able to finish by sailing with the boat under water.



New Members Move In

Ron and Teri Masters are the newest Members of the club. They purchased a Hunter 21 last October. They got it ready over the winter and are ready to jump into sailing. Their boat, *Blown Away*, took on water coming from Lakeview Harbor. As they rounded Bellefontaine Island, Ron realized he was in trouble. Despite taking on water from a leaking thru hull drain, he made it to the yacht club. With the help of several veteran members of the club, including Dan Graf and Dan Ulrich (Captain Dan), they were able to get it bailed out, get the mast up and secured the boat to the dock space. Ron and Teri live in Huntsville Ohio.



The Corsons Return to Sailing

by Larry Corson

Two weeks ago Rebecca and I went to our first Thursday night pot luck in two years. Because the clubhouse was set up for the youth sailing camp, we all met at La Playa Azul for a fun evening with good service and good food. Everyone greeted us warmly and wanted to know what we had been up to. My surgical injury from last year and my subsequent recovery received a lot of caring attention.

It was great to be welcomed back so warmly.

The next day we put “Seas the Day” into the water for the first time since fall of 2017. Taking pity on my current physical condition—and perhaps my lifelong ineptitude as well—Joe Ewing and Pat Tynan helped us get her rigged and launched at the Lakeview ramp. This was after they had each spent

a long day helping at the youth sailing camp. Without their skilled and cheerful help we simply would not have gotten into the water this year. Now we’ll be able to sail the rest of the summer. This is really a wonderful place!

Raft Out Delayed!
Stay tuned

I20 Regatta Photos





Sailing Camp Session 2

By Barb Dillon

Our 2nd week of sailing camp thankfully brought calmer winds as we had a large group of young, first time sailors. The kids did a great job of picking up the necessary skills to be able to sail to Old Field Beach on Friday.

The final morning of camp we held a 3-race regatta with some impressive racing and photo finishes! Both sessions ended with a picnic lunch prepared by Connie, Jane & Cynthia followed by the presentation of certificates.

We'd like to thank the following dedicated adults for making session 2 a success:

Pat Tynan

Eric Jensen

Connie Jensen

Chip Wood

Jane Eckels

Cynthia Defibaugh

Doug Chamberlain

Ed Rae



