



# THE BILGE PUMP

Keuka Yacht Club

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Greetings KYC,

Happy New Year! By now I trust that you have all received your invoice for 2018. I'm hopeful you opened your bill and had the same "what a bargain!" reaction I did. No dues increase. No slip fee increase. No livery increase. I bet you can't wait to send in your checks!

Seriously, things have been going well at the Club. And so long as that is the case your Board of Directors is committed to keeping the expenses we incur in line with the revenue we ask of you. That said, it is *crucial*, due to tax payments and other ongoing expenses, that we receive your payments in a timely manner.

PLEASE be sure to remit at least ½ your Annual Dues by the end of January. *And for SLIP HOLDERS, your FULL AMOUNT of your slip rental is due by January 31.* The waiting list for slips is long, so you will LOSE YOUR SLIP if we do not receive your payment by the required due date. No exceptions.

2018 is going to be another fantastic year for the Keuka Yacht Club. Our normal activities will continue with amazing food offerings on Friday nights, sailboat racing on Saturdays and Sundays, and more than 100 kids going through the LKSF Junior Sailing program.

I'm also thrilled to announce that the KYC Lightning Fleet has secured their 50<sup>th</sup> Champagne Regatta for the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the E Scow Fleet will be hosting the E Scow Eastern Regatta the first weekend of August (August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>). These 2 major regattas provide us an incredible opportunity to not only show off the wonders of our Club, but also further our Mission to promote yachting on Keuka Lake. And don't forget the great dinners (Club members are welcome to attend), live music and a great time on the lake.

These regattas do come with a requirement of space. I ask that all those who utilize our Livery Service to be prepared to make room on our lot, or know that we may be moving your boat. And to all our members, please help us prepare the grounds, VOLUNTEER

and ASSIST during the events (please let me know if you are willing to help with Race Committee, Chase Boat, On Shore Help, etc.), and be the true ambassadors of our Club during these 2 weekends that has been our heritage since 1872.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors. Making the Keuka Yacht Club a place worthy of your dues requires the efforts of a group of volunteers who value our Club in ways that go above and beyond. As always, I invite our members to become more involved and to take a turn on the Board. Please reach out to me if you have the desire or ideas to share.

See you in the Spring.

Respectfully,

Steve Bender  
Commodore, Keuka Yacht Club

## A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER...

Invoices have been mailed to all members and this season we will be returning to a "Sticker identification" system for slip and livery purposes at the KYC. Therefore, we have included a copy of the new Agreements for all members who were on the list for either a slip or some form of livery service at the Club.

In the recent past we have had each member sign a Slip or Livery Agreement for boats or trailers on an annual basis without any method of branding to enable an easy means of identifying those not authorized, which may be found on the Club grounds from time to time. With the reinstated "Sticker" system each member will sign one Slip & Livery Agreement that will list all boats and trailers, obtain an identification sticker or stickers, and affix one to each boat or trailer that will be included in the Agreement.

An initial Agreement will be continuing at all times a member has the boat or trailer on Club premises, until modified, superseded or revoked by the Board of Directors. If a boat is

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sold or transferred, or a member wishes to add or remove a boat or trailer, an amended or an additional Agreement will be required. This will eliminate the need to obtain and track successive annual Agreements while allowing for an easy means of boat and trailer identification; lightening the load for the volunteer positions of Treasurer and Harbormaster.

The new Livery Agreement is available on the website and a copy has been included with the January billing so each member with a boat or trailer will be able to complete an Agreement and return it along with their first dues installment (and Slip Payment if appropriate).

Stickers will become available once the snow melts in the early Spring and all boats and trailers must be branded by Memorial Day weekend. Each boating member's cooperation to accomplish this task will be greatly appreciated!

#### **REMINDER BOAT LAUNCH SECURED**

Remember that the boat launch has a cable and lock installed permanently at the launch. The combination for the lock was sent in an email last fall to all current KYC members. This combination may change moving forward and any changes will be communicated to Club members. The most current combination will always be available through our Club Steward in the Club House.

If there are any questions please contact our Harbormaster at:  
[harbor@keukayachtclub.com](mailto:harbor@keukayachtclub.com)

#### **MARINE SAFETY ALERT FROM THE US COAST GUARD**

**N**early 40 million Kidde brand fire extinguishers have been recalled. They were manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017. The extinguishers were sold in red, white, and silver cylinder colors and are rated as either ABC or BC.

You can read more information on the recall at the US Consumer Product Safety Commission website at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>

While most of us don't have access to our boats and marine fire extinguishers in the off-season, please be sure to check yours in the Spring!

Please send any news items, photos, and email address updates to: [kycbilgepump@gmail.com](mailto:kycbilgepump@gmail.com)