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## **NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE:**

This past Saturday my wife Pattii and I had the pleasure and honor of attending the wedding of Josh Weaver and Alicia Burger. Josh is the son of longtime summer resident Jim Weaver and his wife Fran, and younger brother of Heather and Jamie.

Shortly after my Dad purchased 'the dump on the hump', Josh's grandparents, Harold and Leone Weaver, became the proud new owners of the cottage across the road from us. This was an exciting time for me as I made new friends that would become lifelong friends...practically family.

Lake friends are unlike any other friends you have in your life. Summers come and summers go, and you may not see your lake friends for six months or more; yet the friendship remains and seems to always pick up right where you left it the season before.

Summertime at Indian Lake is invaluable and never lasts long enough. Ordinarily I would completely dismiss any thought of attending a wedding during the summer. Josh and Alicia's wedding was the exception. Even though Pattii and I weren't at the lake, we were with our 'lake family' having a wonderful time. Congratulations Josh and Alicia!

This season's Bilge got underway with introductions of our board members, officers, and editor. In the last couple of weeks there have been some changes and we have a new Bilge editor, Deb Raffin. Deb has been coming to Indian Lake with Jerry Lynch since 1979. They live in German Village, and you can often find her walking the Indian Lake Hills Golf Course. I am looking forward to working with Deb on the future issues of the Bilge and continuing to provide all of you with our weekly publication.

**Next ILYC Event:** The Big Event, 6pm, Saturday, August 12

**Michael J. Carrigan, Commodore, Indian Lake Yacht Club**

## **REMEMBER THESE DATES:**

**August 5, 6-9pm:** Lee Memorial Fundraiser

**August 12, 6pm:** THE BIG EVENT

**August 16, 6pm:** Cocktail Bingo

**August 19, 10am:** ILIA Meeting Firehouse

**August 21, 1:39pm:** Solar Eclipse

**August 23 @ 11:37am:** ILYC LOTL ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

**Sept. 3, 6pm:** AWARDS DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING

**BILGE DEADLINE: Monday @ NOON**

**Please be a supporter and contribute any news you may have to**

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## **FUEL SERVICE**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 4:30-6:30pm**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am To 6pm**

**Bags of ice, cold drinks, and candy bars available in the ILYC.**



## **SAILING**

A reminder to our sailors – there is no scheduled formal racing this Sunday. However, I was so inspired seeing four of our MC Scow fleet out sailing this past Sunday (even sailing a practice course!) I wouldn't be surprised to see some of the sailors do that again. If any sailors would

like to have an informal race this Saturday or Sunday, please contact Tom Tucker at 783-0504. Tom has volunteered to coordinate any sailing that you're up for. Would be great to see!

Our next scheduled sailing is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Again, my sincere thanks to Marcy Boyd for running the races.

-John Smith, Fleet Captain

P.S. On a personal note, I would like to thank Bonnie Hague for her excellent service over the years as the editor on the Bilge Water Bulletin. As a former – and very average – editor myself, I know how much time and dedication is devoted to delivering this weekly local news source to Indian Lake residents. Bonnie did an excellent job, not only of getting information out to lake residents, but of expanding the content and quality of submissions. Thank you, Bonnie!

## **LAKE ACTIVITIES**

### **ILYC AUGUST EVENTS**

August is a fun and active month for events at our ILYC.

Please mark your calendars for our Big Event on Saturday, AUGUST 12. Come on down at 6:00pm for an evening of good food and fun with your Indian Lake Community! Please see the full page invite in Issue 7, July 28, 2017 of our BILGE-WATER BULLETIN!

BINGO TIME is near! AUGUST 16 is the date! This is an energy packed evening with many Indian Lakers gearing up for our fourth annual evening of Cocktail Bingo! So BYOB and plan to arrive at 6:30 so we all can be settled by 7:00 when the first game will be called.

New to our schedule will be the viewing of a solar eclipse on AUGUST 21 at 1:39 in the afternoon at our ILYC. This event will be quite a thing to observe. The last one occurred in 1979. The ECLIPSE EVENT is a low gear endeavor for all to come together at the yacht club to experience this celestial event. Kathleen O'Donnell will provide the glasses necessary to be safe during the time of the event should anyone wish to look upward during the eclipse. The open space in front of our

clubhouse should be a good observation spot.

LOTL will bring a close to our summer scheduled events with our SALAD LUNCHEON on AUGUST 23. Please bring a salad to share. Table service, beverage, and dessert will be provided. See you there!

Enjoy our last full month of summer on our Indian Lake!

-Linda North, Social Chairperson

## **PICKLEBALL**

What a great week of pickleball!!!!

On Tuesday Fritz and Karen Olthof came to the courts, and we played for an hour or so. Their game has improved tremendously over last summer. We had a lot of fun and a good work out.

Later in the week on Saturday two young men from LaGrange, Illinois stopped by the courts. Ed and his brother played singles for a while. Then Scot Miller and his wife arrived so Ed and his sibling played against the Millers for about an hour. All enjoyed the activity so much that they said, "See you next week." So be there at 9:32am Saturday and join in on the fun.

Later in the day Jim and Carol Marth brought their weekend guests to the pickleball area and set up two games. Jim and Carol played against Richard and his wife and had several close games. I joined three other guests, and we had a great series of three games. Bob and Turp defeated Nancy and Eric 11-4; then Bob and Eric were able to outscore Nancy and Turp 11-7. The third game was won by Turp and Eric over Nancy and Bob 11-6. It was a good work out and an excellent introduction to the pickleball game.

Meanwhile Joanie North put the finishing paint touches on the third court. Turp and Joanie were able to get that court painted and lined for play. Monday the net will be installed, and it will be ready for you to play!!

The local Dowagiac group continues to play at

Union High School on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm. It is a competitive group, and the games are usually very close. For more information call Bob Jirgl at 1-269-782-6044. He will be able answer any questions you may have.

Come play with us! See you on the courts next week!!

-Turp North

## **A SOUND OPINION**

Sunday, July 30, 2017. Today marks the middle of summer to me. This morning as I sat enjoying my morning coffee from my crow's nest (actually our deck or outdoor living room), I was struck by some of the activity on Indian Lake. It is a delightful morning with severely clear skies and undetectable wind. (As a usual participant in the races conducted by the ILYC, I am thankful we have no races scheduled today.) But I digress. This morning I observed: (1) an ordinary number of fishing boats, (2) an unusually early congregate of ski boats, (3) a paddle boarder, and (4) some type of rowing watercraft.

A number of recent events have heightened my awareness to the dangers and risks we so routinely encounter while navigating the waters of our beloved lake. The recent videos I have seen of a serious boating incident on Lake Gage in Northeastern Indiana are particularly disturbing. Anyway, as a seasoned boater (and a card-carrying member of the gray-haired set) it seems to me that we all should be more careful than ever, particularly in the early morning and late evening hours when the sun is low in the sky. There are no laws or regulations that I am aware of governing where or when paddle boards, kayaks, or the like may be operated, but it seems to me that it would be safest that they stay within the "boating restricted areas" (i.e., within 100 feet of the piers) during the periods when the angle of the sun makes it most difficult for other boaters to see them. Just saying.

-Dave Benton

## NEWS FROM GERMAN VILLAGE

...from the Cesario Cottage

Our daughter, Tara Lindsay, left the heat of Dallas, Texas to enjoy a week at the lake with us. We enjoyed our annual water skiing event around the lake, sailing, pontoon boating, and bags tournament. Tara Lindsay dominated in bags this year. But most of all we enjoyed fishing. Thursday evening we were fishing off of our dock when she landed a 21" Largemouth Bass (see photo). We were both amazed at the size of the fish. I told her not to expect to catch another fish that size for the rest of the week. Watch out, Zach!



We're also celebrating Tara's new position as the Head Orchestra Director at Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Texas. For the past 5 years, she had been the Assistant Orchestra Director at Plano Senior High School in Plano, Texas. Go, Tara.

I am excited to be part of the MC Fleet. Just trying to keep the mast in the upright position. I have a lot to learn about sailboat racing.

-Bob & Tara

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## LOST & FOUND

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Thanks, Jim

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All submissions must be received by Noon on Monday in order to be included in Friday's Bilge.  
Thank you,  
Deb Raffin, ILYC Bilge Editor