

Dear LBYC Members,

“We can’t direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails”.

We’ve all had to do a make a few ‘sail adjustments’ lately... As of this writing, we are tucked in until April 30th due to the covid-19 pandemic. Now, more than ever, we look forward to when we can be at the beach – sailing, paddling and enjoying our social gatherings. Your board is hopeful we’ll be able to enjoy the full schedule we’ve planned for, but know that you’ll be flexible as adjustments may need to be made to the calendar as the summer unfolds.

Membership form is included and dues are due May 1, 2020. Please complete the enclosed application and send payment OR (save a stamp!) sign up & pay online at www.lakebluffyachtclub.org.

Plans for the summer include Saturday Adult Learn-to-Sail lessons (sign up at lakebluffyachtclub.org), new & varied racing formats for select Sundays, hosting a Mid-West Regional Sunfish Regatta, and participating in the Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade, along with our beloved Brunch on the Bluff and Lobster Boil! A new addition to the calendar is Boat Spa Day on Saturday, June 27th. Is your boat dirty, in need of fixing, or would you like a refresher on how to rig? Come to the beach between 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm and we’ll have cleaning supplies and tools to help get you back in your boat!

Communication will be more important than ever this season. Please be sure you provide your preferred email address when submitting your membership and look for more regular communications from lakebluffyachtclub@yahoo.com. With the ever-changing circumstances and beach conditions, please be sure to visit our website for updates to the calendar. Also check us out on Facebook and Instagram!

Beach Update – South beach suffered damage in the storms of January 2020. Fortunately, the compound was spared any damage. The pavement parking area opposite the compound has significant asphalt damage and as of this writing is *fenced off from vehicle access*. The beach lost a great deal of sand, but we should be able to get boats in and out of the compound. Please visit the Lake Bluff Park District website for updates on the beach and ways you can help.

New Keys will be distributed for the compound gate this season. You will be assigned 1 key per paid slot. Keys will be distributed at the Spring Cocktail Party (tentatively May 9) and Boats-In Day (tentatively May 9). We will communicate alternate arrangements if those events are rescheduled.

Security of your property is important to us. A friendly reminder to lock your boat or board to the eye bolts provided in each slot. Specialty locks for paddle boards are available through online retailers. Lock the compound when you leave it. Security cameras are being installed to discourage attempts at vandalism or theft.

Beach Boys & Girls are a vital part of our club. Some of our dedicated beach crew are graduating from high school this year, so we will be looking for a few new hires. If you know of teens who might be interested in applying, please contact beachcrew@lakebluffyachtclub.org.

Finally, on behalf of the board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kristin & Tim Flentye for their years of dedicated service to the club as Compound Directors. They have 'retired' from the Board and we appreciate all their efforts. We also wish to recognize and thank John Palizza, our outgoing Commodore, for his outstanding service to the club.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the beach this summer.

Stay safe & Stay well!

Gretchen Seymour, Commodore

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