



April 5, 2021

Happy Spring, LBYC Members:

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the club over the past year. I know we are all ready to turn the page on this chapter of the pandemic. The upcoming season will continue to require flexibility as the rules & guidelines evolve. Your board remains committed to offering safe & enjoyable events when possible, adhering to state & local guidelines, while also supporting the Lake Bluff Park District's beach front policies.

Membership & Slot renewals are online via the included links. Recognizing that the pandemic significantly impacted our 2020 program year, we have reduced renewal membership dues from \$135 to \$85 for the 2021 season. We anticipate this being a one-time dues reduction due to the unique situation. We are, however, giving members the option of donating the difference to the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, and earmarking those funds for Sunrise Beach Park.

You can learn more about the Friends group, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization at this link: <https://friendsoflbparks.org/about-us.html>.

We will collect your generous donations and submit a total gift to the Friends of the Park District on behalf of LBYC Members. Or, you can choose to renew your membership at \$85 for this season only. Storage fees remain the same.

Regardless of how you are involved with the club, Sunrise Beach Park is extremely important to all of us. Wave action has caused erosion to our beach and bluff. Your donations will help nourish and provide improvements. Future plans include further restoration of the beach & bluff, ADA compliant stairs, new brickwork and bike racks at the top, and a new gate.

Boat storage in the compound is full with a healthy waitlist of those interested in slots. Thank you for renewing your dues and slot fees on time so that we can free up any new slots. Your credit card will show payment to "CU*LB Yacht Club". Please contact us if you prefer to renew by check. *Renewal payments are due April 20th.*

Boats-In day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st from 10 am - 2 pm to permit you a day to drive down and get your boats back in slots for the season. We will also be doing some spring cleaning to the compound. We'd love to have you join us for a bit!

We are exploring options for a **spring cocktail gathering** on May 8th. We wish we could include everyone, but following state protocol for large indoor gatherings, this event will be limited to the first 50 people to rsvp and masks will be required. We anticipate sending the evite on 4/26 with additional details and how to rsvp. We have hopeful placeholders on the calendar for a Beach Party, Brunch on the Bluff, and the Lobster Boil that you can see on the attached calendar. We intend to hold as many of our planned social events as we can. We'll continue to update you via the website calendar and email.

Sailing & Racing Events: In addition to our weekly Sunday racing, plans for the summer include a return to our popular Saturday Adult *Learn-to-Sail* course (watch this space for details on sign ups), a *Learn-to-Race* workshop, and another on-the-water racing skills clinic with Rich Chapman. We plan to continue the popular *Recreational Sails* series from last season. The Sailing Committee made some clarifications and minor changes to the club Racing Rules this spring. Those changes will be formatted and on the website shortly. We purchased 2 new club sunfish last year, and have plans to replace some of our older club boats this spring! Sunfish sailing is a socially distanced sport – come join us!

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. Please be sure to lock the compound when you leave it.

Beach Boys & Girls are a vital part of our club. We will be looking for a few new hires. If you know teens who might be interested, please contact beachcrew@lakebluffyachtclub.org.

Keeping in touch will be important again this summer as plans take shape. Please be sure you provide your preferred email address when submitting your membership renewal. Also check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Please email me with any questions, comments or ideas!

On behalf of the board, thank you again for your commitment to LBYC. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

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Lake Bluff Yacht Club 2021 Calendar

Date	Social	LBYC Racing	Sunfish Regattas
Saturday, May 1		Work party and boats in	
Saturday, May 8	Spring Cocktail Party		
Saturday, May 15		Work party and boats in rain date	
Sunday, May 23		Race, Summer Series starts	
Sunday, May 30		Race	
Sunday, June 6		Race	
Saturday, June 12			North Americans, Lake Norman
Sunday, June 13		Race	
Sunday, June 13		Race	
Saturday, June 19	Beach Party		
Sunday, June 20		Race	
Sunday, July 4	Brunch on the Bluff	Race	
Sunday, July 11		Race	
Sunday, July 18		Race	
Sunday, July 25		Race	
Sunday, August 1		Race	
Sunday, August 8		Race	
Sunday, Aug, 15		Race	
Sunday, August 22		John Sheppard Jr. Memorial Regatta	
Sunday, August 29		Race	
Sunday, Sept. 5		Race	
Monday, Sept. 6		Summer Series ends with Commodore's Cup	
Saturday, Sept. 11	Lobster Boil		
Sunday, Sept. 12		Race, Fall Series Starts	
Sunday, Sept. 19		Race	
Sunday, Sept. 26		Race	Women's Nationals
Sunday, Oct. 3		Race	
Sunday, Oct. 10		Race	
Sunday, Oct. 17		Race	
Sunday, Oct. 24		Race or work party and boats out?	
Saturday, November 13	Fall Awards Party and Annual Meeting		

