

The *Bilge Pump*

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Kayak off the Bluff – Fall 2007

Opening Activities at KYC

Spring Cleanup, Picnic Lunch May 10

Preparations will soon be underway for the opening of the KYC clubhouse and grounds. Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone's help is needed to get the club ready for the season. The KYC will provide a picnic lunch for all helpers. If it rains on May 10, the rain date is May 17th.

May 15th Deadline for Boat Removal

Thursday May 15th is the deadline for boats to be in their proper locations for the season. This means that all boats parked on the club ground for the winter must be either: 1) in the water, 2) ready for the season, or 3) moved to one of the upper lots. The removal of boats by this date will help with mowing, lake access to members, and general clean-up and maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubhouse to Open May 23rd.

The clubhouse will open for the season on Friday, May 23rd at 4 p.m. Come down to see old friends and the beautiful lake. The weather is sure to be good.

Junior Sailing Sign-ups

Submitted by Peter Gamba

Students are signing up, but we still have openings in all sessions. The morning session of Session 3 is one we have set aside for a racing session for experienced junior sailors and we are hoping for a full session. If you plan to sign up let Peter Gamba know to reserve your slot.

The schedule for 2008 is as follows:

Session 1: June 23 thru July 3 (Mon thru Thurs)

Session 2: July 7 thru July 17 (Mon thru Thurs)

Session 3: July 21 thru July 25 (Mon thru Fri)

and July 28, 29, 30 (Mon thru Wed) *

* This avoids a conflict with the Eastern championships.

Session 4: Aug 4 thru Aug 14 (Mon thru Thurs)

The fees for 2008 are as follows: KYC Members \$195 w/ additional students of same household \$160. Non KYC Members are \$225 w/ additional students of same household \$180

An application can be acquired by e-mailing Peter Gamba at Pgamba1007@aol.com or calling him at (315) 595 8899.

Reminder – Dues



Outstanding dues should be paid by May 30th. There will be a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance if dues are not paid by that date.

Instructor Training Offered

A Level 1 Sailing Instructor Training Course will be offered June 19 through June 22, 2008 at KYC. There are still slots available. We need at least 3 more students to make the session go. Therefore, if you plan to attend, please do not wait to sign up.

The goal of the class is to teach individuals to be sailing instructors as well as enhance sailing skills. It is a four day, forty hour course and covers:

- Sports psychology and physiology
- Lesson Planning
- Teaching from and using a Safety Boat.
- Use of land and on-the-water drills
- Classroom teaching techniques for eye-hand coordination skills
- Risk management and other legal issues
- Safety considerations
- Rainy day activities

The course is applicable to teaching in dinghies, multi hulls and small day sailing keel boats from on the boat or from a separate safety boat.

This is a great course for ages 16 and older. Good sailing and powerboat handling skills are required.

The cost is approx \$315 depending when you register plus a required US SAILING membership of approximately \$70 depending on membership type. For more information and to sign up for the class go to the US Sailing Web site under instructor training "LEVEL 1". If you have any questions, please call Peter Gamba at (315) 595-8899 or Debbie Koop at (315) 595-2523. Peter and Debbie took the class last year.

What did the zero say to the eight?
Nice belt!

Upcoming Events

- May 10: Spring Cleanup and Lunch
- May 15th: Deadline for Boat Removal
- May 23rd: Clubhouse Opens
- June 19 -22nd: US Sailing Instructor Level 1 Training Course at KYC
- June 23: Session 1 of Junior Sailing Begins
- July 31- 8/2: Eastern E-Scow Championships at KYC (details to follow)

Bilge Pump Updates

With input from the Board, we have decided to publish the Bilge Pump less often during the summer (approximately every two weeks) but add some issues during the off-season. Hopefully this will help communicate more effectively with Club members.



I am interested in changing the name of the Bilge Pump. Somehow "Bilge Pump" doesn't conjure up very pleasant images. If you feel creative, please submit your ideas for a new name.

I continue to welcome submissions from members. Last year we had some interesting articles from members describing their sailing adventures. I also welcome pictures from the club, jokes, riddles, and other information that may be helpful or interesting to fellow members. All submissions can be made by emailing me at clearjw@hotmail.com or by leaving a note at the Bilge Pump box at the bar. —Janet Cleary