



Dear Clear Laker

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about SUMMER TIME! On behalf of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and all of the other great volunteers, let me be the first to welcome you to another great season at the Clear Lake Yacht Club! I'm excited and honored to be serving as your Commodore this year.

Preparations are already underway for some minor improvements to our little lakeside clubhouse. As soon as the winter weather breaks we will be replacing some leaky windows and installing a double-door leading out to the front patio. In addition, we will be doing some structural repairs to part of the roof. The work should be finished well before the official opening of the club and, other than the wider front entry, you probably won't notice that anything has changed. Financing has been arranged, but our goal is to put the repair costs back into the general fund by the end of this season. If you would like to contribute to the repair project there is a line item on the attached membership application for Building Preservation/Repair Fund.

The TGIF team has been working very hard—as always—to put out a full schedule of great meals and great events. See the attached calendar (on reverse side) for details. There are only a few open Fridays left, so if you'd like to sponsor a TGIF contact Sandy Ayres or Joyce Shavey soon. If you've never hosted, don't be intimidated. Sandy and Joyce are pros and can walk you through the process to make your TGIF a success. If you're not a fan of gourmet cuisine, or if you just show up too late, the Ski Club will once again be flipping burgers out on the patio.

This year the Ski Club is led by an energetic group of parents and young adults. They did some "scouting" last summer and came back with fresh ideas from another top notch ski club in our area. There will also be a renewed emphasis on instruction this summer. Expect a great ski show with the talented group of up-and-coming performers we have. Ski Club is one of the great traditions at Clear Lake. Please encourage all the young lakers in your family sign up!

We wouldn't be a "yacht club" without yachts. What else says "summer" like a dozen full sails cruising across the lake on a sunny Saturday? With some of the most talented sailors in the Midwest, the competition will be fierce—but friendly—as always. If you've never tried sailing, the captains in our fleet are always eager to help a new sailor. For young sailors, check the calendar for sailing school dates.

If tennis is your game, I've got great news! John McEnroe will be doing a special two-day clinic at the Clear Lake Yacht Club courts. Okay, I made that up. But we will have freshly re-surfaced courts and an active tennis club that's always looking for fresh competition at any skill level. Check the calendar for youth lessons, also.

No matter what you're in to, it is my sincere hope that you enjoy the 2011 Clear Lake Yacht Club season. To me, the CLYC is a big part of why Clear Lake is the best place to be in the summer. Make it your goal this summer to try something new, or better yet, make a new friend at the Clear Lake Yacht Club.

Yours truly,

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--Special thanks to Barb Wenger for coordinating this mailing and maintaining our directory!
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