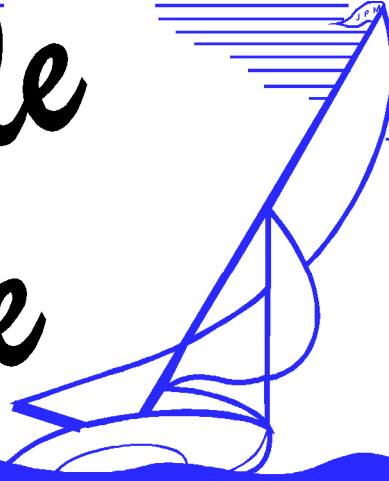


# Eagle Eye



## EAGLE LAKE SAILING CLUB

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### Commodore's Corner – by Brian Reedstrom



*Commodore Brian Reedstrom*

By the time you read this the Corn Roast will be over and Labor Day weekend activities will be looming. The relative success or failure of these events will

hinge on many things beyond our control.

However, the fact that we have the Corn Roast, holiday pot lucks, organized racing every weekend, a facility inviting enough or docks safe enough to welcome your family and friends is a testament to each of our members who choose to volunteer.

ELSC is a volunteer organization and has been since its inception over 65 years ago. The dues we pay cover the financial obligations of the club. The hours we volunteer sustain the environment and life of our club.

The seemingly hundreds of mundane details (like tax forms, buoy permits, gasoline for the committee boat, etc.) are as integral to sustaining club life as making sure the dock gets in each spring and the clubhouse is clean.

On Labor Day we will elect some members to 3 year positions on the Board. This means that the nominating committee (Pat Makielski, Lisa Heming and Brian Reedstrom) is already at work seeking candidates for open board and officer positions.

In addition we are looking for a Sailing Commodore, Rear Commodore and Membership Chair. Do not wait to be asked.

Wherever you are willing and able to assist, tell the nominating committee. Your efforts not only provide for the coming seasons at ELSC, they also lay the foundation for those that follow us to celebrate 75 and 100 year ELSC anniversaries.

That is a big responsibility, but we know that “many hands make light work”. I encourage us to act on that knowledge.

Fair Winds,  
-Brian



No races were held on Fathers Day because of wind conditions. So our commodore lead a group of members is a swim and paddle across the lake, to Al Taig's house.





We have Renee Kurtzweil, our “beautification” commodore, to thank for the pretty flowers decorating our club this year.



There were 15 boat entries in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade this year. Thanks to Laura Kapala’s creative talent and the pirates’ enthusiasm, the ELSC entry took second place. Pictured here are Jordan and Luke Kapala. They were on their best behavior- no captives or treasures taken.



Our clubhouse has undergone some work this summer. Larry Miller did a fantastic job organizing the painting crew of Lauren, Maura & Connor Sweeney, McKay and Jake Kapala, Joe Makielski, Kelsey Majcher and Andrew Hildreth. Also assisting were

Scott Heming, Brian Reedstrom, Gene and Maggie Sweeney. You can see more pictures of the crew in action posted at the club.

To top off the painting job Chris May organized the upgrade of our fascia and soffits.

Thank you to all involved, the club looks marvelous!

**Sailing and Racing News**

**Regatta Participation** - We have had a number of sailors travel to regattas in the last couple month. The sailing has been competitive, fun and invigorating.

MCs – July 25-26 Michigan Championship Regatta Diamond Lake Michigan, Report courtesy Bob Miller, MC Fleet

“This year 21 MC skippers were treated to two days of great wind and some challenging sailing. Saturday we were to sail three races and the battle for the lead was between Chris Craig (Lake Fenton) and past champion Alan Walborn (Spring Lake). We went out for the third race with the wind building and when we were finishing the wind was at the class limit with gusts to 23 MPH. The entire fleet completed the race with no capsizes, challenging sailing for sure. Jim Grant was in third

with great racing and there was a four way tie for fourth. Jon Hans prepared an excellent steak dinner for all of us and there was a lot of sailing talk and renewing friendships.

Sunday morning the race committee set a SE windward /leeward 1 ½ course in gusty and shifty conditions. Race 4 was led by Bob Miller until 200 yards from the end when John Hans and Alan Walborn sailed right past him. Alan had the lead going into the 5th and last race with the wind very tricky. Race 5 got under way and Chris was over the line early and had to let the fleet sail past him before he could turn and restart. Miller and **Farabaugh** battled up the course with Miller tacking to port short of the lay line. Farabaugh held on starboard longer and when he tacked he got a big port lift into the finish to beat Bob. Jim Grant got a great lift up the middle of the course to take third. John Hans fourth and Sue Loux with Leslie Stange as crew had a well sailed 5th place. Five races four race winners, how competitive is that? Hope you were out on the lake and saw some of the races. “



Bill Farabaugh, second from right in the back row took home third place. Tom Marosz finished ninth and Adam Hosaflook didn't finish last in his first regatta.

Rebels – The Rebels Nationals were held the week of July 12. Three generations of Hudak men sailed. John Hudak and his son Gage took 2nd place out of 21 competitors. Gage and his crew Anthony

Rinehart took first place in the Junior Nationals. This is the third time that Gage has brought home the gold. An easy win with five firsts.

Lasers - Jon Oram participated in the June 20th Spring Laser Regatta held on Baseline Lake near Ann Arbor. The event was hosted by the Michigan Sailing Club. Jon placed 3rd out of 8. Winds were WNW at 12-18, everybody flipped at least once, lots of fun.

Jon also travel to Lake Leelanau, home of the Leland MI YC.

“On Saturday 8/1, there were four races, SSW wind started at 15 with gusts to 25 and finished at 20+ with gusts to 30.

I have never gone so fast in a Laser and all this at the edge of control. After two races I flipped for the last time (0 first race, 2 second race, then it got worse, don't ask, so I sailed in getting DNF/DNS.)

Sunday 8/2 was more benign - sunny, wind WSW, 15 with gusts to 20 but decreasing to the last race where it was 10 with gust to 15. I finished all of these, never came in last, wound up 13th of 19, not bad given that I really needed to throw out 2 races but it was best 7 of 8. Miraculously, I got a trophy for having traveled the longest distance to sail. We ought to take the varsity up there next year.” - Jon

### ELSC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Regatta Results

#### MCs

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jodi Booth Freeland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - . Tom Marosz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - . Bill Kremer

#### Laser

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Chris May
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brian Reedstrom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Carolyn Hahn

#### Thistles

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brian Reedstrom & Cali and Cara
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - . Chris May and Laura Makielski
- 3rd - Bill Kremer and Lisa Heming



## Snipe

1<sup>st</sup> - Mark Makielski & Annie Makielski

2<sup>nd</sup> - David Scheibelhut & Jill .

3<sup>rd</sup> - Chuck Carlin & Crew



- Please feel free to make use of our library located in the glass shelving in the main room. There are a many sailing books that some of our newer sailor and even our experienced sailors will find useful. Just remember to return them when you are through.

- We have many members that are new to boat ownership and sailing. As a reminder, boats need to be registered with the state of Michigan and everyone should have a good wearable life jacket on the boat while sailing. Life jackets should be worn when sailing alone or in windy conditions. Below are links to the state of Michigan web site for more specific information.

<http://www.boat-d.com/mi/handbook/register.htm>

<http://www.boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/pfds.htm>

- If you are enjoying the club during the week, please make sure you dispose of garbage in the green trash bins and NOT in the inside cans. We have had an infiltration of fruit flies this week.

### **Sail Loft Clean Up**

All items in the sail loft must be labeled with your name on them, no later than fall clean-up, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. All unlabeled items will be removed.



**The Board is looking for volunteers to head-up or participate on the Fall Dinner team.**

**Responsibilities include: caterer and menu selection, decorating, setup beverage purchase and program coordination. If you**

**haven't put in any time volunteering at the club this year, here's your chance. Everyone interested should speak to a board member or send an email by August 21<sup>st</sup> to, [eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com).**



Above, our committee boat decorated in Pirates of the Caribbean theme. Below the Scheibelhut kids all dressed up.



## New Member Pictures

We have eleven new member families this year. To help put some names to the faces I've included a few photos below.

Nine year old Daniel Dautel is the son of Lauren and Chris Dautel who joined the club in June. Daniel is all thumbs up for his first sailing lesson in an Optimist. Daniel's two year old sister, McKenna, is at home in the sand.



Joe and Mary Ellen Fetherolf joined after July 4<sup>th</sup>  
We already put the couple to work, manning our recent Corn Roast.



## Coming Events

Sept 4 - Moonlight Sail/Paddle  
Sept 5 - Labor Day Regatta – MCs and Lasers  
Sept 6 & 7 – Labor Day Regatta - Nationals, Thistle, Snipes  
Sept 7 - Potluck and Annual Meeting  
Sept 20 - Club Reserved, Member Rental

Oct 10 - Fall Dinner  
Oct 24 - Fall Clean-up

