

NORMANOCH NEWS

of Culver Lake



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Spring 2008

CLUB HOUSE OPENING DAY

Your Normanoch clubhouse will be opening on Sunday, June 22 this year. The staff has been busy cleaning and setting up, stocking the canteen, and bringing out the playground and beach equipment. Come on down and enjoy a day of sunshine, swimming and great canteen food. Don't forget your Normanoch badges! See ya on the beach!

SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Starting Saturday May 24th through
Saturday June 21st
Saturdays 9am to 12 noon
Sundays 11am to 1 pm
Mondays 10am to 12 noon
Also by Appointment – call the office
at 973-948-4251.

Culver Lake Memorial Day Fishing Contest May 24th and 25th

Open to All
Members and Their Guests

All New Jersey State Fishing Rules Apply
No Large or Small Mouth Bass Allowed
No Hybrids Under 16 Inches

Sign Ups 6am –8am Both Days

Weigh-ins at Clubhouse
5-6 PM Sat.
3-4 PM Sun.

Open to Adults &
In 13 and Under Group
Trophies, Prizes, And Barbeque
Sunday after weigh-in

\$12 Adults and \$7 for 13 and under

Persons must be signed up in AM

WINDJAMMERS

Welcome to the 2008 sailing season at
Culver Lake!

Our board and volunteers have been very busy planning and organizing this season's events. We will "set sail" with our Spring Kick-Off Dinner at the Blue Ribbon Café on Saturday, June 7th. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you are not a current Windjammer member, call Nancy Hale (973-948-6044) to leave your email address/ phone number; dinner details will be sent to you.

We are also planning club socials with sailors who have sailed around the world sharing their experiences and joy of sailing.

Our race schedule once again calls for ten races for both the Hobie catamarans and Monohull classes. Now is the time to uncover your sailboat and start prepping for the season. Call if you need help rigging your boat. Join us in the races on Saturdays at 10:00 AM June 28-July

26 and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. August 3-31.

Crewing with a club member is an opportunity to have fun sailing on a Hobie in race conditions and a way to gain sailing/racing experience and knowledge. Give me a call if you're interested in being a crew member (973-948-5258)!

Windjammer Schedule

Spring Kick-Off Dinner at Culver Lake Blue Ribbon, Saturday June 7, 7 pm.

Race 1 Saturday, June 28, 10 am.

Culver Lake Boat Parade, Friday July 4, 2 pm.

Race 2 Saturday, July 5, 10 am.

Race 3 Saturday, July 12, 10 am.

Race 4 Saturday, July 19, 10 am.

Moonlight Sail July 19

Race 5 Saturday, July 26, 10 am.

Race 6 Sunday, August 3, 2 pm.

Race 7 Sunday, August 10, 2 pm.

Moonlight Sail Saturday, August 16

Race 8 Sunday, August 17, 2 pm.

Race 9 Sunday, August 24, 2 pm.

Race 10 Sunday, August 31, 2 pm.

Picnic—Awards and Closing Meeting Monday, September 1

Once again, congratulations to last year's winners:

Hobie Cats 1st Place—Allen Bentson

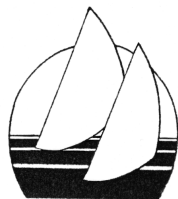
2nd Place—John Weber and Joe

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3rd Place—Frank Shary

Windjammer Cup – Donated by Frank Shary and will be awarded to the sailor with the best results over the next three years. Presented for the first time at the 2007 annual picnic for the previous 3 years, it was awarded to Allen Bentson.

A fun season awaits us in the Windjammer's Club. Sail fast!!! Allen Bentson, Commodore



ROADSIDE LITTER

There seems to be more litter and trash being dumped around our lake. Recently, large bags of garbage were dumped on the roadside on the Lower North Shore. This is not only unsightly; it lands in drainage ditches which end up polluting our lake. We all need to be vigilant and report anyone seen dumping or littering directly to the State Police. The Normanoch Association will offer a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone seen illegally dumping on the roads surrounding our lake or in the lake itself. We all need to work together to protect the health and beauty of our lake.

GUEST BADGES

Guest Badges may seem like a bother and not worth your while, but Guest Badges are important! They protect the privacy of Culver Lake and they are easily obtained.

Guest Badges may be signed out at the Clubhouse during operating hours. A limit of 6 (six) guest badges per membership is allowed. A \$25.00 refundable deposit is required for each badge (check is preferable). Your deposit will be returned to you when the badges are returned within 7 (seven) days from the issue date. If the badges are not returned within the 7 (seven) day period your deposit will be forfeited.

Badges must be checked out by the Adult who holds the membership with the Normanoch Association. However, the adult does not have to accompany the guest to the clubhouse. The guest may be accompanied by any member of the family membership. For example, your children would like to have friends down at the clubhouse. The member can sign out guest badges and then the members children can accompany their friends. This ensures that the member knows who is signing out guest badges in their name. All guests must have a member with them while on Normanoch property.

Any questions, please see one of our Clubhouse Managers for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

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It's a Big Wide Wonderful Web. Check out the Normanoch Association's website; www.normanoch.org. It contains just about all the information you'll need and like to know about the lake.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Hello Culver Lake Ladies,

I always know that it's spring when I see the floats going into the lake, the fishermen floating along the edge with rod in hand, and the arrival of bright flowers and greenery that return color back to our shores. These are signs that soon I will be bringing the whole family up to stay and we will enjoy all the wonderful long, slow days of summer at the lake. It was a very hectic winter at our house this year. Michelle was accepted to her first choice of colleges in December and PJ made his varsity wrestling team. We were on the road every weekend through March with PJ. Now I have to get my first born ready to go off to Vassar College in August, what a reality check. Michelle was in first grade when we bought the lake house and now she is going off to college — how did that happen so quickly? We need to enjoy every minute we have at the lake because time just flies by! I know that Nancy and I cannot wait to get to the lake to see everyone who we missed over the winter and to welcome new friends to the club.

We have been meeting for the past few months with our board members to discuss our plans for a fun-filled summer and we hope everyone will be as excited about it as we are. We have many events planned for all to enjoy. We will do our best to make this summer as successful as possible. So please mark your calendars for some of the kick-off events of the 2008 season.

Memorial Day - May 24th & 25th
The Men's Club is hosting their annual Fishing Contest and Barbecue. The Women's Club likes to help out by bringing a dessert or a salad to share. So please offer your support if attending.

Opening Dinner - Thursday, June 26th, 6 pm (Please note it is not on a Tuesday night)

Please join us for our "Covered Dish" Opening Dinner. This is the first time a lot of us will get to see each other since last summer. We will hand out our Calendar of Activities and catch up on winter happenings. It's always a great time with lots of laughter and delicious food. Please bring either an entrée/salad or side dish to share and we will provide appetizers and dessert.

This event is open to all Women's Club members and their guests. If you have not yet joined the club, you may do so at the Dinner. If you know of any new or old residents of the lake who are not members of the club but would like to join, please invite them to come along with you. We are always looking for new members to expand our club. The more the merrier!! Please call Nancy (973) 699-8877 or Robin (973) 650-2804 if you have any questions or would like someone to go with to the Dinner.

Kick-Off Picnic – Saturday, June 28th, 2 pm-5 pm (rain date – 6/29)
Please join the Men's and Women's Clubs for our annual beachfront barbecue to kick-off the summer.

The fun will begin at 2 pm with old fashioned games for the kids (and maybe one or two for the adults too!). Come one, come all! We will begin grilling at 3:30 pm. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with your neighbors. The cost will be \$3 per person to help offset some of the expenses for the games and prizes.

Koffee Klatch – Thursday, July 3, 10 am.

Our weekly Thursday morning gatherings will begin on this date with a presentation by a local Master Gardener.

Music Under The Stars - Saturday, July 5th, 7:30 pm-11:30 pm
This is one of our favorite summer traditions. All you need to bring is a lawn chair, an appetizer to share, and a cocktail of choice. We supply the music. Our beautiful lake and the stars will provide all of the ambience needed to make for a wonderful night out.

Community Yard Sale - Saturday, July 12th, 9 am -3 pm
Mark your calendars and get your goodies ready for the annual "Around the Lake" garage sale. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your "trash" and allow others to find their "treasures".

We hope you can make it to the above events and help us celebrate the beginning of the summer of 2008.

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MEN'S CLUB

A new summer has arrived and we are still waiting for days with the temperature consistently over 70 degrees. The start of May has been unusually cold with a lot of rain. Hopefully that will change in the coming days and summer will soon be in full swing. 2008 Normanoch stickers have been mailed, many docks are in, deck furniture is out, all our reels have new line on them, boats are tuned up and checked for safety and we are ready for another great summer here at Culver Lake. Welcome back!

ICE FISHING CONTEST 2008

No ice, again!. No contest, again!

COMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Fishing Contest

Saturday and Sunday May 24 and 25

13 AND UNDER \$7

14 AND OLDER \$12

Registration will be held at the clubhouse each day from 6 - 8 am. Weigh-in on Saturday will be held from 5 - 6 pm.

Weigh-in on Sunday will be held from 3 - 4 pm. Sharp. (No fish after 4 pm)

A picnic will be held after the contest for all **CONTEST PARTICIPANTS**.

Men's Club Meeting

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 27, for our first Men's Club Meeting of the summer. Poker and Pizza will follow the meeting and there will be chances to **WIN OVER A MILLION DOLLARS** in our drawing.

Membership Letters

Please watch your mail for our 2008 membership letter. Our dues remain at \$5 per member. At the bottom of the membership form are spaces to

check if you would like to help out at any of our events this year. There is also a space for a Fish Fund donation. Please return these forms, with your check, as soon as possible.

Kick-Off Picnic - Saturday, June 28

Pan Fish Derby - Sunday, July 6

Spaghetti Dinner - Thursday, July 10

Men's Club Meeting - Friday, July 25

Steak and Chicken Dinner - Saturday, August 23

FISH TALK

Another yearly reminder about boat safety. Please note the following: From sunset until 8 am boats on Culver Lake must operate quietly and go no faster than trolling speed. This means everyone. **TROLLING SPEED** means **TRIM DOWN, IDLE SPEED, and NO WAVES** (a.k.a. **WAKE**). If you are driving slowly with your boat trimmed incorrectly (with the bow up) you create more waves (wake) than a boat driving at cruising speed with the same trim. A level boat runs with minimum waves (wake) behind.

Boats and those being towed (people, tubes, mother's in-law) must keep at least 200 feet from shore. **Water is as calm beyond 200 feet from shore as it is within 200 feet of shore.** A good rule of thumb to gauge 200 feet is the distance from East Shore Road to the lake water on the ramp road by the clubhouse. Most properties on the lake are 200 feet from water line to roadway.

When driving a boat at speed you create waves (wake), it is common courtesy to stay as far from moored boats as possible. Large waves (wake) also erode exposed shoreline. Plowing along with your bow (front) up and stern (back) down at slow speed creates larger waves (wake).

Speaking of waves (wake), federal (Navigable waters of the United States, a.k.a. Culver Lake) law states that boat operators are legally responsible for damage to property and injuries caused by your waves (wake). Coming off plane (stopping or slowing your boat) quickly creates a large wave (wake). Don't wait until you are next to a marker buoy before cutting throttle. Running in shallow water also creates more waves (wake) than running in deep water.

When your boat is on it's lift, tie it to the dock in the event something goes wrong and your lift drops setting your boat adrift.

All boats with gas engines must have a fire extinguisher aboard.

Thank you again for supporting all of the Men's Club activities. If you have any ideas for Men's Club activities please give me a call. We look forward to another safe and enjoyable summer season.

Chuck Kreutz, President

LAKE ROAD SPEED LIMITS

Please note that the speed limit on all roads around our lake is now 25 mph. This includes the East, West and Lower North Shore roads. Please observe the speed limit to protect our children, walkers, runners and bikers.

WOMEN'S CLUB

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Here's a sneak peak of some events that are also planned for this summer. Keep a look out for more information to come:

A Vendor Day (great one-stop shopping)
 Family Night
 Broadway Here We Come
 Book Club
 Flotilla Night
 An Adult Scavenger Hunt
 Annual Ladies Night Out
 Our Great Children's Theater
 The Steak and Chicken Dinner

In closing, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones over the winter — our prayers and thoughts continue to be with you.

Have a GREAT spring,
 Robin Farinella and Nancy Scocozza
 Co-Presidents, Women's Club of
 Culver Lake

NORMANOCH ASSOCIATION STOCK

There are certain circumstances where a new stock certificate needs to be issued. They are as follows: Death of a spouse, Name change, Divorce, transfer of Stock due to an Estate or selling of your Culver Lake house. This procedure should be completed as soon as possible to be eligible to vote at the Annual Stockholders Meeting in August. Please contact the office for further instructions and if you have any questions.

THE HISTORY OF CULVER LAKE

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

An updated edition of The History of Culver Lake has been published this year. Those two very avid collectors of the old Culver Lake postcards, Steve Haggerty and John Weber want to share some of their very large collections with the residents. What better means than to incorporate their pictures with more of the history which was first offered by Ed Wengenroth and Barbara Haggerty several years ago. Barbara has contributed more facts relevant to the pictures. She will be available at the clubhouse during office hours on Saturdays with this newest publication. The book will later be sold at her home, 64 Lower North Shore Road (948-4631), and at the local book stores.

ROW 's

Most of the surveys of the ROW's have been completed. The Normanoch board is addressing encroachment issues, which have surfaced as a result of the surveys. Remedial action will be discussed and action taken where appropriate.

Availability of boat space at ROW's has become critical. We ask the cooperation of all ROW's users to assist and cooperate with the Association as we seek to assist fellow members in finding space for their boats.



OFFICE UPDATE

The office would like to thank the members that properly returned the 2008 Renewal Applications in a timely manner. We had few discrepancies/errors to rectify. As a reminder, if you have any changes to your address or phone numbers, please update our files by contacting the office with such new information.

If you are selling your home on Culver Lake

If you are selling your home and are a member of the Normanoch Association, please remember that the Normanoch Association Stock is encouraged to be sold to the new buyers. The value of the Stock is \$100. The transfer should be made at the closing to be witnessed by the attorney. The new owners can then bring it to the office for a new certificate to be issued.

NORMANOCH NEWS OF CULVER LAKE

The Normanoch News, sponsored by the Normanoch Association, is published weekly from late June till late August to inform members of the Culver Lake Community of activities of the lake and to strengthen the sense of community.

Items for the NN may be mailed, Emailed (stjohnbs@earthlink.net), or delivered to the editor. **For your convenience a black Normanoch News box is located at 124 E. Shore Culver Rd on the garage.** The deadline for submission is the Thursday morning one week **prior** to the issue date.

CULVER LAKE SWIM TEAM

Spring is in the air and we are very excited about our upcoming summer season! We are thrilled that both Sarah Anderson and Sarah Costello will be returning again this year to coach our swimmers! This season is shaping up to be a busy but also fun-filled and exciting as well.

We would like to extend an invitation to any lake member or their immediate family to consider being a part of our team and the wonderful experience it offers. If you are between the ages of 4 and 18, we would love to have you join us this summer. Please call one of the officers listed below if you are interested or have any questions. We would be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Registration packets will be mailed out shortly. Please complete and return them in a timely manner so we can give the coaches an accurate roster and begin compiling our Meet Work Schedule. Some of the dates that we would like to call to your attention are:

Saturday, June 14th at 8 am we will be installing our docks

Monday, June 23rd –first day of practice

Tuesday, July 1st – first home meet

Wednesday, July 16th – Swim-Across-the-Lake at 10 am

Sunday, July 20th – Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Aug. 2nd –Championships at Stockholm

Sunday, Aug. 3rd – Closing Award Ceremony 1 pm

A calendar with all of this season's events will be included in your registration packet; including practice times for all age levels.

We will be having a Parents Meeting at 6 pm on Friday, June 27th immediately after the last practice in order to greet new parents and answer any questions they may have and for returning parents to discuss nominations for upcoming board positions that need to be filled.

Please keep in mind that we still have Culver Lake Travel Mugs available for \$10 each. Please contact the office or a board member if you are interested in purchasing any. We hope you have a wonderful Spring, finish the school year strong and look forward to joining us this summer!

Please feel free to contact any of our board members listed below with any comments, concerns or questions you may have. We would appreciate your feedback and will work hard to make this season a remarkable one!

Board Members:

Donna DiSarno, Pres. 948-0298
Stella Wehner, VP 948-7042
Maureen Myer, Co-VP 948-0870
Stephanie Liebl, Secy. 948-5544
Beth Clark, Treas. 948-4797

**SWIM TEAM
DOCKS IN
Saturday, June 14th
8 am
Rain Date Sunday,
June 15th**

ATTENTION ROW CAPTAINS

The Board of Directors is asking for your assistance in maintaining records for your ROW's. Captains are asked to submit drawings of the current set up of boats and docks at your ROW. Please give approximate dimensions of docks, boats and space available. Have drawings to the office by July 4th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ROW 's

Availability of boat space at ROW's has become critical. We ask the cooperation of all ROW's users to assist and cooperate with the Association as we seek to assist fellow members in finding space for their boats.

Rights-of-ways and any permitted structures on them must be maintained in good condition. They must be kept free of debris, garbage, and hazardous items. Any boat, dock, boatlift, float, or inflatable swim float/water trampoline on or at a right-of-way must have current Association stickers.

BOATERS

If your non-power or powerboat and/or trailer have been in other bodies of water you must wash both boat and trailer at another location before launching into Culver Lake.

ALL NEW JERSEY BOATERS: THE LAW HAS CHANGED

A Boater Safety Certificate is Now Required to Operate a Power Vessel, including a Personal Watercraft

Schedule for Completion of Mandatory Boater Safety Course

(Must submit certificate to MVC to get or renew boat license or endorsement)

Person born: **Must submit Boater Safety Certificate by:**

1969 or later June 1, 2006

1959 through 1968 June 1, 2007

1949 through 1958 June 1, 2008

1948 or before June 1, 2009

Note: By June 1, 2009, at the latest, all NJ licensed boaters will have to submit a Boater Safety Course Certificate. If you are considered experienced you can opt out of the safety course. You must, however, still test for the Boater Safety Certificate;

TO GET OR RENEW A NJ BOAT LICENSE (*beginning June 1, 2006*) You must have and bring a Boater Safety Course Certificate. All persons must pass a State Police-approved Boater Safety Course www.njso.org (Click the boater safety icon for info.)

ATTENTION BOATERS

New Jersey law regarding boat licenses has changed. Everyone must now have a Boater Safety Certificate in order to be licensed to operate any powerboat. This law does not change the Normanoch Association requirements that new boat operators must take our course which is geared specifically to rules and operational safety on Culver Lake. Please be familiar with these requirements and make sure that all powerboat operators have their current license in their possession when operating powerboats on Culver Lake. Our patrolmen will ask to see licenses of anyone stopped for rules infractions and the New Jersey Marine Police do patrol our lake. The first Normanoch Boating course will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, May 24 at 9:30am. Please call the office to reserve a spot.

PATROL NEWS

The Culver Lake Boat Safety Course has been scheduled for Saturday, May 24th at 9:30 am at the clubhouse. This course is mandatory for all new boat operators on Culver Lake. Failure to attend can result in the loss of boating privileges. Please note that the Culver Lake Boat Safety Course is required in addition to the State course. To register, call the office at 948-4251.

Current year stickers must be placed near the top of each side of the boat's hull, about half way between bow and stern **before** the boat is placed on the lake.

All Culver Lake members should affix Normanoch Association stickers to their rafts and docks immediately for ease of identification.

A series of fines will be imposed if stickers are not properly displayed as was the case last year.

In order to avoid the possibility of contamination of our waters, boaters are required to wash their boat hulls at an off lake location prior to launching their boats in Culver Lake.

FERTILIZER ALERT

Water Quality- While we all prize a beautiful green lawn around our homes, a by-product of that beautiful green lawn may be that of a very undesirable form of algae growing in our lake. Most lawn treatments consist of phosphorus rich lawn fertilizers. If you are inclined to treat your lawn with a fertilizer, there are numerous brands that offer "zero phosphate" content. Phosphates are nutrients which enable undesirable algae to grow prolifically in our lake during the warm summer months. This algae not only is unsightly but robs the lake

of precious oxygen during the die-off decomposition period. Organic fertilizers with slow release nitrogen is the type of fertilizer treatment you want to apply to your lawn. Companies like True-Green and Chemlawn offer these products but you have to go out of your way to ask for them. If you are a do-it your selfer, you can purchase zero phosphate/organic fertilizer treatments at home centers such as Lowes. Organic products usually cost a little more but our lake's water quality is worth it.

UPDATED BLUE BOOK

The Board of Directors has updated the Normanoch Association Rules and Regulations, commonly referred to as the Blue Book. The revised edition is enclosed in this mailing. Additional copies are available at the office. Please familiarize yourself, your family, tenants, and guest with the Rules and Regulations.

RACE UP SUNRISE MOUNTAIN MAY 31ST

Race up Sunrise Mountain benefiting the Trooper Curtis Rohel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

On February 24th, 2008, Trooper Curtis Rohel #6923 lost his life suddenly in a tragic accident. A memorial scholarship has been established in his honor which will benefit endurance athletes and/or State Troopers with their life goal.

The course will be a 4.6 miles closed road which steadily climbs to the top of the second highest point in NJ. Following the race we will be providing breakfast along with the opportunity to socialize with fellow riders and friends and family.

Contact Rob Rohel at rrohel@hotmail.com or for additional information and to register, go to www.Bikereg.com.



STICKER VIOLATIONS

In order to improve compliance with rules regarding the placement of stickers on boats, floats, winter vehicles, boat lifts and docks, the Board of Directors has created a schedule of fees for sticker violations. The placement of stickers will be checked early in the season and again throughout the rest of the year. Upon notification by mail to the members permanent address, the member will have two weeks to correct the violation. If after two weeks the violation still exists the member will receive a second notification of the violation with an invoice for the violation fee. Failure to pay the violation fee promptly and properly displaying the sticker will result in that sticker becoming invalid. The member would then be required to register the article. Stickers are required on boats while at moorings, docks or on lifts.

Fee for sticker violations:

Float - \$10.00

Dock/Lift - \$10.00

Boat - \$20.00

Winter Vehicles - \$20.00

Boats that are placed on the lake without proper registration with the Association are a more serious violation. Failure to properly register a boat prior to placement on the lake can result in the member being called before the Lake Committee. Failure to comply can result in sanctions up to and including the loss of all lake privileges.

The Board has instituted these violation fees to better insure the privacy of our dues paying members. Member cooperation is appreciated.