

NORMANOCH NEWS

of Culver Lake



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NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2009 BOAT RENEWALS

As everyone should know by now, the State of NJ changed its law 4 years ago requiring everyone, by June 2009, that operates a boat in NJ, to have the NJ Boat Safety Certificate course. In assuring that anyone operating a boat on Culver Lake is current with this law, the Normanoch Association legal council has recommended a copy of the documents be held in the office. If you need to take the NJ Boat Safety Course please call 1-800-BOAT SAFE for information. If you should have any questions concerning this Normanoch Association policy please contact the office at 973-948-4251.

The following requirements are to be sent to the office before the boat stickers will be issued:

1. Current registration of the boat
2. Current NJ State Boat License for the person the boat is registered to
3. Current NJ Boat Safety Certificate for the person the boat is registered to
4. Current NJ Boat License and NJ Boat Safety Certificate for any other person that may operate the boat, ex. family or friends.

Marine Bureau FAQ's - Frequently Asked Questions

These can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/maritime/faq.html>

Question-
I live in another state, do I need a boat safety certificate?

Answer-
Yes - Out-of-state residents are not exempt from the education requirement listed above; however, the law states that an out-of-State resident who is at least 16 years of age and who will be in this State for less than 90 days may operate a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey if they possess a boat safety certificate issued by their state of residence, or if they possess written proof of successful completion of a boat safety course approved by another state, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators(N.A.S.B.L.A.) or the United States Coast Guard.

WINTER VEHICLES

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OFFICE HOURS

Months of January, February, March,
April, and May – Mondays
10am to 12 noon or by appointment.
Please call the office.

RENEW NORMANOCH MEMBERSHIP NOW

Please review, complete and sign on the back of your 2009 application where necessary. Please read the renewal instructions for complete instructions. Renewing your membership on time produces the following good results:

1. Members save money by avoiding the late fees.
2. Association achieves positive cash flow.
3. Badges and Stickers are returned promptly.

Please follow these simple guidelines to help us process your application as efficiently as possible:

1. Mail your renewal form to the Association.
 2. Sign the back page only of the renewal form. The renewal cannot be processed until the member signs the application.
 3. Be sure to check for correct addresses or new phone numbers.
 4. Include COPIES of required current Boat Registrations.
 5. Enclose check or money order in the correct amount payable to: Normanoch Association.
- Include copy of receipt for septic pumping during 2008 to deduct wastewater-pumping discount of \$50.00.

As a reminder, if you have any changes to your address or phone numbers please indicate so on the renewal application.

LATE FEES

Dues paid after February 28, 2009 must be accompanied by a \$50.00 late fee. (Month of March = \$50) On the first of April and each succeeding month the late fee increases by \$15.00. Avoid the late fee and postmark on or before February 28.

2009 WINDJAMMERS

The sailboats are nestled all tidy on shore; while resting, their sailors dream of wind....next year, more, more!! We hope you all have had a good holiday season (did you see the Icebreaker Regatta led by Rudolph?), are toasty in front of your fireplaces for the rest of winter yet to come, and join us in hoping summer, 2009 brings better winds—at least on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons!

The Windjammers concluded the 2008 season with a picnic at the Hale's house on Labor Day. Since so few races were held, formal winners were not computed. Commodore Allen Bentson, however, managed to create a few new awards to fill the void.

Good Sportsmanship Award—to Tom Powers for doing double duty on the committee boat this year—he did first and last races of the year (and to Kathy Hale who kept him company during the last race).

The "Frank Who?" Award—to Frank Shary who showed up for one race, won it, and left the lake for the summer. Frank is also known for his 10' wide starting lines in big winds.

The Injury of the Year Award—to Joe Wuensch who took a deep cut to his left hand when sailing on the Koch boat with John Weber. After finally going to the doctor and receiving 10 stitches, pain and suffering, he now owns John and Mary Weber's house, car and lakefront rights. And, also, the Dead Man Walking Award to John Weber for digging a Hobie pontoon, causing the aforementioned injury. John is now on the NYC Terrorism, Wanted Dead or Alive posters shown in every precinct.

Sailing With Passion Award—to Allyn Jones, who after two decades of watching the rest of us sail, got a Hunter which changed his life. He demands the winds come up so he can sail. He has to beat his

daughter or life at home will not be the same. Which leads to the Women Rule! Award—to Katie Jones Evans.

Towing Certificate (good for 3 tows)—to the Hales, who in big winds couldn't make it to the starting line one race and had to settle on the North Shore and tow their boat home in calmer conditions.

The Windjammers Executive Committee for 2009 will continue to be:

Allen Bentson—Commodore
John Weber—Vice Commodore
Ed Thompson—Treasurer
Nancy Hale—Secretary

New Fleet Captains are:

John Weber for the Hobie Cats
Katie Evans for the Monohulls
Jan Culp for the Sunfish

The Windjammers gathered for an off season "coffee" at the Feins and were treated to a slide shows of Fiona's underwater photography and Harvey's woodturning wonders (Harvey was awarded Most Talented Sailor Award—"Unfortunately his talents are not in the sailing area, but he is a world class wood turner."),

Many thanks to the Feins for sharing their home, hospitality and talents, to June Bentson for providing refreshments (June was awarded the Change of Character Award for having so much fun sailing one super windy day that she was trash talking across the water to Joe Wuensch and John Weber on their boat; Allen is still looking for the "real" June). Thanks also to the Hales for hosting the picnic and for Kents Liquors for their donation.

And so, here we are in the cold, and it's 6 months (maybe 5, maybe 4....) and counting until the next sailing season. Stay warm, everybody and see you on the lake!

WOMENS CLUB NEWS

Invariably, conversation with neighbors will often turn to the question, "So how did you find out about Culver Lake?" I always find the different answers and the personal stories of what brought individuals to call Culver Lake home so interesting. For us, it was a fish that brought us to Culver Lake. Yes, that's right, a fish. We had always had the vague sense that we wanted to live near the water somewhere and, in fact, chose our first home in Ringwood because of it's location five minutes from Monksville Reservoir. Yet, somehow, this was not good enough. We definitely needed to be even closer to water. And then, in 1999, a good friend of ours who had moved to Layton from "down below" the year prior, showed us a newspaper clipping that he thought we would enjoy.

The newspaper article was about Bill Schmidt and his state record-breaking hybrid bass. Well, that was it for us. A call to Bill Harvey, real estate agent at the time, to just "see what is available" and the rest, as they say, is history. Of course, there were other considerations and research done with regard to Culver Lake and one of the things that our brother-in-law, who had rented on the lake when he was younger, stressed to us was Culver's "great sense of community". Of course, we really had no idea what this meant at the time nor did we know how much of a tremendous impact this would have on our

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lives or just how involved in the community we would become! At the time, it was just nice to know that they had a clubhouse, but who knew what they did there?!

Dave and I have never had the privilege of living in such a wonderful community as Culver Lake and this is truly "home" for us. I do not think you can ask for a more diverse, wonderful, salt-of-the-earth group of people than the residents of our lake community!

When traveling on business recently in Paris and Brussels, conversation would inevitably turn to "home" and those of us from New Jersey were trying to explain to our other colleagues the beauty that is New Jersey and that it is a well-guarded secret! Well, I do not think that they believed us, and it is just as well. What was also going through my mind was that if my New Jersey colleagues knew how beautiful Culver Lake was, and that it is probably the "gem" of New Jersey, they probably would not believe me either! I remember speaking with someone when we first moved here, and this someone has traveled all over the world for business, and he told me that with any free time that he has, he does not want to spend it anywhere but Culver Lake! I can understand why.

A final thank you from the summer of 2008...Thanks to the Windjammers for partnering with the Women's Club for the closing season dance. The decorations were beautiful and it was great to share such a wonderful evening dancing the night away with everyone!

Happy New Year to all!

Amy Keegan Supko, Women's Club
President



WINTER ICE SAFETY TIPS

1. Our Blue Book has specific rules regarding the registration of winter vehicles, hours of operation, and other Normanoch policies. Re-read and familiarize yourself before you head out this year.
2. Skaters, ice fisherman, and walkers can keep their distance from vehicles operating at speed by staying within 200 feet of shore. If you are on the ice after dark have a light to make yourself visible.
- 3 Remove any debris from the ice that can become a hazard if covered with snow or frozen in to the ice. This might be cones, campfire logs, benches, etc. Buoys should be removed at the end of the summer season.
4. Of course, no one may operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



MENS CLUB NEWS

“DAVE!” “What?” “IS YOUR MEN’S CLUB WINTER NORMANOCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLE READY?!” Uh oh.... I am not used to hearing that, but definitely excited about it. Not just because I get to be the new Men’s Club President, but because it implies that winter is here. I have heard people say that our lake becomes a quiet solitary existence at this time. Although very true, it is also a complete environmental change open to all new opportunities. Minus some of the residents due to the end of summer, the lake is much calmer. The boats have been taken out and the majority of yards are done being mowed. Maybe a log splitter motor or leaf blower or two...But for the most part, much more relaxed.

Many different fly over birds hang for a bit. And some of the more elusive birds such as bald eagles show themselves. A good time to look out your window from the comfort of a warm house and reflect on the summer fun we had. However, once the cold has set in long enough, the chance for ice is here. YES, ICE!

For three years now, the lake has not

completely frozen over. Unstable, unsafe conditions. Not fun. But this year could be the year! A solid lake gets you out of that cozy house and onto a winter playground that allows you to see people on the lake in a different way. Not just waving as you drive by in a boat. Cross-country skiing, hockey games, ice boating, snow mobiling, it’s endless...A solid lake would allow the Walter Suhaka Ice Fishing Contest to be held. Always a great weekend. Ok, you get it, I love winter.

Chuck Kreutz, our past Men’s Club President, always had in his articles a segment called Fish Talk. I intend to keep that. But to write a Fish Talk article at this time is difficult. The boat is not in, the lake is not frozen, and, to be honest, that are still some leaves to be cleaned up. Therefore, I do not know what the fish are doing. But unlike Chuckles, who leaves for the winter, I have the opportunity to add ice fishing to Fish Talk. I guess I could talk about past ice fishing experiences or what you might consider doing in order to fish right now. Maybe talk about warming up ice fishing gear...Well, I will prepare something

for the next newsletter.

Until then, enjoy the holidays...See you on the ice.

Dave Supko, President

PATROL NEEDED

The Normanoch Association has openings for mature patrol Staff. The positions are all part-time and scheduling is flexible. NJ Boat Safety Course is required. You need not be a Normanoch member to qualify. Will train. Please call the office at 973-948-4251 for an application.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

All persons at the clubhouse, on the ice in winter and at right-a-ways must wear current Normanoch Association badges. Please review the Blue Book for the policy on membership and guest badges. Upon renewal, badges will be issued for immediately residing family having same permanent address. Any other badges will be issued when member visits the office and requests the additional badges.

INFLATABLE FLOATS/WATER TRAMPOLINES

Any member that wishes to own a water trampoline and place it in the waters of Culver Lake, the following must transpire before a sticker will be issued. 1. Proof of minimum homeowners liability insurance of \$500,000. 2. A “hold harmless” agreement, in favor of the Normanoch Association, signed by the member (available in the office). 3. The water trampoline must meet the Construction, Placement, Etc. Rules and Regulations as stated in the Blue Book. 4. Such Trampolines cannot be larger than 15 feet. If you own an inflatable float or water trampoline please contact the office for further information.

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