

NORMANOCH NEWS

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Spring 2009

CLUB HOUSE OPENING DAY

Your Normanoch clubhouse will be opening on Saturday, June 27 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!

MEET & GREET

All members are invited to a "Meet and Greet" with the Board of Directors as the 2009 summer season kicks off! Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Come meet the Directors, ask questions, stroll the clubhouse grounds and enjoy the view across the lake.

Culver Lake Memorial Day Fishing Contest May 23rd and 24th

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

OFFICE UPDATE

The office would like to thank the members that properly returned the 2009 Renewal Applications in a timely manner. There was more than normal paperwork required this year. 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.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Hope this newsletter finds the ladies of Culver Lake doing well. Spring has sprung and I hope that everyone is getting out on the lake to enjoy the beautiful scenery after a long and cold winter. Speaking of getting out on the lake, kayaking is a great way to tour the lake at a pace of your choosing. For those who think that kayaks are easy to flip or overturn, nothing could be farther from the truth. Kayaks are much more stable than canoes and other flotation devices and almost impossible to flip! They are relatively lightweight and easy to launch. Why don't you make this summer the summer to try it? It really is great exercise for all age groups and there are even kayaks that you can paddle (with your arms) and kayaks that you can peddle (with your legs, like a bicycle). Or you can try a combination of both. You can get exercise, fresh air and spend time on the lake all at the same time. It is even more fun if you bring a friend along. We will once again gather a group together to go kayaking this year, so look for the announcement of the date in a future issue.

We have many great events planned for this summer, some old favorites and some new ones to enjoy! Some events that you can begin to mark your calendar with are:

Memorial Day-May 23rd and 24th

The Men's Club is hosting their annual Fishing Contest and Barbecue. Please help to support them by bringing a salad or dessert to share.

Opening Dinner- Tuesday, June 30th

Please join us for this Covered Dish Opening Dinner. We will hand out the calendar of summer activities and be able to catch up on winter news. 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 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! Please call me at 973-948-6982 if you have questions or would like someone to go with to the Opening Dinner.

Opening Dinner

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Normanoch and we will be celebrating with a Lake History Night, more details to follow. We will also continue with our book club that has been so popular the last two years. Jesse Martin does a great job leading us in a very lively and enlightening discussion. This year's book selection will be "The Middle Place", by Kelly Corrigan. So start in on your summer reading early and join us in August for this special night. And speaking of summer reading, our first Koffee Klatch of the season will be a "chit-chat and book swap" Koffee Klatch on July 2. If you have books that you have read over the winter that you would like to bring to this meeting to share with your neighbors and receive new books in

exchange, please bring them to this Koffee Klatch. No books to share? Come anyway because there will be plenty of great and lively chit-chat as ladies catch up with each other after a long winter apart during this casual first Koffee Klatch of the season.

This year for Family Night, we will be hosting a Culver Lake Talent Show. Start preparing now for this fun event. The talent show is open to children of all ages as well as adults! So come on out and show us your special and unique talents. Maybe you are a great juggler, have special magic tricks to share, a song to sing or anything else you can come up with! Let your creative juices flow!! More details to follow in future issues. You cannot say you have not been warned and did not bring that tuba with you up to the lake this summer!

Other events that we always look forward to:

Community Yard Sale
Music Under the Stars
Vendor Day
Broadway
Flotilla Night (let's hope the weather cooperates this year!)
Annual Ladies Night Out
Children's Theater
Steak and Chicken Dinner

Enjoy the rest of Spring! Make the most of every day!

Amy Keegan Supko, President
Women's Club of Culver Lake

MEN'S CLUB

Many people have a negative opinion of weathermen due to their lack of accuracy. Maybe it is not just them. . . . Erratic. Inconsistent. Unpredictable. That's our weather lately.

Ice Fishing Contest 2009 – A no show! Where were all of the fishermen? Too cold for everyone? It was an unusual winter compared to the last couple of winters. But it was winter! A cold, blustery ice fishing season on the lake! I thought that was what we wanted? Some snow mobiles. . . . one ice boat (a true die hard! -he knew the value of a good winter!) . . . hockey games. . . . and a few fishermen. . . . but a light crowd for the most part.

Ok, too cold and windy, let's wait for Spring. . . . Sunshine. . . . showers. . . . friends. . . . and flowers. . . . The sun definitely came out, but we have not had many showers. Our friends definitely came out on the lake, but where are the flowers? As I write this, we just came off of a heat wave, but there are no leaves on the trees, yet there are tubers on the lake already! People cruising, waterskiing, fishing and nothing is yet blooming. Unusual, but enjoyed.

Well, it seems to be back to normal, nice 70 degree days, sneezing every 5 seconds, itchy eyes, runny nose. . . . Ahhhh. . . . Spring! Time to look forward to a real summer. . . .

Coming Events

Memorial Day Fishing Contest
Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24
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 you calendar for Friday evening, June 26 for the first Men's Club meeting of the summer. We have a new president this summer, so please show up to support him and to get things started. Please bring your fresh ideas and we encourage new participants.

Membership Letters

Please watch your mail for our 2009 membership letter. Our dues remain as \$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.

Fish Talk

Spring fishing is always good. Warm days. Shallow water. Mostly bass and pickerel. Catch and release all bass until June 15. Trout are always a possibility, believe it or not, and beautiful springtime crappies. Remember the three "C"'s of boating: Be kind, courteous and conscious! (Or something like that). Just make sure to pay attention while boating and realize that it is not just you out

there on the lake!

Have a great Spring!

Dave Supko,
Men's Club president

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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.

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. There is a \$50 fee to change a stock certificate.

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.

DOCK SPACE RENTALS

The Normanoch Association is pleased to announce the availability of additional dock space rentals for the 2009 season. To secure a space, members should inquire with Mary Clare during normal business hours. Cost for the 2009 season is \$200. She can provide you with a rental agreement and other pertinent information. Members who have used causeway spaces in the past, will be offered first choice of spaces available, which now includes the Fletcher Property (near the dam). Spaces will be offered on a first come, first serve basis after that.

Spring Office Hours

Starting Sat. May 23 through Sat. June 27

Saturdays 9am to 12 noon

Sundays 11:00am to 1:00pm

Mondays 10am to 12 noon

Also by Appointment – call the office

BE AWARE

Friends and Neighbors,

The Culver Lake Crime Watchers is still up and running. We have been watching, and are aware of a few incidents that occurred during this long, cold winter. Further details will follow in up-coming issues. Just know that we are all working to keep our Culver Lake community, and residents, safe and protected. Now that many of you are returning for the summer, please help us in our efforts, by looking out for each other, and reporting any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's office (973-579-0850) or the State Police (973-383-1515). Our next meeting will be in July. Date and time will be announced. All are welcome to attend!

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.

NORMANOCH NEWS

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 Emailed (normanochnews@gmail.com), or mailed to:

Normanoch Association
attn. Editor Normanoch News
PO Box 477,
Branchville, NJ 07826.

The deadline for submission is the Thursday morning one week and one day **prior** to the issue date.

ALL NEW JERSEY BOATERS: THE LAW HAS CHANGED

Thank you to the membership for successfully completing the NJ Boater Safety course! Everyone operating a boat in NJ must now possess a certificate. The 2009 boat stickers were not issued until a copy of the certificate and a current NJ license was supplied. If you still need to take the NJ Boater Safety course please visit www.boatus.com/courseline , www.usps.org , or www.cgau.org or call 1(800)336-BOAT.

PATROL NEWS

Normanoch Association Boat Safety Course

The Culver Lake Boat Safety Course has been scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd at 10am 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. See page 28 of your Blue Book for further clarification. To register, call the office at 948-4251. Another course will be held Sunday, June 28, 2009. Look for more details in the 1st edition of the *Normanoch News*.

Stickers

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.

CULVER LAKE SWIM TEAM

Spring has arrived at Culver Lake and before we know it, the summer season will be before us. We are very excited about another fun filled swim team season. The Whitecaps will once again host several home swim meets that will provide excitement and entertainment for our entire lake community.

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 swim team board 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 for parents. Some of the dates that we would like to call to your attention are:

Monday, June 29th – first day of practice

Friday, June 26th – Blue & White scrimmage & Parent Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th – Swim Across the Lake event

Saturday, August 1st – Championships at Cliffwood Lake

A calendar with all of the season's events will be included in your registration packet, including practice times for all age groups.

We hope you have a wonderful spring, finish the school year strong and look forward to you joining us this summer!

Again, please feel free to contact any of our board members listed below with any comments or questions. We will work hard to make this season a memorable one.

Board Members:

Maureen Myer, President	948-0870
Stella Wehner, VP	948-7042
Stephanie Liebl, Secy.	948-5544
Madeline Travaille, Treas.	948-6830

WINDJAMMERS 2009

Welcome to 2009, the 34th sailing season at Culver Lake!

A few times a year you get to come outside to play—new things—have the time of your life—make memories that last a lifetime. This is your time, and that carefree spirit in you needs to get out and go sailing!

Our board and volunteers began last fall planning this season's events. The Spring Kick-Off Dinner will be held at Culver Lake Blue Ribbon on Saturday, June 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you are not a current Windjammer member, call Nancy Hale 948-6044 before June 1st to leave your email address/ phone number; dinner details will be sent to you.

Off season "coffees" may be scheduled and returning will be the ever inventive sailing picture of the week.

2009 will offer a longer race schedule (maybe we can outfox the flaky wind that

way) with eleven races for Hobie catamaran, Monohull, Hunter/Holder 14 footers, and Sunfish classes—just like the old days with many different classes and colored sails out on the lake! So, uncover your sailboat and start prepping for the season. Join us for the races on Saturdays at 10 am, June 27-July 26 (see the special note for July 4th) and Sundays at 2 pm, August 2 - September 6.

Crewing with a club member is an opportunity to have fun sailing in race conditions and a way to gain sailing/ racing experience and knowledge. Give Commodore Bentson a call if you're interested in being a crew member (973-948-5258). Need help rigging your boat? Give one of the following fleet captains a call.

Hobies: John Weber (973-948-4754); Monohulls (including the H's), Katie Evans (973-948-6352); and Sunfish, Jan Culp (973-948-4078).

2009 Windjammer Schedule

Saturday June 6 7:00 p.m.
Spring Kick-Off Dinner
Culver Lake Blue Ribbon

Saturday June 27, 10 am-Race 1
Saturday July 4th, 3 pm-Culver Lake Boat Parade
Sunday, July 5, 2 pm-Race 2
Saturday, July 11, 10 am-Race 3
Saturday, July 11, Moonlight Sail
Saturday, July 18, 10 am-Race 4
Saturday, July 25, 10 am-Race 5
Sunday, August 2, 2 pm-Race 6
Saturday, August 8, Moonlight Sail
Sunday, August 9, 2 pm-Race 7
Sunday, August 16, 2 pm-Race 8
Sunday, August 23, 2 pm-Race 9
Sunday, August 30, 2 pm-Race 10
Sunday, September 6, 2 pm-Race 11
Monday, September 7, time TBA
Picnic-Awards & Closing Mtg.

A fun season awaits us in the Windjammer's Club. Sail fast!!!

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