



LAFAYETTE
Sailing Club

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It summer!

The heat finally got here! The air and water are warm. Racing has begun, we have an outing planned in July, cruising is ongoing and it's time for the Olympics! Are you ready?



Ahoy, sailors

It's July and the sailing season is in full tilt. April, May and June saw the Club open up, hold a racing clinic that included advanced sail-fast topics, and the Commodore's Picnic where about 35 people enjoyed the camaraderie of a full crew. Thanks to many, many people who made this all successful.

July's main event is our White Oaks outing, stress-testing their facilities for a possible move should our little gem of a Club be forced to move. Jacob has more about this outing in this newsletter, including information on what to bring with you and your boat to better facilitate launching, docking/rafting, and retrieving your boats. Please read that article carefully so you are best prepared for a smooth day. Following the outing, we plan to send out a SurveyMonkey request for your feedback; of course, none of you will be shy in your feedback anyway, but the survey better captures your comments.

The Board is also considering a second outing to White Oaks in August. Should that happen, you will receive an email blast from Mike outlining when and where. This may help us gather more information/evaluate any improvement/changes White Oaks makes as well.

As we navigate our way through the seasonal waters, please also remember we have one Friday each month for an evening gathering and pot luck. While Dorothy and I have not yet been able to attend one due to other personal conflicts, we do plan to attend those remaining in the year. We have permission from IDNR to use their electricity for events like this, so if you bring a crock pot, you will have power. Don't forget an extension cord and possible power strip.

In closing I want to also remind all members that they are always welcome to join the Board of Governors at our monthly meetings. They are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, and we have settled on meeting at Nine Irish Brothers on St. Rd. 38E in the Library room. And should you wish to join "the BOG" and serve to improve our Club, please let any Board member know. We are always looking for dedicated members with ideas to improve our Club.

As always, I wish you Fair Winds and Smooth Waters!

Commodore Kevin Kunz



Membership Highlights

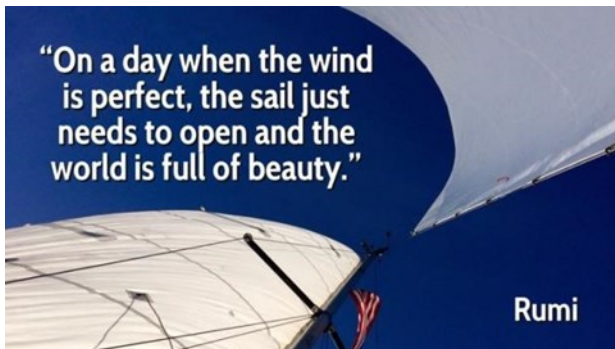
Membership in the Lafayette Sailing club is open to anyone. Membership applications can be downloaded from the club website at www.lafayettesailingclub.com.

New applicants must obtain the signatures of two active members as sponsors before submitting an application. One way to obtain the required signatures is to visit the LSC Harbor at Lake Freeman on a weekend during a scheduled activity, e.g. races, etc..

All memberships are family memberships. There are three levels of membership with different costs and privileges. There is also a new member price at each level for a families first year of membership. All memberships include the use of club sailboats, as well as attendance at all LSC activities.

Membership with voting rights, harbor launch privileges and (1) boat storage—\$285/\$225 (first year)

Additional boat storage for any class of member is \$85/year/boat.



Board of Governors

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Commodore—Kevin Kunz



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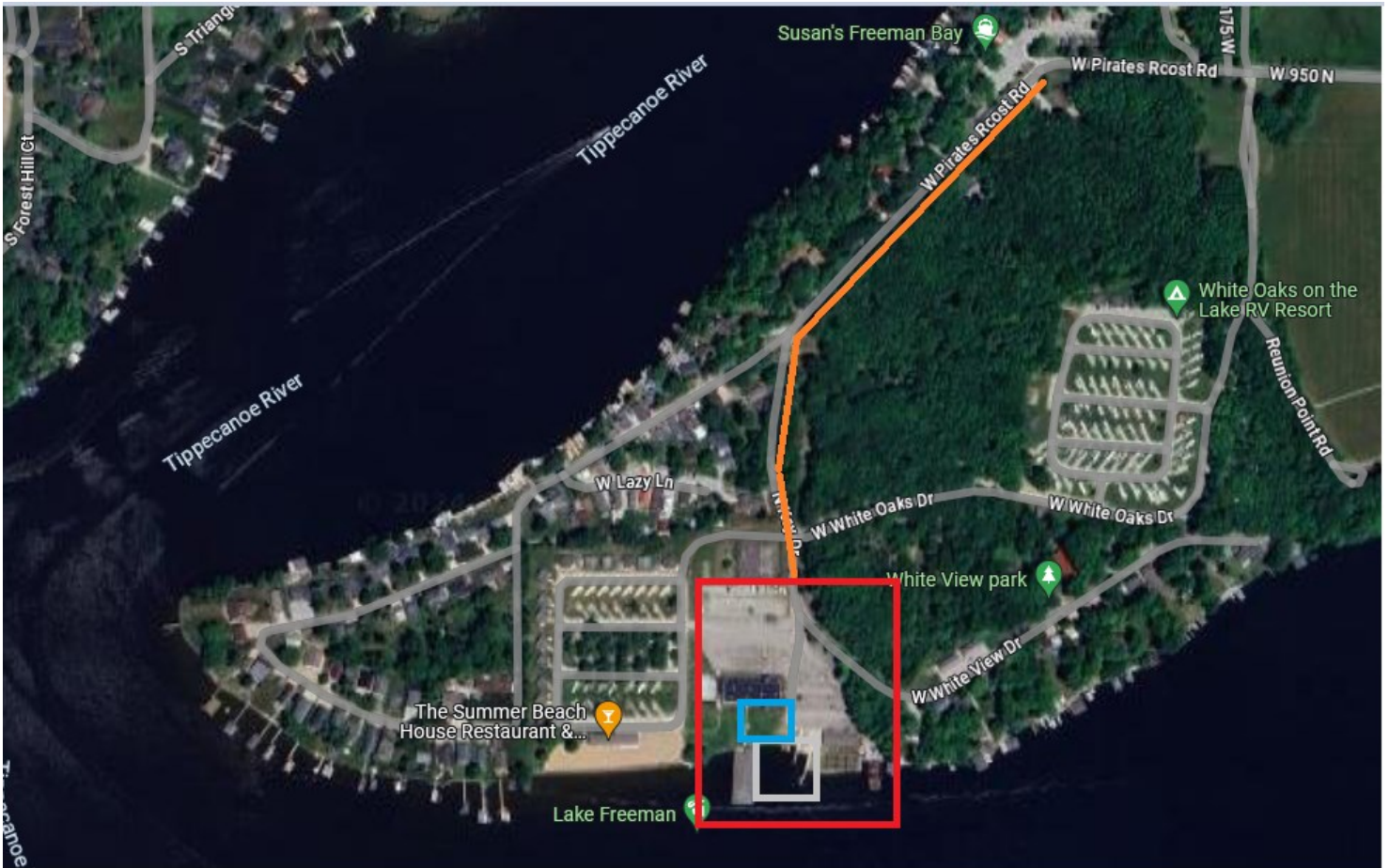
Cruising Coordinators

Lewie Wallace and

Randy Carie

Upcoming Event at White Oaks

by Jacob Bleier



As part of our “investigating” the use of White Oaks Resort as a potential base of operations for LSC, we are planning a cruise up on Friday, July 19 evening for dinner, and racing out of White Oaks on Saturday July 20. We would like people to drop their masts and bring their boats to launch at White Oaks to see how challenging it will be to rig and launch, then hold races from their facility. If you don't want to drop your mast, we ask you leave Fisher Harbor by boat around 10:30 AM so that you leave sufficient time to sail up to White Oaks. On Sunday, we plan another sail up to White Oaks for a late afternoon lunch. Since White Oaks has camping facilities as well as cottages, some of our members will camp there and act as hosts for LSC. All of this is planned for July 19, 20 and 21, but still must be confirmed by White Oaks. So watch for more either in the July newsletter or email blasts from Mike Nolan.

The path into the setup area for racing on Saturday is highlighted orange, the red area is where we'll be marshaling for the races. The blue area is likely where we'll be storing trailers, though also look for coordination from the race officer and White Oaks staff on that, subject to change. The silver area is where we'll be tying up our boats pre-race, it's two floating piers and a sea-wall.

Please keep in mind that White Oaks isn't (currently) set up as conveniently for us as

our home harbor is, important things to bring/keep in mind:

Fenders/Bumpers: They don't have hanging tires or carpets or anything up over there, you are gonna want something to save the side of your boat from bashing against the sea-wall/pier. This can be as simple or as complex as you want it to be, but they'll definitely be needed, so keep it in mind.

Painter: We've all got some kind of tie-off lines on our boats, but if you have extra, bring extra. White Oaks doesn't have as many cleats as we're used to (they're set up to tie off speedboats for a short time during launch/pickup), so we may need to raft up or get creative with how we tie off.

Other than that, remember all the tools you need to drop and raise your mast!

Nothing else too crazy beyond that, we'll likely want to be there a bit earlier than usual Saturday to account for boat setup time, but we shouldn't need anything too crazy! Also note that the club will be covering launch fees, so no need to worry about that!

Looking forward to seeing you all there,

Jacob Bleier



Knots for Newbies : The Bowline

The bowline is an ancient and simple knot used to form a fixed loop at the end of a rope. It has the virtues of being both easy to tie and untie; most notably, it is easy to untie after being subjected to a load. The bowline is sometimes referred to as king of the knots because of its importance. Along with the sheet bend and the clove hitch, the bowline is often considered one of the most essential knots for sailors.

Although the bowline is generally considered a reliable knot, its main deficiencies are a tendency to work loose when not under load (or under cyclic loading), to slip when pulled sideways, and the bight portion of the knot to capsize in certain circumstances.

The bowline's name has an earlier meaning, dating to the age of sail. On a square-rigged ship, a bowline (sometimes spelled as two words, bow line) is a rope that holds the edge of a square sail towards the bow of the ship and into the wind, preventing it from being taken aback. A ship is said to be on a "taut bowline" when these lines are made as taut as possible in order to sail close-hauled to the wind.

The bowline knot is thought to have been first mentioned in John Smith's 1627 work *A Sea Grammar* under the name Boling knot. Smith considered the knot to be strong and secure, saying, "The Boling knot is also so firmly made and fastened by the bridles into the cringles of the sails, they will break, or the sail split before it will slip." Another possible finding was discovered on the rigging of the Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh Khufu's solar ship during an excavation in 1954.

The bowline is used to make a loop at one end of a line. It is tied with the rope's working end also known as the "tail" or "end". The loop may pass around or through an object during the making of the knot. The knot tightens when loaded at (pulled by) the standing part of the line.

The bowline is commonly used in sailing small craft, for example to fasten a halyard to the head of a sail or to tie a jib sheet to a clew of a jib. The bowline is well known as a rescue knot for such purposes as rescuing people who might have fallen down a hole, or off a cliff onto a ledge. This knot is particularly useful in such a situation because it is possible to tie with one hand. As such, a person needing rescue could hold onto the rope with one hand and use the other to tie the knot around their waist before being pulled to safety by rescuers. A rope with a bowline retains approximately 2/3 of its strength, with variances depending upon the nature of the rope, as in practice the exact strength depends on a variety of factors.

Tying a bowline

A mnemonic used to teach the tying of the bowline is to imagine the working end of the rope as a rabbit.

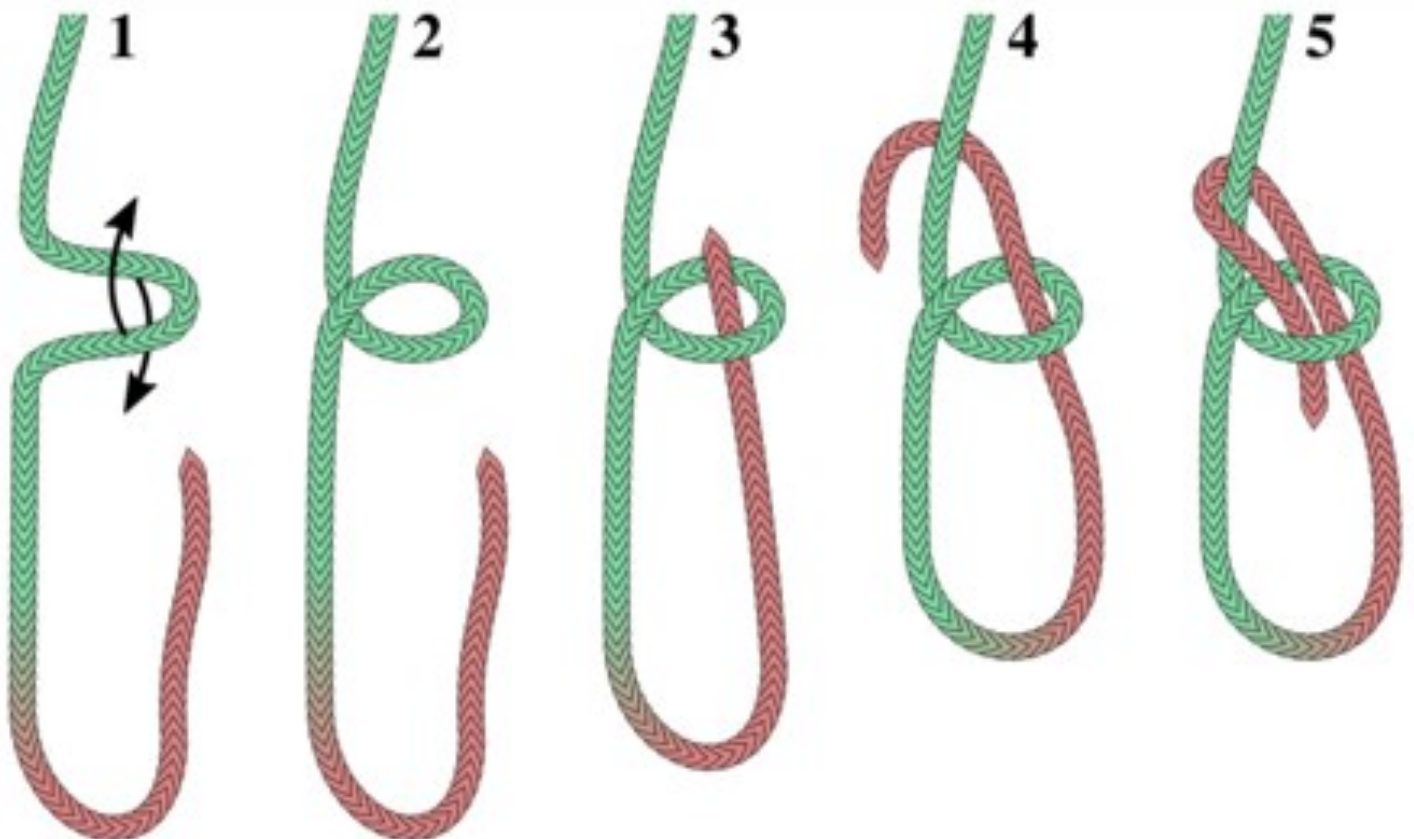
1,2 – a loop is made into the standing part which will act as the rabbit's hole

3 – the "rabbit" comes up the hole,

4 – goes round the tree (standing part) right to left

5 – and back down the hole

This can be taught to children with the rhyme: "Up through the rabbit hole, round the big tree; down through the rabbit hole and off goes he."



Upcoming Events and Activities

Lots of upcoming events! Mark your calendars.....events include White Oaks Outing, August Regatta, Fall Banquet, Racing and other Events

Date	Day	Start Time	Event
July 6	Saturday	9:00 PM	Fireworks on Lake Freeman
July 7-13	Cruise		Lake Huron, Mackinac and Bois Blanc Islands
July 13	Saturday	12:00	Racing
July 19	Friday	5:00 PM	Full Moon-Evening Gathering @White Oaks
July 20	Saturday	10:00	Mini-Cruise: Lake Freeman: to White Oaks
July 20	Saturday	12:00	Racing starting from White Oaks
July 21	Sunday	10:00	Mini-Cruise: Lake Freeman back to Harbor
July 27	Saturday	12:00	Racing
August 3	Saturday	12:00	Racing
August 10	Saturday	12:00	Racing
August 11	Sunday	1:00	Race weekend
August 11	Sunday	5:00	Regatta Picnic
August 16	Friday	5:00 PM	Full Moon-Evening Gathering Pot-Luck and Sail
August 17	Saturday	12:00	Racing
August 24	Saturday	12:00	Racing
August 31	Saturday	All Day	Labor Day Weekend: No Racing
September 7	Saturday	12:00	Racing
September 14	Saturday	12:00	Racing
September 21	Saturday	12:00	Racing
September 28	Saturday	12:00	Racing
October 5	Saturday	12:00	Racing
October 12	Saturday	12:00	Racing
November 1	Friday	5:00	Annual Meeting & Banquet, place TBD
November 2	Saturday	10:00	Fall Harbor Cleanup

Knots for the Experienced Sailor

Alpine Butterfly loop

The butterfly loop, also known as lineman's loop, butterfly knot, alpine butterfly knot, Swiss loop and lineman's rider, is a knot used to form a fixed loop in the middle of a rope. Tied in the bight, it can be made in a rope without access to either of the ends; this is a distinct advantage when working with long climbing ropes. The butterfly loop is an excellent mid-line rigging knot; it handles multi-directional loading well and has a symmetrical shape that makes it easy to inspect.

The earliest known presentation of the knot was in A.A. Burger's 1914 work *Rope and Its Uses*, included in an agricultural extension bulletin from what is now Iowa State University. Burger called the knot a lineman's rider stating it was often used by "linemen and especially telephone men".

Among high quality knots, the butterfly loop is perhaps the easiest to remember how to tie correctly. Start by simply making two twists in the same direction to form the two loops. Then wrap the outer loop around the standing part and pull it through the hole of the inner loop.



Sailing at the 2024 Summer Olympics

Sailing competitions at the 2024 Summer Olympics are scheduled to be held from July 28th to August 8th at Marseille Marina. The number of sailors competing across ten different events at these Games has been reduced from 350 to 330, with an equal distribution between men and women. Fu

Medal Events and Equipment

- Men's Single-handed Dinghy event, the equipment will be the ILCA 7
- Women's Single-handed Dinghy event, the equipment will be the ILCA 6
- Mixed Double-handed Dinghy event, the equipment will be the 470
- Mixed Foiling Catamaran event, the equipment will be the Nacra 17
- Men's Skiff event, the equipment will be the 49er
- Women's Skiff event, the equipment will be the 49erFX
- Men's Windsurfer event, the equipment will be the IQFoil.
- Women's Windsurfer event, the equipment will be the IQFoil.
- Men's Kiteboarding event, the equipment will be the Formula Kite.
- Women's Kiteboarding event, the equipment will be the Formula Kite.



2024 BOG Membership

The Board of governors (BOG) is always looking for member input and/or new members. The BOG meets (usually over dinner and drinks) about 10 times per year to run the club. Not really a lot of work, but a great way to learn a lot about the club, learn about sailing, and it gives you a great reason to hang out with the rest of us once a month!!!

You can join us if you want; either as an official BOG officer or just as a member. No experience necessary. Just send us a note via the club website (Lafayettesailing.com) and we can get you the meeting schedule time and place.

LSC has teamed Up with BoatU.S!

BoatU.S. provides a vast range of services, information and savings to recreational boaters, including:

- Members-only discounts and Member Rewards with West Marine equipment purchases
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips, and repairs at more than 900 marinas nationwide
- BoatU.S. will pay up to \$50 per incident On-The-Water Towing with your basic membership
- Access to high-value, low-cost group-rate boat insurance
- Full year subscription to the award-winning BoatU.S. Magazine

Now you can get 50% off of annual Membership dues when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$30 – that's just \$15.00 a year! For more information, go to <http://www.boatus.com/> and be sure to mention our Co-operating Group ID number GA84516S to get the specially reduced rate.



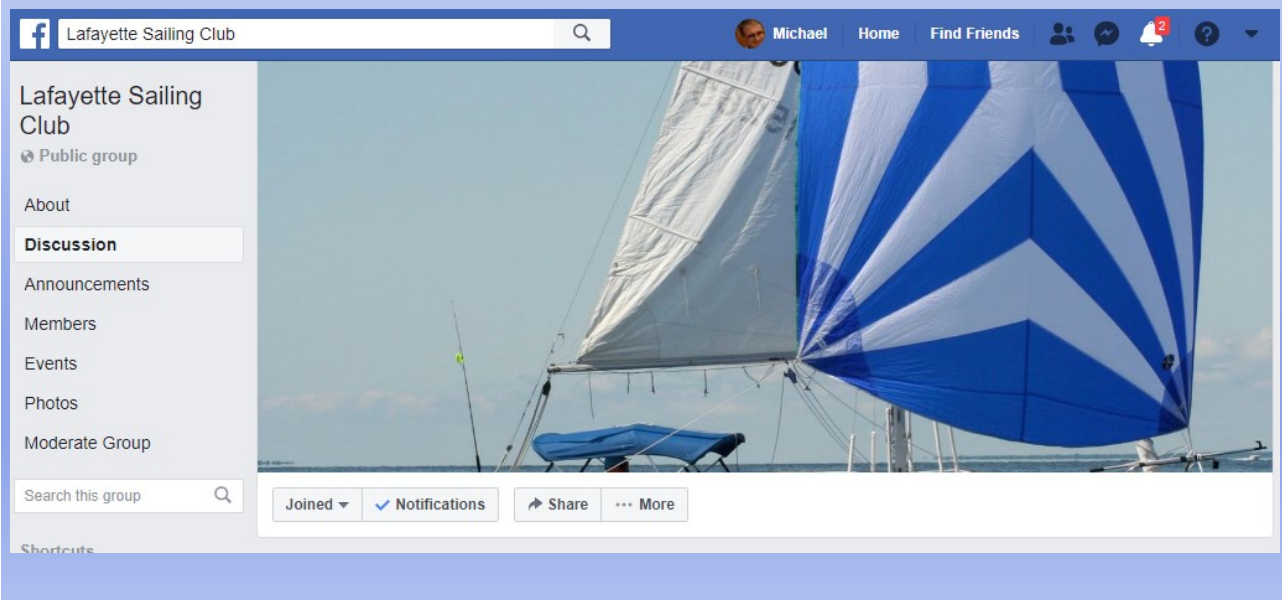
What's on the website!

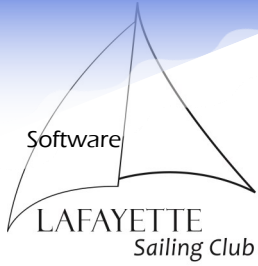
Check out the LSC website at <https://lafayettesailing.com/>

You can find all sorts of useful information and pictures there including membership registration forms as well as event dates, contact information, newsletter archives and more!

Find us on Facebook

The Lafayette Sailing club has a Facebook presence. We will try to post pictures, news events, and invitations to activities. It's a good way to get ourselves out in front of the community. Check us out, join the group, and contribute your pictures!!!





The Lafayette Sailing Club is an organization composed of individuals and families interested in sail boating and sail boarding. The club was originally formed in 1969 by a small group of Purdue University and Lafayette area individuals interested in sail-boat racing.

Membership is open to anyone interested in sailing. The club maintains it's own harbor on Lake Freeman. Members may park their boats at the harbor. The club also owns three sail-boats available to any member.

Membership information can be obtained at <http://www.lafayettesailing.com>

