

# Waterline



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**Welcome to another season!**

**The lake is back, the temperatures are rising and the boats are ready to go sailing!**

*Lafayette Sailing Club*  
located on Lake Freeman, Indiana





*Ahoy, sailors!*

Winter is over and we seem to be nearing the light at the end of the quarantine tunnel. Many of you are hopefully already fully vaccinated and settling back into some sense of normalcy....I've got my second shot coming up on May 17th.

The lake is back up (and weather willing, here to stay this year), and the temperatures are starting to rise. It's been a windy spring, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed it keeps up, looks like sailing weather to me!

The forward half of the year will still be a little weird, as we'll still be avoiding indoor gatherings, and the club will be skipping the Mosey Down Main Street and Outdoor Explore events early this summer, but with any luck we'll be back to your regularly scheduled programming by the middle of summer. Either way, racing and cruising is still on!

Thank you all for working with us through a very tough year, I hope you and all your friends and family have been able to stay healthy and housed, and I hope to see all of you out on the lake this year!

*Jacob Bleier*

*Commodore, Lafayette Sailing Club*



## 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](http://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.



## Officers

Commodore-Jacob Bleier



Vice-Commodore—Adam Barrett



Recording Secretary—  
Dianne Atkinson



Treasurer—David Klenosky

## Directors

Membership —Rex Henthorn,  
Bill Ferner

Club Fleet — Jim Keller, Randy Carie

Race —Michael Nolan, Jacob Bleier

Grounds—Carl Griffin

Social—Rosie Caldwell

Cruising-Rex Henthorn, Mike Nolan  
and others

Communications—Michael Nolan

## Members at Large

Dave Dugger

Lewie Wallace



# LSC 2021 Racing Calendar

All Saturday races at noon-Sunday 1pm

May 1	
May 8	no races on Sunday if rained out
May 15	
May 22	
June 5	
June 12	Regatta
June 13 (Sunday)	Regatta & picnic-Everyone invited!
June 19	
June 26	
July 10	Mini Regatta
July 11 (Sunday)	Mini Regatta
July 17	
July 24	
July 31	
August 7	Regatta
August 8 (Sunday)	Regatta & picnic-Everyone invited!
August 14	
August 21	
August 28	
September 11	
September 18	
September 25	
October 2	
October 9	

## Lake Freeman Water Levels

This is a partial reprint of an article from the Lafayette Journal-Courier from March 31st. The full article can be accessed at <https://www.jconline.com/story/news/2021/03/31/u-s-court-appeals-rules-against-lake-freeman-stakeholders/7044427002/>



The amount of water discharged by Oakdale Dam from Lake Freeman won't change — for now.

A U.S. Court of Appeals decision published Friday provided no clear victories for stakeholders on Lake Freeman who contend that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ordered too much water being released from the lake.

Under normal conditions, John Koppelman previously said, the Tippecanoe River and its two dams operate on a run-of-the-river plan. This means that the water released from Oakdale Dam is supposed to match the water released into Lake Freeman from the Norway Dam.

Koppelman is chairman of the water level committee for the Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp., which argued Oct. 5 in front of the U.S. Court of Appeals against the U.S. Department of the Interior, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

The court ruled against the Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp.'s argument that the Fish and Wildlife Service's calculations about how much water to release from the dam is set too high. The corporation contends the calculation is an error. The court said it wasn't.

After endangered mussels were discovered downstream from the Oakdale Dam during the 2012 drought, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ordered more water to be released from Lake Freeman.

It pressed its new calculation of how much water to be released through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has oversight over Northern Indiana Public Service Co.'s operations of the Oakdale Dam on Lake Freeman and the Norway Dam on Lake Shafer.

This summer's moderate drought, combined with the Fish and Wildlife Service's prescribed release of water from Freeman, caused the lake water levels to dramatically drop beginning in August.

By September, water levels were so low that the lake became unusable for motorized boats.

By the end of the year, Lake Freeman was more than 12 feet below normal.

The winter snows and rains replenished the deficit, and water levels are back to normal —

for now.

The upshot of the U.S. Court of Appeals decision is that the judges ruled that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is only allowed to make "minor" changes, Koppelman said, citing the ruling.

"(T)he court felt that both agencies, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ... and (Fish and Wildlife Service), failed to determine if Fish and Wildlife Service's requirements were a "minor" change to the operations of the Oakdale Dam," a news release from the Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp. states.

"And thus, is sending the case back to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ... to determine if (the Fish and Wildlife Service's) Technical Assistance Letter makes only a 'minor' change to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's staff alternative."

"All this damage from the water levels being down last year will show this was anything but minor," Koppelman said Wednesday morning during an interview.

"(Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) has the authority to amend the license to implement the Staff Alternative," the Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp. new release states. "That would be a significant relief to the Monticello and Twin Lakes community."

The federal commission's "staff alternative" was more in line with Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp.'s proposed release of water, Koppelman said. But for some reason, the commission ignored the staff alternative and approved the Fish and Wildlife Service's prescribed release from Oakdale Dam, Koppelman said.

"Despite significant expert testimony to the contrary, we are disappointed that the Court felt (Fish and Wildlife Services) acted reasonably using the linear scaling method. Moving forward, we are hopeful that what happened to Lake Freeman in 2020 will illustrate to FERC that the changes are anything but 'minor'," said Gabrielle Haygood, Shafer & Freeman Lakes Environmental Conservation Corp. executive director.

Koppelman said the court will issue a mandate for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to rehear the issue of how much water to release and whether it is a minor adjustment.

In the meantime, Koppelman said the local lakes' corporation is asking stakeholders to contact federal lawmakers — Rep. Jim Baird or Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun.

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## **2021 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 let Commodore Bleier or Mike Nolan know and we can get you the meeting schedule time and place.

# 2021 Activity Schedule (subject to change)

## Moonlight Sails

Friday	5/21/2021	Moonlight sail and bonfire
Friday	6/25/2021	Moonlight Sail-very late moonrise 10:45pm
Friday	7/23/2021	Moonlight sail and picnic
Friday	8/20/2021	Moonlight sail and picnic
Friday	9/17/2021	Moonlight sail and picnic
Friday	10/15/2021	Moonlight sail and bonfire

## Social and Other Events

Saturday	4/24/2021	Harbor Opening (10am)
Monday	4/19/2021	Sailing School Session I (7pm)
Friday	4/23/2021	Spring Callout
Monday	4/26/2021	Sailing School Session I (7pm)
Monday	6/14/2021	Sailing School Session II (7pm)
Monday	6/21/2021	Sailing School Session II (7pm)
Sunday	10/31/2021	Fall Banquet (TBA)
Monday	11/1/2021	Harbor Cleanup (10am)

## Wednesday Informal Racing/Get Together

Wednesday	5/26/2021	6pm
Wednesday	6/23/2021	6pm
Wednesday	7/7/2021	6pm
Wednesday	8/4/2021	6pm

# Advanced Sailing Terminology

Definitions for sailors with some experience.....

Calm - Sea condition characterized by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beverage.

Course - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing.

Crew - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Gybe/Jibe - A common way to get unruly guests off your boat.

Telling stories - A fairy-tale begins 'Once upon a time...' A sea story begins 'So there I was...'

Anchor light - A small light designed to discharge the battery by morning.

Baggywrinkle - The effect of sun and salt spray on your face.

Bitter end - The finish of a race when you are last over the line.

Chart - A type of map which shows exactly where you are aground.

Clew - An indication from the skipper as to what he might do next.

Emergency mooring lines - Old ropes too rotten to use regularly but too good to throw away.

Estimated position - A place you have marked on the chart where you are sure you are not.

Rope ladder - A ladder designed to get you into the water but not back out.

Spinnaker - A large sail used in dead calms to keep the crew busy.

Tell-tale - A crew member who lets the guests know that the skipper usually gets seasick.

Pulpit - somewhere you go to pray you are going to pick up a mooring buoy.

Tabernacle - something similar to pulpit, but a different religion.



## 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 Cooperating Group ID number GA84516S to get the specially reduced rate.



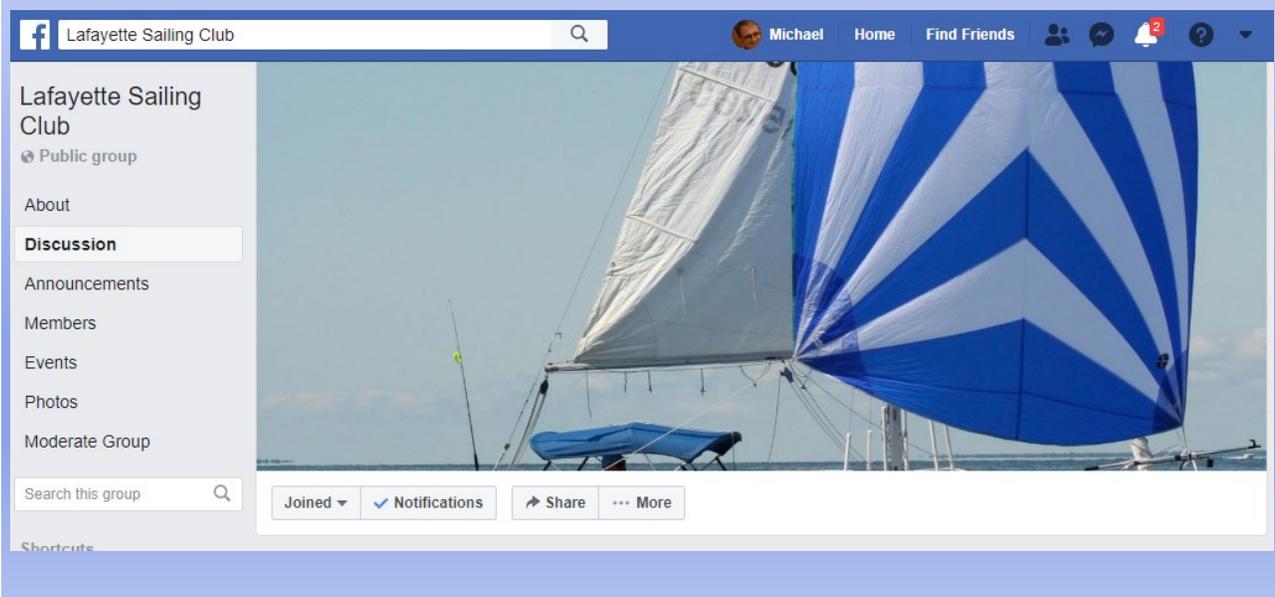
## What's on the website!

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!!!



# Look good this sailing season!!!!

## Club logo apparel available!

LSC has partnered with Coral Reef Sailing to produce LSC logoed apparel and other items. The apparel is high quality and includes the LSC logo and name on each item. Two more lines of custom text can be added to most items if you wish. LSC receives a small percentage of each sale, so your purchases help out the club! LSC has been added to the SHIPS STORES link on Coral Reefs ships stores page, but you can directly access our page at <https://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/club/lafayette-sailing-club.html>.



Cotton Hat (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$22.00



Unisex Mesh Polo (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$32.00



Men's Short Sleeve Tech Shirt (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$32.00



Men's Long Sleeve Tech Shirt (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$35.00



S/S Adult Cotton Tee (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$22.00



Columbia Women's Benton Springs (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$62.00



Columbia Men's Steens Mountain Fleece (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$60.00



Unisex Hooded Rugby Pullover (Lafayette Sailing Club)

★★★★★

\$58.00





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>

