

2026 Silver Lake Boating Club Newsletter

Welcome back to Silver Lake to all SLBC members who have been out of the area this Winter. Spring has been arriving slowly but hopefully the cold weather is now behind us. Once again, we have some exciting activities planned for this Summer.

Party 1 – The Season Kickoff Party will once again be held at Rosewood Landing hosted by Donna and Steve Borges on Saturday June 20th from 4:30 to 7:00. The rain date will be the following day, at the same time. For those of you who have not been to Rosewood Landing it is a great venue to start off the party season.

Food to share assignments:

Last name beginning A-G, please bring an appetizer or salad

Last name beginning H-S, please bring an entrée

Last name beginning T-Z, please bring a dessert

Party 2 – The Mid-Summer Party will be held on Saturday July 25th at the South Beach Pavillon from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The rain date will be the following day, at the same time. Hamburgers, hotdogs and sausage will be provided and grilled for your enjoyment. This was our most popular party last summer with 125 attendees!

Food to share assignments:

Last name beginning A-M, please bring chips, appetizer or salad.

Last name beginning N-Z, please bring a dessert

Party 3 – The Annual Meeting Party will also be held at the South Beach Pavillon on Saturday August 29th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Rain date will be the following day, same time.

Food to share assignments:

Last name beginning M-S, please bring an appetizer

Last name beginning A-L, please bring an entrée

Last name beginning T-Z, please bring a dessert

Party 4 – The Christmas/Holiday Party specifics TBD.

Sharon Wilson, the Vice-Commodore of Social Events, will be coordinating party activities. Contact her at yayasabe@gmail.com or 305-804-8244. Sharon is scheduling local experts to discuss pertinent waterfront issues during our club parties.

Kathy Walsh, our Treasurer, will be collecting club dues. Dues are \$25 per family (donations accepted) and payment can be made by check payable to Katherine Walsh with SLBC noted in the comment line or by Venmo (katherine-walsh-43). Please fill out the attached registration form and send it along with your payment to Katherine Walsh, 28 Meadowview Road, Topsfield, Ma 01983. Kathy can be reached at walsh.kathy214@gmail.com or 978-766-1294.

Marjorie Summers, the Vice-Commodore of Rowing: The rowing group lost one longtime rower (Carol Kramer) and welcomed two new rowers (one starting out with her own scull and another benefiting from the generosity of longtime members). SLBC still has one Alden Ocean boat available for loan if anyone is interest in learning and housing the equipment – this could be YOUR year. The season will bring the usual weekend 8 am casual rows and hopefully some sprint races for anyone up for a challenge. Learning about boat maintenance, physical conditioning, technique and building camaraderie are on tap this Summer.

Susie Longfield, Vice-Commodore of Sailing: We will be holding impromptu sailing events based on interest, availability and wind. Sailing is a fun sport, open to all ages, and we have sailors on the lake who are eager to lend their boats or teach beginners. (I would also like to have a sailing buddy or two – could be kids! – to join me on especially windy days to feel the spray in our faces but not tip over!). There's a separate email list of interested sailors, so please reach out if you would like to be included. (617-967-8888 or susielongfield@gmail.com).

Ron Force, the Vice-Commodore of Kayaking: Two activities are planned for the kayaking group this summer. The poker run will feature a shorter course this year and will be located, for the first time, at the northern end of the lake. The second activity will be the much-anticipated paddle down the Bear Camp River and across Ossipee Lake. The events will take place in July and August and the specific dates will depend on weather and water conditions.

Club apparel, depicting our club logo, will once again be available for sale at club parties. And, as always, we welcome SLAM fund raiser items for sale.

We are a social club and you DO NOT have to own a boat to be a member of the Silver Lake Boating Club!

We are always looking to expand our membership so please bring your Madison friends to our social events.

Respectfully submitted,
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