Stony Lake Yacht Club Update 2016

The warm weather was very kind to Stony Lake this fall as it allowed working crews to move quickly in building the new store, replacing the yacht club docks and improving the original yacht club. The transformation has been amazing and we look forward to celebrating the opening of the Store, Yacht Club and Docks at a special event on July 2nd 2016. Many thanks to the “Next Generation Capital Campaign” fundraising committee and the Heritage Foundation for their great work and continued support.

I would like to introduce and welcome two new program directors, Tom Wells, Jr Sailing Director and Carrie Scace, Tennis Program Director. Both are very knowledgeable about our Sailing and Tennis programs and I encourage you to reach out to them if you have any questions on the programs for the summer. Check the SLYC website www.slyc.ca for schedule, membership and contact information.

Last summer we had up to 110 kids per week participate in the sailing program and 30 in the tennis program. We expect similar numbers for 2016. The Optimist Race Team, launched last year, was a big success and will continue this year with additional weeks being added to the schedule. As well, we have developed a new CanSail 5 level 1 racing program, targeted at those who want a less intensive racing option, and have shifted the Adult program to Saturday morning. The Tennis program will be adding junior classes on Friday and the annual Tennis Social will be held on the weekend of July 30/31 with a mixed double tournament and Exhibition Match.

Weekend racing, a long standing tradition on Stony Lake, continues on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 attracting youths and adults of all skill levels. Special recognition to Tom Ramshaw and Matt Ryder who qualified for the Canadian National team, and continue to represent SLYC at National and Internationally regattas.

The Annual SLYC Golf Fundraiser, which has help build our Jr sailing fleet of boats over the years, was hosted at Wildfire Golf Club for the first time last summer. Special thanks to Wildfire and the group of volunteers who help make this event a great success. The event will be hosted again at Wildfire on August 5, 2016 so mark your calendars!

Kicking off the Yacht Club summer social events will be the New Store and Yacht Club opening BBQ on July 2nd followed by the 2nd Annual Games night July 16th, the Long Weekend Cocktail Party July 30th and the Annual SLYC Dinner Dance Aug 20th (a week before the end of Jr sailing but similar to last year’s date, as more members were able to attend). Please mark your calendars and come out and join the fun.

Thanks to the directors of the SLYC and all volunteers who make the summer programs and events possible.

We look forward to another great summer filled with Stony Lake traditions.

See you at the lake!

Jeff Somerville

Commodore

Stony Lake Yacht Club