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Dear Patrons of Crooked Lake Sailors,

It is time to begin to think about the upcoming sailing season!

A major change this year will be a reduced role by our Founder and Executive Director, Margie. Last season, Margie requested a reduced role from her daily duties. Certainly, all the work that Margie has done over the past five years, not only during the sailing season, but also during spring, winter and fall, was what got our organization started and growing, and made her hourly pay below minimum wage. Of course, our club would not exist without Margie's year round work. We are fortunate to have Margie continue as Executive Director for her knowledge and her contacts, not only in our "sailing community", but throughout the U.S.A.

We are very fortunate that we have Max McKinney, who is very well qualified and has agreed to assume the daily "Director" role. Max has been an extremely popular and exceptional instructor in the Youth classes for the past seasons. Max will also continue to offer private lessons beyond his daily class times and he wants to develop a more extensive competition prep class, beyond our current afternoon racing class, too. Our morning and afternoon youth sessions begin on June 27th and go through August 5th. **The rate of our nearest competition is about between 46 percent more and 2 1/4 times our \$100 per week rate for either a morning or afternoon session, which lasts 2 1/2 hours each day.**

David McGrain returns to instruct the evening sloop rigged dingy classes again this year, which were begun last season and got very positive reviews from the class participants. David has included at least one semi-private lesson, with him in the boat, as part of the lesson fees this year. Our evening (5:30-8 PM), twice a week, adult lessons are the only non-private lessons available in our area. **Note that these sessions begin on Tuesday June 14th and run through July 7th.** David, sometimes has had shared "Wine"-down times at the end of sessions for added enjoyment. **At \$280 per person or \$500 per couple for 20 plus hours of sailing, how can you go wrong**

for so much fun?!

Please go to our updated website www.crookedlakesailors.org for additional information and registration. We will soon have a new website that we hope will include on-line sign-up, with on-line PayPal payment and donations.

We have developed a much more austere and cost cutting budget for this year. Our new budget template should allow us to balance the books by the end of the year.

Please consider tax free donations of boats, money, scholarships and, or auction items.

We look forward to your participation in a great sailing season. Thank you for your support of our sailing club, which is dedicated to the training of, especially, youth, throughout our two county area in sailing skills.

Sincerely,
Dick Gilgrist, Chairman

A big "Thank You" to the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Foundation for an \$8000 grant to replace our old gas hog 60 HP engine, which will reduce our costs.