



SOS 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

Many times this summer I looked out over the lake and saw several Sunfish, a Laser or two, and numerous paddleboards and kayaks skirting across the water. There were people swimming, and the whole scene looked quite normal. It's a testament to all those involved with the Lakeside waterfront that we achieved a certain amount of normalcy, despite the fact that this summer was far from normal.

At the start of the season, a concrete ramp was added at the far end of the launch area to fix the unsafe gap from the prior year's erosion. SOS funds helped make the necessary fix possible. The ramp grew quite slippery over the course of the summer (I know from personally having slid down it on my rear end), so we face a challenge keeping it safer next year.

The Mouse Island Race and Annual Regatta took place thanks to the SOS and several volunteers stepping up. Admittedly, we struggled to make the Regatta happen due to some last-minute issues. The weather also forced the cancellation of some races. Despite all odds, a good time was had by all. We expect that next year, Lakeside, with the help of some pre-planning this winter, will have a better handle on what is needed to run a smooth Regatta.

For next summer, SOS will purchase new boat dollies, assist with repairs to the FJ, and purchase towlines and various hardware. We are also looking into repairing or rebuilding some of the storage racks at the end of next summer, as they are getting quite rickety.

COVID-19 caused many changes, including the cancellation of the Kids Setting Sail program for the entire summer, reduced sailing classes, limited boat rentals, and so on. However, our big achievement this year was keeping things as normal as possible. Let's hope that next year things are so normal that we don't even realize it.

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2021 Watercraft Usage Rules

- SOS membership levels will remain at \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$720 Lifetime Memberships.
- Complimentary watercraft usage begins at the \$100 membership level, after a 2-week waiting period for new members.
- \$720 Lifetime Members receive complimentary watercraft usage immediately.
- You must use your own watercraft first.
- 1-hour time limit.
- Maximum advance reservation of 1 watercraft at a time.
- Special arrangements by approval only

2020 SOS Financial Report

This is a mid-Fourth Quarter 2020 financial summary of both the Restricted and Endowment Accounts.

In an effort to maximize the return on our financial accounts, we have transferred \$10,000.00 from our Restricted Account to our Endowment Account, which is invested by Lakeside in the conservative equity market. We have also contributed \$1,000.00 from the Restricted Account to Lakeside's Giving Tuesday Drive. This will leave us with a balance of \$8,853.78 in the Restricted Account. As SOS has total control of this account, please send your suggestions regarding future expenditures to Mike Haas, SOS President.

Our current estimated Endowment balance is \$125,000.00. A firm accounting will be provided after year's end. The spin-off of 4% each year must be spent on capital expenditures at the waterfront. While Lakeside controls the expenditure of these funds, they have followed SOS's recommendations to date. If you have any suggestions regarding these expenditures, please contact Tony Apotsos, who is the SOS representative for Endowment expenditures.

All the above is only made possible by the generous contributions by all of the SOS membership. Thank you for your continued support!

~~Tony Apotsos

Kids Setting Sail Update

The KSS program is here to stay and will continue to be a major part of the Lakeside environment. With your help, and conditions permitting, we can continue to conduct a fun, professional, helpful program for kids of all ages in 2021. We will be keeping the same format for this season. The administrative crew will handle the paperwork and prep the sailors for their ride. The water crew will handle the boats, board the riders, and assist the sailors. This will give the sailors a steady supply of eager kids. Special thanks to all of the SOS members who contribute their time to this program. Please contact Bill Maenner (bmaenner@aol.com) to become a KSS volunteer, and report to the sailing area on Sunday afternoons at 2:15. We are looking forward to your continued help.

~~Bill Maenner