

Hello Sponsors,

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy the facility this year.

As the Fourth of July Holiday approaches, we thought it would be a good time to send out some reminders and housekeeping items.

Board of Governors Regatta

Every year, the weekend before Labor Day, QSC sponsors a Snipe sailboat regatta. Typically boats travel from throughout the Northeast and beyond to participate, and the Saturday night dinner and party have been legendary! Sponsors are encouraged to support QSC by attending the festivities. This year the date is August 26th. Please keep an eye out for more details and an official invitation as the date approaches.

SPONSORS

On the last report I saw we had 100 Sponsors. Please remember that sponsors are not allowed to use the facilities unless their fees are paid (unless an arrangement has been made with our Treasurer). If you are on the fence or have not sent in your dues yet, please realize there is a maximum number of Sponsorships, and once that has been reached, no more will be accepted even if you were a sponsor the prior year.

PESTICIDE USE IN LAKE QUASSAPAUG

I attended the Lake Quassapaug Association (LQA) annual meeting last night. They are the organization that oversees the health of the lake. They have been battling invasive weeds for quite some time, and unfortunately are losing the battle. They have been using suction to remove the weeds for years. In a tour of the lake last week, the company performing this removal service noted a significant increase in invasive weeds compared to last year. Last fall, the LQA voted to apply for a permit to use pesticides on a 10-acre test location in Tyler's cove. Their permit has not yet been approved yet. The "drop-dead" date for application of the pesticide in 2024 is the end of July. After that, if they get approval, it will be applied in the Spring. There is a link to LQA's website on the QSC website under the Membership tab, in the Member Resources section if you are interested in learning more.

WHEN YOU LEAVE THE FACILITY

1. If you are the last one in the Club House, unless you have confirmation from someone on the beach that they will "close up", please make sure all four doors (front, back, bathroom & upstairs) are locked. Please do not ASSUME people on the beach are going to lock up. They may be parked in the upper lot.
2. Bring your key! If you do not have one, please contact Gerry McCabe at mccabegerry765@gmail.com.
3. If you are closing-up take out the garbage.
4. If you are closing-up turn off the lights.

CLUB POTS, PANS AND SILVERWARE

If you use them, wash them AND dry them. Do not leave them in the drying rack and expect the next Sponsor to do your work.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Just a reminder that there are security cameras at the facility recording 24 hours a day.

GUESTS AND PRIVATE PARTIES

Everyone should familiarize themselves with the House and Grounds Rules. It addresses many of our rules regarding the use of our facility. It can be found on our website on the same tab as the LQA link, under the Membership tab>Member Resources.

Some highlights are:

1. Guests are allowed no more than twice in one month, and must sign in, sign a waiver, and pay the \$5 guest fee.
2. All private parties (8 or more non-sponsors) must be approved by the Board. This allows us to avoid conflicts between events and notify all sponsors via the calendar that an event is occurring.
3. No private parties are allowed Fridays through Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

ACCESS TO THE FACILITY

At QSC we use the honor system. We have not used membership cards, gates or parking attendants. That has worked reasonably well over the years. As our membership has grown over the last several years, it has become harder to know who is a Sponsor, and who is an uninvited guest. I personally have asked three people who were not authorized on the grounds to leave this year. With that in mind, please do not be offended if someone from the Board, or another sponsor, introduces themselves and asks you your name, just so that we can recognize each other.

ANNUAL MEETING

Every year we have an annual meeting where we review the current year's activities, address next year's issues, and elect our Board. In years past, this was one of the bigger events attending by most Sponsors. In more recent times, attendance has been dismal. In an attempt to make it more appealing for Sponsors, we moved it from the first Saturday evening in November to the first Sunday afternoon after Labor Day. Please mark your calendar and attend if you can. A more detailed invitation will be coming, but you can plan on an early afternoon start time on September 10th.

WHO IS ON THE BOARD

In an attempt to let Sponsors recognize who is on the QSC Board, there is a section on our website in the About Us tab that has a picture of most Board Members. If you have never met some of them, please say hello the next time you see them at the lake.

BOAT TAGS GOING FORWARD – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

It is very obvious that we have a ton of vessels on racks at QSC. Determining which boat goes on which rack is a huge undertaking. But without managing the issue, it would be chaos. Gary Bruce has done a tremendous job organizing this task over the last several years. Unfortunately, he will not be able to continue in this role next year. We need someone to step up and manage this. And, it will be much easier to take over for Gary if someone starts learning what needs to be done while he is still involved instead of starting next year. Please consider volunteering for this position. PLEASE!

Thank you for supporting Quassapaug Sailing Center. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at manage.qsc@gmail.com. I can also be reached on my cell phone which is 203-233-8153.

See you at the lake!

Dave Rogers
Board Chairman