

Dear Northern Lights Sailing Club members,

Join me for a tour of the annual N.L.S.C SHRIMP BOIL, using your 5 senses. This could be you....

Upon arriving you see beautiful Spring Park Bay, Lake Minnetonka on your left. Just beyond the boat ramp you turn into the Yacht Club parking lot, go to the west side of the building and down the back steps to the deck.

You know you're in the right place when you see, hear and smell what our own Chef Tom is boiling up for us.

You begin seeing old and soon to be new friends, lots of hugs and handshakes. But what's that over there? Ahh, it's the swap meet. Did you remember that box of stuff you were going to bring? Now you begin touching some sailing gear that maybe you could use. Let your imagination go, see yourself running your jib sheets through that winch, or maybe it's the anchor you're holding, imagine dropping it in a quiet secluded bay next summer after an incredible day of sailing, watching the sunset, cocktails.....wait, I'm at the shrimp boil, do I hear music (amusement for the ears)? You're thirsty, so grab a beverage that you brought or belly up to the bar for a cool one.

Now you mingle and greet your fellow sailors with the goal of meeting at least 5 new people (you remember how it was when you didn't know anyone). You see Marge, Tom, Joan, Jake and others organizing, cooking and serving, doing whatever it takes to make sure everyone has a good time.

Ahh, the atmosphere is building, the sight of so many sailing buddies, the sound of music, and....do I hear people talking about sailing the Florida Keys and Thailand in January. The smells of dinner are starting to make your mouth water (just don't drool on your shirt), it's almost ready. A couple more hugs and handshakes. I wonder if anyone bought that anchor at the swap meet, I better go get it now.

I hear a bell ringing, dinner time, now I see Tom and his helpers bringing a huge pot of potatoes, onions, corn on the cob, sausage, shrimp plus some other secret ingredients. They delicately dump our dinner on the table (you have to see this to believe it) for us to taste and enjoy. You grab a plate filling it up, whoops no room for desert, have to go back for that!

Later as the evening is winding down you see Robert and Ilona talking about their sailing trip to Canada. There's Jay, I heard he is meeting up with a lot of new sailors, hey Lisa how was Barkers Island, Joan what classes do you have coming up, there's Patti and Peter how was the trip from Green Bay to Duluth, oh I've got to ask Hank Aro about the Apostle Islands, hey Ron great job on the Pepin open.....And on into the night!!

Are you coming???

September 15, 5:30 Social hour - Swap meet – Dinner 6:30

RSVP below:

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