

**RENEW YOUR MDSA MEMBERSHIP NOW
BE SURE TO UPDATE ALL YOUR MDSA ADDRESS INFO
YOU MUST HAVE A 2017 STICKER TO SWIM AT THE MDSA BEACH**

Dear MDSA member:

**Welcome Spring and thoughts of swimming at the MDSA beach on warm sunny days!
And, welcome to all 2016 new members who are renewing for the first time!**

As of April 1st you may renew your MDSA membership. Please do it early. By **opening day on Saturday June 17th** the winter will be long gone and we may be complaining about the heat and humidity. Our beach is a wonderful refuge! And don't miss the mountain laurel in all its glory.

Please cooperate by renewing ONLINE right away. Renewing online takes only a few clicks and a few minutes. The detailed instructions and process are online to help you. Just go to www.minnewaskaswimmers.org, click on the tab "Current Member Login" and click on "CLICK HERE FOR RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS" if you need to.

Do WAIT for the line "Thank you for your payment" after you pay and before you close out. PATIENTLY COUNT SLOWLY TO 15, otherwise your renewal will not register.

Remember, your User ID is always the email that MDSA currently has for you in our database. If you have a new email address, log in with the "old" address (and your password) and EDIT your info to update MDSA with the new address.

If you have forgotten your password, click on the blue line "Forgot Password" and proceed. Remember, use the email address MDSA has for you in our database.

If you do NOT want to pay online, after you log in, scroll down past "PAY NOW" and click on "Current Member Renewal forms" for a 3 page PDF to print and mail.

As of 12:01 AM June 1st the cost of membership in MDSA will automatically be raised to \$25, meaning you cannot renew without agreeing to that price. (The fee will automatically revert back to \$20 after 12/31 for the next season.) This has been in effect for a couple of years and holds true this year as an effort to help ensure as many members as possible renew early. We know that for some people an extra \$5 is not much motivation, but that really is not the point. The point is to cooperate with those of us who have put a lot of our precious hours into sustaining this organization. We really want to avoid begging members to renew and/or dealing with the slow trickling in of renewals that need stickers mailed.

VOLUNTEERS with 8 or more hours of volunteer service last season will be renewed gratis and MUST update (click EDIT after you log in) your info by checking the "OTHER" box in the volunteer section and typing in "8 hours in 2016"; check the "I agree" box, and click "EDIT ACCOUNT DETAILS" before logging off. No payment is required. The data base has been "cleaned up" and all previous "8 hours..." have been deleted.

MDSA always has about 1000 or more renewed members yearly. It will make us so very *happy* if this email immediately evokes hundreds of renewals.

**Thank you for renewing online!
Judy Mage and Stephanie Bludau Tor, Co-coordinators**

PS: Please be sure your mailing address is correct and if not, please update it by EDITing your info. Thank you!