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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

BY: MARY ALDERMAN

HELLO FELLOW BOAT CLUB MEMBERS. SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER, BILL AND I HAVE ATTENDED 2 MORE COMMODORE'S BALLS. ON JUNE 5TH WE ATTENDED SWAN BOAT CLUB'S BALL HONORING COMMODORE CHRIS MULLIGAN AND LADY MONICA. IT WAS A HAWAIIAN THEME AND WE HAD A GREAT TIME. THE FOLLOWING DAY WE ATTENDED FORD YACHT CLUB FOR THE OPENING OF THE ISLAND CEREMONY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY GROSSE ILE YACHT CLUB'S BALL HONORING COMMODORE JAMES BUTLER AND LADY TERI. IT WAS A VERY NICE TIME WHERE I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BUMPING INTO A FEW OLD FRIENDS FROM MY ISLAND DAYS. BACK TO OUR CLUB.... LAST WEEKEND WE ATTENDED OUR FIRST RENDEZVOUS FOR THE 2009 SEASON. WE WENT TO THE COVE MARINA IN CANADA. THREE DAYS POOLSIDE WITH MARGARITAS AND GREAT COMPANY. AHHH, WHAT MORE COULD A COMMODORE ASK FOR. UPON OUR ARRIVAL BACK TO OUR CLUB, KEVIN STONE HAD PIZZA, ANTI PASTA SALAD AND WINGS WAITING FOR US. THANK YOU KEVIN AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO VINNIE AND MAUREEN FOR HOSTING SUCH A NICE WEEKEND. IT WAS A GREAT WEEKEND FOR US. I WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR THE RED WINGS. ABOUT THE TIME YOU GET YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER, FAMILY DAY WILL BE HERE. OUR ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN, TOM KOVACH IS WORKING VERY VERY HARD TO PUT ON A GREAT DAY FOR US ALL. I SURE HOPE THAT I SEE YOU ALL THERE. YOU'LL BE BOO-HOOING IF YOU MISS IT. SADLY, ONE OF OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS HAS PASSED AWAY. PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FAMILY OF LONNIE BLANDON. HE WAS A QUIET BUT VERY NICE MAN AND WILL BE MISSED AT OUR CLUB. ALSO, BRIAN BONNER IS STILL RECOVERING. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BRIAN, WE MISS SEEING YOU AND UNA AT THE CLUB. UNTIL NEXT MONTH, HAPPY CRUISING AND PLAY AND WORK SAFE.

## 2009 Upcoming Events

July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Holiday Harbour Rendezvous  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> Family Day  
 Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> Steak Roast  
 Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Southside Party  
 Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup> Jet Express to Put-In-Bay  
 Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Haul-out  
 Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Hello Everyone!!! Guess what the Family Day theme is this year?



This year it's GREAT LAKES STEEL BOO CLUB! We are going to have some big fun with Halloween in July! Yes, you've heard of Christmas in July, well we decided to start a new July party theme! Check out the flyer in this newsletter with all the info (some times may vary) but one of the major highlights is, at 5:30pm for every dock holder that chooses to participate, we will be having trick or treating for the kids at each well holder's dock box. There will be trick or treat bags provided for each child. If you are interested, please have some candy ready for the kids. Also we will be having a watermelon carving contest (see Committee Chair, Sabrina Ponder's article about that in this newsletter). We are also planning a contest for the best decorated boat and dock area. I have sign up sheets already at the clubhouse and if you are interested in helping out with any of the planned activities please sign up and help! A couple hours of your time will help lighten the load for everyone! We will be ending the evening with tunes from the band Mystic River. We think you'll like them. They play a little something for everyone! If you have any questions or really want to be in the know, we are having our second committee meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30pm. Come on down and share your ideas!

Before Family Day, we have one other event we'd like to do. In my last newsletter article, I mentioned "Nacho Night". We want to have the night on Friday, June 26, starting at 6:00pm. We will have the chips in the kitchen. All you have to do is bring your favorite fixins' and load them up and then we'll have a Nacho's smorgasbord! Bring your own "spirits" and we will have one heck of Happy Hour! Hope to see you there!!

If you have any questions feel free to call me on my cell, 313-670-1582. See you soon!

Tom Kovach, Entertainment Chair



## Family Day 2009

Calling all members, Family Day is next month and this year we are having a Halloween theme. We need your creativity! We are going to substitute pumpkin carving and have a watermelon-carving contest. So, design a scary, silly, or happy face on your watermelon and bring it to Family Day to win a prize for various categories of decoration. Don't forget to put the candle in the melon so we can light them up in the evening. If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Ponder @ [greenthumbponder@comcast.net](mailto:greenthumbponder@comcast.net), 313 980 1127, or 734 672-7116.



## Docks



With the help of Ray Stewart, we now have a complete inventory of the trailers that are stored in the back, a few were very difficult to identify. Please take the time to check your trailer and either put a weather-proof identification tag on it or refresh the ones that need some attention.

The Shores Boat Club is planning to visit GLSBC for the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup>, departing by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. For this weekend or any time that you plan on having an open well for a day or a week, please let myself, Dan (our gas attendant) or Ralph know so we can accommodate the visiting boats. One last reminder: All well holders are responsible for keeping the weeds from growing in the rocks in and around your well. For the South Side, this includes the area between the blacktop and the dock and the parking area between the blacktop and the grass. For the North Side, this includes the area between the grass and the blacktop and the area between the boardwalk and the grass. Please let me know if you have any questions. On another note, if you have multiple guests come down to visit, please ask that they park in one of the remote areas at the club so our members are able to have parking space as well.

Except for the Stanley Cup Finals, we had a wonderful rendezvous at the Cove thanks to our FC duo of Vinnie & Mo and to our Commodore Mary for hosting Friday evening. I am sure that just a few more degrees on Saturday's thermometer would have put more people in the pool not just on

the deck. To all of you that have not heard; ***Please be careful about consuming Canadian Olives!***

I did have the opportunity to attend the very informative "Boaters Security Briefing" that was held at the Trenton High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The host, PC WRYCC Bob Lang had representatives from The US Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard, Wayne County Sheriff, DNR, OPP, US Customs and Border Protection, Canada Border Service Agency, US Border Patrol and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They all provided a very informative presentation and then answered questions from the audience. The following web site is dedicated to keeping the recreational boater informed with the latest updates on rules, regulations, current law and contact information for both sides of the US & Canadian border:

<http://boatersbriefing.webs.com/>

I hope to see you at the club!

***Rick Kasza, VC & Dock's***



## FLEET REPORT

***Hello all members of GLSBC!!!! As this goes to print we will have had two of our exciting star studded events out of the way. The first was our GLSBC Poker Run which was held on Memorial weekend, and the winner's were (drum roll please) 1st place, Kevin Stone, 2nd place, Joe Tomocik, 3rd place, P/C John Armatis.***



*Congrats to the winners and a big thank you to all that helped with set up and cleanup and to everyone that brought a dish to pass.*

*Now, the Cove Marina Rendezvous was held the weekend of June 12th thru the 14th. Eight vessels left on Friday morning with the seas on Lake St. Clair running 2ft. with the occasional 3 footer thrown in for fun, just for me! Everyone arrived safely and with no problems. Then later that afternoon two more vessels arrived and the party which actually started in the morning, officially got under way. We then went to Spooner's Bar and Grill in the evening and prepared ourselves for a Red Wing victory and party. Well as you know, the party continued but, as for our Wings, Good Luck next year!! (Now back to the partying) Both nights at the cove we sat around the campfire singing campfire songs (The Beer Song and The Beaver Song) and partied into the wee hours of the morning!! Now, there was a rumor running around on Saturday morning that the olives at the bar might have been spoiled. But that rumor was dispelled later in the afternoon, and everyone was back into party mode. As Sunday approached P/C John and V/C Rick had to leave very early in the morning because of the river being closed due to the Red Bull Air races. The rest of us stayed and lounged around by the pool and then left by 4 o'clock. Amazingly, as we entered the lake it, was as flat as ice and we all enjoyed a smooth trip home. But that's not all!!! Once we were back in port a special delivery from Stone Pizza arrived so no one would go home hungry. Thank You Kevin Stone for the great dinner!! Now, the sign up sheet for Holiday Harbour is in the clubhouse. That rendezvous is on July 10th thru the 12th. One note, I had to raise the price from 10 dollars per boat to 15 dollars per boat, still a great deal!!! I will be pulling the sheets on July 5th, so make sure you sign up by then. And last but not least, a big thanks goes out to P/C Ralph Pennybacker and Lady Barb and the many helper for taking care of the Ford Yacht*

*Club small boat run. This event was held on June 13th with 22 small boats in attendance and 85 to 90 people at our club. As usual we are the talk of the town!! Until next month, your Fleet Capt. Vinnie.*



## **SICK BAY**

**Una Bonner got a clean bill of health after her recent hospitalization in Florida. Brian Bonner was home from the hospital but was re-admitted and is continuing to be treated. Jack Berry just had hernia surgery and is doing well. Hope you are all feeling good and ready for some boating soon!**



***Tell your friends and other boat clubs!!***  
The GLSBC Gas dock is now open for business. The hours are Friday through Sunday, 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M; Monday noon - 8:00 P.M.



## ***UPDATE ON BARBEQUE GRILLES***

Last month we informed you of the electric barbecue grilles Rick Martin is able to purchase for us. It was noted that he had to order in quantities of 10. **He recently found out that he can order in quantities of 4.** If you are interested in purchasing one, the sign up sheet is in the clubhouse.





**July Birthdays:**

- 10 Tami Berry
- 12 Lorin Fisher
- 18 Barbara Pennybacker
- 19 Larry Miller
- 24 Megan Spanitz
- 28 Kathy Suban



**July Anniversaries:**

- 1 Gary & Nancy DeVoe
- 7 Mike & Judy Garf



*Our condolences go out to the family of  
Lonnie Blandon who passed away.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



**YOU JUST NEVER KNOW....**

I thought I would share this story that was recently published in the Great Lakes Pilot newspaper.

A man and wife cooking team on a steamer decided to quit sailing and bought the dry Dock Tavern in River Rouge. An old man hung around there wearing a heavy winter overcoat year 'round. The cook told him he'd fix up a cot for him in the basement. He installed a shower and toilet, cook-stove and refrigerator and told him "You can stay down here rent-free if you clean and mop the tavern after closing time." During the day he would eat upstairs with them. He never took his heavy overcoat off. This went on for about five years, and he died leaving no relatives. He left everything to the cook and his wife. His overcoat was lined with thousands of dollars. He had four or five apartment houses and a great deal of stock. All told, he left about \$850,000; no one thought he was worth a dime! The cook closed the tavern, bought a large van and traveled around the country for about a year. He became tired of that and returned to Detroit and opened his tavern again.

## ***MEMORIES FROM THE COVE RENDEZVOUS***



Sorry, Maureen... we'll make sure we get more than just your forehead in the next group shot!



Rosie Skitch fit right in with the gang!!



Bill Ponder leads the singing around the bonfire..."Ninety nine bottles of beer on the wall....."



Can you guess who is behind the "Extreme Sunscreen"?