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2009 Upcoming Events

May 22nd-24th GLSBC Poker Run
 June 12th-14th The Cove Rendezvous
 July 10th-12th Holiday Harbour Rendezvous
 July 18th Family Day
 Aug. 22nd Steak Roast
 Sept. 19th Southside Party
 Sept. 26th/27th Jet Express to Put-In-Bay
 Oct. 3rd & 4th Haul-out
 Dec. 12th Annual Meeting



COMMODORE'S CORNER

BY: MARY ALDERMAN

HELLO MY FRIENDS, FINALLY, THE BOATS ARE IN THE WATER AND THE WEATHER IS CONTINUALLY IMPROVING. LAUNCH WEEKEND WENT VERY WELL WITH ONLY A FEW SCRAPES AND BRUISES.

BILL AND I ATTENDED SEAWAY BOAT CLUB'S BALL HONORING COMMODORE GREG LOWE AND LADY DEBBY AND WYANDOTTE YACHT CLUB'S BALL HONORING COMMODORE JOHN DALESSANDRO AND LADY DAWN. BOTH BALLS WERE HELD THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 24TH AT THE HOLIDAY INN, SOUTHGATE. MOST OF THE GUESTS STAYED OVERNIGHT AND MADE A WEEKEND GETAWAY OUT OF IT. BOTH CLUBS REALLY KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY. IT WAS A GREAT WEEKEND.

A COUPLE WEEKENDS LATER WE ATTENDED DETROIT BEACH'S BALL HONORING COMMODORE DAVE ARNOLD. DINNER WAS GREAT AND WE MET A LOT OF NEW FRIENDS FROM THE OHIO BOATING COMMUNITY.

BACK TO OUR CLUB... LAST WEEKEND WAS BOAT INSPECTIONS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET. ON SATURDAY, CHARLIE GREEN AGAIN DID A GREAT JOB SETTING UP THE BOAT INSPECTIONS AND MIKE AND JUDY GARF PUT OUT AN AWESOME PANCAKE BREAKFAST. ON SUNDAY, FLEET CAPTAIN VINNIE SUTHERLAND, MAUREEN MCGEARY AND P/C DONNA FICKEISEN AND GENTLEMAN RICHARD PUT ON A VERY NICE CEREMONY AND A BEAUTIFUL LUNCH FOLLOWING. OUR OWN MISS NATALIE LOVASZ PLAYED TAPS DURING THE RAISING OF THE FLAG. THANK YOU TO ALL FOR ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND AT THE CLUB.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR SPEEDY RECOVERIES, FRANK CHRISTIAN AND BRIAN BONNER.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, HAPPY CRUISING AND REMEMBER TO ALWAYS PLAY AND WORK SAFE.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to the summer! At least the start of it! (I hope!). I would like to THANK EVERYONE who brought a dish for launch. All of the ladies that brought a dessert or munchie did a fabulous job!!! Patty and I would also like to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the wonderful ladies of the club who came down to help out at both the launch luncheons. You all are fantastic and we are forever grateful. I'd also like to send out special thanks to everyone who made a dish for the lunches each day. I want to say, your thoughtfulness and generosity did not go unnoticed! It's a wonderful inspiration to all of us as club members to see such great effort and teamwork. This is one of the reasons we are such a great club!

I'd like to commend Mike Garf on a fabulous Pancake Breakfast. Another fine example of teamwork, Mike assembled a team that cranked out the best breakfast in town! We had standing room only at one point and there wasn't a hungry person left in the house! Thanks again Mike for putting this on, I really think the members appreciated having a nice hot breakfast on inspection day!

Family Day is fast approaching and we hope to see as many of you as possible at our **first Family Day meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00pm**. We need your ideas for a theme and we are looking for volunteers for all sorts of things so come on down and join us!

Finally, we are thinking about having a "Nachos Night". What I'm thinking here is, we have an over abundance of nacho chips in our freezer and I'd like to have a Nacho night where you bring down the fixin's and cover a plate of nachos with your favorite items and then everyone gets to taste test everyone else's. I'll keep you posted on the date and time for that event.

Now that summer is here I want to wish each and everyone one of you a **SAFE BOATING**

SEASON with warm winds and calm seas! Till next time see you at the club!
Tom Kovach, Entertainment

Docks



May is here and the boats are in the water thanks to everyone's help including Mother Nature for supplying the great weather for "Launch Weekend". Thanks again to the Launch Crew in addition to those who did their part to paint-up, fix-up, clean-up or cook-up something during the weekend, great job everyone!

In preparation for launch this year, 34 uprights were replaced and 10 gallons of paint applied. Now it is up to each individual well holder to maintain their well and surrounding area. May I suggest discussing the maintenance with your boating neighbors in an attempt to come up with a plan to share the work? This way, the flowers may get watered more often and it takes about the same amount of time to spray the weeds for two or three wells as it is for one! Thanks to the Electrical Crew who corrected some of the electrical issues that were identified during launch weekend. Please **DO NOT DO ANY ELECTRICAL MODIFICATIONS TO ANYTHING AT THE CLUB YOURSELF**. Notify Joe Byrd, Mike Ward, Scott Dougherty or anyone on the Board if you notice a problem or if you need the present electrical connections at your well modified.

As you plan on taking a boating vacation or an overnight trip on your boat this year and your well will be empty, please let myself or the gas dock attendant know so we may accommodate the guests who visit GLSBC via boat. Remember that we have reciprocating agreements with other AYC and ILYA clubs and from time to time we have travelers who get gas and spend the night at our club. This notification will not be necessary for those members that sign-up to participate in a rendezvous, I will get a list from our Fleet Captain. You can e-mail me (rkasza@ameritech.net), call me (734.676.2492 – Home, 734.466.1572 – Office), or even leave a note

in the mail box located in the office door or the one on the front of the club house. Again, include the date that you expect to leave and the date that you expect to return.

ATTENTION WELL HOLDERS #1 THRU #26
DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF PARKING FOR THE CLUBHOUSE, MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE CLUB, WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS IN WELLS #1 TO #26 TO PLEASE PARK IN THE GRAVEL PARKING LOT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PILOT HOUSE WHEN GOING AWAY OVERNIGHT. ALL EFFORTS TO HELP RELIEVE SOME OF THE PARKING CONGESTION IN THIS AREA DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

IMPORTANT!!

There are some jack stands that have been left at the club since launch weekend. Everyone is expected to remove their jack stands from the club property for storage during the summer. Great Lakes Steel Boat Club is **NOT** responsible for any jack stands left on the property during the summer season.

Also there are several BBQ grilles, tables, chairs, etc. that have been left on the south side since launch. If you do not move them to your dock by next week, they will be treated as unclaimed property and removed accordingly.

I hope to see you at the club!
Rick Kasza, VC & Dock's



FLEET REPORT

Due to the Red Wings schedule there will be no Fleet Captain report 'till after they win the Stanley Cup!!! (What? oh, ok if I have to.)

Hello everybody! It's been an exciting month so far. As this report goes to print, we had our Blessing of the Fleet that was held on Sunday the 17th and what a great turnout! And we were blessed with great

weather (which usually doesn't happen for me). Now a great big special thank you goes out to Richard and PC Donna Fickeisen for the terrific job of taking care of all the outdoor festivities, and a big thanks to all that helped with set-up and bringing side dishes, clean-up, ironing etc. etc. etc.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now what's coming up??? Poker Run May 22nd thru 24th. This event is open to all members and associate members. The sign up sheet is in the clubhouse (but not for long). If you come to the clubhouse and the sign-up sheet is not there CALL ME! (As of right now there are 5 extra spots open, since by the time you read this the cards will already be dropped off at the locations.) This is a great event, you can go by car or by boat. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a 2009 Poker Run burgee (estimated value, Priceless) and bragging rights for the whole year. Friday the 22nd the destination list and rules will be handed out in the clubhouse about 5pm. (Don't worry if we have left, I will leave extra copies for late comers.) Then on Sunday cards must be back to the club by 5pm. After we open the cards a gourmet dinner will be served by highly qualified chefs (Black tie optional). Any questions for any fleet events please call me. 734-635-4411. Also the sign-up sheet for the Cove Marina rendezvous is there. As of this printing I have 10 boats going, if any more would like to go you need to get in touch with me ASAP! Till next month,
faithfully yours,
Fleet Capt., Vinnie



NEW MEMBER MEETING

A new member meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at the GLSBC clubhouse at 6:00 P.M. The meeting is for all new active and associate members to meet your Commodore and Board of Directors. Please try to attend.

BOATING CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Anyone wishing to attend Boating Classes for adults and children please call John Armatis at 734-285-2238. The classes will be held at our club and the date is yet to be determined. It will be late May or early June if there is enough interest.



OPENING Of The ISLAND June 5th, 6th and 7th

Schedule of events are: fish fry Friday night at Wyandotte Yacht Club 6-9 PM, Saturday is the ceremony at Ford Yacht Club 1 PM, Saturday night is dinner at Elba Mar Boat Club 5-9 PM, Sunday is brunch at West River Yacht and Cruising Club 10 AM-2 PM and Sunday afternoon is the afterglow at Seaway Boat Club 2:30 PM-??.

Anyone wishing to attend by boat at Ford Yacht Club for the weekend please call John Armatis at 734-285-2238. Also if you wish to volunteer your boat to be used as a Dignitary Boat let me know.



JET EXPRESS

OPENING OF THE ISLAND (OOTI) TRIP

Due to the high demand for tickets on the Jet Express to Put-In-Bay September 26th and 27th, ticket sales will be handled differently this year. Members of the hosting clubs (GLSBC is one) must personally buy their own tickets. Ford Yacht Club will host the first sale on July 16th between 7-9pm and Sunseekers Boat Club the final sale on August 6th. Tickets for the overnight trip will be available to hosting club members first, and the day trip tickets will be open to everyone. There will be more details in future newsletters. If you have any questions call John Armatis at 734-285-2238.

**** UPDATE ON JET TRIP TICKETS****

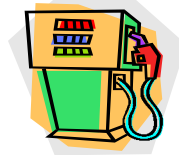
Any member (must be on GLSBC member roster) who wishes to purchase Jet Express tickets but will be unable to make the first sale at FYC may purchase through John Armatis. John will need a check made out to OOTI for \$55 each member. This is FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. If you have any questions contact John at 734-285-2238 by July 15th.



The lock to the bath house has been changed. You can now open the bath house with the club house key. If you do not have a club house key, please see Ralph Pennybacker. You must turn in your old key to obtain a new one.



Even though the boats have been launched, there is still much to do to keep our club the most beautiful club on the river. PLEASE consider donating some time to ground work....it can't be done by just one person...we all need to pitch in. You can contact Ralph Pennybacker to coordinate a day and time.....734-752-9977. We would greatly appreciate your help.



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.



SICK BAY

A lot of activity going on in Sick Bay this month!!

Jean Dougherty is at home recovering from surgery.

Charlie Green had surgery on his shoulder but has been spotted at the club so it looks like he is on the mend.

Una Bonner was hospitalized while in Florida but she is home now.

Unfortunately Brian has taken her place in the hospital!

Gene Majtika was at the club for launch weekend - nice to see him out and about after back surgery.

Lonnie Blandon is out of the hospital and now in a physical rehab center.

Wishing you all a speedy recovery and good health for our 2009 boating season!!

On another note, Rick Martin received great news on the results of his chemo treatment while in Florida for his checkup and he will be back to Michigan next week.



BARBEQUE GRILLES

As the weather gets warmer the BBQ-ing begins. If anyone is interested in purchasing an electric grill, Rick Martin will be happy to order them for us. There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. He has to order in quantities of 10 at a time.



BOAT CLUB JACKETS

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ORDERING A BOAT CLUB JACKET, PLEASE LET ROB PONDER KNOW. DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING ORDER IS MAY 31ST.



June Birthdays:

- 2 Richard Fickeisen
- 4 Bernard Owens
- 4 Gene Majtyka
- 10 Mary Alderman
- 12 Nancy Sharkey
- 15 Larry Suban
- 17 Tom Lyon
- 18 Gary DeVoe
- 18 Greg Kowalski
- 25 Pat Fisher
- 27 Luann Lyon
- 28 Dave McTaggart
- 29 Mildred Brown



Belated wishes

Belated anniversary wishes go out to Jennifer and Gary Convery who celebrated their anniversary on May 5th.

Also, in the last newsletter which listed May birthdays, the following were accidentally omitted:

- Jack Spanitz, May 17th
- Gary Convery, May 28th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June Anniversaries:

- 11 John & Shirley Flaggs
- 14 Sam & Leila Berry
- 20 Randy & Sharon Currens
- 26 Nancy & Luke Sharkey
- 26 Elbert & Latrece Gleeton
- 24 Pete & Ashlee Spanitz



Our condolences go out to Chuck Labadie for the recent passing of his brother, and also to Tim Thompson for the passing of his brother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.