



# Great Lakes Steel Boat Club Channel Marker

April 2010

## 2010 Board of Directors & Flag Officers

**COMMODORE** Mary Alderman  
[mmalderman319@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmalderman319@sbcglobal.net)  
 H # 734-283-0661 C # 313-399-4963

**VICE COMMODORE** Rick Kasza  
[rkasza@ameritech.net](mailto:rkasza@ameritech.net)  
 H # 734-676-2492 W # 734-466-1572

**REAR COMMODORE** Rob Ponder  
[onecutponder@comcast.net](mailto:onecutponder@comcast.net)  
 H # 734-672-7116 C # 313-980-1128

**TREASURER** Dave Gutowski P/C  
[dguts@wyan.com](mailto:dguts@wyan.com)  
 H # 734-281-3153 C # 734-552-2816

**SECRETARY** Ray Stewart  
 H # 734-282-2199

**DIRECTOR** Tom Kovach  
[pipefitter@ameritech.net](mailto:pipefitter@ameritech.net)  
 H # 734-284-7471 C # 313-670-1582

**DIRECTOR** Rich Fater  
[rfater@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rfater@sbcglobal.net)  
 H # 734-284-9665 C # 313-930-1908

**DIRECTOR** Greg Tackett  
[greg@nimmi.com](mailto:greg@nimmi.com)  
 H # 313-274-0741 C # 313-790-8218

**DIRECTOR** John Armatis P/C  
[jaarmatis@yahoo.com](mailto:jaarmatis@yahoo.com)  
 H # 734-285-2238 W # 734-284-6700

**FLEET CAPTAIN** Rick Kasza  
[rkasza@ameritech.net](mailto:rkasza@ameritech.net)  
 H # 734-676-2492 W # 734-466-1572

**EDITOR & PUBLISHER** Nancy Peter  
[npeter54@comcast.net](mailto:npeter54@comcast.net)  
 H # 313-928-9301 C # 313-408-4546

**G.L.S.B.C. Clubhouse # 313-297-3282**  
 Deadline for articles is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.  
 Web Site: [www.glsbc.com](http://www.glsbc.com)  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 29073, Ecorse, MI 48229

## 2010 GLSBC Committee Chair and Delegates

**GROUNDS**----Ralph Pennybacker P/C  
**GROUNDS ASSISTANT**----Rich Curylo  
**DOCKS**----Tom Kovach  
**QUARTER MASTER**----Rich Fater  
**ENTERTAINMENT**----Robbie Ponder  
**EDUCATION & SAFETY**----Greg Tackett  
**HISTORIAN**---- John Armatis P/C  
**ILYA DELEGATE**----John Armatis P/C  
**AYC DELEGATE**----Jack Berry P/C  
**BY-LAWS**----Jack Berry P/C

July 24 – 25 Barge Bay Rendezvous  
 Aug. 6 – 8 Holiday Harbour Rendezvous  
 Aug. 28 Commodore's Reception & Steak Roast  
 Sept. 9 – 12 Bob-lo Rendezvous  
 Oct. 2 & 3 Haul out Weekend  
 Dec. 3 – 5 Train trip to Chicago  
 Dec. 11 Annual Meeting



## COMMODORE'S CORNER

BY: MARY ALDERMAN

HELLO MY FELLOW BOAT CLUB MEMBERS,

HAPPY SPRING! LAUNCH WEEKEND IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER SO LETS ALL REMEMBER TO WORK AND WAX SAFELY.

THE BUS TRIP THAT TOM AND PATTY KOVACH PUT ON LAST MONTH WAS TOO MUCH FUN. WE HAD FOUR STOPS ALONG OUR ROUTE AND ALL FOUR CLUBS TREATED US LIKE WE WERE ROYALTY. CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE JOHNSON AND STEPHANIE FATER ON THEIR 50/50 RAFFLE WINS ON THE BUS AND AT OTTAWA RIVER YACHT CLUB. THANK YOU TO TOM AND PATTY FOR ANOTHER GREAT BUS TRIP AND THANK YOU TO STONE PIZZA FOR PROVIDING OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> MEAL OF THE DAY. AS USUAL THE DINNER WAS DELICIOUS.

BILL AND I WILL BE ATTENDING TWO COMMODORE'S BALLS THIS WEEKEND AND I WILL BE REPORTING ON THEM NEXT MONTH.

JUST A REMINDER, ATTENDANCE AT THE CLUB FOR LAUNCH WEEKEND IS MANDATORY SO PLEASE BE ON TIME AND PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE WORK SAFE.

## 2010 Upcoming Events

May 1 – 2 Launch Weekend  
 May 15 Pancake Breakfast  
 May 16 Blessing of the Fleet  
 May 28 – 29 Poker Run  
 June 11 – 13 Opening of the Island  
 June 18 – 20 Harbor Hill Rendezvous  
 July 7 – 9 St. Claire Rendezvous  
 July 9 – 11 Algonac Rendezvous  
 July 17 Family Day

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Happy Launch Everyone,  
I would like to thank all the members for coming down for our first Family Day meeting on March 12, 2010. Your time, ideas, and dedication to our club are needed for hosting such wonderful events. The next scheduled meeting for Family Day is **Friday, April 30, 2010 @ 6:00 pm**. Please plan to attend and bring some ideas. The following is a list of committee chairs that will need help throughout the day. In addition, we still need committee chairs for some of the events listed. Please see sign-up sheets in the clubhouse or E-mail or call me @ [onecutponder@comcast.net](mailto:onecutponder@comcast.net) or 313 980 1127. Keep your eyes open for decorations, games, foods and any other Michigan items that you can think of.

### FAMILY DAY JULY 17, 2010

#### Committee Chairs

1. **Sharon Skitch** - Admissions--9:00-7:00
2. **Dave Wilks** - Parking All Day
3. Trash throughout the day at all stations
4. **Rob Ponder** - Set up/Clean up
5. Decorations Set up/Clean up
6. Fishing Derby 9:30am-11:00am
7. **Jean Dougherty** - Bouncy House  
11:30am-4:00pm
8. **Tom & Patty-- Bob & Shirley** - LUNCH  
11:30 UNTIL 4:30
9. **Sharon Fater** - Kids Games Noon-1:30pm
10. Face Painting Noon-2:00pm
11. **Greg & Debbie Lowe** - Kid's Crafts Noon-  
2:00pm
12. **Amber & Stephanie Fater** - Hula hoops  
contest

13. **Rick Kasza & Dave McTaggart-**  
Horseshoes 1:00pm
14. **Greg Tackett** - Volleyball 1:00pm
15. **Ralph Pennybacker** - Wagon Ride 2:00pm
16. **Dale & Cindy Neff** - Cake Walk 3:00pm
17. **Ken Hurley** - Water balloon toss 4:30pm
18. **Julie Tackett** - RAFFLES/Cooler of  
cheer/gas dock raffle
19. **Rich & Stephanie Fater** - Pizza 7:00pm
20. **Commodore** - Beer
21. **Rob Ponder** - Band- 7:00pm-11:30pm

May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> is launch and we need volunteers on Saturday & Sunday in the kitchen to cook & serve and in the clubhouse to do some spring-cleaning. We will be hard at work by 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help. When you get to the club, all members need to stop in the clubhouse first and sign the attendance sheet and grab a coffee and light breakfast to get your day started.

On May 15, 2010 from 9:00am to Noon, Mike Garf will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. He will need some help in the kitchen and people to serve as well. The flyer will be out when all the details are in place, this also coincides with our Coast Guard Boat inspections, so come on down for a great breakfast that day!

The month of May will be a busy one at GLSBC with Launch, the Pancake Breakfast, and do not forget our Blessing and Poker Run. Please support these events and have a great time too!  
See you at Launch!  
Rob Ponder, Entertainment



## Docks

It's that's time of year again and launch is less that two weeks away! The weather for us to get our boats ready has been just gorgeous! Let's hope this is a prelude to a great summer! I have a few points below that I need to remind everyone of for launch:

- All painting on docks must be completed two days prior to launch with **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Launch is mandatory work days at the club for **all** well holders. Please arrive prior to 8:00am on Saturday morning.
- There will be sign up sheets in the clubhouse; please sign the sheets on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- Work assignments will be posted at the club prior to Saturday morning. Please make sure you are assigned a job.
- Everyone **PLEASE** be aware of the equipment and crane traveling with boats- for your own wellbeing!
- **NO** golf carts during launch please.
- Children are not allowed at the club during launch for their own SAFETY!
- And one final reminder for the entire boating season: **ALL WELL HOLDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR AREA IN FRONT OF THEIR WELLS AND THEIR PARKING AREAS-PLEASE KEEP THESE AREAS FREE OF WEEDS AND HELP KEEP YOUR CLUB BEAUTIFUL!**

Any questions feel free to contact me. See you at launch!!!

Tom Kovach, Docks  
313-670-1582



## FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Wow, what a busy time of the year!

While down at the club getting your boat ready or during the "Launch Weekend", take a minute to look through the "Fleet Captain" binder on the counter. It contains most all of this year's rendezvous information including sign-up sheets. Two exceptions include the "Barge-Bay" rendezvous in July and I have not yet been able to contact the Bob-Lo Island Marina to confirm the fall rendezvous. Information for these will be added soon.

The first "Fleet Captain" event is the "Blessing of the Fleet" on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish.

The first rendezvous of the year is the "Two-Day Poker Run" on Friday & Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the last day to sign-up is Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline to sign-up for the Harbor Hill and/or the Algonac Harbor Club rendezvous is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Chicago rendezvous is full and I can not get any additional rooms. I will need to collect a full payment by August 1<sup>st</sup> from those that are attending.

Let me know if there are any questions.

Rick & Michelle Kasza  
VC & FC GLSBC



### GENERAL MEETING

There will be a meeting for all **ACTIVE** members of GLSBC held on Wednesday, June 9th at 6:00 PM at the clubhouse. All active members are strongly encouraged to attend.

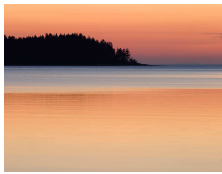
 **IOBG DISTRICT 25**   
**2010 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS**  
**JUNE 25, 26 AND 27**

The IOBG District 25 Summer Rendezvous honoring President Russ Skitch will be held at Great Lakes Steel Boat Club June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. All GLSBC members are welcome and encouraged to participate. **THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY FUNCTION!**

Docks will be closed on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM, and will re-open on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you have plans to be away on your boat that weekend, please contact Ralph Pennybacker or Larry Peter.

All contributions and help for the weekend would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dave Gutowski if you are able to donate some time.

A schedule of events and registration form is attached. The form **must** be submitted if you would like to attend. This is a great weekend that you will definitely enjoy so we hope to see you there!



### Opening of the Island June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Schedule of events are:

- **Friday, June 11 - Fish fry at Wyandotte Yacht Club, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**
- **Saturday, June 12 – Ceremony at Ford Yacht Club, 1:00 PM. Dinner at Elba Mar Boat Club, 5:00 – 9:00 PM**
- **Sunday, June 13 – Brunch at Grosse Ile Yacht Club, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Afterglow at Seaway Boat Club starting at 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, contact John as well.



The GLSBC Board of Directors would like to extend their sincere thanks to Don Delozier who continues to maintain the GLSBC website. The site provides information on club events, newsletter archives, and even some history about the club. Thank you Don, for the great job!!

Visit the site at [www.glsbc.com](http://www.glsbc.com)



Just when I thought I had things under control...!!!

Unfortunately I experienced a computer problem which corrupted my ONLY file of all the GLSBC birthdays and anniversaries that we publish for active members. If you notice that I missed yours for this month, my apologies. I had to use my information from last year so dates I have collected over the last several months are now gone.

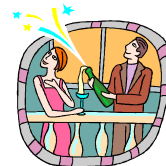
I need to rebuild my file of these dates for the active members so if you would be so kind as to send me your information, I would greatly appreciate it. You can call me at 313-928-9301 or email me at [npeter54@comcast.net](mailto:npeter54@comcast.net). Also I will be at the club on launch weekend so I can get your dates at that time as well. Thanks very much!

Nancy Peter, Editor



**May Birthdays:**

- 4 Sabrina Ponder
- 5 Ralph Pennybacker
- 5 Leona Bell
- 7 Gary Oswalt
- 14 Randy Currens
- 16 Bob Webb
- 17 Jack Spanitz
- 18 Jimmy Hawk
- 18 Greg Tackett
- 26 Geraldine Phillip
- 27 Billy Ponder
- 28 George Meyers
- 28 Gary Convery
- 31 Rose Marie Michel



**May Anniversaries:**

- 1 Larry & Kathy Suban
- 5 Gary & Jennifer Convery
- 18 Rick & Michelle Kasza
- 28 Larry & Bernadette Miller



*Our condolences go out to Jack and Tami Berry for the passing of Jack's sister, Ann. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



### ***MI CASA ES SU CASA***

“My house is your house” seems to be the theme for Larry Peter this year. After uncovering his boat he found he had provided a warm and comfortable home for a raccoon this winter. The raccoon even enjoyed some tasty wiring on the boat, compliments of the “Peter Bed and Breakfast”. Word got out about the great accommodations so some mice decided to build a nest under his dock. They also enjoyed the delicious wiring which caused a power problem for a few wells!

Such an animal lover that Larry is....kind of warms your heart, doesn't it????



**Late breaking news!!** Sounds like Kevin McNiven also opened his own bed and breakfast for the raccoons...