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2010 Upcoming Events

June 18 – 20 Harbor Hill Rendezvous
 July 7 – 9 St. Claire Rendezvous
 July 9 – 11 Algonac Rendezvous
 July 17 Family Day
 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 Boat Club Members,

Things are busy around the club these days. The Blue Gavel Rendezvous is just a week away and we are trying to get our beautiful club standing tall for the event. There is still plenty of work to be done around the grounds and in the clubhouse so if you have some time you can donate to the club please let me know.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLUE GAVEL IS? Some of our new members may not. Blue Gavel is an international organization made up of Past Commodores throughout the world. They raise money and donate it back to charity. Great Lakes Steel Boat Club is a small chapter inside of District 25.

The Great Lakes Chapter has fundraisers throughout the year, one that you all may know about is the raffling off of the big ticket items that are in the clubhouse all summer and then raffled off in September at the Southside Party. This year the raffle item is a snow blower and a lawnmower. You may remember the Gown Resale that Cherie Armatis had at the club a while back. The proceeds from that sale went to the Great Lakes Blue Gavel Fund. The money that the Great Lakes Chapter raises doesn't sit around and collect dust. A good portion of it is given to charity. Some, but not all of the charities that the Great Lakes chapter has donated to are: The Penrickton Center for the Blind Children. To date Great Lakes Chapter has donated over \$10,000 to the center, IOBG Humanitarian Fund, Children's Diabetes Foundation of Michigan, Pediatric Cancer Fund-Children's Hospital, YMCA, Goodfellow's, Kidney

Foundation, United Foundation and just this year to our own club. Chapter President, Dave Gutowski donated the 20 x 40 tent on the tennis courts to the club.

The rendezvous that is at our club next weekend, June 25, 26 & 27 is a Blue Gavel function honoring the District 25 President, GLSBC active member, Russell Skitch.

In short, the Blue Gavel is a much appreciated and very generous organization that deserves our support. I know it's past the reservation date but if you can and would like to come out and support this Blue Gavel event I think we could accommodate you. Please contact Dave Gutowski to make your reservations.

To wrap things up I'd like to thank the membership that came to the General Information Meeting on June 9th. I have confidence that our new Maintenance Program will be a success with all of your help. For the few members that were not able to attend we missed you and just to let you know your active status could be in jeopardy. If you're interested to know why or what you can do please feel free to contact me.

Until next month... play safe.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Hello GLSBC,

I hope all of you are enjoying your boat and the wonderful company of our members around the club. I wanted to remind everyone that Family Day is quickly approaching and we need your participation and attendance to make this family event successful. Below is a schedule of events and committee chairs list. Everyone on the list needs help with his or her job. There are sign-up sheets in the clubhouse. We also are going to

need booze donations for the COOLER OF CHEER, cakes for the cakewalk and any cool Michigan items you have to lend to the club for the day to use as decorations. The cooler of cheer is located in the clubhouse; please place your donation in the cooler. All well holders should be thinking of how they can show their Michigan pride and decorate their dock or boat with anything Michigan. Think of different sports teams, colleges or universities, the GREAT LAKES, favorite vacation spot or Michigan product, etc....Here are a few websites to look at that have everything to do with Michigan:

<http://www.buymichiganproducts.com/Public/Companies.php?letter=A>
<http://www.facebook.com/1/7fbdb:BuyMichFirst.com>

FAMILY DAY JULY 17, 2010

Committee Chairs & Schedule of Events

1. **Sabrina Ponder** - Boat Decorating Contest- Winner announced @ 7:00 pm
2. **Sharon Skitch** - Admissions--9:00-7:00
3. **Dave Wilks** - Parking All Day
4. **Joseph Bacile** - Trash throughout the day at all stations
5. **Rob Ponder** - Set up/Clean up
6. **Julie Tackett** - Decorations Set up/Clean up
7. **Dan & Kim Goodfellow** - Fishing Derby 9:30am-11:00am
8. **Jean Dougherty** - Bouncy House 11:30am-4:00pm
9. **Tom & Patty-- Bob & Shirley** - LUNCH 11:30 UNTIL 4:30
10. **Sharon Fater** - Kids Games Noon-1:30pm
11. **Stephanie Fater** - Face Painting Noon-2:00pm
12. **Greg & Debbie Lowe** - Kid's Crafts Noon-2:00pm
13. **Amber & Stephanie Fater** - Hula hoops contest
14. **Dave McTaggart** - Horseshoes 1:00pm
15. **Greg Tackett** - Volleyball Immediately following the cake walk
16. **Ralph Penneybacker** - Wagon Ride 2:00pm
17. **Dale & Cindy Neff** - Cake Walk 3:00pm
18. **Ken Hurley** - Water balloon toss 4:30pm

- 19. **Julie Tackett** - RAFFLES/Cooler of cheer/gas dock raffle all day
- 20. **Rich & Stephanie Fater** - Pizza 7:00pm
- 21. **Commodore** - Beer
- 22. **The Archives** - Band 7:00pm-11:30pm



FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

Summer greetings from your VC & FC!



Docks

Welcome to Boating Season! I hope you all are enjoying your boats and the “mostly” nice weather we are having.

Not much to report this month but I do have a couple reminders.

The club marina will be closed, June 25, 26 and will re-open on Sunday, June 27 at Noon

We are hosting the International Order of the Blue Gavel District #25 President’s Rendezvous honoring this year’s President, Russell Skitch. We encourage all of you to attend but if you cannot and would like to use your boat on either Friday and/or Saturday please make arrangements to take it somewhere else because we will be rafting several boats off and you will not be able to leave once the rafting starts.

I know I may sound like a broken record but also, please remember to keep your dock area free of weeds and any other garbage. We want to keep the club looking as beautiful as always. I appreciate your efforts to assist.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call or catch me down at the club. Have a great month on the water!

Tom Kovach
313-670-1582

The “Blessing of the Fleet” was a wonderful event with Fr. Jerry blessing 40 boats. Hopefully everyone had a nice time. Thanks to everyone who helped and who brought a dish to share.

Right after the blessing was the GLSBC “Two Day” poker run with Ralph taking first place, Dan Tulik taking second and Rob Ponder again took a third place. We made a visit to four other clubs including Wyandotte, Seaway, Sunseekers and Elba Mar. This year, the last envelope was given out at GLSBC on Saturday evening. *Was that some good lasagna, spaghetti & garlic bread or what??* A special thanks to John & Cherie for some last minute assistance in the kitchen, neither me or Michelle has ever cooked that much spaghetti at one time. Again, it looked like everyone had a great time and the left-overs came in handy after a beautiful day of boating on Sunday where we had at least 16 boats tied together in Barge Bay.

Next on the FC agenda is the Harbor Hill rendezvous with 16 boats signed up. This article is being written prior to this weekend so I am still looking forward to dinner at Sinbads on Friday. I was forced to make a change from BBQ chicken to chicken cordon bleu for Saturday’s dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. There is a rumor about some stiff competition for the martini contest. The results will be published next month.

Quickly approaching is the back-to-back rendezvous starting with a “Mid Week” event at St Clair on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 7th, 8th & 9th. Right now there are 10 boats signed up but there is room for more. I am planning eye openers for Thursday & Friday morning including a light breakfast. There will

be an optional group dinner at the Voyageur on Wednesday evening, an optional lunch at the La Croix Riverside pub on Thursday followed by a special social hour from 3:10 until 4:10pm. Please bring a finger-food dish to share for a Thursday evening dinner or use the provided BBQ's to grill your own favorite dinner.



Immediately following is the second of the back-to-back rendezvous with a stop at the Algonac Harbor Club on the way home. This is scheduled for Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 9th, 10th & 11th. Although I did fill the 15 wells that I had reserved, I was able to add some additional so please let me know ASAP if you are interested. Again, I am planning to provide eye openers on Saturday & Sunday mornings, a special social hour from 3:10 until 4:10 on Saturday and a pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening.

I will provide some additional details on the Holiday Harbour Rendezvous scheduled for August 6th, 7th & 8th in the next Channel Marker. I can report that there are 6 wells 13' to 14' wide that can handle up to a 39' boat and one well for a 50' boat available. There are also a number of wells for boats up to 31' available. The sign-up sheet is still in the binder.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Rick & Michelle Kasza
VC & FC GLSBC

Ticket Sales for OOTI Jet Express Trip September 25th, 26th, 2010

Tickets for the Put-in-Bay Jet Express Trip from Ford Yacht Club will be going on sale for one night at Ford Yacht Club August 5, 2010 between 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Tickets for both overnight and day trip will be first come first served. For the overnight trip you will need to bring credit card information with you the day of ticket sales and you will need to fill out a hotel form that night.

Overnight trip leaves Ford Yacht Club at 8:45 am on Saturday and leaves Put-in-Bay at 5:30 pm on Sunday, arriving at Ford Yacht Club around 7:00 pm. Day trip leaves Ford Yacht Club at 12:15 pm on Saturday and leaves Put-in-Bay at 9:30 pm on Saturday, arriving at Ford Yacht Club around 11:00 pm Saturday night. There will be pizza for everyone on the day trip when you get back to Ford Yacht Club.

Ticket prices are \$55.00 per ticket/non-refundable for day trip or overnight trip. Hotel for overnight trip staying at the Islander Inn is \$129.00 plus tax. We accept cash or check for ticket sales only.

**TICKETS AND ROOMS BOOKED AFTER
SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 WILL BE CHARGED
\$10.00 MORE PER TICKET AND \$10.00
MORE PER HOTEL ROOM.**

If there are a number of our members who wish to go but are unable to go to FYC on the 5th of August, John Armatis will get all your checks and credit card info ahead of time and take care of your tickets and rooms for you. Call John or Cherie Armatis at 734-285-2238.



**AUGUST 28, 2010
COMMODORES RECEPTION**



**AUCTION
&**



STEAK COOKOUT



WE WILL BE HONORING OUR COMMODORE MARY ALDERMAN AND GENTLEMEN BILL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY, MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

GLSBC WILL BE HAVING AN AUCTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMODORES RECEPTION AND WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATED ITEMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOMETHING NEW OR GENTLY USED, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMODORE OR AUCTIONEER P/C RALPH PENNEYBACKER OR LEAVE ITEMS IN THE CLUBHOUSE WITH A NOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS PARTICIPATION.

LATER THAT DAY, FOLLOWING THE AUCTION, WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL STEAK/CHICKEN COOKOUT WITH ENTERTAINMENT. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. UNTIL NEXT MONTH, HAPPY BOATING. ROB PONDER, ENTERTAINMENT



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 Daryl Scott who passed away recently. Daryl was a long time member at GLSBC.



Sick Bay

Ok folks, way too many names for Sick Bay this month!! Let's just say that all the names listed below are in various stages of recovery from surgeries and we wish them all the best!! Get well and get down to the club!!

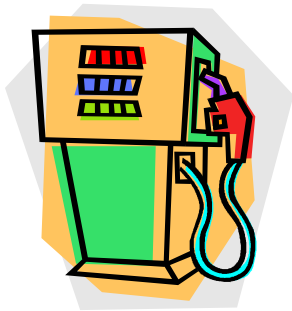
- Sharon Skitch
- Earl Stepaniak "Steps"
- Mark Foster
- Rose Marie Michel
- Dave Gutowski



SUMMER 2010



Not bad for the first GLSBC gathering at Barge Bay!!



G.L.S.B.C. GAS DOCK IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Hours are:

**Friday thru Sunday
10:00 A.M – 8:00 P.M.**

**Monday
Noon – 8:00 P.M.**