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**BY-LAWS**----Jack Berry P/C

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 BOAT CLUB FRIENDS,

FINALLY, THE BOATS ARE IN THE WATER AND THE SUN IS TRYING TO COME OUT. WE MADE IT THROUGH LAUNCH WEEKEND WITH ZERO INCIDENTS AND THAT IS A WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT. GREAT JOB.

MAY HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY MONTH FOR ALL OF US SO FAR. MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> WAS THE DETROIT BEACH BOAT CLUB'S COMMODORES BALL HONORING STEVE HYDER AND LADY SALENA. IT WAS A VERY NICE EVENING AND FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW IT STEVE IS A HOOT. GREAT EVENING.

WE HAD PANCAKE BREAKFAST LAST SATURDAY. MIKE AND JUDY GARF PUT ON AN AWESOME MEAL. THE PANCAKES WERE PRETTY DARNED GOOD. WE HAD ABOUT 90 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THAT ATTENDED. THANK YOU MIKE AND JUDY FOR ANOTHER GREAT MORNING AT THE CLUB.

WHILE WE WERE ALL HAVING BREAKFAST, P/C CHARLIE GREEN AND HIS CREW WERE DOING BOAT INSPECTIONS. EVERY YEAR CHARLIE AND HIS CREW ARE DOWN AT THE CLUB INSPECTING OUR BOATS TRYING TO KEEP US ALL PREPARED FOR ANOTHER SAFE BOATING SEASON. THANK YOU P/C CHARLIE GREEN AND YOUR CREW FOR TAKING THE TIME TO KEEP US ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

## 2010 Upcoming Events

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*  
 July 24 – 25 *Barge Bay Rendezvous*  
 Aug. 6 – 8 *Holiday Harbour Rendezvous*  
 Aug. 28 *Commodore's Reception & Steak Roast*

THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS OUR 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET. FATHER JERRY CUPPLE OF LINCOLN PARK DID THE BLESSING FOR US AND THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY A VERY NICE LUNCH. ALL OF THIS WAS PUT ON FOR US BY OUR F/C, V/C RICK KASZA AND LADY MICHELLE. THANK YOU BOTH FOR SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

NEXT ON OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS POKER RUN, WHICH IS THE WEEKEND OF MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP PLEASE DO AND HOPEFULLY I WILL SEE YOU THERE.

THE NEXT EVENT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CLUB IS THE 2010 GENERAL MEETING FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS. THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00. HAVING THIS GENERAL MEETING IS SOMETHING NEW THAT THE BOARD FEELS IS NECESSARY TO GET ANY AND ALL NEW INFORMATION OUT TO OUR MEMBERS. WE WILL BE EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE PLANS FOR THE NEW WORK REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR THE MEMBERSHIP. A NOTICE WAS SENT OUT TO OUR ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH THEIR SUMMER DOCKAGE INVOICES THAT HAD TO BE SIGNED BY THE WELL HOLDER AND RETURNED WITH PAYMENT LETTING US KNOW THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT A CHANGE WAS COMING. THIS MEETING WILL EXPLAIN IN DETAIL WHAT THOSE CHANGES ARE. WE WILL GO OVER ALL UPDATED RULES AND REQUIREMENTS AND WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR WHAT'S ON THE MINDS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR. THE MEETING WILL BE PACKED WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION. AND IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HAPPY 2010 BOATING SEASON!

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



I would like to thank everyone who helped in either the clubhouse and/or the kitchen during launch. From cooking, to cleaning, to serving...**Thank you, we could not do it without the help from the members.** Everything was great and we fed 120 people on Saturday and 75 people on Sunday.

*We welcome anyone who would like to help or donate a dish for any event!*

We held our second FAMILY DAY meeting Friday, April 30, 2010. We had over 20 members attend. We are still looking for more members to help with one of the biggest events of the year. We need decorations, decorations, and more decorations and we need a committee chair to head up the decorations committee. If you are available on **Wednesday, May 26, 2010 @ 6:30**, please try to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> FAMILY DAY MEETING. We are working on the details and welcome any ideas. If you cannot attend, please see the various signup sheets in the clubhouse from cake donations for the cakewalk to set up and clean up. Until next month, happy boating.

Rob Ponder, Entertainment

### FAMILY DAY JULY 17, 2010

#### Committee Chairs

1. Sharon Skitch--Admissions--9:00-7:00
2. Dave Wilks--Parking All Day
3. Joseph Bacile--Trash throughout the day at all stations
4. Rob Ponder--Set up/Clean up
5. Decorations--Set up/Clean up
6. Dan & Kim Goodfellow--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. Stephanie Fater-- Face Painting Noon-2:00pm
11. Greg & Debbie Lowe-- Kid's Crafts Noon-2:00pm
12. Amber & Stephanie Fater--Hula hoops contest
13. Dave McTaggart-- Horseshoes 1:00pm
14. Greg Tackett--Volleyball 1:00pm
15. Ralph Penneybacker--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. The Archives Band--7:00pm-11:30pm



### Docks

My hats off to our fabulous Launch Crew this year with another successful launch! We put in 68 boats in a little under 11 hours on Saturday May 1st. These guys all worked very hard and I want to say thanks again for a job well done!!!

#### A FEW REMINDERS:

**Our marina will be closed, June 25, 26 and re-opening on Sunday, June 27 at Noon** because 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 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.

If you or any of your guests would like to come visit GLSBC by boat please make sure you call me first to make dockage arrangements. I will be happy to make sure you get a place to put your boat. Also if you are a dock holder please make sure you notify me if you are leaving your well for a weekend or for several days.

Please remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to take care of your dock area, keeping it free of weeds and please do not accumulate items that would make your area look junky. Also keep in mind that all pets **must** be taken to the dog run to do their business and should be cleaned up immediately there after. It is NOT allowed on the grass near or around your boat. Our goal it to keep our club looking as beautiful as possible.....

As always if you have any questions or need any dockage assistance please feel free to contact me on my cell phone. Here's to a great summer!!! Calm seas and warm winds!!!

Tom Kovach  
313-670-1582



### FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

It is always a nice feeling knowing that the boats are in the water and that the Launch Weekend went very well. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful event.

Have you signed up for the GLSBC "Two Day Poker Run" that will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ? You have until Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for the flyer and sign-up sheet in the "Fleet Captain Binder" located on the bar in the club house. The rules and list of participating boat clubs will be available on Friday at 5:30pm also in the club house. The opening of the envelopes will be on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm followed by a dinner.

June is quickly approaching and our first boating rendezvous is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Harbor Hill in Detroit. The sign-up deadline is

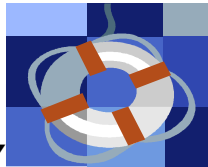
June 1<sup>st</sup> and again, the flyer and sign-up sheet is in the "Fleet Captain Binder".

I need to let everyone know that the deadline to sign up for the July Rendezvous at the Alognac Harbor Club is also June 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 15 wells reserved.

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

See you at the club!

Rick & Muchelle Kasza  
VC & FC GLSBC



## EDUCATION & SAFETY

On Saturday, May 15th we had boat inspections coinciding with the Pancake Breakfast. What a beautiful day and great breakfast!! Thank you Mike Garf and his crew!! Another HUGE THANKS goes out to Charlie Green, Joe & Mary Mastripolito, Richard Wells and Deena Anderson. They inspected about 30 boats to insure their safety. Please note the water level is low and this may affect your usual stepping of getting on and off the boat. Let's take extra efforts to be careful and have a wonderful, safe boating season!  
Greg Tackett, Education & Safety



## GENERAL MEETING FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

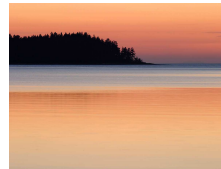
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 PM

CLUBHOUSE

The board is requesting the presence of all active members (well holders) for a general meeting. We will be explaining the new work program that the club has implemented and going over all new rules and some old ones that have been forgotten. It is in the best interest of the club and its membership for all active members to attend.

If you have any questions please contact Dock Chairman, Tom Kovach @ 313-670-1582



## 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.



**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!

***DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY  
FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND!!***



**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



**June Anniversaries:**

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





*Our condolences go out to the family of Henry Keiser, who was the GLSBC Commodore in 1974 – 1975.*

Henry C. Keiser, 92, of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Lincoln Park, MI died on May 4, 2010 at Hope Hospice, Fort Myers. He was born on February 14, 1918 in Dover, OH a child of Henry P. and Edith (Herzig) Keiser.

Mr. Keiser retired in 1980 as the superintendent of the electrical department for Great Lakes Steel, a company that he started working at when he was 18 years old. A resident of Ft. Myers since 1984 he was a member both in Michigan and Florida of the Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Power Squadron. The husband of the late Jane S. (Fiddler) Keiser, he is survived by his children, Henry L. (Pauline) Keiser of Kalamazoo, MI, Natalie J. Sherwood of Wilmington, NC and Paulette C. (James) Sabo of Boydton, VA, 8 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 1 great great-grandson and his brother, David (Mary) Keiser of Fort Myers, FL.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 9:00 AM in St Vincent de Paul Church, 13031 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33905. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the above named church.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.horizonfunerals.com](http://www.horizonfunerals.com).

## 2010 Launch



“Oh no, my boat won’t start!!” Hey Ken Hurley, you don’t have a boat.....



Another fabulous launch by our crane driver!! Great job, Fritz!



“Honestly, Commodore, I clocked out for break....”