



# Great Lakes Steel Boat Club

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## Channel Marker

August

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A Message from your Commodore,  
By Rick Kasza

It is always sad when we lose a club member and this month, this is especially true. Please keep the Spanitz family in your thoughts and prayers as they attempt to put their lives back on track. RIP Paul, we will all miss you!

Some good news about Richard Fickeisen: He is finally seeing some improvement and I had a chance to visit him at the Wyandotte Hospital Rehab Center but there is still a long road to recovery so keep your positive thoughts and prayers going for Richard. By the time that you are reading this, he should either be on his way home or already at home.

This year's "Family Day" was wonderful, great job Julie, Greg & team; thanks for all of your hard work. You know that everyone is having fun when it starts to rain and no one cares, they just continue doing what they were doing and not running for cover.

I can report first hand that GLSBC was well represented at this year at the 118<sup>th</sup> annual ILYA Regatta held at Put-In-Bay. For those of you that are not aware, this event is a lot of fun in addition to a terrific value for the entire family. Next year I hope that we can plan, build and race another cardboard boat or two.

Hat's off to Patty Kovach & team for scheduling the Progressive Party that was held at GLSBC this month, great job. The creativity and talent of our members always amazes me when it comes to a new dish or cocktail to share. Thanks to DJ Ron who provided the music that kept everyone dancing.

This past weekend's rendezvous at Bob-Lo, was just wonderful. We used the pool, toured the island by bicycle and of course, a dinner at Duffy's on Friday. As a bonus, there was a classic car show on the island and a great lightening display, both on Saturday. Dan and Mary did another great job, thanks again to the both of you for all of your hard work.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming "Steak Roast"; this is definitely one of my favorite events each year.

Let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or issues.



A Message from your Entertainment Director

Hello everyone,

Well, another family day has come and gone. We had 232 adults and 95 kids attend and I believe all had a good time. With the questionable weather at the beginning of the day and the road construction on Great Lakes Ave, I believe the turnout was fantastic.

I would like to personally thank everyone that helped plan and execute each and every function on family day. A lot of people donated a significant amount of their time and in many cases their own money to help make this family day a success. Unfortunately 2 of our department heads could not attend due to a medical emergency (get better Richard) but others stepped up and made it happen for us. Some of the helpers did jobs that were less visible than others but each and every job was just as important. So, Thank You Everyone!!

If anyone has any comments (pro or con) regarding family day this year, please send an e-mail to myself or Julie. Maybe we can make it even better next year.

The next function we are coordinating is our annual Steak Cookout on August 27<sup>th</sup>, make sure to RSVP Julie either by signing up in the clubhouse or e-mailing her [jat11296@comcast.net](mailto:jat11296@comcast.net) (by Aug 21<sup>st</sup>) so we can get a count for the steaks and chicken. The cost is \$15.00 and that includes the beer and soft drinks. Also, be sure to bring your dancing shoes as the D-Tour Band will be performing and the dance floor is usually quite active when they play.

In closing, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the Spanitz family. Julie and I will keep you guys in our thoughts and prayers.

-Greg Tackett



IT IS THE FINAL BURGER NIGHT OF THE SEASON!!

**Thursday September 8, 2011 at 6:00pm**

We will have pop and ice - Coolers welcome BYOB

Cheeseburgers and fries \$5.00

Chicken sandwiches and fries \$6.00

COME ON DOWN! BOATS WELCOME!!

For dockage info: call Tom Kovach 313-670-1582 or

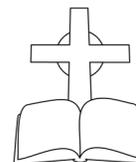
Rob Ponder, GLSBC Dockmaster at 313-980-1128

Fundraiser for V/C Tom Kovach's 2013 Ball...

Thank you to everyone for coming to these! We appreciate your support!!!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pearce family (Randy & Brenda). Brenda's brother passed away on July 19, 2011.



Ruby Bingen, mother of Nancy Peter, passed away on August 20, 2011. Please keep Larry and Nancy Peter in your thoughts and prayers.



A Message from your Fleet Captain

We just got back from our Bob-lo weekend it was attended by nine boats it was a very relaxing weekend as well as entertaining we started Friday with our commodore making his famous lemon drinks for cocktail hour then we went over to Duffys for dinner Saturday was spent exploring the island, swimming in the pool or wondering through the old car show that was on the island for dinner we had some of the best steaks I have had from Solitz's in a long time then we watched nature but on a great lite show in the sky before we went to bed. Our next outing will be back to Holiday Harbor for Labor Day weekend this will be the last major outing this summer so if you can make it please sign up in the club house we still have a few open wells. I tried to keep everything close this year with the gas prices but if anyone has any ideas for next year I am open for suggestions.

F/C Dan Tulik



Docks

Please take the time to care for your dock area, keeping it free of weeds, clutter, and tripping hazards and enjoy the last few weeks of the boating season. Please feel free to contact me @ 734 672 7116 or @ 313 980 1127 or @ [onecutponder@comcast.net](mailto:onecutponder@comcast.net) for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,  
Rob Ponder



Special Congratulations to Associate members Dr. Kevin and Laura Donathan on the birth of their second child; son **Alexander James Donathan**. Born July 8th 2011. Brother to Karina (22months) and Proud Grandparents P/C Dr. John and Cherie Armatis



Don't Delay! Get Your Tickets Today!

Advance tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction will be sold up until Haulout. After haulout we will sell them at the door October 8th when the doors open at 4:00pm. Dinner will start at 4:30 til 6:30 with the first auction table closing at 6:45. You may start bidding when doors open and continue through the night until the last table closes. This is a wonderful time and the spaghetti dinner which will be made by our own board of directors is always tasty. If you are unable to make the spaghetti dinner you do not need a ticket but please come down for the silent auction. We have some great items to auction off. We are still hoping for more items so if you plan on donating please bring down by haul-out or contact me and I will pick them up. Let's make this another wonderful GLSBC event.

Thanks so much for your help! Cherie Armatis  
734-674-3744 Cell

# GLSBC SILENT AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER



**Saturday, October 8, 2011**  
**Doors Open at 4:00pm at**  
**Great Lakes Steel Boat Club**  
**Admission \$7.00**

\$3.00 under 12

**Includes food & soft drinks**  
**BYOB**

**And come have an evening of fun!**

**Bidding starts at 4:30pm**

**Gift Baskets**

**Gift Certificates**

**Jewelry**

**Pictures**

**Nautical items and much more!**

**All proceeds go to the 2013 Commodore's Ball**

**For V/C Tom Kovach**

**Please call Tami Berry 734-675-4261 or**

**Cherie Armatis 734-285-2238**

**For donations or questions**

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### 2011 GLSBC Committee Chair & Primary Delegates

Grounds - P/C Ralph Pennybacker  
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 Assistant Grounds - Gary Convery  
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 By-Laws - P/C Jack Berry  
 Education & Safety - Chuck Kato  
 Historian - P/C Dr John Armatis  
 Membership - Ray Stewart  
 New Member - P/C Mary Alderman

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## September Anniversaries

Jack & Tami Berry	4
Darel & Karen Shafer	12
Dave & Sue Schafran	15
Bob & Cecilia Webb	18
Jack & Maggie Spanitz	18
Rich & Stephanie Fater	27

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 27	Steak Roast
Friday, September 2-5	GLSBC/SBC Holiday Harbor
Thursday, Sept. 8-11	Shores of Lake Erie (Boblo)
Saturday, September 24	Jet Express to PIB (FYC)
Saturday, October 1-2	HAUL-OUT WEEKEND
Saturday, October 8	Silent Auction
Friday, December 2-4	Chicago (Train Trip)
Saturday, December 10	Membership Meeting

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## September Birthdays

Linda Armatis	3
Mike Donahue	6
Tom Kovach	11
John Fater	11
Charles Green	12
Jack Berry	13
Brian Bonner	13
Kim Foster	16
Elbert Gleeton	17
Rick Kasza	17
Mary Lou Labadie	20
Leila Berry	22
Sue Myal	24
Cherie Armatis	26
Dave Schafran	30



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