



# Great Lakes Steel Boat Club

## Channel Marker

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November

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A Message from your Commodore,  
By Rick Kasza

Another successful haul-out is behind us, thanks to everyone for working safely over the weekend considering the questionable weather. There are already a few improvements planned for next fall.

It sounds like everyone again had a wonderful time that went on the annual Opening of the Island/Jet Express trip to PIB, we were not able to go this year because of a wedding. However we were able to attend the SPBC's Commodore's Cocktail Reception and then the GLSBC Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner; Tom, Patty & crew did a wonderful job.

The board is planning on going over the "Club Maintenance Participation Program" at this month's board meeting. In my estimation, there shouldn't be anyone to discuss this late in the year. If you are unsure of any part of this program or what is expected of you as a club member, please ask.

Everyone who is going to Chicago should have received a Trip Summary, please let me know if you have not.

Believe it or not, that is all that I have for this month; and remember, the more you do to the boat in the fall, the easier it is to get it ready in the Spring ☺.

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



### Entertainment News

The boats are out of the water, everyone worked hard, everyone got fed, nobody got hurt, I call that a successful haul-out weekend. Good job everybody.

I just want to thank everyone that helped Julie and I all season long. The way we all come together when we put on an event at the club just amazes me. Without everyone helping out it would not be possible for the success this club has had event after event. Again, good job everyone.

The next event scheduled at the club is the general meeting so I guess I'll see everyone there. I hope everybody has a safe and happy remainder of the year and I'll see you all soon.

Greg Tackett



**BERRY BEARY GOOD**  
P/C Jack Berry

### AYC Ball Tickets are here!

The tickets for the AYC Commodores Ball and weekend are here. It will be at the Ramada, Toledo Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Prices are the same as last year. Member tickets \$25 which covers both Friday and Saturday. Guest tickets are \$30 for Friday and \$30 for Saturday. If more dinner tickets become available they are \$45.

If you want tickets call me at 734-675-4261 or email me at [jberry3840@comcast.net](mailto:jberry3840@comcast.net).

To get a room you **must mail** a registration form to the hotel. There are forms in our clubhouse. You can also download the form from the AYC website: [www.associatedyachtclubs.com](http://www.associatedyachtclubs.com)

### Looking for a good time?

There is a White Elephant Auction at Seaway Boat Club on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. It is a good place to watch the NFL, have a drink, and enjoy friends. Another good time with great deals is a silent auction at Monroe Boat Club Friday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. It is a fund raiser for 2012 I-LYA Commodore Mike Morton from Wyandotte Yacht Club. There are several members from our club planning to attend both functions.

Again, any questions give me a call.

### **From the dinghy of a Past Commodore & AYC Rep**



A Message from your Fleet Captain

With all the boats tucked away for the winter it gives Mary and I a little time to relax for the next few months. We will be working on next summers outings and will try to have it completed by the general membership meeting in December so you can plan your vacations.

Again we would like to thank every one who participated this summer as well as all the fantastic support and help we received from the membership during the year.

Dan & Mary



The club is very quiet as we prepare for winter. A few reminders for the cold weather, do not tie straps to your jack stands, come down to the club periodically to check on your boat and the club. If you see anything that needs attention, please contact any board member. Please contact me for any questions, comments, or concerns @ 734 672 7116 or @ 313 980 1128 or @ [onecutponder@comcast.net](mailto:onecutponder@comcast.net)

Thank you,  
Rob Ponder

A Message from your Vice Commodore,  
By Tom Kovach

My wife Patty and I would like thank everyone for the tremendous turnout for the Silent Auction! We appreciate everyone, whether you came to bid, worked in the kitchen, on the auction or just came and helped when you could, we want you all to know how grateful we are for every little thing that was done to make this one of the biggest auctions we've ever had! The auction was such a success we can't begin to express the gratitude that we feel for each and every one of you! Our hats off to the best members and friends anyone could ask for!!! THANK YOU!!!

### **A Deal on a Boat!**

Those end-of-summer boat deals can be very enticing. If you are going to take the plunge, keep boat insurance in mind.

You know the old line about boat ownership: A boat owner's two happiest memories are the day he got the boat and the day he sold the boat. With the right planning, your in-between days can be great, too!

Boat insurance policies are typically valued one of two ways: at actual cash value or at an agreed value. The latter is more expensive; however, if your boat is damaged, your insurer will pay up to the agreed amount without any deduction for depreciation. This benefit may also apply to items on the boat, such as a navigational system.

Some boat policies will separate the cost of salvage from what you will receive for the damaged boat. This is preferable to policies that deduct salvage costs from the overall recovery. If the policy separates salvage from damage losses, the boat owner could receive up to the policy limit to repair or replace the damaged boat plus the costs to salvage.

Most boat policies will also exclude damage caused by "failure to winterize by manufacturer standards." I had BoatUS add a clause to our policy to include damage caused by winter. I believe the costs may vary per boat. The additional cost for us, annually, was \$55.00 to cover both I/O's. A lot cheaper than a new engine!

Did you know that GLSBC holds a BoatU.S. Cooperating Groups Agreement? This means half-price BoatU.S. Memberships for everyone in the club!

BoatUS - Boat Owners Association of The United States - is the oldest and largest association of boaters, for boaters. For over four decades BoatUS has focused exclusively on providing the highest quality boating services, significant savings and a strong voice fighting to protect boaters from unfair taxes and burdensome regulations that take the fun out of boating.

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There is strength in our numbers, and our hands-on approach ensures that with any of our services - you always get more than what you pay for! Contact BoatU.S. @ [Membership@BoatUS.com](mailto:Membership@BoatUS.com) or (800) 395-2628.

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**Deadline for articles is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.**

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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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Entertainment - Greg Tackett  
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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 2-4 Chicago (Train Trip)  
Saturday, December 10 Membership Meeting

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### October Birthdays (Belated)

Bob Myal	18
Danny Murphy	19
Rich Fater	23
Ray Stewart	23
Al Schomer	23
Sue Shafran	25
Donna Fickeisen	27
Mary Tulik	29
Kevin Stone	31

### November Birthdays

Jennifer Convery	3
Nancy Peter	4
Gary Bowling	4
Patty Kovach	11
James Brown	14
David Wilks	15
Tim Thompson	18
Velvie Byrd	20
Tom Leboeuf	23
Dan Tulik	26
Maria Kowalski	27
Brenda Pearce	27
Randy Pearce	27
Lois Freeburn	29

### November Anniversaries

Greg & Julie Tackett	2
Joe & Velvie Byrd	5
Ron & Janice Lovasz	18
Ralph & Barb Pennybacker	21
Chuck & Linda Throm	28



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