



Great Lakes Steel Boat Club Channel Marker

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A Message from your Commodore,
By Rick Kasza

I will admit to having trouble putting something in writing and have tried several times. I can say that I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to have made friends with P/C Dave Gutowski and he will truly be missed. RIP David. Our thought and prayers go out to the Gutowski family.

I would like to report that the first “First Thursday” of 2012 was pretty well attended with 12 people attending. Nice to spend a few hours solving the world’s problems and swapping lies. 😊 Since last month, Michelle and I had the opportunity to visit the “Mid-America Boat Show” in Cleveland. It is advertised as the “Largest Indoor Boat Show in America” and it was much larger than the past few Detroit Boat Shows (This year: February 11th thru the 19th). It was nice to be on and around boats for the day with the wonderful smell of new fiberglass in the air. Looking ahead, the next couple of months have a smorgasbord of activities planned. There are a few AYC, ILYA and of course some GLSBC activities all on the horizon. As always, check the AYC book located on the counter in the Club House and the AYC web site: (<http://www.associatedyachtclubs.com/>).

Everyone knows about the Annual Superbowl Event that is held at GLSBC but over the last few years the attendance has been dwindling. I believe that it is the best bang for the buck period. Yes, I know that it is late on a Sunday and yes, I am one that gets up early on Monday but it is what it is. Unfortunately, this year may be the last one if there isn’t more of an interest, come on down!

Lastly, Chicago 2012 is scheduled, it will be a little different than 2011. This year it will be a three night trip leaving on Friday, November 30th at 7:11am and returning on Monday at 12:16 in the afternoon via Amtrak. We will have a group dinner at Gino’s East on Friday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and of course, we will be staying at the same Embassy Suites Hotel. More information will be provided at a later date.

Until next month; stay warm and think Spring, it really isn’t that far away!



Entertainment News

Next Sunday is the Super Bowl party (Feb 5, 2012). The doors open at 4:00 PM. It's where your friends will be, so don't be late! This year's grand prize is a 32" Flat Screen TV so come on out and support the club.

The AYC celebration and Ball will be held this year in Toledo on February 17 & 18. If you have not been, it's a great time.

Everyone think spring! Launch is right around the corner: May 5 & 6. Goodbye for now and I'll see you around the club.

Greg Tackett

Entertainment



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A Message from your Fleet Captain

I have been watching the weather and it seems like you guys are having a pretty mild winter up there. There is only one month of hard winter left then it's on to March and thoughts of a new boating season! Let's hope the summer is as nice as the winter has been so far. Mary and I have set the dates for next year but if anyone has any ideas for something new let us know. We are planning a Christmas cruise at the end of the season where we decorate our boats in Christmas decorations and go to another club for a holiday dinner. Those without a boat can come down and we'll get you on one of our boats for the day. In closing anyone interested in going to Algonac then last weekend in June please let me know.

F/C Dan Tulik



Maureen McGeary's (Vinnie) sister has passed away from cancer. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Bridge collapses in Kentucky after being rammed by hulking freighter carrying space rocket parts.



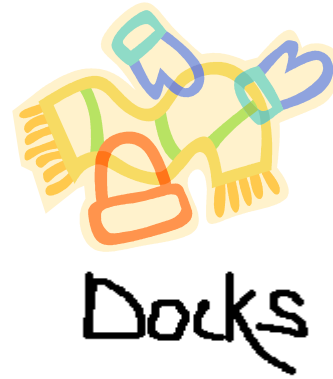
Incredible images emerged of a hulking freighter wearing mangled pieces of a steel bridge on its bow after a collision in southwestern Kentucky Thursday night.

In the pictures, the 312-foot Delta Mariner idles, still partially in the bridge's path, and clearly looks much too large to fit beneath the aging Eggner Ferry Bridge, which crosses the Kentucky Lake Reservoir.

The cargo vessel was carrying space rocket parts for the United Launch Alliance, intended for a vehicle that was scheduled to be shot into orbit from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.



Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2092796/Bridge-collapses-Kentucky-rammed-hulking-freighter-carrying-space-launch-equipment.html#ixzz1klkMFyP>



Happy New Year GLSBC! My wife and I are off to a great year. We are proud to announce the birth of our daughter

Jacquelyn Esmae Ponder.



She was born on December 31, 2011 @ 2:07pm weighing 7lbs 4oz. She had a two week stay at Mott's Children's Hospital but is finally home and doing great. We look forward to showing her off around the club soon.

In the meantime, please take the time to come down to the club and check on the clubhouse, grounds, your boat and jack stands.

Please contact me for questions, comments, and concerns. Rob Ponder

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28	GLSBC Bowling Fundraiser
February 5	Super Bowl XLVI
February 16-17	AYC Weekend
May 5 & 6	Launch
May 19	Pancake Breakfast
May 19	USCG Inspections
May 20	Blessing of the Fleet
May 25 – 27	GLSBC Poker Run
June 8 - 9	Opening of the Island
June 14	GLSBC Burger Night
June 16 – 17	Holiday Harbor
June 28 – July 1	Algonac Rendezvous
July 12	GLSBC Burger Night
July 14	GLSBC Golf Outing
July 20 - 23	ILYA Powerboat Regatta
July 28	GLSBC Family Day
Aug 4	GLSBC Progressive Party
Aug 9	GLSBC Burger Night
Aug 10 - 12	Bob-Lo Rendezvous
Aug 18	GLSBC Commodores Cocktail Reception
Aug 25	GLSBC Steak Roast
Aug 31 – Sep 3	Holiday Harbor
Sep13	GLSBC Burger Night
Oct 6 & 7	Haul Out Weekend
Nov 30 - 12/2	GLSBC Chicago
Dec 8	General Membership Meeting

February Birthdays

Gert Green	4
Tony Henderson	6
John Flagg	9
Darel Shafer	10
Mike Garf	13
Stephanie Fater	14
Rob Ponder	16
Joe Byrd	18
Scott Bell	22
Janice Lovasz	25
Shirley Flagg	26

February Anniversaries

Mike & Judy Baird	18
Tom & Patty Kovach	19



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