



Great Lakes Steel Boat Club Channel Marker

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A Message from your Commodore,
By Rick Kasza

Since last month, Michelle and I had the opportunity to represent GLSBC at the first of the 2012 Commodores Ball honoring EMBC Commodore Fred Keier and Lady Judy. We also attended the 2011 SSBC Ball honoring Commodore Derrik Ball & Lady Tara, both were very nice. Our second "First Thursday" of 2012 was again very well attended; I am looking forward to March.

Thank you to everyone for making the annual GLSBC Bowling event a huge success this year. The participation from the bowlers and the non-bowlers was wonderful. Special thanks to Greg & Julie for donating the Pistons Tickets and to all three of the evening ticket sellers: Julie, Tom Kovach & Ron Lovasz.

What a great SuperBowl party this year, it was very well attended and the food was not only endless but incredible.

I have made a slight change to this year's Chicago Trip; our RT transportation we will be provided by Lakefront Bus Lines not Amtrak. There will be two spacious and comfortable luxury coaches leaving GLSBC at 8am on Friday, November 30th that will deliver us directly to the Embassy Suites Hotel avoiding Union Station. We will be able to check-out and directly board the bus at the hotel and depart Chicago at 12 noon on Monday for the return trip back to GLSBC. Each climate controlled, restroom equipped bus has reclining seats, Stereo's, and 3 DVD/VCR flat panel monitors. Personal coolers with your choice of refreshments and snacks are welcome. Included in the price is a group dinner of salad and deep dish Chicago Pizza on Friday Evening. The cost of \$575 per couple is only \$25 more than last year with the extra night! It is open to the previous Chicago travelers and GLSBC members first and then I will open any open spots to everyone else on April 1st. Please contact me for your reservation; I have room for 50 couples this year. Also, I will be selling raffle tickets this year for a free trip for two, the drawing will be held sometime during Family Day on Saturday, August 28th.

Until next month; stay warm and think Spring; Launch really isn't that far away!

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



Spring is almost here, so if you haven't been down to the club to check your jack stands or your dock area, you should come on down. I will be checking all of the up rights and your dock area for repairs and or paint. Any questions or comments please let me know @ onecutponder@comcast.net (313) 980-1128 or (734) 672-7116.

See you soon. Rob Ponder



My Family and I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for the beautiful flowers and plants, the wonderful cards and the delicious food that were sent to us during our time of sorrow. We are truly grateful for all of your love and support. We would especially like to thank the Blue Gavel members for the special ceremony honoring Dave for his years of service to G.L.S.B.C boat club.

Thank You Again,
Geri Gutowski and Family



Entertainment News

We want to thank everyone that came out and had fun at the superbowl party. We had 96 attendees this year and a good time was had by all. The grand prize was a nice TV and I hear it works just fine in Tom Kovach's bedroom. Congratulations Tom!

As usual I want to thank everyone that gave us a hand. But I have to say, it sure would be nice to see some new faces helping the club out on events. I see the same faces all the time so come

on down and get involved, that's what makes us different than other clubs.

I hope everyone I saw at the AYC party made it home safely. I know Julie and I got home and stayed in bed all day Sunday. But we'll do it again next year.

Well it's only a couple of months away from launch. Woo Hoo!! Everybody better cash in their pennies, I think we're going to need them to pay for gas this year. It doesn't look promising at the pumps, we'll just have to stay close to home or hang out at the club. Personally, I can't think of a better place to be anyway.

Good bye for now, see you all at launch.

Greg Tackett
Entertainment

A message from Ed Payne:

Below is a release from Boat U.S., as you can see. Thanks to BVYC P/C Joe Gloriso, we have it, and are sharing it, so all can complete the comments as identified in the release.

Please know that this is a MUST for all of us to pursue! The LightSquared company is challenging the federal government in court, because they feel the government has breached the contractual agreement they have. It seems that, now, even with studies showing there is interference, the LightSquared people are suggesting that if the GPS manufacturers limit themselves to the higher part of the band they operate, and the LightSquared group operates on the lower end of the frequency they have worked toward, there will likely be no interference. Of course this is LightSquared's presentation.

Respond to the questionnaire not only with your boat in mind, but your car, and consider your air travel as well. Imagine being in an airplane and the GPS goes out because of interference generated by the LightSquared project. I think this picture by itself is enough to make us all want to respond.



BoatU.S. Government Affairs

February 24, 2012

Dear BoatU.S. Member:

Last summer boaters sent a clear message to the Federal Communications Commission – “Don’t Mess with GPS!” As you may remember, a private company, LightSquared, received preliminary FCC approval to offer a new cellular broadband service. Tests showed this service could significantly interfere with GPS signals

Thanks to over 18,000 boaters who submitted comments, along with many other GPS users, the FCC required additional testing in the fall. (Thank you all for your help!) Last week, these tests revealed that the LightSquared’s network would interfere with GPS and that there are no practical fixes. As a result, the FCC has proposed to withdraw LightSquared’s approval. (<http://capwiz.com/boatus/utr/1/EMKORKOOWN/FSLARKOVJK/7966335991>)

The FCC has a new comment period (open to March 1) asking for the public’s opinion. Even if you wrote last summer, please take a few minutes now and write the FCC asking them to protect the GPS signal by saying “No” to LightSquared’s current proposal. Given this company’s tenacity over the last year, we want to make sure that boaters’ needs are remembered as the FCC makes their final decision.

Important points to make:

- How do you use GPS in your life – on the water, on land, or in the air?
- What would happen to your business/personal life if GPS became unavailable or unreliable?
- Wireless broadband service is important, but it should not come at the expense of GPS.
- All the studies show that LightSquared’s proposed network would cause interference and that there are no remedies.
- Tell FCC that you rely on them to protect the integrity of the GPS signal and that you support their recommendation to stop LightSquared’s current proposal

You can submit comments directly to the FCC through their online comment form. (We regret we can’t streamline this process for you, but it is important enough we’re still asking for your help.) Here’s how:

1. Click on this link for the FCC’s Electronic Comments Filing System (ECFS):
<http://capwiz.com/boatus/utr/1/EMKORKOOWN/ETZLRKOVJL/7966335991>
2. Select “Proceeding Number 11-109.” It should be near the top of the list.
3. In the designated boxes, enter your name and mailing address.
4. In the box that says “Type in or paste your brief comments,” do so. Click “Continue”.
5. A review page will load listing all of the information entered. If correct, click “Confirm.”
6. If you have any trouble, you may contact the FCC ECFS Helpdesk at 202-418-0193 or email at ecfshelp@fcc.gov

Thank you for taking action to protect the integrity of the GPS system.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5 & 6

May 19
May 19
May 20
May 25 – 27
June 8 - 9
June 14
June 16 – 17
June 28 – July 1
July 12
July 14
July 20 - 23
July 28
Aug 4
Aug 9
Aug 10 - 12
Aug 18

Aug 25
Aug 31 – Sep 3
Sep13
Oct 6 & 7
Nov 30 - 12/2
Dec 8

Launch

Pancake Breakfast
USCG Inspections
Blessing of the Fleet
GLSBC Poker Run
Opening of the Island
GLSBC Burger Night
Holiday Harbor
Algonac Rendezvous
GLSBC Burger Night
GLSBC Golf Outing
ILYA Powerboat Regatta
GLSBC Family Day
GLSBC Progressive Party
GLSBC Burger Night
Bob-Lo Rendezvous
GLSBC Commodores
Cocktail Reception
GLSBC Steak Roast
Holiday Harbor
GLSBC Burger Night
Haul Out Weekend
GLSBC Chicago
General Membership
Meeting

March Birthdays

Paul Michael Jr.	7
Don Delozier	10
Dan Goodfellow	11
Patrick Denardo	12
Jean Dougherty	12
Michelle Kasza	15
Ashlee Spanitz	21
Lacreta Curylo	23
Margo Williams	22
Larry Peter	26
Una Bonner	28
Kathy Millen	30
Nancy Devoe	31

March Anniversaries

Robb & Sabrina Ponder	14
George & Dorie Meyers	18
Tom & Kathy Millen	19
Dan & Mary Tulik	19



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