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Great Lakes Steel Boat Club

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From your Commodore,

By Tom Kovach



Season's Greetings GLSBC! This year has flown by and it's hard to believe that I am writing this, my very last article as your Commodore.

With that said, I would like to take a minute to give some thanks. To my Board of Directors, thank you all for your service and commitment to the club! I will be proud to support each and everyone of you in whatever you choose to do moving forward. To F/C Gary Convery and Lady Jen, I cannot say a THANK YOU big enough or loud enough for the last 2 years of boat trips and hard work you both put in. You two outdid yourselves and I think it's safe to say that everyone who attended your trips will agree that these past 2 years (rain or shine!) were a heck of a lot of fun!!! To my Entertainment Chair (and R/C) Joe Bacile and Lady Carol, I want to send out another HUGE THANK YOU! You both worked so hard to bring us entertainment for the past 2 years and what a successful 2 years it was!!! To P/C Rick Kasza and Lady Michelle for chairing not only my ball but also my reception. Both were above and beyond our expectations and both were absolutely beautiful events! Also I'd like to mention our Treasurer, P/C John Armatis and Lady Cherie for always being there to help us with every party or event! You two are some of the hardest workers we have at this club! To P/C Ralph Pennybacker and Lady Barb and also to the grounds crew, I thank you all for keeping the club so beautiful! It is my honor to show off our beautiful grounds to visitors and friends! To Dan and Kim Goodfellow for an exceptional 2 years as our newsletter editors, all I can say is that I want you both to know how much all your efforts and hard work meant to me. The newsletter was incredible! I'd also like to say thank you to all the GLSBC's P/C's who guided and assisted me through the last 2 years especially to our good friends, P/C Jack Berry and Lady Tami. I single them out because we met Jack and Tami way before we even dreamed of joining this beautiful club and they have been with us every step of the way of this journey and for that both Patty and I are truly grateful. I know I can't name everyone here but to all the members and friends who showed up to help out, or even come out to support an event like our burger nights you are all very much appreciated and without you we wouldn't be the great club we are today! I THANK YOU ALL from the bottom of my heart!

I'd like to wish incoming Commodore Greg Tackett and Lady Julie all the best for the next 2 years! I hope you both have as good a time as Patty and I did! We'll be there cheering you on every step of the way!

We had a great November by the way, starting out with one heck of a showing for the Yellow Dogs. GLSBC had great attendance once again. Patty tells me that at the North Kennel Bitch Meeting the GLSBC gals also came in 3rd place for club most attended! Way to go GLSBC!!

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We ended the month with 2014 Commodore's gathering at Sun Parlour Boat Club in Canada for a casual dinner in lieu of a ball for SPBC's Commodore Reg Major and Lady Laurie. SPBC put on a very nice dinner and the 14s rented a limo bus to ride over to Canada and what a ride it was! The 2014 class of Commodores is one of the best groups of people ever! Patty and I are proud to be a part of them!

In closing, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best of New Years. It's been my pleasure to serve as your Commodore!

Tom Kovach

From your Vice Commodore / Dock Chairman,



By Greg Tackett

Hello Everyone,

Unfortunately old man winter has showed his ugly face early this year. At least we haven't gotten a lot of snow yet (like Buffalo NY). I am certainly not looking forward to shoveling snow. Oh well, we do live in Michigan, better get ready.

Anyway, Lady Julie and I were able to attend the Murder Mystery fundraiser down at Detroit Beach Boat Club earlier this month. We had a good time and were able to help raise some money for AYC commodore Steve H.

I sure am looking forward to the Chicago Bus Trip coming up in a couple of weeks. If you are going, I plan on hosting a small GLSBC Member Only cocktail hour one of the evenings we will be there. The day and time will be decided once we get there and figure out what works best for everybody. Be sure and come by and have a drink or two.

The next planned event at the club is the Annual Meeting on Dec 6th. If you haven't been to one of these you should really plan on going. If nothing else, you get to hear all about Ralph's plans for the par 3 golf course. Ha Ha, but really, it is nice to get down to see the clubhouse with the Christmas Decorations up and to hear about what plans everyone has for our next boating season. Also, if you haven't been down to the club to check on your jack stands you need to. Some settling may have occurred and you need to make sure yours are ok.

Next will be our annual bowling fundraiser on January 24th at Belmar Lanes on Fort and Goddard in Lincoln Park. (1:30 – 5:30) then it is back to the club for pizza and drinks. For the cost of only \$15 pp it is a great way to see boat club people and help us out with the ball. There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse or you can call me @ 313-790-8218 and I will sign you and your friends up.

The invitations for the 2015 Commodore's ball will be going out the first week of January. It will be at Arnaldo's Hall in Riverview on Feb 28th and it will be a good time. The D-Tour Band will be playing and Arnaldo's always does a great job on the food. Mark the date on your calendars!!!

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I hope everybody has a safe and happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting.

Greg Tackett

From your Rear Commodore,

By Joe Bacile,



Ahoy!

November is speeding by faster than a bus to Chicago. Which, by the way leaves at 8:30 AM Friday December 12th. Try and be there no later than 7:30 so we can load the bus. We can sleep on the way.

The general meeting is also right the corner Saturday December 6th. The club will supply ham and beverages and the members supply everything else. What a great concept. We should call it something like "POT LUCK". Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Carol and I have spent the last three weeks in New Orleans, Gulf Shores and Birmingham, Alabama. the temps were cooler than normal in the mid 40's to mid 70's. We spent the coolest days doing inside activities.

We were finally able to get into the Navy Air Museum at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. The last time we tried we were turned away because cousin Frank was packing his 38 (pistol). There were lots of neat planes to see from all of the combat eras. One of the most interesting was a Navy plane which was brought up from Lake Michigan near Chicago. This fighter was one of the planes that were used to train pilots to land on aircraft carriers. The aircraft carriers were converted to flat tops from Great Lakes excursion boats, one of which was a paddle wheeler. The pilots had to have 7 successful landings on these boats before going into combat. This particular plane at the museum was from the battle of Midway and was shot up pretty good. These "battle weary" planes were then used to train navy pilots and some crashed into the lake. It took 5 years to restore this plane every inch was restored except for the word Midway on it's side which was left just as it was found when taken from the lake.

I'm glad cousin Frank wasn't able to join us. If he had, we wouldn't have seen any of this because he always packs his 38. You just can't be too safe these days.

See you at the General Meeting,
Rear Commodore Joe

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Important Dates

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Doors open at 5 PM. General Membership Meeting @ 6 PM

GLSBC is Bowling Again!

At Belmar Lanes

Located on Fort Street just North of Goddard in Lincoln Park

Saturday, January 25th, 2014

300pm til 700pm

\$15 Per Person

Includes: 3 Games, Free Ball, Free Shoe Rental & First and Second game "Mystery Jackpot's"

There will be a Mystery Jackpot for the First and Second Games three Lucky Strike Jackpots And 50/50 Drawing's

We again have the entire bowling center, all 16 lanes. Invite your neighbors and relatives. Let's fill the place!

There is a SIGN-UP sheet in the club-house. Reserve your spot early, space is limited!

Remember, you don't have to be a good bowler to participate.

Contact Greg Tackett for questions or to sign-up

After bowling you are invited to continue the fun at GLSBC with Complementary Stone Pizza and refreshments.

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