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Great Lakes Steel Boat Club

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From your Commodore,

By Tom Kovach



Hello GLSBC! I am sad to say most of the boats are now out of the water. Another successful boating season has come to an end. Now it's time to batten down the hatches and get ready for winter. Ugh! That's an ugly word!!!

Haul out went well. Even though we had a learning curve with the new keel stands, I feel that we accomplished a lot and learned as we went along. Thank you to all who worked so hard during haul out your efforts were well appreciated!

Since all the GLSBC guys were busy pulling boats, I'd like to send my heartfelt thanks Lady Michelle Kasza, Lady Cherie Armatis, V/C Lady Arlene LaFehr and my wife Patty, for representing GLSBC at Sun Seekers Commodore's Reception honoring Commodore Al Drew and Lady Carolyn. I heard it was a fun event and sorry I had to miss it!

While I'm thanking people, Patty and I would also like to send out a huge THANK YOU to V/C Greg Tackett and Lady Julie for representing us at WRYCC's Commodore's Ball. We had previously made out of town plans so we were not available to attend and Greg and Julie stepped up to represent! Thanks to you both, it was bitter sweet for us to miss this ball honoring our friends, Commodore Tom Buckley and Lady Carol.

We did have the pleasure of attending V/C Bob Morrison and Lady Bernice's spaghetti dinner fundraiser at EMBC on October 14th. Thanks to Lady Cherie Armatis and R/C Joe Bacile and Lady Carol for attending with us. GLSBC was well represented and the dinner was outstanding! Great spaghetti sauce if I do say so myself!

GLSBC director Kevin Stone hosted GLSBC's first Halloween Party in a long long time. It was costume mandatory and we had a wonderful time! Thanks to all that showed up to support this event. The food was great, the costumes were great and everyone had a great time. I think that sums of the night in one word: GREAT! Much thanks to Kevin and his committee, Kathy Lafrance, Jennifer Convery and P/C Ralph and Lady Barb Penneybacker and we hope you do it again next year!!!

We ended the month by attending a very special Commodore's Ball. The entire AYC Class of 2014 threw a Commodore's Ball honoring Indian Hill Boat Club's Commodore Ron Bellner and Lady Glenda. This ball was a special event because IHBC usually does not throw a ball for their Commodore and the 2014 class gave them this ball as a gift for being such a special couple who throughout the year participated in everything. The

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committee of 2014 Commodore's and their ladies outdid themselves. The evening was beautiful and you could tell Ron and Glenda were overwhelmed by the whole night. We were glad to be a part of such a special evening!

I'd like to add, that upcoming AYC Commodore, Steve Hyder is hosting a Murder Mystery Party at Detroit Beach Boat Club on Friday, November 14. It's \$20 per person but it includes the mystery and dinner. It starts at 6:30 and if you are interested seats are limited so email Steve and reserve your spot at hyders@hyderlawfirm.net. We already have a few of us going so if you are interested email Steve as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful November. Patty and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Commodore Tom Kovach

**From your Vice Commodore / Dock Chairman,
By Greg Tackett**



Hello Everyone,

I hope everybody's boat is all winterized and ready for the upcoming winter weather.

Let's hope that this winter isn't as bad as last year, polar vortex is a phrase that I don't want to hear this year, or any time soon!!!

I would like to give a hats off to the haul out crew this year, once they figured out those new keel stands they sure got things moving. The weather held off for us and Sunday was actually a nice day. Good job everybody.

Lady Julie and I were able to attend the West Rivers ball this past month. Arnaldo's did a wonderful job as always, the food was just great, they had a nice turnout a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, I ate way too much food and needed to get home to bed so Julie and I didn't stay very late. I'll have to pace myself this February at our ball so I can stay till the end. With that in mind, we are having our annual Bowling Fundraiser @ Belmar Lanes on Feb 24th, 2015. We will put a flier out in the clubhouse and an email flier out very soon with the specifics.

The next event at the club will be on Sat December 6th for the Annual Meeting. I hope to see you all there, be sure to get your ballot's in if you are not able to attend. Our club is so blessed that we actually have 6 good members running for the board this year, 3 incumbents and 3 others. This just shows what kind of club (and members) we have. We truly are fortunate!!!

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

Greg Tackett

Vice Commodore / Dock's Chairman

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From your Rear Commodore,

By Joe Bacile,



Hi everyone. The Haul out lunch was very nice. Thanks to the very capable kitchen staff. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to feed us.

Looking forward, Chicago is about 6 weeks away. We are looking forward to this weekend. There are still a few openings left, so if anyone decides to go, last minute, let Patty Kovach or myself know.

The general meeting is also coming up soon, December 6 this year.

Looking forward even farther, would anyone be interested in a casino crawl weekend around the state of Michigan next fall after the boats are tucked away? As an example, we leave the club in the morning and hit Soaring Eagle for lunch then work our way up to Traverse City or Petoskey for the night. The next morning, we head to another lunch stop casino and on and on for the entire weekend. There are 23 casinos in the state so the idea is to visit a casino every couple of hours. They all have meal tickets and comps for gambling that we could take advantage of. Think about it and let me know. These weekend trips start with planning about a year in advance.

See you soon, Rear Commodore Joe

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SEPTEMBER 26 2015

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Any GLSBC member, families, or friends wishing to generously donate new or handcrafted gift items for this fundraiser contact:

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Important Dates

Saturday, December 6, 2014

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

Bring an appetizer!

"You can't find happiness at the bottom of a beer."

Well no kidding... who is happy when their beer runs out?

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President Obama Signs Waterways Bill

On June 11, President Obama signed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) into law. The measure, which has been called "The Highway Bill For Boaters," is the funding mechanism for the nation's waterway infrastructure and makes funds available for the maintenance of vital boating spots nationwide.

"Although the bill focuses on major ports and thoroughfares critical to our nation's shipping economy, this reauthorization is particularly important to recreational boaters as well," said David Kennedy of BoatUS Government Affairs. "The bill signed into law addresses the maintenance and dredging for small harbors and shallow-draft channels, which has been chronically underfunded."

For years many channels and inlets, as well as locks and dams, have not qualified for funding because of the measurement tool used by the Army Corps of Engineers. Historically the Corps has prioritized funding needs by total tonnage going through the areas, rather than considering the other various uses of the nation's waterways. The 2013 WRRDA directs the Army Corps of Engineers to consider factors beyond total tonnage shipped when making dredging funding decisions. It also requires that not less than 10 percent of the value of operation and maintenance funds be given to "Emerging Harbors" or those that have less than 1 million tons of cargo shipped annually, and directs the Army Corps to report to Congress on the maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

U.S. House Transportation and Infra-structure Chairman Bill Shuster and Ranking Member Nick Rayhall sponsored the bill, and Senators Barbara Boxer and David Vitter were also instrumental in getting this measure to the President's desk. (Source: Boat US Magazine October/November 2014)

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