



Sounder December 2009



2009 Bridge Members	
Gary Szczesniak	Commodore
Brian Fox	Vice Commodore
Len Bruley	Rear Commodore
John O'Leary	Fleet Captain
Terry Smith	Assistant Fleet Captain
Kim Fox	Secretary
Corinne Christensen	Treasurer
Shilo Markwood	Sunshine Lady
Jeff Deffen / Carole Martin	ABYA Delegate

Commodore's Report

It is hard to believe Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is less than one month away. It is also hard to believe this is my last Sounder article and my five years on the bridge will come to a close next week Saturday. I am thankful that you provided me with the opportunity to serve the club on the bridge. It has been a lot of fun and a lot of work. I have enjoyed it and I am grateful for all the fun times we have enjoyed and the support you have given me. I have many people to thank for their help especially Jackie and Louise and Gary. I also want to thank the current bridge members; Brian, Len, John, Terry, Kim and Corinne for all of their work and all of the previous bridge members I had the pleasure of serving with.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and we are all looking forward to the Christmas season. The Christmas party is December 12, 2009 at Mac Ray's. Johnny O. will provide all of the festivity details. I hope everyone can be at the party. If you can't, have a great Christmas holiday!

Gary

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Vice Commodore's Report

First of all, I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. My family was up north (again) trying to get the cabin in shape. We did make time to make the usual Thanksgiving dinner though!!

Second, I would like to thank everyone in the club for their continued support throughout the year. Without your participation we would not have the fun outings that we do year round. John and Donna did an awesome job in planning the outings this summer. Len did great at getting the Sounder out, even during the summer months! Kim and Corinne did a fabulous job keeping the records straight. Gary, well I think we all know Gary did a great job keeping the club together!!

Third, as mentioned at the General Meeting last month, we are in need of those bottles of cheer for the Ball. If you feel you do not have time to "go shopping", please let Corinne know, she would be happy to take your donation and pick up something for you. Also, we need to sell, sell, sell those raffle and dinner tickets!! Mike and Linday May are selling both raffle and dinner tickets. They are, again this year, willing to bring those tickets to you!! Please make every effort to support the Ball and get those tickets sold. The Ball is a great time to get together with good friends and make some new memories.

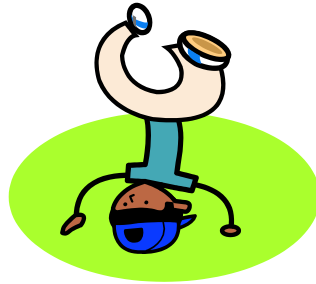
Last but not least, December 12th is our SPYC Christmas party. If you haven't done so already, please make sure you contact John O'Leary with your headcount. If you haven't paid your dues, please make sure you see Corinne at the Christmas party.

Vice Commodore,
Brian Fox

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Rear Commodore's Report



Well pardon me for doing the happy dance, but this is my LAST Sounder. You don't know how good this feels until you've done it and then know you don't have to do it again! Wow, I thought of that before I even thought about the Holidays! Imagine. . . Speaking of which, it's hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. The Christmas Party is coming, then the New Year, then the Ball and then launch day! Whoopie!! The ABYA Commodore's Ball is next weekend – December 5th at the Mirage. Many of our Sand Pointe members are attending. On a more serious note, Lynda ran into Sam Caracusi at a restaurant on Saturday evening. His wife Ilene is back in St. John Hospital and is now in Stage Four of her cancer. Sam says that the best they can do now is keep her comfortable and at best she may have another month or so. He is having a very difficult time with this, and broke down in tears as he spoke about it. Although I realize they are no longer members, no one can deny the tremendous amount of work they both put into this club. They are both Past Commodores and Sam served as our ABYA delegate for 19 years. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. Let's make sure we don't forget to be thankful for what we have as we go through the holiday season. Greetings to all!

Len

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Fleet Captain's Report

Merry Christmas

All I want for Christmas is..... well only 24 shopping days left to figure it out. Wow where did the year go?

Thank you Jim Limbright on stepping up and volunteering to be the Assistant Fleet Captain.

Thank you Kimber for the update reminder. Very helpful!!

Just a reminder that we are having our X-mas party at Mac Ray's this year in the member room. There is a \$10 per person, \$15 for guest charge for the catered dinner. You can bring your own beverages and any of your favorite holiday treats if you so desire. I need to know if you are planning on attending and if you have any guests or kids that will be attending.

The club meeting will be at 4pm. Dinner will be served around 6pm. For anyone that is bringing kids, Santa will make an appearance before dinner. Please make sure you bring a gift with their name on it.

Thank You,
Fleet Captain, Johnny O



Sunshine Report

I don't have anything to report but I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See everyone at the Christmas party.

If you have any kind of news for the sunshine lady (good or bad), Please email me at Markwood.shilo@att.net

Your #1 sunshine lady,
Shilo Markwood

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Update on Ilene Caracusi

I received a call from Ilene Caracusi just before Thanksgiving. She asked me to pass along her thanks and gratitude for all of your cards, thoughts and prayers.

Lynda Marek



Upcoming Events

December 5th
December 12th
February 6th

ABYA Commodore's Ball – Mirage
SPYC Christmas Party – Mac Ray's members room
SPYC Commodore's Ball – Sycamore Hills Golf Club

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

12/5 Ralph & Doris Solecki

12/23 Dewey and Val Pugh

For Sale

1994 40' SeaRay EC Excellent Condition Loaded 600 hrs. \$98,000 obo
(586) 530-5906

1987 34' SeaRay Sundancer Good Condition 800 hrs. price reduced. Inside
heated storage – can be seen all winter. (586) 777-9663

For Sale a very large dock box, white fiberglass, triangle shape. Excellent
condition. Back 54", sides 37", 27" deep. Bob Martin 586 566 1550 or cell
810 335 7711. \$250.00 firm.

2004 Mercury 15 hp motor \$1,500 – call John O'Leary

1995 Searayder jet boat - 60 hours w/trailer \$2,800 – call John O'Leary