



SOUNDER

June/July 2005

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I'm sure a few of you have wondered "where" your Commodore has been ----Well, Reg & I have been busy getting prepared to build a garage up north. So our boating fun has been severely limited. Hopefully, we will soon be back on the water enjoying the day with our fellow boaters. But, unfortunately, things are not going as well as we would like...our boat decided to spring a leak in the trans cooler and the water pump housing broke in pieces while we were installing it back onto the engine. Just Great!!!! How I love boating!

Oh well, the boat can stay in its well. We will just catch a ride with Lisa & Carl (on their boat, Island Fever) today as it is supposed to hit 90 degrees.

As to the Memorial Day Outing, I've heard it was a great time and that the ribs were awesome. Kudos to Jeff on a fine job to start off our boating season.

Take care and see you soon (HOPEFULLY) on the waters....

Nancy

SPYC STATUS CHANGE 2005

The following member and Past SPYC Commodore has **not** resigned:

VINCE SPALLA (and Judy)

His name was mistakenly included in last month's issue. Sorry, Vince. See you at the outings.



NOTES FROM THE VICE

Our first outing of the year was great. Thanks go out to Jeff for a truly delicious meal of ribs, and more ribs for the luncheon the next day! The cook staff really has it together, and it's only the first outing! The weather was great, (a little rain never discourages a boater). The pool was open and warm. (Thanks to Brian for that phone call to Wayne!) Of course there were a few people that did not look well or move quickly in the morning.) Thanks to Marv for the great tradition of the Ice Cream Social. Works nicely for hangovers. Hummm. Seems everyone reached out and shared stories of events from over the winter months. Let's not leave out the new boats. Congratulations to Lynda and Len. Looking forward to Gary and Louise's and Jim and Edie's new purchases. All this after at least a half dozen new arrivals last season.

Our next outing is June 10, 11 and 12 at Bridge Harbor marina in Port Huron. There will be a dinner with a dish to pass. We've arranged for grills and Jeff is planning steaks Great idea, Jeff.

This will be an early meal. Get ready for the Third annual "CAPTAIN MORGAN PARTY", Saturday night! Dig out your pirate attire, some article is essential as you step up to join the fun! You hosts, Captain Bob and his trusty parrot and matey yours truly will be there to greet you for an evening of fun.

There will be a Pat Daley Show at IHYC Friday August 19th. Cost \$50.00 pp. Adults only.

Tickets: Rick 810 794 9514, Jessie 586 615 1763 or Ken 810 794 5341.

August 6th is The Festival of Lights Parade, of course all clubs are asked to participate. Will there be anyone in our club interested?

I was tossing around the idea of having a U. S. Power Squadron rep. visit us at our Metro Beach outing and do Free Vessel Safety Checks. A good idea to ensure safety equipment is present and in functional condition, check for basic mechanical problems, make sure registration and documentation are current and they offer info on a variety of boating safety issues. All free of charge, no penalties or obligations. How about some feedback ??

Safe boating,

Carole

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Your Sounder article wanted here.

Ever wanted to see your name in print? Here's your chance. A great recipe? A great joke? A personal incident? Facts we should know about? Just call the Rear Commodore...that's Captain Tony Fralowicz of the vessel *Best of Times*...and he'll get you published!!!

RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR

Summer has arrived in a big way. High temps and big storms. Remember to use caution when bad weather is predicted. Our Memorial Day outing was a big success, I won't go into details since **Jeff** and **Carole** have already mentioned it. One thing to remember, the Fleet Captain's job is a big one, to say the least, so let's give **Jeff** some help. If you must cancel, give him at least a full week's notice. Not just the well reservations, but the meal planning is a big job. He is counting on you being there and if you don't show up, that's extra work for him, extra expense for the club, and wasteful too. Also, if you or your guests are coming by car, he needs to know that.

The food is purchased and planned well in advance. It will save **Jeff** both time and space if he can leave out items that are not needed. If we continue to have late cancellations and no shows, we may start requiring non-refundable deposits.

Due to the summer's activities this Sounder covers June and July. The next one will come out towards the end of July for August and September. If we have some breaking news, I will publish one in between, or we will use the phone call fan out list. See everyone at the outings.

One last thing, a big thanks to **Len & Lynda** for hosting our May meeting....a great time.

Tony Fralowicz
Rear Commodore



SUNSHINE REPORT

Ralph Solecki was in the hospital for some tests and he is feeling better now. **Lynda Marek** cut off the end of her finger but she is back to work. She got it caught in the line on her boat.

Please let me know of any hospitalizations, accidents or illness. Your friends and fellow members can acknowledge you that way. If you would prefer to have it left out of the Sounder, call anyway just to let me know. We all care about you.

Debbie Giannico
Your Sunshine Delegate



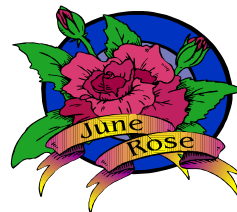
JUNE

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

June 4 - Beth & Jeff Hubner
Mike & Linda May
12 - Rich & Kelly Prentiss
13 - Rich & Lisa Bewick
16 - Gary & Louise Knapp
22 - Roy & Sherry Perry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June 6 - Terry Giannico
7 - Lisa Bewick
9 - Sam Serra
13 - Kurt Gunnells
15 - Nancy Horton
17 - Dennis Swejkowski
25 - Linda May
26 - Jackie Szczesniak



JULY



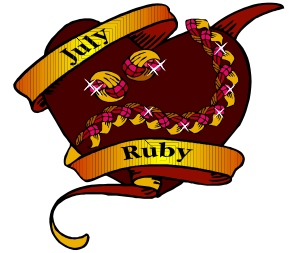
JULY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

July 15 - Corinne & John Christensen
25 - Kathy (& Jeff) Pielack

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

July 4 - Louise Knapp (Red, White & Blue Baby)
9 - Jim Albrecht
15 - Dana Criswell, Sherry Perry
17 - Loretta Serra
20 - Barb Aliotta
25 - John Badovinac, Joe Lawrence
28 - Reggie Horton, Bob Martin, Vince Spalla



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello Again!

Summer boating is well on its way and I must say, what a GREAT Memorial Day weekend at Radlin's. The weather was good to us and the pool was open! It turned out really well and a good time was had by all. A reminder to little Larry, never leave another narrow dock (in your happy mode) without putting on your life vest first.



I have to give a BIG kudos to Kent at Sugarbush Tavern. Those ribs were probably the best I have eaten and of course I have to give a big thanks to my main fellows Gary S., Gary K. and last but certainly not least Rich Delor for their excellent cooking abilities on the grill. Couldn't have done it without you guys! We had so much food left over that we did a repeat for lunch on Sunday. No one could ever complain about going hungry in this boat club!

I just sent the roster in for Bridge Harbour. We have the tent by the clubhouse set up for us. One minor problem - we don't have a grill for the club steak dinner. If anybody can help me out with this, let me know. I'm sure we can put our heads together and come up with something (this boat club works best as a team!). I would like to do dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. with everyone bringing a dish to pass if we can pull it together. Let's all hope for a return of wonderful weather and I look forward to seeing you in Port Huron!

Jeff Deffen
Fleet Captain

Welcome Guests - Memorial Day Weekend Outing

My Three Sons hosted **Colleen King**.

Larry and Karen Martin spent the night with Low Rider??

Best of Times hosted **Kevin and Ara** as their guests.

Debi Browarski's Mom and Dad (Hammertime) joined us by boat for one night.

When you let **Jeff Deffen** or **Gary Knapp** know that you have brought a guest, we'll try to add them to our next **Sounder!**

OTHER SOUNDINGS

Bouvier Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) extends to SPYC members and Flag Officers club house privileges for the 2005 season - **Commodore Steve Kiras** (7838 Dixie Hwy Fair Haven)

Idle Hour Yacht Club presents **JIMMY BUFFETT DAY** June 25th
Food at Tiki Bar 3-7 PM Live Band 8-Midnight (Cover) **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

2nd Annual Lake St. Clair Raft

August 13, 2005

Muscamoot Bay

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Useful Information for Great Lakes Boaters

Wayne County Boating: <http://www.waynecounty.com/boatsafe>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil>

Nautical Charts Updates: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

Michigan Department of Natural Resources: <http://www.michigan.gov>

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality: same as above - report pollution

NEXUS Marine: www.nexus.gc.ca. US/Canada Marine/Highway Border crossing pilot project 2005

National Data Buoy Center: <http://www.noaa.gov> - weather info/buoy locations

NEXT OUTINGS:

Bridge Harbor - 6/9,10,11

Belle River - 6/24,25 (wine)

Sarnia Bay - July 1st-4th

Metro Beach - July 22nd-24th