



SOUNDER May 2005

COMMODORE'S CORNER

No report this month.

Nancy

NOTES FROM THE VICE

Everyone is anxious to launch but Mother Nature sure isn't giving us a break. We are ready to go in but there are some big guys blocking us that have to go in first. In our marina, I see that Hammertime is in first, as usual.

Here are the details of the Commodore's Ball so far:

The date is February 11, 2006.

The Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, 24225 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores is the place. We have the "Alexis Room." It is the largest with a 200 person minimum.

The price, tax and service charge included, is the lowest we have paid in five years. Premium bar and the option to bring in any alcohol product not on their list.

This family style meal includes an hors d' oeuvres table for the first hour.

Our band is "Teen Angels", a well known local and national group.

Go to their web site www.teenangelsmusic.com for a delightful show.

If you missed the meeting, the centerpiece chosen and shown was met with enthusiasm. The Best Western Georgian Inn gives a reduced rate for 10 rooms booked: \$78.00 2 double beds, \$72.00 king size bed. The shuttle service I contacted was reasonable. Sample: Ten couples transported from motel to hall then from hall back to the motel will pay \$25.00 each couple, includes tip. Something to ponder.

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I ran across an interesting item in the paper. Our cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies. In just 30 days you will start to receive calls on your phone. Most cell companies will be charging you for these calls. You can call 888 382-1222 from your cell phone to register on the "Do Not Call" list or register on line at www.donotcall.gov/. This will block your number for five years.

See you at Lynda and Len's for the meeting.

Safe boating, Carole

RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR

By now everyone should have a launch date if you don't already have your boat in the water. Don't forget to check your safety items as well as remembering your safe boating procedures. This summer should bring another great year for us. Jeff has some great rendezvous planned. Let's try and give him all the help that we can to make our outings a huge success.

Last month went by pretty quick without much fanfare. I'm sure that most of us were busy with boat preparation and spring clean up chores around the house. Although Sue and I were not able to go on the fitting out trip, we heard that everyone had a great time and Jeff would like to plan another one in the fall, sounds like a good idea.

The ABYA meeting hosted by our club April 4th was well received and appreciated by all the ABYA members who attended. The dinner we served them was excellent, and again provided by us free of charge. The club covered expenses by selling 50-50 tickets the night of the meeting. A big thanks to cooks Bill Hamilton and crew, and all the other club members who helped out that evening.

Important Update:

This is an update on the boating regulations in Canada that were brought up at the March meeting.

After some vigorous investigation by our member Frances Stocks, it turns out that the only people affected by any changes to boating in Canadian waters are for people who will be boating there for forty-five days or longer--and that's consecutive days. If you don't fall into that category, then previous rules still apply.

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There could be some changes in years to come for Canada and the US, but as of right now you will not need any special certification. Keep in mind that a safe



right now you will not need any special certification. Keep in mind that a safe boating course is always a good thing to attend, as there is always something that we take for granted and things that we forget. Talk to member Al Tondreau if you are interested in attending a safe boating class. He teaches them through the power squadron, or you can attend one through one of the local marine sheriff classes.

Some things to remember:

When boating, piloting your boat under the influence of alcohol brings the same fines and penalties as when you are in your car. In Canada you cannot have any open alcohol on your boat while under way. Please use good judgment while on the water. Watch out for the other guy.

Hope to see you at the May meeting, hosted by Len and Lynda Bruley on the 14th at 2:00pm. If you can't make that then we'll see you at Radlin's for the Memorial weekend.

Tony Fralowicz
Rear Commodore



SUNSHINE REPORT

"No news is good news!"

Debbie Giannico
Your Sunshine Delegate

MONTH OF MAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

2 - KAREN & LARRY MARTIN
29 - SHARON & GEORGE GIRGENTI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

2 - DEBI BROWARSKI (ALBRECHT)
4 - JIM LIMBRIGHT
9 - BRIAN FOX
10 - RALPH SOLECKI
17 - BOB FRYDRYCH
19 - RICH DELOR
24 - SAM CARACAUSI



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello my fellow Sand Pointers:

Just a reminder that the meeting is Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 P.M. at Len & Lynda's house, not on Sunday as previously published. Its a B.Y.O.B. and a dish to pass. Also, don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. The club will furnish burgers and hot dogs.

Let's all do our sunshine dance!
Hope to see everyone there.



For those of you that did not go on the Niagara Falls bus trip, you missed a good time! Some of us were lucky enough to win a little (Dean!) and of course some of us were not so lucky (mainly myself!). The weather was absolutely beautiful and the sights in and around the Falls were great. As you know, we shared half the bus with Harbor Club Yacht Club. We got a chance to meet some of their members and enjoyed a good time with them.

I would recommend this outing to the incoming Fleet Captain as we were able to raise \$240.00 for the club. Maybe we can book a trip in the fall. I've heard the Kewadin Casinos overnight trip is a real good time and the fall color change is awesome! Let me know if anyone is interested in booking this trip.

Well that's it for now. Sure will be nice to see everyone out on the water and in our boats pretty soon! Ah....nice, happy thoughts!

Jeff Deffen
Fleet Captain

SPYC STATUS CHANGE as of March 2005

The following members have resigned:

Dave Glancy
Corky & Marilyn Hansen
Bill & Bev Harder
Pat & Elily Licavoli
Joe & Laurie Lucent
Bill Peters
Terry Swejkoski
Vince & Judy Spalla
Jack Schaeffer

These have changed to Auxiliary status:

Meredith Schaeffer
Rich & Kelly Prentiss

CHINESE SICK LEAVE "I NO COME WORK TODAY!!!"

Hung Chow calls work and says, "Hey Boss, I no come work today. I really sick. I got headache, stomach ache and my legs hurt. I no come work."

The Boss says, "You know Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel like that, I go to my wife and tell her to give me sex. That makes everything better and I go to work. You try that."

Two hours later, Hung Chow calls again. "Boss, I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon. You got nice house!"

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)

Pride of Michigan Open House sponsored by ABYA Sat. May 7 11-3 PM
TOUR / LUNCH - Cost: Donation to Sea Cadets Program - OPEN TO PUBLIC

North Channel Yacht Club **Spring Dinner Dance** June 4 6pm - 1 am
Rsv. Deadline by 5/27 \$23/person
Limited Dockage - Scott Bell for wells (586) 949-6342 or cell (734) 658-1711

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
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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 MEETING: Saturday
Len & Lynda's MAY 14th
2 PM

Lawn Chairs-BYOB-Dish to Pass
LIFE JACKETS FOR KIDS