

Nautical News

February 2006

Commodore Matt Penn

Vice Commodore Vern Brandt

Rear Commodore Mark Weller

Fleet Captain David Wisniewski

Secretary Jay Onacila

Treasurer Paul Bates

Commodore's Report Commodore Matt Penn

Well it's hard to believe that there are only two more months until the marina opens back up and boats begin to go into the water. The off-season has gone by pretty fast, but not fast enough for most of us. Fortunately we have had some pretty great events throughout the off-season to help us push through the downtime.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Commodore's Ball this past January. It was a great weekend, and surprisingly we didn't even get the snowstorm that usually accompanies this event. Thanks to everyone that helped out with the food, the set up, clean up, etc. We couldn't have done it without you.

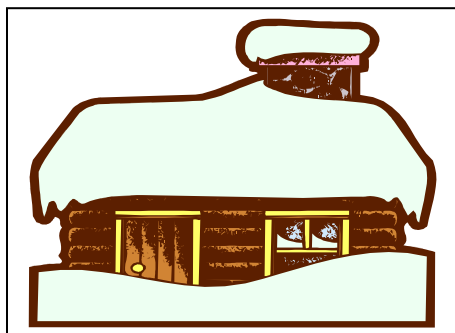
We had a pretty good turnout at the boat show the following weekend. It was great to see everyone and the boats too. It reassured us that the boating season is just a few months away and rapidly approaching.

Our 2006 calendar of events is coming together, and we have a few new trips. The season will kickoff with our first meeting on Saturday, May 6. We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting.

I have been informed of a few projects that Venetian Marina has undertaken for the upcoming boating season. One is to replace the deck around the hot tub, and to change to entry into the hot tub to make it more accessible when the pool closes. The inside of the new community room addition from last year will be stained. Furthermore, there will be a lot of work done to the docks – straightening the humps in the docks as well as replacing the floats as they are needed. Also, the sign located at the gas dock will be replaced, and the gas dock will be lowered.

I look forward to a great season. If you need anything, please contact myself, or anyone on the bridge. See you soon.

Matt



Cabin Fever Gotcha Down!
Welcome to the All Ports Yacht Club chase the winter blues away party Saturday March 4th 2006.

We will be spending Saturday night in wonderful downtown Cleveland, with a side trip to the flats for dinner and possibly go over to the warehouse district for some entertainment. I hope you will join us for a wonderful night out on the town.

We will be staying at the Lakeside Holiday Inn but you are welcome to just come down join us or stay additional nights at the hotel. Our rate is only \$69 a night and parking is \$5 per night.

Email Rear Commodore Mark Weller for more info at markweller@sbcglobal.net

Vice Commodore's Report

I would like to thank and congratulate Commodore Matt Penn and Lady Kelli for putting on a great Commodore's Ball. If you have never attended an APYC ball you should attend, it is a great time, and best of all you have the opportunity to eat, drink and be merry with your boating friends. Matt and Kelli will do a great job representing the club. I look forward to working with you to make the 2006 boating season a great one.

I would also like to congratulate the rest of the bridge, I look forward to working with each and everyone of you this boating season.

Great job Craig Purnell and Mark Weller on the website.

Now down to business, if anyone has a change of address or phone number, please e-mail me with any updates, lbrant@neo.rr.com. I would like to have everyone's information updated when it comes time to print the 2006 directory. My goal this year is to grow the membership and work to make this a fun year for APYC.

Reminder to all, please send in your 2006 dues. **You must have your dues in by April 1st** to receive the custom printed membership card. If your dues are not paid by the first of April you will receive a laminated business membership card for the remainder of the year. Only one order for the custom printed cards will be placed in April.

In closing "THINK SPRING" **Vice Commodore Vern Brandt**

Rear Commodore's Report

Greetings and welcome to 2006. Hopefully this year will be as good or better than last year for the club. Congratulations to our new Commodore Matt Penn and our new bridge members Jay Onacila and Craig Purnell. I think the Commodores Ball was a success, my hat goes off to Matt for a job well done. I am really looking forward to this year with the "new" boat and I will be able to get some work done that is desperately needed before it gets launched this year like buffing that huge piece of fiberglass called a hull.

The outlook on clothing is looking good as I have found a new supplier with some excellent prices for this year and their catalog looks very promising. I hope to have some new items in stock by May for the first meeting. Not much else to report for now, hopefully this mild weather holds and the gas bills don't get too high so I have some money left for fuel in the boat.

Rear Commodore Mark Weller

Thank you All Ports Yacht Club....

I would like to thank all the members of APYC for supporting the Greater Cleveland Boating Association and myself in the Commanders Ball that was held in November, 2005. Without the financial support from All Ports it would have been impossible for me to throw a first class hospitality room. I would also like to thank all the members that turned out for the weekend's activities and donated their time and efforts to make it a success. I have heard from many people that there are few clubs on the lake that give support for a cause like All Ports.

Thank you,

**Matthew Schmidt P/C 2002
GCBA Commander**

Fleet Captain's Report**David Wisniewski**

Listed below is the schedule of events we have planned so far this year. A special thanks to Mark and Craig for their hard work getting all of the trips listed on the APYC website. You can now register for the trips on line and also see who else has already signed up for them.

A few side notes on a the GCBA Rendezvous and Leamington trips; We do have group space reserved at the GCBA Rendezvous but they are still asking to call in to the Huron Boat Basin and speak to Doug Steinwart at 419-433-4848 to reserve a space in your name with a credit card.

We currently have 14 boats scheduled for the Leamington Ontario Canada cruise. We will be leaving on Friday August 18th and returning on Sunday August 20th. This should be a fun trip for those going. It is also their Tomato festival weekend which is a big festival they hold every year with live bands, food vendors, arts and crafts displays etc. As I mentioned in an earlier e-mail we were able to secure 20 docks at the boat show a few weeks ago but we will need commitments from you if you are planning on attending. No deposit is required from you at this time. We will reserve the docks on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in attending, please go to the APYC web site <http://www.apyc.org/> and register on-line as soon as possible.

2006 APYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17 – 19	AYC Commodore's Ball (Westin Airport - Detroit)
March 4 – 5	Winter Blues Party (Lakeside Holiday Inn – Cleveland)
April 7 –9	ILYA Spring Meeting (Holiday Inn - Sandusky)
May 6	General Membership Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
May 12 – 14	Kelley's Island (Seaway Marina)
June 3	General Membership Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
June 16 – 18	Pelee Island (Scudders Marina)
June 23	Christy Lane
June 23 – 25	GCBA Rendezvous (Huron Boat Basin)
July 1	Poker Run Through the Bay / DJ
July 2	General Membership Meeting (11:00 a.m.)
July 14 – 16	Venetian Regatta
July 21 – 23	AYC Poker Run and Homecoming Regatta (Nugent's Canal Yacht Club – Port Clinton)
July 26 – 30	I-LYA Powerboat Regatta (Put-In-Bay)
August 5	General Membership Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
August 13 –15	Put-In-Bay (Crews Nest) - <u>Note Sunday – Tuesday</u>
August 18 – 20	Leamington, Ontario (Leamington Municipal Marina) - <u>Immigration & Customs check in required</u>
September 2	Steak Roast / DJ / General Membership Meeting Bridge Officers Election (5:00 p.m.)
Sept. 15 – 17	Kelley's Island (Portside Marina)
Sept. 30	Clambake / General Membership Meeting (5:00 p.m.)
December 1 – 3	I-LYA Fall Meeting (Holiday Inn - Sandusky)



2006 THIRD ANNUAL

Casino NIGHT

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2006
 Wagner's Country Inn • Westlake, Ohio
 \$100 per ticket (\$85.00 is tax deductible)
 \$1000 in play money, food stations, and open bar



DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
GAMES BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

Silent Auction • Texas Hold 'Em & Slots
 Gifts & Prizes

For tickets contact 440-871-5021 or lifesnap@aol.com
 For more information, go to www.lifesasnap.net

Secretary's Report

Very soon, we will all be sitting up at the marina enjoying good company on warm summer nights sipping a few beverages of choice.

Many of us will be attending the Associated Yacht Club's Ball this month. If you have never attended, I recommend that you come and enjoy the fun with your fellow boaters.

Our summer schedule is really coming together. We have many events planned and details are coming in every month. Check the website as the cruises are filling up very quickly.

I hope to see many of you at our Winter Blues party in March. If this weather keeps up in February, we are all going to need it and soon.

Congratulations to Matt and Kelli and their families for a great time at the Commodore's Ball.

I look forward to great summer with friends and docking at Venetian in 2006.

Secretary Jay Onacila

Your 2006 APYC dues are now due. As soon as possible, please send a check of \$75 to:

**Paul Bates
 APYC Treasurer
 6 State Route 14
 North Benton, OH 44449**

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____