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Commodore's Corner



Welcome to the 2008 Boating season or so I thought, after the weather we have been having I was starting to wonder if spring would ever get here! I would like to welcome new members to the club Joe Gedridge, Jerry Price & Jodie Smith, Kim & Meg Oeder and returning members Tom & Felecia Madden.

We still have some current members who have not renewed their dues, you can send a check to Dale or if you are not sure if you have renewed send Dale, Jay or me an email and we can tell you if you forgot to renew.

Our first meeting will be May 10th in the clubhouse at 6pm we will be celebrating Cinco De Maya again this year. The club will be supplying the tacos and fixings and we would request members bring a dish to share. I look forward to another great year for the club and look for a lot of membership participation. If you have any suggestions or ideas on anything the club can do, send me an email to commodore@apyc.org I look forward to hearing from you.

One other note it seems there was some confusion on the so called mystery trip. This trip is nothing more than taking some boats to the west end of Sandusky Bay and anchoring out for a night. Some members suggested this last year and I thought it might be a nice diversion from the usual. We would anchor near the mouth of the Sandusky River and take Dinghy's, small boats or whatever and go exploring up the river and around that end of the bay. You could choose to go for an overnight or just for the day.

Commodore

Mark



Vice Commodore



Well here we go. I almost was able to get my boat uncovered this past weekend. I hope weather will continue with this warming trend and we can get the boating season rolling. I have been very busy recently working on behalf of the recreational boater. We are being attacked from many different directions on the state and federal level. I urge everyone to support the Great Lakes Compact and to call your Ohio State Senators to pass the Compact. Also we need to support the Clean Boating Act of 2008 on the Federal Level, so call your US Senators and tell them to vote for it.

I have been working on the new roster booklet for this year. I know that due to so many members still not paying their dues the booklet and cards will not be ready until the June Meeting. I will have a sheet with member's information at the May meeting so everyone can check their information to see if there needs to be any more changes. I would like to ask all members to pay their dues ASAP so that we can get the roster and cards done in a timely manner. If you are not rejoining please let me know.

GCBA is having their first annual Recreational Boating Community Day to be held on Saturday, May 17th. I know this is the same weekend as the Kelly's cruise, but if anyone is interested go to www.gcba.us for more information and details

On a more personal level, I have recovered very well from my operation in January. I did go back to work in early March and things are going very well. I look forward to summer months and boating season this year.

Vice Commodore

Jay Onacila

Secretary

I would like to remind everyone of our first meeting on Saturday, May 10. We would like see everyone come and celebrate the beginning of a new boating Season.

Probably the biggest issue we will face this year is fighting to get "The Recreational Boating Act of 2007" (H.R. 2550/S. 2067) that will reinstate the permit exemption for recreational boats" passed. This is a big deal. If this measure does not pass, all recreational boaters will be required to purchase discharge permits. This could take effect as soon as 9-30-2008. We need everyone to take a moment and contact your states Senators and ask for their support on this bill. It will only take a few minutes and could save you a lot of money and hassle if the EPA requires these permits for recreational boating. If you want more information, please visit the Boat U.S. web site:

http://www.boatus.com/gov/fed_alert.asp

BOAT U.S. has been a positive voice in representing recreational boaters on this issue. Our time really is limited to get this done. Please take the time and send an email or better yet, call your senators office. BOAT U.S. is seeking feedback whether your senators office was supportive, negative or non committal on the issue.

Hopefully you are all receiving this newsletter by email. If you are receiving this newsletter by mail please consider sharing your email address with us.

We have had several contributors to articles for the newsletter this month. If you would like to contribute something, or update an address email a note to me at Sec@apyc.org.

Secretary

Rob Ross

Treasurer



We are all looking forward to the new season and I know some of you already have your boats afloat. I will join you soon.

I have sent the webmaster a Treasurers report for March for him to post in the "member's only area" so all of the membership will be up to date on our finances.

Last news letter I asked those of you who have not paid their dues for 2008 please send them. I'd like to thank those that have sent their dues. There are about 25 memberships that have not been paid as of the end of March. If you wish to be included in the Directory and also a membership card please send me your dues.

Treasurer

Dale Gregg

Fleet Captain



Now that the ice has melted off the lake hopefully boating weather is on the way. The club's first trip will be a shakedown to Portside Marina on Kelley's Island May 16 to 18. Since Memorial Day is early this year, the shakedown is scheduled the weekend before.

Portside has changed their policies this year. They will not reserve 'A' dock (the break wall) for groups any longer. Portside has assured us we will be located on 'B' dock close to land, not out in the high surge area. As soon as we get a list of larger bridge boats, docks will be requested out at the end of wall where they normally go. The fall trip will be to Seaway. This trip is always a lot of fun. Please sign up soon.

The next trip is called "West end of bay cruise and anchor". This will be an opportunity to anchor our primary boats at the west end of the bay and take rafts and jet ski's up the Sandusky River. The trip will be weather dependant. If you are interested please sign up on the web site. The club would like to know how many people are interested.

There have been discussions about taking a bus trip to Cooley Canal for their regatta. Unfortunately, the AYC web sight shows Cooley Canal's regatta the same weekend as GCBA rendezvous in Huron. May be we will have better luck next year.

Fleet Captain

Scott Betschman

Calendar of Events

May 10	General Membership Meeting (6:00 PM)
May 13	GCBA Meeting Hosted by APYC
May 16-18	Kelley's Island (TBD)
June 7	General Membership Meeting (6:00 PM)
June 20	Christy Lane
June 14-15	West End of Bay(Anchor Cruise)
June 20-22	GCBA Rendezvous (Huron Boat Basin)
July 5	Poker Run Through the Bay / Steak Roast / DJ
July 6	General Membership Meeting (11:30 AM)
July 11-13	Venetian Regatta
July 30- Aug 3	I-LYA Regatta (Put-In-Bay)
August 8-10	Leamington Municipal Marina, Ontario (Pirates Weekend)
August 16	General Membership Meeting (6:00 PM)
August 17-19	Put-In-Bay (Crews Nest) Note: Sunday-Tuesday
August 30	Steak Roast / DJ (6:00 PM)
September 1	General Membership Meeting / Bridge Officers Election (1:00 PM)
September 12-14	Kelley's Island (TBD)
October 4	Clambake / General Membership Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
November 7-9	GCBA Commander's Ball - Doubletree Hotel @ Rockside Rd Independence, Ohio
