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NEWSLETTER OF BAY POINT YACHT CLUB

Member - ILYA

October 2008

FROM THE COMMODORE

Greg Wagner

It's October and the fall season is upon us (UGH!). September was full of great eats for everyone. The ribs and everything that went with them were fantastic. Unfortunately, the Ohio State / USC game wasn't. I hope some time down the road we could have that young man back for a function. Steve, thanks for arranging everything.

The following weekend, once again, John and Marty Fowles put on the best spread of the year. The 6th annual BPYC Clam Bake was just outstanding. I can't tell you how much time and effort John and Marty put into this party to make it the success it is year after year. Hey, Sandy Wright, how many calories are there in one bowl of your shrimp bisque? On second

thought I don't want to know! The Weist brothers did a great job on the chicken, and Lynn had the mussels tasting like they were prepared in Little Italy. Thanks to all who helped in the preparing and cooking of the food, cleaning the club before the party and after the fun was over. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to Jim Weist on winning the Browns tickets, I guess. After the Baltimore game, I'm not so sure! Ladd Horvath walked away \$100.00 richer after winning the 50/50 raffle. Steve and Joni Keeler had their last function as Quartermaster. Take it from someone who knows, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

We have two items for the membership to vote on in October. The 2009 budget and

the 2009 Bridge and Executive Committee have to be approved by the members. The budget is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. I ask everyone to review it before the October vote. You will find the slate of officers in this issue of the newsletter.

The October meeting will be a working meeting. We will start closing the outside at 0900hrs Saturday Oct. 11th with the General Meeting at 1100hrs followed by the best chili lunch east of Texas. If you haven't had P/C Don Secrest's chili before, it's worth getting dirty for.

We will leave the inside of the clubhouse open for all to use, and one grill will be available until Oct. 26th.

Finally, I ask that everyone keep the Olech and Kancyan families in their prayers.

Selected for the 2009 Bridge & Exec

Commodore	Rick Middleton	1 Year	Ladd Horvath
Vice Commodore	Jane Erickson	2 Year	Steve Keeler
Rear Commodore	Joe Majce	3 Year	Dave Shook
Treasurer	Bill Snow		
Secretary	Tom Schiefer		

Vice-Commodore

Rick Middleton

The only thing shorter than this article in the NHT may be what's left of this boating season. So let's make the most of it. We can do some fire pits, cook-outs, cards, and music at the club on the cool October evenings....

It will be hard to top the Clam Bake of 2008 next year. John and Marty and crew did a

superb job with all kinds of seafood, and I ate more than my capacity. But I wasn't the only one; when the band played their first set, the dance floor was fairly empty. It was only after the food settled that the dance party began.

We want your mug shot! We have taken 47 photos



for the 2009 Roster, which is not quite half of the membership. We will continue to take the pictures after the upcoming meetings and at the Commodore's Ball. And if you are unable to make any of these meetings, please e-mail a low-resolution photo (sort of a passport type framing) to bpyc2009roster@aol.com for inclusion in the 2009 roster.

See Ya at the Club!

Treasurer's Report

Joe Majce

With October approaching, things are beginning to wind down. Boats are starting to come out of the water, dock neighbors are bidding good-bye, and Fall is approaching too quickly.

The September clam bake was an awesome feast. Special thanks to the Fowles' once again for a job well done.

There are a few outstanding invoices due our club by some of our members; it would be appreciated if these balances could be paid at your earliest convenience. Please mail your checks payable to BPYC to Joe Majce at 11108 E. Bayshore Road, Marblehead, Ohio 43440.

See you at the October board meeting and closing.

Important Info for Next Year

Maureen Kovach

The Bay Point Yacht Club Roster will have a new look for 2008-2009. As you already know, the plan is to include pictures of members in the roster to help us all place names with faces after meeting new friends at the club. (See Rick's story on this page if you have not already had your picture taken for this.)

In addition to this great upgrade, we are diligently trying to ensure the accuracy of the information included in the new roster. As some of you have discovered this summer, my own email address was

misprinted, causing a few headaches for folks trying to get information to me for inclusion in the newsletters. If your name was spelled incorrectly last year, your address was wrong, or your contact information has changed or was misprinted, please make sure to take a moment to send the desired corrections to our new roster editors, Tom and Tillie Kinsley at tk1dolfun@neo.rr.com (Tom) or til2@neo.rr.com (Tillie).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Commodore's Ball at Sawmill Creek in February. Check your mailbox this winter for details about this great event.

Rear Commodore

Jane Erickson

Many thanks to P/C John Fowles and Lady Marty for all of the hard work they put in to making the clam bake such a huge success. Thanks also to all who helped prepare and cook the food and to those who pitched in to wash the dishes and clean up the following day.

Due to the recent incidents with one or more of the grills being left on overnight, a major safety measure has been initiated. All of the gas grills are now hooked up to one shut-off valve. The new shut-off valve is located on the shed closest to Wright's Place. You can't miss it -- it's in

the middle of the outside wall. For safety purposes, please be sure that the gas is turned off after grilling. As an added safety measure, could everyone please assume responsibility for checking that the gas is turned off before leaving the club? Oh! Don't forget that the gas needs to be turned on so that you can grill.

It's hard to realize that the boating season is fast coming to an end. The clubhouse closing will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The plan is to meet at 0900 hours to do the actual work, so be sure to wear your "work clothes." This will be a "soft" closing. The plan is to do all of the outside work with the exception of leaving one grill

out for member usage for the rest of October. The inside will be left largely untouched so that members will continue to have use of the clubhouse through the end of October. Ladies, this doesn't mean that you have nothing to do. I would like to get at least the oven, stove and microwave and the utility closet cleaned. At the end of October, the cupboards, refrigerator, etc will be emptied for the winter.

Lunch will follow the regular business meeting. Just a word about lunch! P/C Don Secrest will make his famous chili, with all of the trimmings. Hopefully everyone will have worked hard enough to have a hearty appetite.

From the Secretary

Bill Snow

Recent legislation to enhance boating safety on Ohio waterways, as passed by the Ohio General Assembly, addresses a diversity of issues across the state. It is effective immediately.

- Establishes "failure to control" as an enforceable boat operator rule. Many accidents occur as the result of operator inexperience or the forces of nature. These are not the result of a "rules of the road" violation or caused by reckless operation, but may result in minor property damage or injury. Examples of situations encompassed by the "failure to control" law include: over-compensation in strong winds or currents, loss of steerage on jet boats when the throttle is released, and attempting to maneuver under sail power alone through congested areas like marinas that may result in an accident.
- Creates a "no wake zone," requiring boat operators to reduce their speed when passing a boat actively engaged in providing public service, including law enforcement, fireboats, search and rescue teams, dredges and towing services. This is similar to the law requiring

motorists to proceed with caution and change lanes or slow down when approaching a stationary public safety vehicle displaying an emergency light.

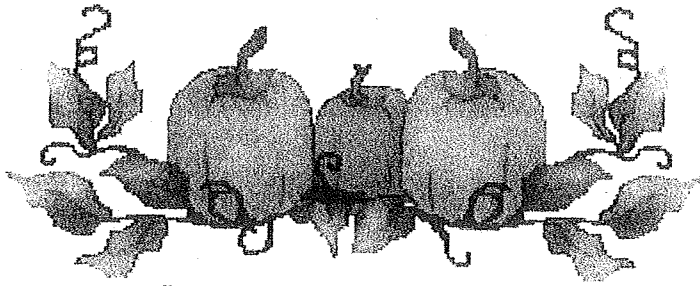
- Permits boaters to "slow tow" ski tubes and other towables in no-wake zones and areas outside of the designated speed and ski zones. Enactment of this provision will create additional recreational opportunities for individuals who are physically unable to manage or do not desire the higher speeds of open zones.
- Allows children under 10 years of age, who board a watercraft under 18 feet in length, to wear a swimsuit-style life jacket. The children's Type V personal flotation device was approved by the U.S. Coast Guard several years ago and is designed to be more comfortable and better suited to the activities of children participating in family boating.

Outside of the above, do be cautious when the little ones are on the jet skis, recently the division of watercraft is issuing warnings if you allow your child to have the controls of the jet ski. I sometimes allow one of the thirteen grandchildren to steer at idle speeds, and this is not within the law. Thanks for listening...

Save the Date!

The 2009 Commodore's Ball will be held at
Sawmill Creek the weekend of February 7.

Plan to attend!



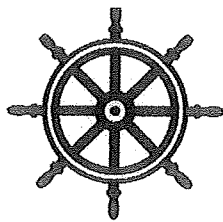
"Listen! the wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!"

- Humbert Wolfe



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