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NEWSLETTER OF BAY POINT YACHT CLUB

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Greg Wagner

WOW, WHAT A PARTY!

If you missed the July function, you missed an absolutely great time. Many thanks to the entire Baumgartner family and Bill and Melody Snow for all their hard work. It was one of the most fun parties that BPYC has had in a very long time. Rick Hemmer's golf outing was a big success in spite of the rainy start. Congratulations to Steve "Tiger" Keeler for winning the putt-off. I'd like to see this become an annual event. I know we have a lot of golfers in the club, and this would be a great way to meet your fellow duffers. Thanks Rick.

We are all aware of the fire that occurred on N dock, and we are very thankful that no one was injured. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who were affected by this tragic event.

On a much brighter note, the AED that BPYC purchased and gave to Bay Point did save a life over the July 4th weekend. A guest suffered a heart attack, and if that device wouldn't have been available in a timely manner, the ending could have been much worse.

The July cruise to Saw Mill Creek was cancelled due to lack of interest. The August cruise to Vermilion, however, looks full. BPYC has reserved 15 docks and right now we have 15 boats signed up. If you haven't sent your \$25.00 deposit to Dave Shook already, please do so. There is the possibility we can get 5 more docks, but you need to sign up now!

I've been very pleased with the interest the club is getting this year. We have already sworn in several new members and will be swearing in more at the August meeting. Thanks to Vice Commodore Middleton for all his efforts.

The August function will be Saturday the 9th. The theme is an Evening in Paris and you can read all about it in the flier you'll find inside. This is also the night we honor all our past Commodores. These guys and their spouses have dedicated a lot of their time and effort to BPYC over the years and it's only fitting that we have a night to recognize that. I hope we sell this event out. There will be only 180 tickets available and once you see the menu, I'm sure you'll agree that the tickets will go fast. They will be available from any of the Bridge members. So, August looks like this:
August 9th
0900 hrs Executive Meeting,
1000 hrs General Meeting
1800 hrs Happy Hour
1900 hrs Dinner
2000 hrs Legend the Band.
August 15th, 16th, 17th
Cruise to Vermilion.
I hope to see all of you Saturday morning at the meeting.

A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be?

I always say, "How to Build a Boat"



Stephen Wright (American Actor and Writer, b.1955)

Vice-Commodore

Rick Middleton

Tic...Tic...Tic...Where is the summer going?

Anyone who missed the July party missed a lot of fun. The Naked Monkeys had the dance floor full till after midnight. I already have a verbal commitment to have them back next year! So if you wore out your dancin' shoes, you better buy another pair.

We welcomed 6 new members into the club in July, and we have 3 more lined up to join this month. So, thank you to all the members for talking up the club. If anyone needs an application, they are available from our web site www.bpyc.org, or from the

bulletin board in the clubhouse. The fee schedule is posted on the bulletin board as well.

Meet the New Members:

Michael & Nicole Sellman-Penny and their one-year old daughter Addison. They hail from Columbia Station in Ohio, and keep their Sea Ray Sundancer named *Summer Skool* on dock E-19.

Terry & Duana Patton are from Galion, Ohio. They have twin girls Tara & Tiffany who are 18. They dock their 34 Rinker named *Cloud 9* on E-dock in slip 22. And finally, Mike Metroka & Marsha Cooper from Sandusky who were published in last month's NHT.

Anyone who would like to have a more active role in the club, please let me know. We are

starting to fill the many slots that are needed to keep the club running in 2009. I can speak from experience that the more involved you are, the more people you meet, and the more enjoyment you will receive from your yacht club.

2009 Roster photo's will again be taken after the August meeting, so grab your mate and be at the 10 am meeting. Photos taken last month will be posted on the bulletin board for review, and retakes will be free. This month a booster step will be available to get the face photos near the same level (for those who have mates that are on different levels). Anyone who is unable to make a meeting, please e-mail their low-res photo to bpyc2009roster@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Majce

Happy August!

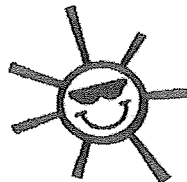
Not only was the July event a great one, it was profitable as well. Huge thanks to the committee for yet another successful party!

As treasurer, it has become evident that the cost of everyday living is increasing, including the costs of maintaining of our club. We need to be accountable when using the facility. Please remember to shut off the propane when finished using the grills and turn off the burners when using the stove. Also, remember to clean up after using the Club's facilities and return items provided by the club to their original storage places. The club provides certain items as a convenience for use by all of its members. These items are paid for with our dues so are consequently owned by all of us. Let's be prudent when using the everyday convenience items offered by your club.

Sunshine Report

Lynn Wagner

I have great news from the MacAskill family. Marilee e-mailed me to say that David is now cancer free. They are celebrating by buying a new boat. Look for *It Rocks II* in the marina. New member Debbie Dore recently underwent back surgery. Things went well, and we all hope that this third one's the charm. Debbie is home and recovering well at this time.



Laurie Cheetham had surgery on the 12th. Her dad (Dick Beckley) called me to let me know that everything went well. We wish Laurie a speedy recovery.

Kathy Lacinski will be having surgery this month. Please keep her in your prayers as well.

Update on Debbie Kancyon: She has been allowed to go home and continue on an outpatient basis as long as her labs are OK. Walt and the boys are glad to have her home.

Rear Commodore

Jane Erickson

What a fantastic July party our C-dock members put on for the club. I think this is the first time we have ever had a German theme, and it was a huge success. For those who weren't there, you missed a great party. Thank you C-dock members for all of your hard work.

Thanks also to Rick Hemmer for arranging the "First Annual BPYC Soggy-Bottom Golf Outing." Let me explain how the name came about. Tee off was set for 11:30 am after the July meeting. At 11:25, the heavens opened up. We teed off in a light rain at 12:15 pm. Hey - we're boaters and golfers, so what's a little rain. It was damp, but enjoyable. We're looking forward to better weather next time. The prizes were wonderful. Thanks again Rick.

The new industrial strength grill is up and running. Thank

you Commodore Wagner and Treasurer Majce for putting the grill together. Lighting the new grill is a little tricky --- so detailed instructions for lighting it are on the wooden table in Wright's Place.

I'm delighted that the clubhouse has so many members using it this year. But this high usage has posed some problems. Please, empty the garbage cans if you are there during the week. Commodore Wagner found some pretty nasty cans complete with maggots. Mothballs have been placed in the bottoms of the outdoor cans, but everyone needs to do their part too. Saturday, July 19th was an especially busy night. I'm sorry to say that some members left six dirty plates and silverware unwashed in the sink. Dirty utensils were also left on the table near the grill. Pleeese folks, Bridge members are elected by the membership. We aren't paid, and yet we are

spending way too much time cleaning up after some members.

August Function

The theme for the August Function is "An Evening in Paris." The menu is on the enclosed flyer, so I won't repeat that information here. However, Past Commodores will be honored at this function. Because of this, Lady Lynn Wagner asked that this function be a little more "elegant" -- her words, not mine. We suggested things like macaroni and cheese, Chinese takeout, peanut butter and jelly, but she vetoed our more creative ideas. Attire is still casual but a little dressier. Women, it's a chance to get out your scarves. Men -- I'm not sure -- but if you happen to have a beret or an ascot lying around the house you would fit right into our theme. See you August 9th.



From the Secretary

Bill Snow

Hope all are have a great year building memories at Bay Point this year. Special thanks to all that helped out with the C-dock sponsored event last month. After undertaking such an event and gaining a better understanding of the mechanics, I recommend purchasing your tickets early. I certainly was one that waited until the last minute in the past, but now understand the possible result is that someone might

not be able to get a ticket. I am sure Lynn and Greg would agree that you should buy your tickets early for the events since it facilitates a better count for food purchases and the many other items that make our events so much fun.

A special congrats to the winners of the First Annual Bay Point Yacht Club Corn Hole Contest! We heard rumors that the beef was good. To all the players, please practice for next year. I heard that the tourney is coming back with a trophy next year. A big thank you to our judges for the grueling evening of intense refereeing. Again, thanks Tom and Cheryl.

Save the Date!

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

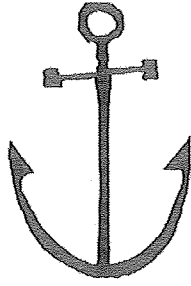
Mariner Myths

Bill Snow

There are many superstitions that govern a mariner's life. Many of these were born long ago, before science could provide a logical explanation for a turn of events. If something is used to explain a bewildering circumstance or occurrence long enough, no matter how outlandish the explanation, it becomes superstition.

Women are believed to calm the seas. This explains why many vessels of old would have a picture of a lady painted on the bow. In other cases, a carved figurehead of a lady was displayed prominently on the bow.

Friday's appear to be an extremely unlucky day for sailors. According to superstition, a sailor should



never start a voyage on Friday because some type of problem or emergency will inevitably pose itself on the voyage. It is believed that this superstition exists because of Jesus being crucified on Friday. In contrast, it was believed that starting a journey on a Sunday would bring blessings and good luck, hence the phrase, "Sunday sail, never fail." This phrase most likely sprang from the belief that Jesus rose from the grave on a Sunday. Whatever the reason, many modern seafarers will still avoid starting a voyage on Friday at all costs.

Anything that conjures up the image of death is considered unlucky at sea. This goes for flowers, as they are commonly used to construct funeral wreaths. Black clothing or travel bags are also considered unlucky, as black is believed to signify death and the depths of the sea.

Not all superstitions revolve around ill luck though. My favorite revolves around an

ancient belief that tells yachtsmen that if they mortise a stolen piece of wood into the hull of their yacht it will travel faster. It is also favorable to pour wine on the deck of your yacht as an offering to the gods. For a successful voyage, one should place a silver coin under the masthead of his yacht or vessel. Seeing a swallow while on your voyage is a good sign as well. Swallows are land birds signifying that land is nearby and your prospects are clear. However, if you kill a gull at sea it is considered bad luck since the gull holds the souls of deceased mariners.

These are only a few of the myths and superstitions that comprise the code of sailors and yachtsmen alike. Most of these can be dispelled as purely hypothetical, but most sailors of old, wanting to avoid Davy Jones' locker, treated these myths as fact. *What do You believe?*

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