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NEWSLETTER OF BAY POINT YACHT CLUB

Member - ILYA

May 2008

FROM THE COMMODORE

Greg Wagner

A huge thank you to all the members that showed up on April 12th for the club semi-opening and meeting. I can't tell you how thrilled I was with the turnout. BPYC members always surprise me when there is work to be done. When we eliminated work hours I thought trying to get anything done around the clubhouse was going to be an issue. Time after time we always get enough volunteers to get the job done. Thanks to R/C Jane Erickson for breakfast and lunch and Quartermaster Steve Keeler for the drinks.

That being said, we need to do it again on May 10th after our general meeting. I said we had a semi-opening in April so we need to finish the job in May. We need to clean up the patio and Wright Place and get the picnic tables setup. The

Morton's are having mulch delivered and will need help getting it spread around our landscaping, which by the way looks great. Bob and Jill do a fantastic job and the front of the clubhouse shows it. Bob, thanks for fixing the drawers in the kitchen too.

The inside of the clubhouse is usable. Anyone working on their boats can come down to cook or just warm up around the fireplace.

On May 10th the Executive Board will meet at 0900 hrs, the General Meeting will be at 1000 hrs, followed by a short work party. With enough volunteers we should get everything done in short order.

The month of May also brings us our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. This event is a good source of income for BPYC and will be held on Monday, May 26th this year. I spoke about volunteering earlier in this

article and once again I need to call on our membership to help out with all that needs to be done to make this event a success.

We need cooks, servers, and folks to setup and cleanup. Please contact Lynn if you would like to lend a hand. We are on E-32.

The Memorial Day schedule looks like this: Blessing of the Fleet at 0900 hrs, Ceremony at the clubhouse at 1000 hrs, followed immediately by the breakfast. This year we have some special musical guests that I think everyone will enjoy. Remember this is open to everyone at Bay Point, so if any non-members wish to come, they are more than welcome.

Tickets can be purchased from any Bridge member or their spouses.

I hope to see everyone on May 10th at the General Meeting.

Vice-Commodore

Rick Middleton

Spring has arrived, and it was great to see so many smiling faces at the clubhouse opening. While there was considerable discussion about all of the changes happening at Bay Point Resort, it appears that our little piece of heaven on the beach will be here for another year. So set your plans to be involved and join all the summer fun planned at BPYC.

Membership

The Memorial Day Service & Pancake Breakfast (May 26th) is an excellent opportunity for any perspective member to meet us and for them to see our first class facility.

Please invite any of your dock mates that you would like to see as new BPYC members. If they show an interest, applications are located on the shelf under the bulletin board, or downloadable on-line at our bpyc.org website. The membership fee schedule is based on the month they apply per this schedule:

| | Initiation | Dues | Tax |
|-------|------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| May | \$250 | + \$250 | + 16.25 |
| June | \$250 | + \$200 | + 13.00 |
| July | \$250 | + \$150 | + 9.75 |
| Aug. | \$250 | + \$100 | + 6.50 |
| Sept. | \$250 | + \$50 | + 3.25 |
| Oct. | \$250 | + \$250 | + 16.25 (dues paid thru 2009) |

Let me know if I can be of any help.

Rear Commodore

Jane Erickson

Clubhouse News

Oh the weather outside was frightful for the Club opening on April 12th – as in 46 degrees, and windy when the work began. But that didn't deter the 35 hearty members who showed up to work. It was certainly gratifying to see such a large turnout on such a nasty day – oh, did I mention that it started to rain too.

Thank you so much to everyone who braved the elements and worked so hard.

Inside chores are almost complete, but we still have several outside chores to finish. Using the power washer to do the Clubhouse and patio just wasn't in the picture with the wind and rain. Sooooo, we will need another work party to complete the unfinished chores. The next meeting is May 10th. The plan is to have the General meeting at 1000 hours and start work around 1100 hours. Bob and Jill Morton will serve as head gardeners. They'll need help with mulching, weeding, trimming, etc. Other outside work includes cleaning the grill, power washing the Clubhouse and patio, cleaning the picnic tables, etc. Inside, we still have the wicker furniture and pillows to wash, plus a few miscellaneous things to do in the kitchen. So please come and join us for a few hours of work, camaraderie and fun.

One other item, a "Things Needed" list will be posted in the kitchen near the refrigerator. Be reasonable – we don't plan to do your shopping, but we do want to keep the Clubhouse well stocked. If you notice that we are running low on any item, please add it to the list.

Notes From the Secretary

Bill Snow

New Discharge Permit Proposed for End of September

We will need to get water discharge permits from the Environmental Protection Agency by the end of September unless Congress or the courts take action.

Failure to obtain the new EPA paperwork could result in daily fines of up to \$32,500, says Republican Rep. Steve LaTourette of Bainbridge Township, who wants legislation to throw out the new permit requirement.

A federal court ruled in 2006 that the Clean Water Act requires the EPA to issue permits to recreational boaters for incidental water discharges, *like water sloshing over the deck, bilge*

or engine cooling water. The EPA appealed the ruling but hasn't received a decision in the case, so it plans to unveil its new permitting proposal at the end of May, an EPA spokeswoman said.

LaTourette calls it "ridiculous" to regulate incidental water discharges, and he predicts the permits would cause chaos.

"If you thought getting a passport last summer was a nightmare, just wait until the federal government tries to issue more than 13 million boating permits by the end of September," said LaTourette, who noted it's already illegal for boats to discharge garbage and other pollutants.

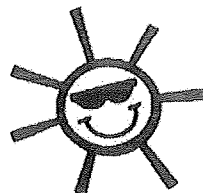
Several bills have been introduced to address the problem. As the House of Representatives debated a Coast Guard funding bill on Thursday, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar of Minnesota assured LaTourette he'll act quickly on a stand-alone bill to overturn the permitting requirement.

The Coast Guard bill the House adopted in a 395-7 vote would require commercial ships to install ballast water treatment systems to control the spread of invasive species. Interlopers like zebra mussels arrived in the Great Lakes on commercial ships that used ballast water to level themselves at sea and discharged foreign water into the lakes.

The bill will create a national ballast water standard to avoid a patchwork of state laws. Until treatment standards are enacted next year, all vessels entering the Great Lakes and other ports will be required to rinse and empty their ballast tanks on the high seas before entering a U.S. port, said LaTourette, who wrote the ballast-water language.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Lynn Wagner



Deb Kancyon continues her tough fight with acute leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers. Walt writes that they can feel everyone pulling for them, and they are most appreciative.

I learned at our opening that Bobbi Musacchia has had a bit of a rough battle of her own in the off season. I understand she is doing well at this time. Let's hope that trend continues for her.

Again, if you hear of anyone in need of support of any kind please let me know. You can e-mail me at wags144@yahoo.com or call my cell phone: (216)990-3030.

We need to support one another in times of need.

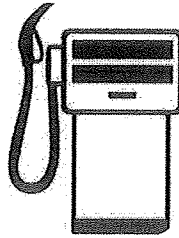
Treasurer's Report

Joe Majce

We're in the midst of "putting boats in the water" time. It's nice to see a flurry of activity in the Marina. It was good to see so many folks on opening day, April 12. A lot was accomplished and we are well on our way to having the place in "shipshape" condition.

As your Treasurer, I am happy to say that most members have paid their dues and a reminder to those that haven't. Membership cards have been mailed. If you haven't received your cards and are paid up, please let me know.

With gas prices ever increasing, it's good to know that Bay Point is going to offer all members gas at their cost. So make sure you display your 2008 Bay Point membership sticker on your boat.



Our first function of the year is our Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, which includes the "Blessing of the Fleet". So mark your calendars for May 26th at 9:00 A. M. and plan on attending this event. Celebrate our American heritage in style! See you at the May 12th meeting.

Speed Limits Changed

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The definition of the business district has changed in Marblehead and the speed limits on 163 within the municipality are changing. Apparently ODOT has redefined the business district by shortening it, and consequently the prima facie speed limit of 25 mph exists now in that business district, from Water Street to Clemons Street. Marblehead Village Council voted 6-0 on Thursday, April 10, to increase the speed limits on other portions of 163 within the municipality.

The council voted unanimously to increase the speed limit from 35 mph to 40 mph on 163 from the west corporation line to Water

Street. This area includes the post office, Biro Manufacturing, Jill's Sweet Delight, Jamestown Tavern, The House of Healing, The Dziak Gallery, Mary's Custom Sewing, LaHabana Restaurant, The Village Hardware Store, the newly constructed shopping plaza, Brown's Dairy Dock, the Marblehead Bank, the LaFarge conveyor belt area, the Marblehead Fire Station, the Marblehead Police Department, Kelley's Island Ferry, Mutach's Market, the Alexander Pike intersection and the Marblehead VFW.

The council also voted unanimously to increase the speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph on 163 from Lighthouse Drive to the east corporation line. The area is residential and has been considered urban. Lake Point Park, operated by Danbury Township, is situated along this stretch of the state route. The park features playground equipment for children as well as a line of sight impaired by hills and curves and cars parked parallel to the roadway.

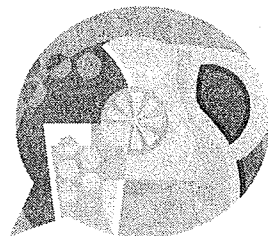
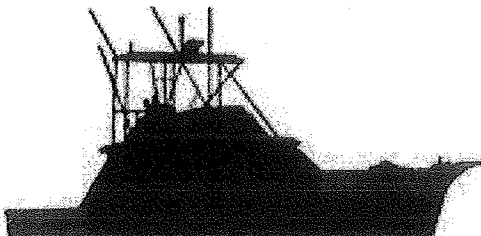
At Bay Point we're on the edge of the big rock....aka quarry

If you look at an aerial photograph of the Village of Marblehead, you can easily see that much of the village is on a ribbon of land between the massive acreage of the LaFarge North America Marblehead Quarry and Lake Erie. The LaFarge quarry is a neighbor to many village residents, and in a true neighborly tradition, LaFarge is opening its door, so to speak, during the Lakeside Daisy Day festival Saturday, May 10.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, Danbury Township resident and quarry employee Ted Dress will conduct tours of the quarry. A bus will leave every hour on the hour from James Park in Marblehead for the 45-minute guided tour. Tickets for the free tour will be available at the information booth in James Park.

Might be something to consider after the meeting.... The opportunity will bring a new perspective to living on "the rock."

And finally, On May 12, *Cleats* restaurant will reopen where *Nates* used to be... maybe we will see some of you there for wings!



Boat Drinks!?!?

Consider your First Aid Kit during shake out

When you are out on your boat, there is no well-stocked pharmacy close at hand, and you are beyond the reach of quick-response medical assistance. You will be helpless to deal with onboard illness or injury unless you have medical supplies aboard and the knowledge of how to use them.

Most medical "emergencies" are minor cuts, burns, sprains, stings, and punctures, to name a few; and if you have the appropriate bandage, ointment, cold-pack, medication, or tweezers aboard, you can usually take care of these events. Otherwise, your boating day is over. Think of a First Aid Kit as a tool kit for keeping the crew in working order.

You can assemble your own first aid kit or buy one that is prepackaged in a waterproof box or bag. What should it contain? That depends on how you use your boat. The farther from shore you venture, the more self-sufficient you will need to be.

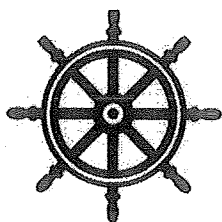
Don't overlook the fact that you could be the one to become ill or injured. Provide a visual clue of where you have medical supplies stowed by marking the outside of that locker or cabinet with a prominent Red Cross symbol. Keep all of your first aid supplies together, not distributed around the boat. Having them in a box or bag lets you quickly take the whole kit to the victim.

In the absence of medical training or a doctor among the crew, you will have to rely on a first aid manual to show you how to handle any unfamiliar emergency. Be sure your medical kit includes a good first aid manual. The first aid manual belongs with the medical supplies, not with the mystery novels and cruising guides.

Lastly, remember when you're at Bay Point the defibulator is in the guard/gate house and is very easy to use. A defibulator can save a life if you use it. Do not be afraid to have someone retrieve it or call for if you think someone is having a heart attack. Seconds can mean the difference between life and death. If you call 911 for any type of chest pain, the defibulator should be next to the patient at all times until the squad arrives.

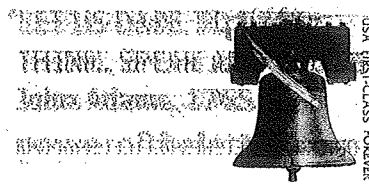
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