



# Now Hear This!

NEWSLETTER OF BAY POINT YACHT CLUB

Member - ILYA

March 2008

## FROM THE COMMODORE

*Greg Wagner*

Welcome to the 2008 boating season. I hope everyone had a good winter. We sure got more than our share of it on March 8<sup>th</sup>, prompting me to cancel our March meeting. Twenty inches of blowing snow will do that. Bill and Natalie, sorry no one else could join you!

I would like to thank everyone who joined us at The 2008 Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch. If you couldn't make it this year, you missed out on a great time. The food was good and our band *Trilogy* did their usual great job. The hospitality suite was well stocked with both goodies and drinks. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. My personal thanks to Lynn, who did all the planning, organizing and decorating with a big helping hand from Joni Keeler. Mr. Joni Keeler, thanks for hauling all the liquid refreshments up from Columbus. Jim Weist, thank you for doing a great job as emcee. Lynn told me you would be great, and you did

not disappoint. For all the members who have never attended one of these events, I urge you to attend next year's weekend. It's nice to see BPYC friends again and talk about our love of boating and of course what we all think the price of fuel is going to be this season! I'm hoping it will stay under \$5.00 a gallon. Wishful thinking?

Our club opening will be April 12<sup>th</sup> this year. I'm opening the club early because I think our members working on their boats in early April could use a nice warm and dry place to go without leaving the compound. We will start working at 0900 hrs, weather permitting, hopefully not a repeat of the March meeting blizzard! The general meeting will follow and a lunch to wrap things up. My hope is we will be able to open both inside the clubhouse and out. I always look forward to the grilling season! Please join us!

For those members who have not been able to make

it up to Bay Point this winter, hold on to you hats! Once you get past the second bathhouse I guarantee you will not recognize the place. This is progress?

Which brings me to a concern I have about membership this year. We have lost quite a few members because they've relocated, and along with the changes happening at Bay Point, it's possible we could lose even more. I urge every member to help V/C Middleton this year in recruiting new members. Talk up the club on all your docks.

Finally a huge THANK YOU to Maureen Kovach for doing our newsletter this year. It's a big job, and I know our members enjoy getting it. If anyone would like to submit an article you can E-mail a word document to her at:

[mkovach538@aol.com](mailto:mkovach538@aol.com)

Like John Atkinson, the 2008 ILYA Commodore, told me "Everything will be great in 2008!"

## **From the Vice-Commodore**

*Rick Middleton*

What a fantastic 2008 Commodore's Ball we enjoyed at Sawmill Creek thanks to great music by Trilogy, delicious food, and popular adult beverages on hand nearly around the clock. The Sawmill staff did everything right to make the event most enjoyable. All I can say is "GOOD JOB" to our host, Commodore Greg and his queen, Lynn. It was such a successful Ball, maybe they will volunteer to do the ball every year? (or at least next year!!)

### **Membership Notes**

The lifeblood of every club is its members. We have been hovering around 100 members for the last few years even while the marina is less than full. This year's challenge will be to replace the members who have left us and to add a few more to our ranks. As you walk the docks this spring, keep an eye out for the new people on the dock that you would like to add to the club. An invitation from you to visit the club will be much more effective than any handout that I could produce. And don't forget to "talk up" the club to the people who have been at Bay Point for a while. They often don't have a clear understanding of the fun we enjoy, and the privileges of being a Yacht Club member. We would like for them to join, not just show up for the parties.

Feel free to contact me with any questions on membership information. There will be blank applications and a schedule of fees posted in the clubhouse sometime after opening.

Lastly, I would like to issue a very special "Thank You" to P/C Pat Quinn and his lovely Noni for such a great 2007 season at BPYC. Your hard work and steady leadership was obvious throughout the year, and we want you to know that it was appreciated.

## **All Hands On Deck!**

*Jane Erickson, Rear Commodore*

**The Club Opening has been moved up to Saturday, April 12.** This early opening will give members access to the Club while working on their boats. Work begins at 0900 hours, followed by the General Meeting at 1100 hours. Coffee, rolls, fruit and maybe even hot chocolate will be available during the morning. A hearty lunch will be provided at 1200 hours so that you will have plenty of energy to continue working during the afternoon. Attire is "work clothes." Since it could be really chilly, have your mom pack your mittens, warm hats with ear-flaps, and scarves (idiot-mittens if necessary - you know who you are).



### **Treasurer's Report**

*Joe Majce*

We're well into March now and looking forward to the coming of spring and another fun-filled summer at BPYC.

The Commodore's Ball was a great success and many thanks to our new Commodore Greg and Lady Lynn for a job well done. Also, many thanks for those in the "background" who helped make this event such a success.

It seems as though the Ball is the turning point from winter into spring and another boating season. With that said, I hope to see you all at the opening of the Club on April 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Dues are actively arriving at my door, but for those that haven't paid yet; I'd really appreciate it if your dues could be received prior to opening day. Thanks!

# **SUMMER**

# Notes from the Secretary

*Bill Snow*

Every year BPYC receives formal invitations from other Yacht Clubs which offer our members privileges to use their clubhouses and other services. We will have those invitations in a notebook labeled "Yacht Club Invitations" in the Club House. These are stored on the shelves near the kitchen. Please take a look at the information, especially during your planning sessions for your individual cruises. And remember, always carry your membership card with you!

Also just a reminder to update your information for the directory. The form is posted on the web page, so feel free to download it and email it to John or Marty at [baypoint@ameritech.net](mailto:baypoint@ameritech.net).

The website also has updated links and photos on it. Take a few minutes to check it out, and note that weather links and other useful information is linked to the site. It's a

great way to review the fun from last year, and make your experience at Bay Point better this year. Melody and I look through the photos when planning for the upcoming year. You would be surprised how this helps refine your plans, reminding you of important details from last year, and assisting with planning future cruises, and events.

On a joyful note, it has been over 235 days since Taylor Wilhite has had her bone marrow transplant, and she is improving each day and I anticipate that we will be honored with a visit when she progresses to a point that she can attend one of our functions! You will remember that the club generously supported her during her brave fight with cancer.

Take some time and build some memories this summer; our time on this earth is precious, and we are blessed to have a great place to share.



## Sunshine Report

*Lynn Wagner*

Prayers are needed for two of our members. Please join me in keeping them and their families in our thoughts and prayers:

Dave Macaskill is undergoing treatment for tonsillar cancer. You can send him good wishes at: 577

Debbington Dr., Bay Village, Ohio 44140.

Debbie Kancyon has been diagnosed with acute leukemia in addition to a brain tumor and is currently hospitalized while undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatment. You can send her good wishes at: 4422 Kings Forest, Richfield, Ohio 44286.

Cards were sent to both on behalf of BPYC. If you know

of anyone that needs a little cheer for any reason, please contact me @ (216) 990-3030 or [wags144@yahoo.com](mailto:wags144@yahoo.com).

In addition, P/C Frank Olech was hospitalized recently with pneumonia. He is out of the hospital and recovering at an extended care facility. We wish Frank a speedy recovery.



# 2008 Commodore's Ball



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