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NEWSLETTER OF BAY POINT YACHT CLUB

Member I-LYA

April 2010

FROM THE COMMODORE

Jane Erickson

Spring is officially here. No doubt you will soon be uncovering your boat and performing the joyful task of getting her ready for the upcoming season. Somehow, the task seems a little more daunting every year what with the hard work involved in getting the outside waxed and the inside cleaned. But to avid boaters like us, it's worth it.

Be sure to save some of your energy for the Yacht Club opening which is scheduled for 0900 hours on April 17th. We moved the opening to the third Saturday in April hoping that the weather would be a little better. So, wear your work clothes, enjoy the camaraderie and plan to stay for the tasty lunch that will follow the meeting.

Tom & Tille Kingsley are hard at work getting the 2010 membership roster ready for printing. Last year was the first year that not only the names of the members were included but also their pictures. Many kudos were received about how helpful this was when trying to put a name with a face. So, if you didn't have your picture included last year, please email one to

Tillie at once, so we can see the faces of all of our members this year.

Last month's issue included a notice that the Yacht Club is having a craft show following the meeting on June 12th (see Ellen's article). We have decided to expand this event to include a used boat equipment sale. So, clean out your dock boxes and get that equipment spruced up and ready to sell.

Remember, newsletter articles are due 9 days after the meeting. So articles for the May NHT are due to Maureen on Monday, April 26, 2010.

On a more serious note, as of this writing, only 55 % of the membership have paid their dues, which were due February 1. Thank you to those who did pay their dues on time. However, it is really hard to make plans, get the membership roster ready and pay our bills when 45 % of the money has not yet been collected. Consequently, those who had not paid their dues received a letter from the Executive Board stating that payment had to be made by April 10, 2010. Those who pay after April 10 will pay a "late fee."

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17

Clubhouse Opening	900 hrs
General Meeting	1100 hrs
Lunch to Follow	
Executive Meeting	1300 hrs
	(if needed)

May 8

Executive Meeting	900 hrs
General Meeting	1000 hrs

May 31

Blessing of the Fleet	900 hrs
Ceremony at Clubhouse	1015
Pancake Breakfast	1100 hrs



Vice-Commodore

Joe Majce

As Vice Commodore, Membership is my main area of concentration. We will be swearing in 6 new members at the April 17th meeting. They are: Mark Kimmel and Tammy Schumacher; Robert and Susan Hamilton; and Basil and Jane Badaway.

My other area of responsibility as Vice Commodore will be the 2011 Commodore's Ball which is in honor of this year's Commodore, Jane Erickson. As I said all last year, Bay Point Yacht Club and the clubhouse is YOUR

club. I am reiterating that as far as the Commodore's Ball is concerned. I would like to see more members attend the Commodore's Ball. The Ball is a part of the social functions of the Club. The planning and organization of all the social functions are put on for you, our members.

I know this is early, but reserving a facility for the 2011 Ball needs to be made within the next few weeks. With that said, I need your input on this subject.

If you attended the 2010 Ball, I need your suggestions for the 2011 Ball.

If you did not attend the 2010 Ball, I would like to know why you were unable to attend, i.e., cost, distance, weather, etc. You can jot down a note and put it in my mailbox at the Clubhouse. It can be anonymous or if you wish, sign it. Again, I want the 2011 Commodore's Ball to be YOUR Ball with participation enjoyed by a majority of members.

Please give this some thought and share them with me.

See you at the April opening of the Club.

Rear Commodore

Tom Schiefer

I saw this article online, and it points out some of the advantages of coming to the clubhouse opening April 17th. Sounds like this could be the best idea for you and your long-term health. Stress is known to be one of the largest contributors to many serious health problems. Don't take a chance with your health. Come support the club and reap the benefits.

National Stress Awareness Day is April 16th

National stress Awareness day was started by the Health Resource Network in 1992 to raise awareness of stress. April is also stress awareness month,

and people are asked to take a look at their stressful lives and deal with them in a healthy manner. Here are some of the steps for you to celebrate this stress-free day.



Step 1

Prioritize your life.

Step 2

Don't worry if you don't get through your day doing all the things you have planned. As long as you do the most important things first, you have succeeded.

Step 3

Take a break. Take a day off from your to-do list. Relax.

Step 4

Celebrate by relieving your stress in a long-term way. Make long-term decisions that will relieve your life of stress.

Step 5

Go somewhere and work with friends on something you have not planned or have no stake in just to be busy and involved with others in a common goal.

Step 6

Go for a walk along a beach.

Step 7

Call a friend and go do something together.

Step 8

Sweat out the tension with a good workout.

Secretary's Report

Dave Shook

It was with great pride I accepted the appointment of Secretary for the Bay Point Yacht Club. The opportunity to serve my fellow members is both humbling and exciting. My family and I truly enjoy BPYC and March's meeting simply reinforced that feeling. The camaraderie of fellow boaters, the waves crashing on the shore of Lake Erie, and seeing Bay Point always brings back great memories. And it causes me to dream of the new memories that will be made this summer.

It won't be long until we are enjoying the warm sun, the sand on the beach, the summer parties, and the wonderful facilities at the club. Over the next two months or so, many of us will be working to get our boats ready for the summer. I would urge all members to also help with the club opening on

Saturday, April 17. It will give you a chance to see old faces, reminisce about the past, and talk about the upcoming summer. Just like your boat needs care before being placed in service, so too does the club. If everyone can volunteer a little time, the club opening will take no time and we can begin enjoying the facility.

Last but surely not least, please keep John Erickson in your thoughts and prayers. Because that man is going to have one long summer being ribbed by all the members for being the spouse of Commodore Jane Erickson. Whether it is fetching coffee, being referred to by some, including myself, as "Lady John," or all the other razzing and ribbing he will endure, he will need all the positive reinforcement he can get! But all kidding aside, I believe BPYC is in good hands with Commodore Jane Erickson and her spouse, Lady John.

Anchors Aweigh!

Treasurer's Report

Bill Snow

No Report

ATTENTION CRAFTERS

Ellen Slifcak

On June 14, BPYC will be sponsoring an Art and Craft show for anyone who would like to show off and sell their masterpieces. It will be open to anyone docking at Bay Point. To get more



people interested, we will include anyone who has boating equipment that they may like to sell. So, anyone who has an art or craft item to sell, or anyone who has boating equipment to sell, please get organized for a June 12th Sale to take place after the morning meeting.

I-LYA

Bert Tomon

The Spring Meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association will be held at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn on April 9 - 11th. Members who wish to attend may make

reservations with Holiday Inn under the I-LYA room price.

Committee meetings will start at 9 a.m. on the 10th. The General Meeting will be at 3:00. The Spring Meeting lays out the work schedules and committees for the Put-

In-Bay Regatta on July 28 -August 1.

LAW

Bert Tomon

Those planning to go to Canada this summer are advised to obtain a U.S. passport in addition to a U.S.

Customs decal for boats over 25-feet. The plastic passport ID card is okay for car and boat travel in Canada and Mexico; however, if you are going to spend the money, get the regular passport which is good for air travel as well as boat and car.

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