

Sounder April 2011



2011 Bridge Members	
Len Bruley	Commodore
John O'Leary	Vice Commodore
Corinne Christensen	Rear Commodore
Jim Limbright	Fleet Captain
Jim Markwood	Assistant Fleet Captain
Kim Fox	Secretary
Maryann Rodak	Treasurer
Shilo Markwood	Sunshine Lady
Brian Fox	ABYA Delegate

Commodore's Corner

They tell us that Spring has sprung, but based upon the weather so far I'm not convinced. With that being said, we all know that it is time to start with the wax on, wax off projects. Before you know it, Spring weather will soon arrive. Let's hope for good water levels this season, but as I write this article, the water behind the house is about 12 inches lower than what it was last year at this time. Not good.

Lynda and I are looking forward to another wonderful season of boating and outings with SPYC. Before you know it Captain Jim and First Mate Edie will be off and running with our 2011 Float Plan.

Don't forget SPYC will be hosting the dinner for the April ABYA meeting on Monday, April 4th at North Star Sail Club. Let's all show our support with our attendance at the April 4th meeting. Once again, Sam Serra is willing to do the cooking for this event. If you have not had the opportunity to experience Chef Sam's cooking you've been missing out on a great meal. Thanks Sam for all your time and effort.

Think spring and see you all at our next meeting at Mariners Boat Club on Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 pm.

*Commodore,
Len Bruley*

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Vice Commodore's Report

Save the Date, Save a Dollar, See you There

Now that we have all officially recovered from the Commodores Ball, its time to get the next one going. Yes that right, you want change, I want your money. You know I can't just do the same thing without tweaking it a little.

I'm doing my best to erase all the excuses and get EVERYONE to the ball this year. That's right, this YEAR!!.

The date is Saturday, November 19th 2011. The way I see it, for all the benefits you get for your \$50 membership, you are compelled to reciprocate back to the club so it can continue to provide all the memories & fun that it provides to its members. If the club isn't growing it's dying. It does not grow unless it is supported by the ones that benefit from it. Our Commodore has done a lot to help our club grow. It should be every member's privilege to honor his\her contributions.

Now for all the excuses and seasonal "reasons" that may preclude some from making it to the ball in February. The date is early enough for the Snow Birds so they should still be here. All the Sled Heads, no snow this year until Nov 21st sorry, your coming. Daft beer drinkers, I will have at least a limited amount of bottle beer for you. I assume that there may be a few Deer hunters out there. Either you get a bow permit in October or if you can't get a deer in the first 4 days of Rifle season you don't deserve one anyway. I will bring you some venison Jerky to the ball and save you a few hundred bucks (no pun intended).

If I missed anyone, let me know and I will find a way to accommodate your every wish. Mrs, Vice Commodore is working on a few different venues to change things up.

Now to solve the really big obstacle!. If everyone sends me a check each week for \$2.03 your ticket will be paid for by the time your limousine rolls up to the door. Hell, that's your empties each weekend.

More to come at the meeting. Any help, thoughts, ideas, requests are appreciated.

Vice Commodore, Johnny O

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Rear Commodore's Report

The first outing is only 3 weeks away and I hope many or all of you have plans to launch soon. Please make sure to sign up for the outings at the meeting this weekend. We have some extra's in store for you at some of the outing and we need to plan appropriately. I'm sure it will be a lot of fun.

Please if anyone has NEWS about any club members please contact our Sunshine Lady—Shilo Markwood. Many people might email each other or Facebook but all members do not have access to email or not be a FB'ers.

Please support John and Donna with this year's ball. I'm sure it will be a huge success. Just so all of you have a heads up for 2012. I plan on doing a "Fall Ball" as well.

Lastly if anyone has items for sale or a recipe that they would like to share please email me at Corinnechristensen@att.net.

Corinne Christenesn
Rear Commodore

Fleet Captains Report

April showers bring May flowers or so "they" say. Well, we are all waiting for some good weather to get those boats out! We have some great food and activities planned for the Easter outing. If you are planning on joining us and haven't signed up yet, give me a call at 313-410-4666 and I'll make sure that you are added to the list for the festivities. Procrastination is not a virtue. For those of you who have not signed up for any of the outings, you will be missing a great time and we will be missing you! In the interim, see you at the April 10th meeting! Keep looking for those flowers! Fleet Captain Jim Limbright

Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS

James Rodak	12
John Christensen	14
Roy Perry	21
Jennifer Wambach	24
Rick Bremenour	25
Sue Fralowicz	27

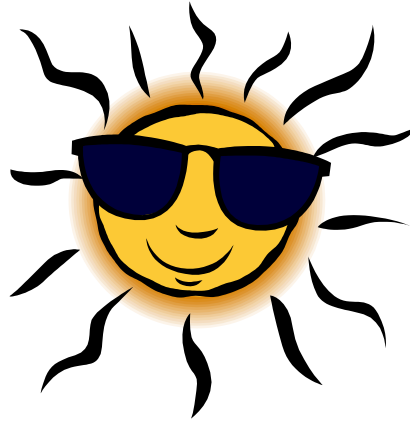
ANNIVERSARIES

Barb and Larry Aloitta	7
Edie and Jim	12

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Sunshine report



Barb Aliotta-Barb had a foot and a half of her colon removed Sunday March 13th due to an ulcer. She is currently still in Florida resting. Barb and Larry will probably be in Florida through the month of April possible May. It depends how she is feeling and healing.. We wish you well Barb!! Get well soon!! ☺

Terry Smith- Terry had Hernia surgery last week. He's home for two weeks. Resting and watching lots of movies...Terry is doing well. Take care of yourself Terry and we all wish you a speedy recovery!!!

Richard Hucker—Papa Dick had surgery April 5th, he will be in a cast for 6 weeks. He was having problems opening and closing his hand so they operated to release tension. The true terminology is a Medina Palmer.

If you have any kind of news for me (good or bad), please contact me at Markwood.shilo@att.net or @ 586-598-9899
Your #1 sunshine lady,

Shilo Markwood

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Float Plan *Sand Pointe Yacht Club* **2011 Float Plan**

March 13	2:00 p.m. Meeting at Mariners
April 22-24	SPYC @ Metro Beach Easter Brunch. Fleet Captain is handling reservations.
May 7	2:00 p.m. SPYC Meeting at Len and Lynda's to Celebrate the Cow! ABYA sponsored "Clinton River Clean up." 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pride of Michigan open house (11:00 to 3:00 p.m.)
May 27 th – 30 th	Memorial Day Rendezvous at Metro Beach
June 3-5 th	Cove Marina Canada...and the Tillbury Lobster Festival.
June 10-12	Celebrate the Lakes with ABYA at MacRay's! Rubber Band Boat Races and the ABYA Spring Dinner Dance.
June 24-27 th	SPYC with DYC and the Detroit International Fireworks on Monday the 27th .
June 28 to July 7 th	Extended Cruise into Lake Erie with stops at Ford Yacht Club, Put-in-Bay and Toledo Yacht Club.
July 8-10	Kean's Marina for the Gold Cup Races, pool party, games and loads of fun?
July 29-31	St Clair Marina for the Blue Water Races.
August 5-7	Jefferson Yacht Club; Pool and Hula Party
August 19-21	Bouvier Bridge Bay: A Mexican Fiesta with a Casino night.
September 2-5	Labor Day Weekend at Milliken State Park
September 9-10	Poor Man's Clam Bake @ Poor Man's Yacht Club.
October 8	SPYC at Barb and Larry Alliotta's
November 13	Meeting Location to be determined.
November 19	Commodore's Ball
December 3	ABYA Commodore's Ball
December 10	SPYC Christmas Party

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Wine Pairing for Easter

The Easter holiday is an excellent excuse to break out special bottles that will take your meal to new heights. The standard Easter main dishes—glazed ham and succulent lamb—are both wine-friendly foods, and spring veggies, brunch casseroles, and even chocolate bunnies can make their own matches. We've broken down a typical Easter meal by each course, with wine pairings for each.

Appetizer or Salad Course

Start guests off with a light white wine that evokes the pleasures of spring. Fresh, zingy New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc is the perfect sipper for snacks (try Kim Crawford, a grassy, herbal, grapefruit-scented wine that's an incredible value at \$13).

If you're starting dinner with a [salad](#) or [spring veggies](#), Sauvignon Blanc is also a good match. Or try a Grüner Veltliner from Austria, another grapefruity white wine with hints of white pepper that perfectly complement the vegetables. Hofer Grüner Veltliner (\$16) is made from organic grapes and comes in a liter bottle, so you gain an extra two glasses.

The Main Meal

A zippy, aromatic Riesling is the classic accompaniment to a [glazed ham](#); the wine's acidity tames the glaze and its slight sweetness matches it. Try the rich and fruity Australian Jacob's Creek Reserve Riesling (\$13).

[Lamb](#), with its complex meaty flavors, is a natural match with red wines. A bold, rich California red wine like Peju's Persephone Vineyard Cabernet Franc 2005 (\$55) from the Napa Valley will stand up to roasted lamb. If you prefer earthier wines, try the 2005 Les Deux Rhône's Chateaufeuf-du-Pape (\$19), a blend of Grenache and Syrah that tastes of cherries and a hint of spice, or an Italian Chianti like the 2004 Il Molino de Grace Chianti Classico Reserva (\$30).

Pour white wine from the first course for those who don't drink reds or eat meat.

Dessert

[Coconut cake](#) is a classic Easter dessert; pair it very simply with after-dinner coffee or a vibrant, tropical Chardonnay like the 2006 Miner Wild Yeast Chardonnay (\$50). Nibbling on chocolate bunnies? Port with chocolate is a classic pairing. Or simply serve a sumptuous after-dinner wine that's dessert in itself, like Canadian ice wine from Konzelmann Estate.

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For Sale

Bob Martin 586 566 1550 or cell 810 335 7711.~~~ Items for Sale

Cherry Picker, One ton mechanics floor hoist, hydrolic. Used once. Paid \$150.00
\$99.00

Marine GPS, Lowrance Global Map 3300C, w/cable & antenna, manual.

Marine Vac oil change collection tank w/hoses. \$20.00

Fishing Rods, Reels, lures, tackle boxes, bait box, buckets, pails, lures, hooks ect.

Looking for single bid buyer on this one

Other Items:

Subject: Boathouse for rent, summer 2010

Boathouse, inside dockage, clean, out of weather, \$ 1,500 for April, May, June, July, August, Sept. Located at 21/jefferson area, accommodates vessel 28 x 15, call Dave at (586) 322-9002.

Joke of the Month

Three drunks hailed a taxi. The taxi driver seeing that they were so wasted when they got in, he just switched on the engine and switched it off, and said we are here. The 1st guy gave him money, 2nd guy said thanks, but the 3rd guy slapped him. The taxi driver was stunned because he was hoping that none of them would have realized the car didn't move an inch. So what was that for, he asked. Control your speed next time, you almost killed us.