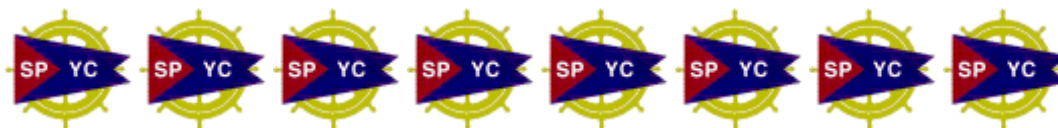


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2011 Bridge Members	
Len Bruley	Commodore
John O'Leary	Vice Commodore
Corinne Christensen	Rear Commodore
Jim Limbright	Fleet Captain
Jim Markwood	Assistant Fleet Captain
Kim Fox	Secretary
Maryann Rodak	Treasurer
Shilo Markwood	Sunshine Lady
Brian Fox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

Commodore's Corner

Well, finally the ball is behind me, and what a relief that is. For those who attended, I only hope everyone had a good time. I know Lynda and I did; there was one particular table I know was having a very good time. They were all so quiet you did not know they were even there; you know who you are.

With that said, it's now time for wax on, wax off. Spring is just around the corner and before you know it the boats will be in the water, and our Fleet Captain, Jim will be off and running. Good luck Jim. I know that Lynda and I are looking forward to another season of boating and activities with the club.

Again I would personally like to thank everyone who helped us with the Ball.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March Meeting. Think Spring.

*Commodore,
Len Bruley*

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Vice Commodore's Report

And what a Ball it was.

Congrats to Brain (and Kimmy) time well served, parole granted, your ABYA tour of duty has officially started. Job well done Lenny (and Lynda), I heard Zucarros wants to hire you as event planners. Much thanks to Linda (and Mikey), Joe Dumars is hiring for season ticket agents. Corinne (and Johnny) keep that reception crew on deck for next year. Someone has to keep us pointed in the right direction. Finally, to all the members and past commodores that showed up and helped make this outing the Event of the year, Thank You.

Lets keep this Love fest rolling, Len & Lynda, you really went above and beyond the call of duty with all the personal "extras"& effort you put into this to make it successful. As a lot of outings go, our new Rear Commodore (and her crew) had a lot to do with making it as elegant and organized as it was. Gary 1 & 2 covered the other bases and made it all possible. Sell, sell, sell them tickets!! As for the National Anthem, Wow, what a recovery on that, I am sure the Honor Guard never experienced anything like that before. I will see if the Ilitch's will let G2 do the National Anthem at our Tigers outing this year, give a kid a microphone.... Very Cool!!

As mentioned at the last meeting, we are planning on a different venue next year for the Ball. There does not seem to be a clear consensus as to if March or November is the preferred time to host the Ball.? What we do know is that we will mix things up one way or the other so please share you opinion & thoughts on these dates. One thing for sure, I have seen enough of our members during a karaoke event (and National Anthem) to know we will not be dropping the band.

Vice Commodore, Johnny O



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Rear Commodore's Report

Warm weather is on its way!

Don't worry, winter's almost over! Spring, also known as the vernal equinox, officially starts on March 22, 2011 at 7:21 pm EDT for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere.

So this means the count down is on for boating season. Just need that ice to thaw out and we will be all set. Congratulation to Len Bruley, for the huge success at the Commodore's ball and to Zuccaro's for doing a wonderful job accommodating all that attended. The next meeting will be March 13, 2011, I will be unable to attend. I will be thinking of all of you in sunny Florida.

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

From your Forward thinking fleet captain.....as I write this only 46 more days until the rest of you launch! Okay...been down on the boat fixing a busted frig and enjoying hearing the ice crackle against the outside of the door on my boatwell! We all need to give a vote of thanks to Bob and Carole Martin for volunteering to host our Captain Morgan Pirate Party! This one is going to be for the record books. Have been looking for treasure to share....

If anyone has any ideas for activities or anything new to do, let us know and we will incorporate it into the float plan. In the interim will see you all at the meeting on Sunday March 13th at 2:00 P.M. Wax on, wax off!

Sincerely,
Jim Limbright
Fleet Captain

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Sunshine report

THINK SPRING!!!!!!

I don't have anything to report from the sunshine lady. Everyone seems to be happy and healthy. If you have any kind of news for me (good or bad), please contact me at Markwood.shilo@att.net

Your # one sunshine lady,
Shilo Markwood

Commodore Ball Dinner Prize Winners:

Basket 1: Ken Wambach
Basket 2: Jennifer Wambach
Basket 3: Linda May
Basket 4: Mike B
Basket 5: D. Lovelace
Basket 6: Jesse Bradley
Basket 7: Jim Markwood
Cooler of Cheer: Jim Albrecht (a.k.a Hammer)

Commodore Ball Raffle Prize Winners:

1 st Prize Put In Bay	Kim Lawrence
2 nd Prize Sugarbush Dinner	Len Bruley
3 rd Prize BBQ	Julie Farris (Jeff Deffen's Lady)

BIRTHDAYS

Dusan Rotarov 3
Debbie Giannico 7
Pam Thomas 8
Connor Christensen 11
Ashley Fox 19
Len Jackinovich 21
John O' Leary 24
Curt Stafford 27
Ronald Braun 30

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Ben and Mariann Lindeman 21

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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 27 th .
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 Alliotto's
November 13	Meeting Location to be determined.
December 3	ABYA Commodore's Ball
December 10	SPYC Christmas Party

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Recipe of the Month

Shepherd's Pie

Prep Time: 15 min
Cook Time: 1 hr

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Serves: 8 to 10 servings

Ingredients

- 1 small onion
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 2 (8-ounce) cans tomato sauce
- 1 1/2 cups mixed vegetables, prepared
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 to 10 medium red new potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 12 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups instant biscuit mix

Directions

Beef Layer: Saute onions in 2 tablespoons butter. Add ground beef. After beef is browned, add tomato sauce; Mix in vegetables. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Potato Layer: Peel and slice potatoes 1/4-inch thick. Cook in boiling water for approximately 15 minutes or until fork-tender. Whip potatoes with electric mixer; mix until moderately smooth. Don't over beat them; a few lumps are nice. Add 1/2 cup heated milk, 1/2 cup butter, and sour cream. Salt and pepper, to taste. Whip until mixed. Adjust thickness by adding more milk, if desired.

Biscuit Layer: Combine biscuit mix and 1 cup milk. The mix should be thinner than normal biscuit mix but not runny. Spray a 9 by 9 by 2-inch pan, or any similar casserole dish. Layer half way up with the mashed potatoes. Next, spread a layer of mixed vegetables on top of potatoes. Then add a layer of the meat. Pour biscuit mix over meat. Melt 4 tablespoons of butter and drizzle over top. Bake for approximately 35 to 45 minutes until top is golden brown

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For Sale

- For Sale a very large dock box, white fiberglass, triangle shape. Excellent condition. Back 54", sides 37", 27" deep. Bob Martin 586 566 1550 or cell 810 335 7711. \$250.00 firm.
- 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

The Professor poses the following problem to one of his classes:

“A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One-fifth is to go to his daughter, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his brother, and the rest to his wife. Now, what does each get?”

After a very long silence in the classroom, Little Pauly raises his hand and says, “A lawyer?”