



# Sounder January 2009



2009 Bridge Members	
Gary Szczesniak	Commodore
Brian Fox	Vice Commodore
Len Bruley	Rear Commodore
John O'Leary	Fleet Captain
Terry Smith	Assistant Fleet Captain
Kim Fox	Secretary
Corinne Christensen	Treasurer
Shilo Markwood	Sunshine Lady
Jeff Deffen / Carole Martin	ABYA Delegate

## Commodore's Report

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday.

We are less than 40 days away from the Ball. The Balls R Us committee met at my house yesterday to nail down the final details. Each member is working hard to provide the club members and their guest with the best Ball possible. I hope everyone can make it this year!

The Ball will begin with waiter passed hors d'oeuvres and an open bar at 6:30 with the Color Guard and announcements of the past Commodores and the bridge beginning at 7:00 and sit down dinner following at 7:30. There will also be a special treat during dinner. Dancing, fun and the raffle and dinner ticket drawing will follow the dinner.

To make the Ball successful takes the help of everyone in the club. Please do all you can by selling as many raffle and dinner tickets as possible. Ask your friends and relatives to come and join us for what we believe will be a classy evening. The more people attending, the better our chances are of making the Ball a financial success.

I look forward to my duties as Commodore this year and will do my best to continue the great job done by all of my predecessors.

The meeting in January is the last meeting to bring your donated bottles or cheer for the Ball for the prizes.

See you next week Sunday at the meeting.

Commodore Gary

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## Vice Commodore's Report

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a safe and happy holiday season. I had a great time serving you as Rear Commodore and look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore. Gary is still **working hard** to finish up all the arrangements for the February 14<sup>th</sup> Ball. We all need to continue to sell raffle tickets and dinner tickets; we need the support of all club members to make this the best ball ever. In the coming weeks, I will start the planning for the 2010 Commodores Ball, now is the time to speak up before any arrangements are made, I welcome your suggestions and ideas. I would also like to thank Jeff Deffen again, for his many years of service to our club.

Thank You,

*Brian Fox*

Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore's Report

Happy New Year Everyone

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday Season. I can't believe just how fast my year as Fleet Captain for 2008 went by. I know that I could not have done this alone with out the support and help of the club, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Club as your Fleet Captain for 2008. This month's meeting will start one hour later to accommodate those of us who will be attending the Past Commodore's Breakfast at Mac Ray's. Remember the meeting starts at 2:00 not 3:00. I want to give a special thanks to my wife, Lynda, because without her support none of this would have been possible. On a final note, once again, I am looking forward to continue serving SPYC as your 2009 Rear Commodore.

Thank you,

*Len Bruley*

Rear Commodore

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### Fleet Captain's Report

#### Easy - It's My First Time!

I trust that everyone had a great holiday. Yes, we can officially say it. We can and will launch this year!!.

For those that wish to be more optimistic as I do, we will launch in 88 days. At least that is what the sign at the Marina says. Perhaps 2+ months sounds better. I prefer the thought that we are launching this 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the year. What ever it takes to get us through this seasonal delay in our 2009 boating season we will tell ourselves anything to get us there quicker. I'd like to think I am not the only one that has already been to West Marine to start shopping? If not, what are you waiting for? No waiting at aisle 2.

As previously discussed, we are going to be gas & community friendly this year. We say this in hopes that gas will stay under \$2 per gallon. The optimist in me says we are saving on 87 octane at the expense of 87 proof. Some how I don't think our group will have a problem with this.

We are returning to Villa Penna's in April as Bath City Bistro can only accommodate 50 people maximum on the Belgium bowling lanes. We do not want to have a situation that could limit anyone from attending that wanted to.

I look forward to having fun with everyone this year and need all the help & ideas you have to offer. Please feel free to share any ideas you have. I have received a few good ideas for informal float gatherings and activities. Len & Lynda were gracious enough to volunteer their house for the May meeting. I still need a volunteer to host the October meeting.

I will have an updated draft of the float plan at the Jan 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We need to get a feel as to how many people want to go to the St. Clair races in July. We will need help in reserving wells as they are not going to allow us to book as a club.

Looking forward to a safe and fun year of boating (or floating). Your help & input is greatly appreciated. As this is my first run at Fleet Captain, I need all the advice & ideas that you have to offer.

Your able cruise director. Johnny O

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### Members' Comments

Hey Sand Pointe members - our Commodore's Ball is less than 40 days away!!!  
Tell your friends, tell your family. We are going to have a great time!!!  
This Sunday's meeting is a great opportunity to get your ball tickets!  
Don't miss out! Avoid the rush!!! Come see us at the meeting

If you should have any questions about tickets, feel free to call me at 1-586-215-5227

Mike & Linda May.

### Sunshine Report

Since Shilo is up North for the holiday, I thought I'd send out a quick report for her.

Mitzi Hamilton has suffered a stroke which has affected her eyesight. She is at St Joseph's Hospital in Clinton Township and is stable. Greg Wither's mother (David Wither's Aunt) passed away on Monday - arrangements are for a memorial service on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 12:-4:00 pm. The memorial will take place at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd. ½ block east of Mound, Warren Michigan. Messages can be sent through the Kaul Funeral Home website.

Please keep these families in your prayers. As we know more, we'll keep you informed.

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### Upcoming Events

Next SPYC Meeting                      January 11<sup>th</sup> at Mariners                      **3:00 p.m.**

**Note time change!**

<b>Birthdays</b>		<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Eva Buckner	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Brian & Kim Fox	Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>
Jeff Deffen	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Mariann Lindeman	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Joyce Withers	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>		

### For Sale

1994 40' SeaRay EC Excellent Condition Loaded 600 hrs. \$119,000 (586) 530-5906

1987 34' SeaRay Sundancer Good Condition 800 hrs. \$29,000 (586) 777-9663

1998 17' 270 Yamaha Exciter Jet Boat red & white with trailer, cover & new spare tire. Excellent condition, twin 135's (total 270 hp). Starboard engine brand new with warranty. Boat runs strong and is Fast \$6200 OBO. Contact Len Bruley @ 1-586-463-6464