



# Sounder November 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

October 29, 2009; I took my last boat ride for the year yesterday to the launch well and the boat is now in winter storage. Sad day however, the countdown begins; 183 more days until launch date but whose keeping track!!! Most of you know Ralph and Ilene are having some health issues. Please keep them both in your thought and prayers for their speedy recovery. Jackie and I will be at our son Jeff's house for Halloween and will not be able to attend the party at Sugar Bush. I hope everyone has fun and gets home safely. Remember to bring your bottle of cheer for the Ball baskets to the November meeting in a brown paper bag. Brian and Kim are working very hard on the Ball and need our support. I believe the dinner and raffle tickets will be distributed at the meeting. If you can't attend, make arrangements with a club member to pick up your tickets. Brian and Kim will have more on this at the meeting. Many thanks again to Barb and Larry for hosting the October meeting at their home. Another fine job by a Past Commodore and his lovely lady. Anyone interested in attending the ABYA Commodore's Ball on December 5, 2009 at the Mirage, see Carole Martin for tickets. The election of officers will take place at the November meeting so make sure you attend to vote in your bridge officers

See you at the meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> at Mariners Boat Club.

Gary

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## **Vice Commodore's Report**

Just a quick note, I will have the raffle tickets and dinner ticket at the next meeting. Once again the 2010 Ball honoring Gary will be Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> at Sycamore Hills Golf Club. I will also be accepting bottles of cheer and any other donation you might have to support the Ball. We need the support of the entire club to make this Ball a success!

Brian

## **Rear Commodore's Report**

November – time for nominations for the Board. We need you to step up – we need an Assistant Fleet Captain. Come on now – start thinking about it. Lynda wanted me to say a special thank you to all of the Sand Pointers that turned out for the ABYA Wine Tasting – you guys rock and you made the event – SPYC had more participants than any other club – she says she's never been so proud of her club (and that goes for me too!). Let's remember to keep all of those who are ill in our thoughts and prayers and a special moment for the Hubner Family who lost their dog Lexie after many years. Anyone who has had a pet for a number of years knows the tremendous loss they are feeling. Well tonight is Halloween night. The candy abounds. Yum, yum. I just realized I need to start thinking about the 2011 Ball – Holy Crap!! I'll take your suggestions . . . See you all at the next meeting!

Len

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### Fleet Captain's Report

Officially it's a Wrap.

You know boating seasons is officially over when you change the clocks back one hour. I wish we could change back a whole month and get a few more boating days in. The Marina looks like a grave yard of white (& blue) elephants. Sad times, but my liver says, about time for a break. Sorry liver, but it is football, hunting & the Holiday season. Officially you're not going to get much relief!!

Officially, we will be having the election of officers at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting is scheduled on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm at Mariners. That means officially X-mas is my official last cooking session before Terry Smith takes over. We officially need someone to step up & help our new Fleet Captain.

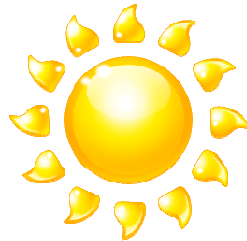
We are officially going to have our X-mas party at Mac Ray's this year. This venue will give us the ability to decorate, bring in our *own* food & favorite beverages. As we are going to have food brought in this year, there will be a minimal cost to offset what would otherwise be a cost to each of us if we brought a dish. I believe it will be a more efficient and a less stressful option for each of us if we do not have to get dressed up & worry about bringing or returning home with a dish to pass. I will give more details at the meeting. I will need to know if you are planning on attending and if you have any guests or kids that will be attending.

As a final note, I want to officially thank EVERYONE that turned out and helped out this year. We have a good thing going in our club. We need to keep the support and enthusiasm going again next year.

Thank You,  
Fleet Captain, Johnny O

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### **Sunshine Report**

**Ilene Caracausi-** Ilene is a former SPYC member and a Past Commodore of the club. Her husband Sam Caracausi is also a former member and a Past Commodore of the club and also an ABYA delegate for 19 years. Ilene is battling cancer. The doctors have found a mass on her spine and another on her kidney. She has been in severe pain during her radiation treatments for the last past six weeks. Ilene's kidney was removed on Tuesday 10-27-2009. No updates since then. She is currently at St. John's Hospital on Moross and Mack and in Room 631. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

**Rich Bewick-** Rich is also a former member of SPYC. He had open heart surgery and it went well. He is currently home recovering.

**Ralph Solecki-** Ralph had dizzy spells for a couple of days in early October. He was admitted to Grosse Pointe Mound Hospital for a few days and they found out that he has a heart arrhythmia (irregular heart beat). Ralph is doing better and he is currently home trying to build up his strength again.

**Jeff Hubner-** Jeff had a boil in his right leg that turned into a terrible infection. He was admitted to the Hospital, doctors I and D'd the area (incision and drain) and gave him IV antibiotics. Jeff is currently home and doing better.

**Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!!!**

If you have any kind of news for the sunshine lady (good or bad), Please email me at [Markwood.shilo@att.net](mailto:Markwood.shilo@att.net)

Your #1 sunshine lady,  
Shilo Markwood

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## Upcoming Events

November 8 <sup>th</sup>	SPYC November meeting – Mariners 2:00
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Commodore's Ball – Mirage
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	SPYC Christmas Party – Mac Ray's members room
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	SPYC Commodore's Ball – Sycamore Hills Golf Club

## BIRTHDAYS

11/19 Robin Doher  
11/27 Greg Withers  
11/28 Larry Aliotta

## ANNIVERSARIES

## For Sale

1994 40' SeaRay EC Excellent Condition Loaded 600 hrs. \$107,000 obo  
(586) 530-5906

1987 34' SeaRay Sundancer Good Condition 800 hrs. Price reduced. Inside heated storage – can be seen all winter. (586) 777-9663

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.

2004 Mercury 15 hp motor \$1,500 – call John O'Leary

1995 Searayder jet boat - 60 hours w/trailer \$2,800 – call John O'Leary