



Sounder February 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

January 25th 9:30 p.m.; nineteen more days and we will be at the Ball.

The Ball details are being worked on by the committee and now all the bridge members as well. They are all doing an excellent job attending to each [item](#) to make the Ball a great evening for everyone that attends. In addition, Mike and Linda May are doing a great job tracking and selling the dinner tickets. And our assistant Fleet Captain, Terry, and his lady Debbie are also doing a fantastic job tracking and selling the raffle tickets.

I want to ask one more time for the help of each club member to attend the Ball if you can, ask as many friends, neighbors and relatives to come with you for what we believe will be a classy evening and to sell as many raffle tickets as you can. I have asked some people to attend that I thought would never come and much to my surprise they accepted. As I have said in the past, selling a lot of dinner and raffle tickets is the only way to make the Ball a financial success. I appreciate all the effort each club member is putting forth to make the Ball [successful](#).

Please remember to bring you dinner and raffle ticket money [and stubs](#) to the meeting next Saturday. [Also bring any unsold dinner or raffle tickets to the meeting that you do not intend to sell before the evening of the Ball.](#) Tell Mike and Linda if anyone is purchasing dinner tickets at the door.

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Remember to keep Ralph and Doris along with John and Corinne and also Bob Peltier and Carol Trinity in your thoughts and prayers.

See you next Saturday at the meeting at Mariners Boat Club.

Thank you!

Commodore Gary

Vice Commodore's Report

I hope everyone is enjoying the snow! If not just keep telling yourself less than 90 days till lunch! Just a few things to recap, sell, sell, sell, February 14th is getting closer. Our next meeting, February 8th, will be your last chance to pay due's before Kim finishing up the 2009 roster. If you have not paid she will remove you from the current members, also any address update's should be emailed to her. That's all for now, see you all next week.

Brian Fox

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

Well, we're getting there. January is almost behind us and we are getting closer to Spring. More importantly, the "Ball" is less than two weeks away. Gary and his committee have been working very hard and have been very busy in completing their final plans for this wonderful event. Let's all remember to do our part and support our great club by making sure that we all attend this event, and show Jeff how much we have appreciated his last four years of services to our club. Jeff, thanks for a great job over the past four years of service to the club. I know after the ball, I will start to focus on getting started working on the boat and getting it ready for launch. I can't wait. I know that we are just getting started into February and I am sick and tired of winter already.

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Please, let's keep Ralph and Doris, John and Corinne, Carol Trinity and Bob Peltier, and Cheryle Jakinovich's brother Ronnie in our thoughts and prayers.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Sunday, February 8th at 2:00 pm at Mariner's Boat Club. Think Spring everyone.

Len Bruley
Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

66 Days and Counting

First, a concern regarding the hibernation of our water asylums. There has been a rash of break-ins at marinas. As the economy gets worse, the crooks get more desperate. The latest answer to their problems is to rip open the shrink wrap on boats and grab flat screens and electronics off of boats. If you have traditionally left items of value on your boat assuming they were safe, you may want to

reconsider. Not only are they stealing personal property they leave your boat exposed to the elements. Please consider if it worth a trip to your palace to make items are secure. Just one more good reason to visit your boat and think about the good times to come (66 days).

We have made a few changes to the float plan. The spring meeting at Len & Lynda's has been move from May 9th to May 16th due to a scheduling conflict. There was enough interest in an extended cruise so we are planning to have an extended cruise to Lexington (and beyond) after the St. Clair races August 3rd. We still need a host for the fall meeting. Please email me johnnyo603@comcast.net if you are will to host the meeting in October.

I need your feedback on the Frostbite at Mac Ray's. I am trying to avoid upsetting the beer cart. We have 2 options. I can (and have) reserved the members club house for the event at a fixed cost of \$200. If we have 20 boats, that will be

\$10/per. This will assure that we have "shelter" in case we have bad weather and will assure that we have convenient "facilities". The down side is we are two rows

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from our vessels. We can again have the same location as last year but we run the risk of needing the tent if weather does not co-operate. If we need the tent it will be a \$300 cost. I hate to think either way we might need to down grade from Heineken to Miller Lite to pull this off. (Start saving you empties now)

If you were not able to attend the last meeting, please review the sounder and email me what events you are interested in at the above email address and I will add your name to the sign up sheet at no additional charge.

Again, please feel free to share any ideas you have. The more ideas and interest we get the better job we can do to make sure all our members get an event that they enjoy.

Respectfully, your capable and humble cruise director.

Johnny O

Members' Comments

Talk to me . . .

Sunshine Report

Wow what a month! I did not know being the sunshine lady was so much FUN!!!!

Mitzi Hamilton- I spoke with Mitzi on January 27,2009. Mitzi is feeling and sounds a lot better. She is still doing her physical therapy for two more weeks and hopefully that will be the end of therapy for her. She also say's Hi to everyone and she will see all of us at the Commodores Ball.

Wither's Family-Sent a thank you card for the thoughtfulness from SPYC.

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Ralph Solecki- Ralph lost his balance and fell on January 19, 2009. Currently he is in Cottage hospital for rehab for his partial hip replacement that he had done on January 21, 2009. Jim spoke with Doris on Sunday and Ralph is doing fairly well but he has no appetite so Doris has to force feed him due to the medication he is taking.

Carol Trinity- The week of January 21st Carol was in the hospital for her diverticulitis. She came home on Saturday January 24th and she is doing well. Carol thanks everyone for there concerns.

Corinne and John Christensen- Corinne's grandma (Temrowski on her Dad's side) past away on Friday January 23rd. The viewing was on Monday and the service was on Tuesday January 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of sorrow.

If you have any kind of news for the sunshine lady please contact me at markwood.shilo@att.net

Shilo Markwood

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Upcoming Events

Next SPYC Meeting
Commodore's Ball

February 8th at Mariners **2:00 p.m.**
February 14th at Zuccaro's

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 2 Ben Lindeman
Feb 5 Don Brazier
Feb 8 Dean Meyer
Feb 9 Richard Buckner
Feb 10 Beth Hubner
 David Withers
Feb 11 Mike May
Feb 17 Cheryle Jakinovich
Feb 28 Valerie Pugh

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Dian Badovinac

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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