



# SOUNDER April 2005

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

Well today (3/20/05) is the first day of Spring. It sure isn't warm outside but at least its not snowing either! As an avid snowmobiler, I sure do love the snow--but only up north on the trails. Oh well, got to take the good with the "not so good."

It's been brought to my attention that due to the limited amount of members attending the "Fitting Out Party", we can not have our April meeting on that outing. Therefore, the meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 PM. It will be held at the VFW Hall in New Baltimore.

Please mark Monday, april 4th (5:30 PM on your calendar. We need our member's help in sponsoring the ABYA April meeting at the VFW Hall (banquet hall in front). Please come to help out and bring a dessert too! Hope to see you there!

Lastly, if you were not at the March meeting, you missed an interesting discussion concerning a new requirement for those wishing to boat in Canadian waters. It appears that all captains traveling to/from Canada now need a DNR certificate.

To obtain this certificate the captain of the boat must have completed a Boater's Instructional/Safety Course. If you have this certificate from the course, then an authorized Power Squadron member (i.e. Al Tondreau) can issue the DNR certificate to the Captain.

So here we go again, another @#&\$@ certificate that we, as boaters, must secure before we can ply the Canadian waters. I don't know about most of you, but Reggie took his Boater Safety Course when he was a teenager and the odds of us finding his certificate are practically nil. So either we go through a 6-8 week course to obtain this certificate or we limit our boating activities to the U.S. ports. I guess we'll just have to see...

**Nancy**

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR

Spring is here, and that means boating season is just around the corner. Don't forget to schedule your launch date if you have not already done so. It's been a long winter so it will be nice to get back on the boats again.

I spoke with George Girgenti a few days ago and he would like me to personally thank everyone for the phone calls, cards and flowers. They really help. Keep them coming, as he is not out of the woods yet. George and Sharon's address is incorrect in the roster. Please correct your copy. It should be:

**17306 Westgrove Dr., Macomb Twp, MI 48042**

### Important Announcements:

1. On Monday, April 4th, SPYC will again be hosting the **ABYA** April meeting at the New Baltimore VFW Hall (banquet hall in front). We need volunteers to help with the hall setup, the dinner, the bar, the 50-50 sales & clean up. If you can help, please call Nancy Horton @ (586) 296-3493 so that she knows how many people will be there. Be at the hall by 5:30 PM that evening. For SPYC club officers who are attending (and we all should be), gray slacks with blue blazer is the proper attire. New members--this is a good way to get to know some of us. Please come to help!

2. There was no April meeting scheduled on the Float Plan because it was to have been part of the Fitting-Out Party. Due to low attendance at that function we have re-scheduled the April meeting at the VFW Hall on the 10th of April @ 2:00 PM. Thanks for handling that so quickly for us, Jeff.

At the meeting we will be voting on some proposed bylaw changes previously published in the March Sounder. **One item\*** was already discussed at the March meeting and some changes were made to it. We will vote on the revised item at the May meeting.

**Old version\*: 1.A.10.** *The Membership Chairperson shall greet members at each meeting to insure nametag compliance and provide temporary nametags for member who does not have their nametags. The Membership Chairperson will compile a list at each meeting of members who have lost their nametags. An order will be place in April of each year fo a replacement nametag at the cost to be paid by the member.*

**New version\*: 1.A.10.** *The Membership Chairperson will compile a list at each meeting of members who have lost their nametags. An order will be placed in April of each year for a replacement nametag at the cost to be paid by the member.*

**Flowers/Cards:** *"immediate family" defined as (Mother, Father, Spuse or child)*

More Rear...

3. The date of the May Meeting at Len and Lynda's house was misprinted in the Sounder. It should read: Saturday, May 14th @ 2 PM. You will get another reminder next Sounder about this item.

4. There are going to be some new requirements for those of us boating in Canadian waters (and possibly in the US, soon) requiring all boaters to have a safe boating class and paperwork to prove it. Al Tondreau gave a report on this at the March meeting. I will try to get a hard copy and pass it out, so we know the facts.

5. Midland Spring Rendezvous Report: I can't tell you much about that because Sue & I could not attend. I do know that our club won Best Craftsmanship Award for our boat **once again**. Thanks Larry Martin and everyone else that helped on that. Our club did not win any other prizes but everyone had a great time, as usual.

6. I would like to get some feedback on the club stocking some merchandise for members to purchase. Example: Hats, shirts, jackets, towels, cuzie's, etc. We do not have anything in stock as of now. If you have suggestions for merchandise, let me know, I have a great source with super prices, but would like your input. It has been mentioned that one of the local stores will put our logo on any item. But I don't see that as being convenient for everyone, and most people don't think of it until they are on an outing or at a meeting. This could also be a source of income for the club. Call me @ (586) 530-5906 with your suggestions, and/or feedback.

That's all I have for you this month. See you at the April ABYA meeting and the May SPYC meeting. I will not be able to attend the **April SPYC** meeting, as I will be out of town, but I'll think of you as I'm shooshing down the mountains in Vail.

**Tony Fralowicz**  
Rear Commodore

**FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Hello Everyone:

Well spring is here believe it or not. Sure can't tell by the weather we are having. This should be the time everyone is getting ready to prep their boats for the upcoming season. Guess that will have to wait a little longer. Hope the gas prices do not wreak havoc on our boating agenda! Everyone that is signed up for the Niagara Falls trip will be receiving a package from Sunburst Tours with information about our trip. Let me know if you do not get one.

Remember, this is a trip to Canada and you will need a birth certificate or a passport. I am looking forward to a great time, hope you are too!

Your Fleet Captain.....Jeff Deffen



APRIL

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!**

7 - Barb & Larry Aliotta

12 - Edie & Jim Limbright

15 - Bob Peltier & Carol Trinity

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

10- Dennis Gregory

14 - John Christensen

20 - Dewey Pugh

20 - John Palyu

21 - Roy Perry

25 - Rick Bremenour

25 - Jeff Hubner

27 - Sue Fralowicz





# SUNSHINE REPORT

"No news is good news!"

Debbie Giannico Your Sunshine Delegate

### BEST SINGLES AD EVER WRITTEN

This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It is reported to have been listed in The Atlanta Journal.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me.

Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy. I'll be waiting...

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever.

(Men are so easy.)

### Tombstone Inscription for Jonathan Jay (sailor)

*"Here lies the body of Jonathan Jay,  
Who died defending his right of way.  
He was right, dead right, as he sailed  
along,  
But he's just as dead as if he'd been  
wrong"*

**Richard Mateles  
Chicago, IL**

Thanks for the jokes, Marvin!

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**NEXT MEETING: Sunday April 10th  
VFW Hall 2 PM**