



SOUNDER

April 2006

Commodore's Comments

Well here it is Spring at last. We will be home from Florida in a few weeks, hoping for some great weather so we can get to the business of "Launch". Of course we are doing this with visions of gas at three dollars a gallon!

I ran across a good article in the April issue of Power and Motoryacht called "Water on Tap". Keeping our water tanks safe and drinkable is very important to us women and surely can't be overlooked by us when getting our crafts ready .

I have thoughts of slime and algae, paint, rust chips, dirt in the tank etc. from water sitting in the tank too long, even though Bob assures me he is constantly flushing our water tank during the year. Here are some suggestions.

1. Check the lines. Normally they are clear, if black or opaque, replace them.
2. Heaters, faucets, pumps, (harbor growths and deposits) flush or disassemble to clean. Check the clamps and be sure to look for leaks while doing this.

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2006 BRIDGE

Commodore	CAROLE MARTIN
Vice Commodore	TONY FRALOWICZ
Rear Commodore	JEFF DEFFEN
Fleet Captain	GARY SZCZESNIAK
Secretary / ABYA Delegate	LYNDA MAREK
Treasurer	CHERYLE JAKINOVICH
Membership	GARY KNAPP
Sunshine Delegate	LINDA MAY
Asst. Fleet Captain	BRIAN FOX



Comment's cont'd



3. Fill the tanks with a mixture of water and bleach to sanitize. Use a ratio of eight ounces of bleach for every ten gallons of water. Let the water drain from each faucet, shower ect. until it smells of bleach. Turn all these off (insures the mixture stays in the lines and pumps). Leave the system pressurized at least eight hours but no more than twenty four hours.

4. At the end of soak time flush, flush until the bleach water solution is gone. Be sure to run each faucet and outlet starting with the furthest from the pump.

5. Check the o-ring seal in the on deck water-fill fitting for wear. (A significant source of contamination of water tanks).

This process is safe for all tanks including aluminum ones, as long as it is done for the suggested time and no more than twice a year.

Now that I have bent your ears, my thoughts are turned to seeing all our friends on our return at the May meeting. Have fun at the Chaplin's Comedy Club, sorry to miss that great event planned by Gary, our Fleet Captain, We always feel light hearted after an evening of laughter.

Safe boating,
Carole

Voice of the Vice

Allow me to begin by issuing an apology to anyone who took offense to the comment that I made at the last meeting about the raffle tickets and the monies collected. It caused quite a stir.

I did not ever intend to offend anyone (although obviously I did). I also did not, in any way mean that any person or group of persons handling the tickets did anything but a superb job. It was my perception, based on seeing such a full barrel, that we had probably taken in more money than last year.

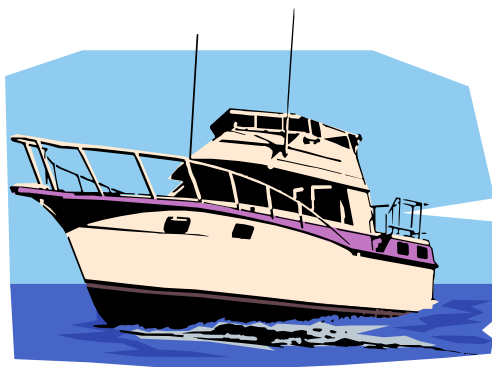
A comparison with the treasurer's figures did not prove this out. But it also did not take into account the six tickets for \$5 factor as a possible reason for there being more tickets there. Each of you has always done a fantastic job selling tickets for our Commodore's Ball. I'd hate my comment to be the reason for you not to continue in those efforts.

As a past Commodore and a current Bridge member I always try and act responsibly and to the betterment of our club. Again, I offer my sincere apology in this matter to each of you.

I am starting to work on the preparation for next year's Ball. If anyone has any suggestions, I would be glad to hear them. I would also like some suggestions for the prizes to be given away, along with the \$1000 bon

See you at the May meeting @ David and Joyce's

Tom Esler, MC



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

April is now here...more wax on...wax off.

The Fitting Out Party at Chaplin's Comedy Club is this Saturday, April 8, 2006. Some small changes to note if you missed the March club meeting; there will be no club meeting at Chaplin's so the start time for Chaplin's was changed from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge with a cash bar instead of 7:30 p.m. with the show starting at 8:30 p.m. A 50/50 drawing will be held in the lounge before the show. The cost per person for the hors d'oeuvres and the show tickets is \$6.00 for club members and \$18.00 for non-club members with the club picking up the rest. I will be collecting the per person charges in the lounge before the show. Norm Stultz is the headliner and the feedback from Chaplin's is he is great.

We have now filled the entire wall at Radlin's. If you are planning to make the Memorial Day outing and you have not already signed up, the two options are to arrange to raft off of a friend or be assigned a well dock adjacent to the wall. According to Wayne, if you raft off of a friend you will have access to electrical.

Looking forward, the May club meeting will be held at David and Joyce Withers house and will begin at 2:00 p.m. on May 13, 2006. Lunch will be served with a dish to pass. Don't forget to bring your folding chairs, coolers and a dish to pass!

I began contacting the marina's in early March to provide them a boat count. Let me know if you need a copy of the 2006 Float Plan; I can email, fax or mail it to you. You can still sign up for any outing by contacting me either by telephone at 586 286 9082, 248 763 1802 or by email at garyszczesniak@wowway.com. Please remember to notify me of any cancellations as soon as possible. This will assist me with dockage and food preparations.

See you on the water soon!

Your Fleet Captain,
Gary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE REAR

Well Spring has finally come! Time to clean out the garage and get the boat ready. I may need some props if anybody has a deal, let me know.

The Club put on a great spaghetti dinner last Monday night for the ABYA meeting, As usual Bill Hamilton did a wonderful job as the Head Chef. Linda Marek our ABYA delegate did a fine job also. We had a huge turnout of help from our members. A fine job!!!

Last meeting we had the ABYA rep's Art and Gary speak. It was quite interesting to hear all the things they do. They have a web site with wake charts & safety book that can be downloaded, it is www.abya.org. They also will pay the entry fee for 1 or 2 boats for the parade of lights.

Reminder May meeting is @ Dave & Joyce's Bring lawn chairs, life jackets, dish to pass. Well Denise and I will see you at the fitting out party at Chaplin's this Saturday April 8th.

Jeff Deffen - Rear Commodore



Top 10 Reasons to Buy a Boat

- 1 A Financial Consultant advised you that hemorrhaging a fortune into a depreciating asset was a sound financial strategy.
- 2 You want to become intimately acquainted with every single working part of an engine.
- 3 You find constant scraping, painting and waxing to be very therapeutic.
- 4 You feel a moral obligation to help support OPEC.
- 5 Instead of sitting on shore not catching any fish, you prefer to sit on a boat, not catching any fish.
- 6 You want complete strangers to call you "Captain."
- 7 If you drink all day in a bar you are a "lush." If you drink all day on a boat, you are "enjoying life to it's fullest potential."
- 8 Aren't some of those knots really cool?
- 9 You enjoy using a toilet the size of a saucepan.

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SUNSHINE REPORT



Mitzi Hamilton was hospitalized this winter, Ralph is recovering from hip surgery. He was at our March meeting and hopes to be on his boat this summer, and Andy the son of Jeff and Beth is recuperating from a complicated leg fracture. The club sent him a candy bouquet.

Thanks
Linda



April

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

BARB & LARRY ALIOTTA 7TH
BOB PELTIER & CAROL TRINITY 15TH
EDIE & JIM ALBRIGHT 12TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

DENISE DEFFEN 1ST
DENNIS GREGORY 10TH
JOHN CHRISTENSEN 14TH
JOHN PAYLU 20TH
ROY PERRY 21ST
RICK BREMENOUR 25TH
JEFF HUBNER 25TH
SUE FRALOWICZ 27TH



NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY MAY 13th

2:00 PM @ DAVID and JOYCE WITHERS