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Commodore

Scott Mannion

Wow, what a party! I would like to thank Vice Commodore, Frank Soltesz for putting together a great Commodore's Ball. It was great to see everyone whether long time members, new members or invited guests. Not only were we honored with the presence of fellow Commodores' Tim Yearick of Northeast Yacht Club and his wife Debbie, Tim Matusaka of Chagrin River Yacht Club and his wife Kerry, we also had Commander Mike Polovic attending of the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. Mike gave us the honor of swearing in all of our officers including myself.

As always, a big thanks to our Emcee Greg Sattler, who did a great job running the program for the evening. We all had a big laugh with the story of Robbie & Sean's dog. DJ Mike did an excellent job keeping the crowd on their feet dancing. We also had the pleasure of hearing a performance from the Bag Pipers who gave an awesome rendition of Amazing Grace that was spectacular.

I would like to let everyone know that Wildwood Yacht Club will be hosting the April GCBA meeting this year at Northeast Yacht Club. Details to follow.

Our fellow member and friend Sean Smith's best friend and work partner, Rob Martin, is currently battling cancer. Sean is selling raffle tickets for a 40-inch TV and a benefit will be held on March 2, 2012 at the C.P.P.A. Hall (Zone Car) located at 1303 West 58th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. I know I will be there to lend my support. If you would like to buy raffle tickets or attend the benefit, please contact Sean.

Hopefully a budget for this year will be in place by our February meeting. Meetings take place on the second Monday of each month at the Paradise Island Saloon; located on Babbitt Road in Euclid beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Officially Spring is only 2 months away! See everyone at the Halfway to Launch Party!

Vice Commodore

Frank Soltesz

Thanks to all who attended the Commodore's Ball. Your support of this important club function was appreciated. We had a total of 98 members, guests, family or friends in attendance. Antee's professional opinion was that everyone had a good time.

I would like to recognize and compliment Commodore Scott Mannion for his leadership and commitment, which has taken our club in a positive direction during hard economic times.

Congratulations to Jane Bacha recipient of the Paul O'Brien award for 2011. Many members probably do not realize the amount of time and effort that Jane puts into all of the activities at the club. She has been a valuable aid to me, over the last several years, making sure that the events that I was responsible for organizing went smoothly.

Thank you Lady Dorene and Jane for collecting tickets and cash at the door while the membership, my- self included, got a head start on the socializing. Your efforts were appreciated.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monthly Meeting
Paradise Island Saloon
Monday, 2/13, 7:00PM

Half Way to Launch Party
March 3rd
Kristy's Tavern
6 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner



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On a sad note you may not be aware that our friends from not so far north, Steve and Marian Jackson suffered a loss. Marian's mother passed on January 6, 2012 and the funeral was January 11th. I am sure that condolences would be appreciated. Their email address is stevemarianjack@aol.com, for those who would like to respond.

Financial Secretary

P/C Greg Sattler

Reminder that all January membership bills are due no later than January 31st. If you have not paid by then you will be charged a \$25.00 per month late fee. You will receive your dock bill when you have paid your membership dues and returned your dock request card.

I will be out of town from February 15th to April 3rd. If your payment is received at my address between those dates, you will not receive your dock bill until I return home. Your dock payment will still be due no later than April 9th. This is the date of our dock day. If you have not paid for your dock it might be lost at dock day.

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR DUES PAYMENT ASAP TO AVOID ANY EXTRA FEES AND OR CHANCE OF LOSING YOUR DOCK. Make sure you send the payments to my HOME, not the WWYC P.O. box.

Rear Commodore

Jacob Bulík

Halfway to Launch is right around the corner. The party will be held at Kristy's on Saturday, March 3rd. Cocktails at 6 PM & dinner at 7 PM. Stay tuned for further information.

Goodwill & Sunshine

P/C Joe Ferrara

Well unfortunately we have mostly goodwill this month. Let's remember to keep the Hanuscin family in our thoughts and prayers after the passing of Gary's wife, Cathy, after a long battle with MS.

We also lost my Dad...Pappa Joe to lung cancer New Years day. I personally would like to thank everyone for all their support over the last few months the Ferrara family is truly grateful to you all.

Fred and Nancy Weiss continue to recover from their surgeries and it was great to see them at the Commodore's Ball. Our best wishes to you both and hope to see you down on the docks in the spring!

Frank Soltesz is caring for his Mother who is in the hospital with Pneumonia. We all wish her well Frank.

Let's try and Keep Art Schultz in our thoughts as well. He has not been feeling up to par lately but as tough as we all know he is... I don't think there is any illness that can keep him down. Get well soon Art.

Now for a little sunshine... NASA has selected our very own Christopher Novicky for his CSU MBA capstone-consulting project this coming spring semester. He will be developing a marketing strategy in northeast Ohio for specific NASA energy technology. He also will be graduating in May 2012 with his Executive Masters in Business Administration. Congrats Chris, Bravo!

Past Commodore

Fred Weiss

Almost 200 years ago, Oliver Hazard Perry and 557 brave men sailed from Put-in-Bay, Ohio to battle the Royal Navy in the "Battle of Lake Erie." In September 2013 a fleet of authentic Tall Ships will reenact that historic Battle. For more info click the link below. www.battleoflakeerie-bicentennial.com.

Notables



Check out the I-LYA Newsletter attached. There are some interesting articles & events planned for the year.



Fleet Captain

Doug Mekinda

Officially winter is half over, although Mother Nature is teasing with weather that allowed us on January 31st to get on the motorcycle, go down to check the status of our boats, work in the yards...

That being said, we should now be thinking of our Spring pre-launch checklists. We all have the lists we make for our boats: clean, wax, change filters, change impellers, and all the other maintenance we do on a yearly basis (plus any new additions we may be adding / installing for this season). While making your lists, please do not forget your Wildwood Yacht Club pre-launch checklist including the following:

- ✓ Fill out your Dock Card completely – this includes your dock number, OH number, insurance carrier and a legitimate way to reach you if there is an issue. Remember that if you do not return your dock card and pay your dock fees your dock will be reassigned.
- ✓ Insurance – As you are renewing/buying your boat's insurance, please be sure you have the Wildwood Yacht Club mandated Liability Coverage of a *minimum* \$100,000. Also, when you are talking to your insurance carrier make sure they provide you with your *declaration of insurance* page. They, or you, can send this via e-mail to fleetcaptainwwwyc@yahoo.com, or place a copy in the Fleet Captain envelope posted on the clubhouse board. This must be done prior to tying-in. If the club does not have a copy of your *declaration of insurance*, or you do not have the *minimum* \$100,000 Liability Coverage, you will have to remove your vessel.
- ✓ Docking Lines, Springs, Shackles, and Chain – Inspect for wear, make sure they are the proper length and diameter for your boat/dock (refer to General Specs, section 3-3.1 through 3-4.7 in your copy of the WWYC Rules and Regulations), and make sure they have the *required* chafe protection.

- ✓ Electrical – Inspect all shore power cords for wear... Bad grounding, and stray currents affect all boats in our harbor.
- ✓ Work Hours – Get in touch with your work foreman to find out the plan for 2012. If you are not on a work committee – get on one (you can usually talk to your foreman at the Monthly Meeting held the 2nd Monday of every month).
- ✓ Optional Membership in BoatUS – Wildwood Yacht Club is a Boat US Cooperating Group meaning we are listed in the BoatUS Guides, our WWYC Burgee is displayed at the BoatUS National HQ, we have a Web Link Exchange, and most importantly for WWYC Members we get ½ price BoatUS memberships (<http://www.boatus.com>) With your \$15 membership BoatUS will pay \$50 per incident on the water or on-the-road towing services, or for just \$34 more you can add Unlimited Towing on the Great Lakes and Inland Waterways (other options are also available). When joining, please use the Wildwood Yacht Club Group ID Number: **GA80534Y** for your discounts...

Here are some interesting numbers regarding BoatUS:

The BoatUS Member

500,000+: Total number of BoatUS members in 2011

1,000,000+: Total number of boats owned by BoatUS members in 2011.

27: Average number of years of boating experience for a BoatUS member.

Boating Safety

92,397: The number of boaters who have taken or enrolled in the BoatUS Foundation's free [Online Boating Safety Course](#) in 2011, which qualifies as boating safety certification in 33 states and can qualify you for a discount on your boat insurance.

90,000+: The number of times a child's life jacket was borrowed from the BoatUS Foundation's Kids Life Jacket Loaner Program in 2011, which is offered at over [570 locations](#) across the country

4: The number of lives saved in 2011 attributed to the BoatUS Foundation [EPIRB Rental Program](#).

Clean Water

2,131: Miles of fishing line recycled by the BoatUS Foundation [Reel In and Recycle Monofilament Fishing Line Recycling Program](#).

800: Number of BoatUS Foundation Reel In and Recycle Program fishing line recycling bins built and installed around the country in 2011.

50% The average reduction in cigarette litter seen at 43 marinas that participated in the BoatUS Foundation Cigarette Litter Prevention Program.

On-the-Water Towing and Assistance

65,000+: The total number of requests from boaters for on-the-water assistance received by the [BoatUS Towing Service's](#) 24-hour call centers and local TowBoatUS and Vessel Assist towing companies in 2011.

300: The total number of TowBoatUS and Vessel Assist [towboat locations in North America](#).

\$600+: National average cost of an on-the-water towing bill paid out-of-pocket by non-members in 2011 (Towing bill cost for BoatUS members with annual "Unlimited" Towing Service Plan: \$0).

62,900: The total number of downloads for the [BoatUS Smart Phone App](#) in 2011, which provides an easy way to see, text, email and share via Facebook your boat's location (including latitude & longitude), or call for a tow on the water or to summon roadside assistance.

3,530: The number of times the BoatUS Smart Phone App has been used by boaters to call the BoatUS 24-Hour Dispatch Centers in 2011.

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Roadside Trailing Assistance

\$14: The cost of adding the BoatUS Trailing Club to a BoatUS membership, which will tow both a disabled boat trailer and tow vehicle up to 100 miles and includes a subscription to [BoatUS Trailing Magazine](#).

18,000: The total number of roadside assistance companies across North America offering [BoatUS Trailing Club](#) and [BoatUS Angler](#) members the ability to handle both boat trailer and tow vehicle breakdowns 24/7.

43%: Percentage of requests for roadside assistance to the BoatUS 24-hour Dispatch Centers attributed to flat tires (the #1 request, followed by #2 bearings: 22%; #3. axle: 12%; #4. tow vehicle: 5%)

Angling

59%: Overall percentage of BoatUS members who fish (Percentage of [BoatUS Angler](#) members who fish: 100%)

300+: The number of fishing tournaments (including B.A.S.S., FLW, PAA, LBAA and Collegiate Bass Fishing) sanctioned by the BoatUS Angler "[Weigh-to-Win](#)" cash bonus program that pays the highest-placing BoatUS Angler member.

\$75,000: Bonus dollars available to [BoatUS Angler](#) members who registered for the BoatUS Angler "[Weigh-to-Win](#)" program in 2011.

Boat Insurance

\$8 Billion: The total hull value of all boats insured with [BoatUS Marine Insurance](#) in 2011.

\$260 Million: The total value of BoatUS members' boats who were safely hauled-out and stored ashore with help from their BoatUS insurance policy's [Hurricane Haul-out](#) coverage with Hurricane Irene in 2011.

8,760: The number of hours per year that a boater can speak to BoatUS Marine Insurance Claims staff member (24/7/365).

Consumer Affairs

\$2,500: The average dollar amount returned to a BoatUS member who sought third-party negotiation assistance from the BoatUS Consumer Affairs [Dispute Mediation Program](#) to resolve a complaint in 2011.

Government Affairs

646,731: Total number of individual "BoatUS Government Affairs Alerts" concerning critical federal and state issues emailed to BoatUS members in 2011.

17,000: Total number of citizen comments generated for the federal government on just one issue: The potential loss of GPS and chart plotter signals with the proposed nationwide build-out of a cellular telephone network by a private company, LightSquared.

DSC VHF Radio Registration

16,000+: Number of MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) numbers issued in 2011 for free through the BoatUS "Free MMSI Number" DSC VHF Radio registration at www.BoatUS.com/MMSI.

Boating and Fishing Discounts:

900: The number of [boating and fishing businesses offering discounts](#) to BoatUS members (337 offer a fuel discount up to 10-cents off per gallon).

4%: The percentage of West Advantage Gold Rewards earned back by BoatUS members when [shopping for boating supplies](#) at West Marine.

Public Relations

150: Number of press releases issued by the BoatUS Public Relations Office in 2011 (To receive releases, sign up at www.BoatUS.com/PressRoom/form_media.asp).

BoatUS.com

6.4 Million: Number of unique visitors to BoatUS.com in 2011.

About BoatUS: BoatUS - Boat Owners Association of The United States - is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing over half a million members with government representation, programs and money-saving services.



97 Days Until Opening Day!