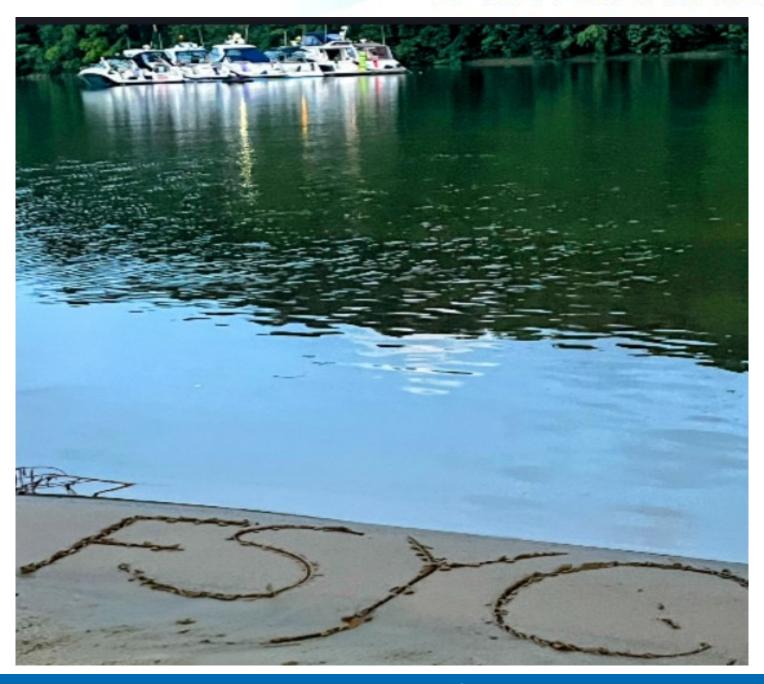
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he Four Seasons Yacht Club (FSYC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a vibrant and welcoming community of recreational boating enthusiasts and the people who enjoy the laid-back, social lifestyle.

As a **volunteer-driven** club, our members generously contribute their time and energy beyond their daily commitments because we cherish the sense of camaraderie and connection that makes this community so much fun to be a part of . We encourage members to participate actively—whether it's hosting events, sharing expertise, helping clean up, or simply attending to having fun together.

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# FROM THE BRIDGE

### Chasta Postler | 2024—2025 Commodore

Watching the calendar until splash day is a constant at this point of the season, especially after last summer with the great weather, water and Kentucky Keys. It's been WILD offseason between record snow, freezing temps, rain for days and flood waters, so it's hard to say what this season on hook will bring.

One of the best things about FSYC is the community that comes together on and off the water. The Bridge has looked at the upcoming calendar to find more ways to balance rafting out when the weather is great, casual events to roll into the weekend and amazing parties throughout the year. We encourage more members to share ideas, help with events, coffee



and donuts, or consider being part of the Bridge to help make each year the best experience.

Update Rachel with any contact information changes and on your Spond profile!

Have ideas for what you want to see more of in the newsletter? We welcome member submissions, pictures, requests for key topics of interest and more. Send an email to Vicecommodore.fsyc@gmail.com with your ideas!



# **BELOW DECK**

#### THIS DECK CREW IS THE BEST ON THE WATER

rom donuts to dining and drinks, the back patio has turned a bit dicey in the last few seasons. After some discussions with Four Seasons Marina and some preliminary investigation into the condition of the deck, the FSYC Board approved the plan to rebuild one of the cornerstones of the club experience.

A budget for the project was approved at the March 13 Board meeting, with demolition beginning the next day. All the deck boards were removed, exposing significant rot in the joists and confirming the continued top-level repairs were futile. It was estimated the deck was at least forty years old – *well* past its useful life.

The project materials list, the materials sourcing for the budget was next. On March 31, lumber, joist hangers, screws and miscellaneous supplies were delivered to Four Seasons Marina. removed the pile of old decking material from the side

deck and transported the new lumber from the upper parking lot down to the clubhouse. They used their work barge to get the lumber to the side deck.

On April 1, the rotted joists were removed and replaced them with new 2 x 10s. The decking was underway within a few days, but the rising river put work on hold. Mother Nature halted everything as we waited for the river to recede and a decent day to get back to work.

Finally, April 12 brought a clear, warm day for the crew to finished after 9 hours. The beautiful new deck is sturdy and safe with a foundation of 2 x 10 joists on sixteen inch canters and screwed together for top structural integrity.

We look forward to seeing everyone on deck this season. Remember to thank the crew!







# Thank you to the volunteers who made this possible!

Area	Team	
Design and Material Sourcing	Tim and Rachel Tanner; Joe Trame	
Decking Demolition:	Pam and Gary Smiga; Mike and Lori Haines	
Joist Demolition and Installation:	Rob Waitman, Mike Swick, Mike Haines, and Joe and Terri Trame	
Decking Installation:	Mike and Cathy Swick, Joe and Terri Trame, Tim Tanner, Mike and Cherie Grivna, Mike Haines	
Lumber Transport:	Adam Dickerson and Spencer from Four Seasons Marina	











# OFF THE DOCK

mazing how so many of us continue to find the water when we aren't at the marina. From cruises in warm water to snow on the slopes, when the boats are away, FSYC members still find a way to play.



Tim Van Simaeys refs while Mike Romes and Dave & Sharon Frey compete in the "Sarah Olympics" in honor of her ski trip injury (refer to the "before" picture in the lower left corner).



Dave and Sharon Frey, Matt and Sarah Stephens and Mike and Rachel Romes took on Breckenridge for the weekend.



Stacy and Brady Templeton, Bill and Sue Jordan, Lois Bolte and daughter, Amy Zink, went on a cruise to Cozumel, Honduras, Costa Rica, and through the Panama Canal!

# PINNACLE OPAVING & SEALING







Jay and Dana Sewell cheered on national champions OSU at the Rose Bowl.

Jim and Annette DeCamp ran into Paul Sr. from Orange Co. Choppers during their week in Clearwater, FL.



Chris and Chasta added another one to the Postler pack.

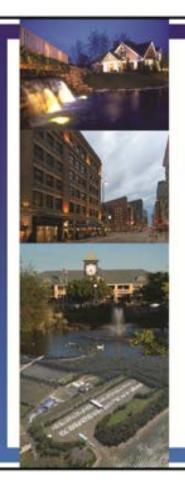


Brian and Tammy Dalton finding water in Bermuda.



Mike and Lori Haines visited with the Smiga's and Jordan's in Siesta Key (below) before taking a Caribbean cruise. One week turned into two. Who knew you can stay longer if you pay?





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# **NET INCOME**

#### The March madness party lined pockets and stomachs

n Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 40 FSYC members joined in an afternoon of great food, bracket squares and laughter. Homemade soups were provided by hosts Pam Smiga and Lori Haines, sandwiches by Jimmy John's and amazing appetizers, salads and desserts by our fabulous dock mates.

Nicole Omiatek won the door-prize basket



drawing at the half, and Chasta Postler won the half-time square of \$125 for Arkansas 35/St. John's 32.

Money is staying in the pocket of the Templetons as the winners of the early membership renewal drawing by scoring a free Commodore Ball ticket. A huge thank you to the 22 renewing members who entered the drawing!

Summer Lightner ran out the clock with the winning score combination with Arkansas 75 and St John's 66, taking home the other \$125.

Thank you to all who brought items to share and cleaned up, as well as those who continued

the party at Anchored in Spirit for music and more fun.

Up next is our official kickoff with the Derby Party hosted by the Postlers and Freys.



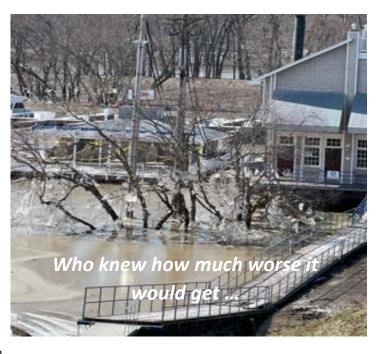




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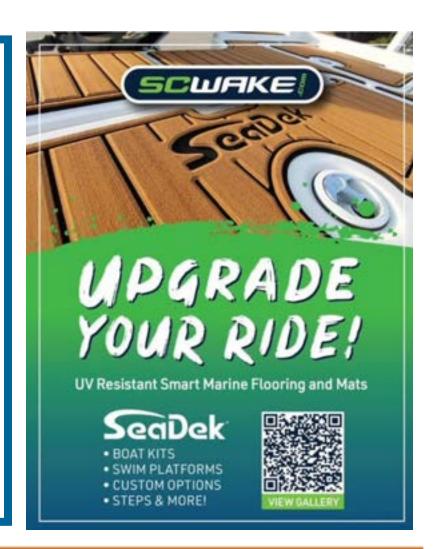


# **Save the Date**

FSGC Commodore's Ball January 24, 2026

Join us for the changing of the watch celebration, including dinner, drinks and dancing. Reserve your room at the Marriott Rivercenter here.





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# FLOOD OF MEMORIES

We love the river a lot, but maybe not 60 feet of it ...

incinnati has experienced significant flooding throughout its history, primarily due to the Ohio River overflowing its banks. While FSYC is always eager for the river, flooding has significant impacts on the quality and safety of the water and community.

The Ohio River recently crested at **60.79 feet**, marking the highest level in nearly a decade. While a river town like Cincinnati expects to deal with seasonally high water, this area has had some notable floods. These pictures show the last few weeks, but let's look back in time to see what the Ohio River has done.

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**Flood of 2025 photos clockwise from top right:** Coney Island entrance, downtown riverfront, Markland lock and dam, and the on-ramp right off Kellogg Ave.













#### Flood of 2025 photos clockwise from top right:

Full aerial view for Four Seasons Marina and Shoreline, frontage street of New Richmond, OH; aerial view of driving range and soccer fields leading to Four Seasons; aerial view of A and C Docks; and aerial view of B and D Docks.



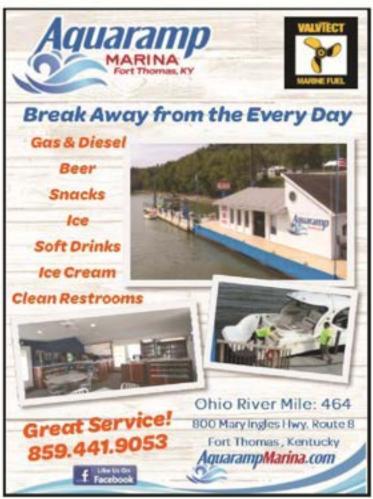












## RAMP UP

#### Early May comes out of the gate fast!

ust to tease you, we have a couple great things for our Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser on July 19. Tickets will go on sale early



and we only sell 100 or less! We have a few new bourbons along with some nice baskets to raffle!

Mark your cal-

endar for July 19th for the party, which is always a season highlight! Tickets for the bourbon raffle go on sale at the Derby Party on May 3 and can be purchases at the clubhouse throughout summer (before they are gone).

Speaking of the Kentucky Derby ... we are at the starting line for the party season. This event, in addition to amazing hats, dapper digs and good ole' fashioned betting on ponies, we welcome both current and prospective members to join the fun. Check out Spond for event details and how you can help by bringing a side or dessert.

Before we get dressed up for the Derby, FSYC starts the day at 8:30 with the first coffee and donuts of the season. New or prospective member? It's a great way to meet people.

Check out Spond to see details and RSVP for events all season, as well as page 20 for a calendar view.





#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### The only return of investment you can count on

embership renewal comes up fast! If you're looking for your new name tag and don't see it on the wall, you may need to find Rachel and renew. Same for cards ... they are handed out as part of how we track who has renewed.

You can pay the \$200 membership fees by transferring through Venmo or through your bank mobile app using Zelle. Scan the QR codes below to pull up the FSYC account or search within the app for: treasurer.fsyc@gmail.com



#### Mail a check to:

Mike Haines FSYC 4284 Family Farm Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45245

Contact Membership Coordinator Rachel Tanner for questions on membership renewals, benefits and new members!

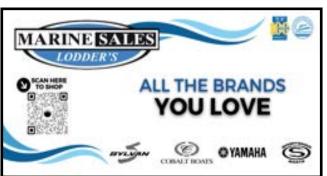












# **COLD RECEPTION**

The excitement of splashing in can come with unwelcome surprises.

h, the joys of seasonal boat owner-ship! While many of us spend the off season counting down the days until we drop in and begin what is more time cleaning the boat than we remember from last season, there can often be some frustration finding something isn't working the way it was when the boat went into hibernation.

There are a few common reasons why boats tend to have issues after winter storage:

**Moisture Damage:** Even if your boat was stored properly, trapped moisture can lead to corrosion, mold, or electrical issues.

**Fuel System Trouble:** Untreated fuel can degrade, clog lines, or cause injector problems.

**Battery Drain:** Batteries can lose charge over winter, and a neglected battery might refuse to be revived.

**Freezing Damage:** If water was left in the engine or plumbing systems, it could expand and cause cracks.

**Dried-Out Seals & Hoses:** Rubber parts can dry out or crack, leading to leaks once the boat is back in action.





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# SPRING AWAKENING

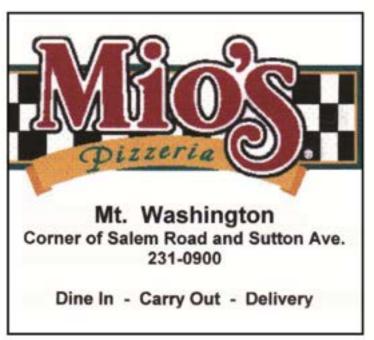
#### Volunteering for events is simple, supported, and comes with perks!

etting your boat ready for spring means 5. reversing winterization and ensuring everything is in top shape for the season. Here's a step-by-step guide to prepare your boat:

- Inspect the hull & exterior for cracks, blisters and damage from dry storage. Remove barnacle or algae build up if stored in the water.
- 2. Clean the hull and apply a fresh coat of wax for protection. If stored in water, inspect for algae or barnacle buildup.
- 3. Check the engine & fuel system, including an oil change and filter replacement. Look for cracked hoses.
- 4. Top off the gas tank with fresh fuel. Check coolant levels and flush the system, if needed.

- Recharge or replace the battery, if necessary. Inspect wiring for corrosion or wear, as well as test lights, gauges and electronics.
- Inspect the safety equipment on board for items in good working order and not expired. Test fire extinguishers and check distress signals (flares, air horns).
- 7. Test the plumbing and bilge system and clean up any debris. Flush water lines and ensure proper operation of sinks and toilets. Check hoses and fittings for leaks.
- 8. Inspect the propeller for dings or bends, lubricate moving parts in the steering system. Check rudder alignment and cable tension.
- 9. Replace old dock lines, bumpers, and mooring gear if needed. Replace sunscreen if it is past expiration.





# DON'T DRINK THE WATER

Not just a "Dave Matthews Band" song ...

he Ohio River has been receding after recent flooding, but water quality can take time to stabilize. Floods often introduce sediment, debris, and pollutants into the river. This definitely impacts river quality in the months that follow, including summer. Here's why:

Increased Sediment and Debris – Floodwaters churn up soil, rocks, and organic matter, leading to murky water. This can reduce sunlight penetration and affect aquatic ecosystems.

**Pollutant Runoff** – Heavy rains and flooding often wash fertilizers, sewage, and industrial waste into the river. This can spike bacteria levels, making swimming or fishing hazardous.

Algae Blooms – Extra nutrients from runoff can fuel harmful algal blooms during the hot summer months, reducing oxygen levels and harming wildlife.

Changes in Flow & Temperature – Rivers take time to stabilize after flooding and overall water health.

**ORSANCO** - (Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission) provides weekly water quality reports for multiple locations along the river, including Cincinnati.

<u>Weekly Ohio River Water Quality Report - ORSANCO | ORSANCO | Is It Safe To Swim In The Ohio River - ORSANCO | ORSAN</u>

# FLOOD OF MEMORIES CONTINUED

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The Flood of 2018: The river crested at 60 feet, leading to significant flooding in areas like East End, California, and New Richmond, Ohio. Many of the same communities were previously affected in 1997.

**The Flood of 1997**: The Ohio River reached **64.48 feet**, causing widespread damage and displacing thousands of residents. This flood was one of the worst in recent decades.

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**Flood of 1997 photos:** Aerial view of the Roebling Bridge and stadiums and Riverbend Music Venue.





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# GREAT FLOOD OF 1937

The river can bring joy or devastation, but community is constant

#### From page 16

The Great Flood of 1937 was the most devastating flood in Cincinnati's history. Between January 13-25, just under fourteen inches of rain fell, with the Ohio River cresting at **80 feet** on January 26, 1937.

Initially projected and reported to have limited impact, the flood left 350 people dead and nearly a million homeless, causing an estimated \$500 million in damages (about \$11 billion today).

Even those on higher ground dealt with critical shortages of vital essentials such as water, electricity, and heat. Already weathering the Great Depression, residents of Cincinnati experienced conditions that further tested their humanity and resolve. The legacy of resilience and community runs as deep as the Ohio River.

Want to learn more? Check out the <u>The 1937 Ohio River</u> <u>Flood</u> digital exhibit for more images, videos and stories of survivors of the flood and the Mill Creek and Crosley fires.

Flood of 1937 photos top to bottom: Rescue boats docked on 3rd and Race street; the Roebling Bridge near river crest; aerial view of Lunken Airport; and the Cincinnati Union Terminal (now Museum).













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# **EVENT CALENDAR**

Here is the proposed calendar of events for the 2025 FSYC season! We will fill in more times, details, hosts and events as we finalize. Remember to check the FSYC Spond app for current information, what to bring and set reminders.

#### **MARCH**

Event: March Madness @ FSYC Details: 3/22; starting at 2 Host: Haines and Smiga

#### **APRIL**

**Event:** Boat wrap recycling available **Details:** Dumpster available beginning 4/15; instructions on page 19

#### MAY

Event: Derby Party @ FSYC

**Details:** 5/3 from 4:30-7:30; open to current and prospective members

**Host:** Postler and Frey

**Event:** Pickle Ball (Sea Ray Parking Lot) **Details:** 5/9; time and details TBD

**Host:** Compton and Halas

Event: Clubhouse Clean Up

Details: 5/10 following monthly meeting

Host: Nolan

**Travel:** Groups may raft up or drive up for New Richmond Days (May 23-25)

Event: Dock Hop @ FSYC Details: 5/30; begins at 5:30

**Host:** TBD; volunteers needed per dock

**Service:** Coast Guard boat inspections available May 31 starting at 10

#### **IUNE**

Event: Fishing Tournament @ FSYC Details: 6/7; starting at 9:30 Host: Hedrick and Haines



Join us every Saturday morning from May through September for coffee and donuts at the clubhouse (8:30 - 10) **Event:** Euchre Tournament @ FSYC

Details: 6/13; starting at 7

**Host:** Trame

Event: Swap Sale @ FSYC Details: 6/14; 8:30—11

**Event:** Golf Scramble Tournament **Details:** 6/21 from 12-4 @ California; pizza and prizes to follow at FSYC

Host: Smiga

Event: Boozy Brunch @ the pool w/DJ

**Details:** 6/22; starting at 11 **Host:** Waitman, Merk and Mercer

**Service:** Blessing of the Fleet **Details:** 6/28 starting at 10 **Host:** Jordan and Baehr

**Event:** Club Dinner @ FSYC **Details:** 6/28: time and details TBD

Host: Host(s) needed

#### **JULY**

Event: Wine Down @ FSYC Details: 7/11; starting at 5 Host: Host(s) needed

**Service:** Coast Guard boat inspections available July 19 starting at 9

Event: Bourbon Tasting @ FSYC Details: 7/19 from 6-9

Host: Trame

Event: Sea Ray Parking Lot Party Details: 7/26 starting at 4 Host: FSYC Board and Sea Ray

#### **AUGUST**

Event: Euchre Tournament @ FSYC

Details: 8/1 from 6-9

Host: Trame

Details: 8/9; time and details TBD
Host: Host(s) needed
Travel: Groups may raft up at

Event: Glow Party Club Dinner @ pool

Smuggler's Cove (August 7-10)

Service: Boater's University @ FSCY on

8/16 at 10

Travel: Groups may raft up downtown

for Labor Day fireworks (8/31)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Event:** Flag Retirements

Details: 9/13; time and details TBD

Host: TBD

**Event:** River Sweep Volunteer Event **Details:** 9/20; time and details TBD

Host: Jordan

Event: Pirates Ball @ FSYC Details: 9/27 from 6-9 Host: Compton

#### **OCTOBER**

**Event:** Pup Pool Party

Details: 10/5; time and details TBD

Host: Host(s) needed

Event: Chili Cook Off @FSYC

Details: 10/11; time and details TBD

Host: Host(s) needed

**Event:** Halloween Party @FSYC **Details:** 10/25; time and details TBD

Host: Host(s) needed

#### NOV/DEC/JAN

Event: Friendsgiving @FSYC

**Details:** 11/15; time and details TBD **Host:** Mercer, Waitman and Asbrock

Commodore's Ball: January 24, 2026



FSYC Member meetings are the second Saturday of the month beginning in May. Join us at 10 for a mimosa or bloody Mary!

Have an idea for an event or

want to volunteer to host or help

out? Contact Lori Haines at

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