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Newsletter

THE 5TH ANNUAL FSYC FISHING TOURNAMENT

The tournament was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, May 24th. We had about 50 attendees with about 100 fish caught that day! They were long fish too with overall cumulative length winners coming in at 160.5" (Justin Baker), 156.25" (Maria Woeste), and 70.25" (Kylee Overton). We had many ties among winners that day requiring additional criteria to determine prize winners. The age 12 & under division winners were Kylee Overton (smallest), Cooper Corcoran (biggest), and Justin Baker (most).

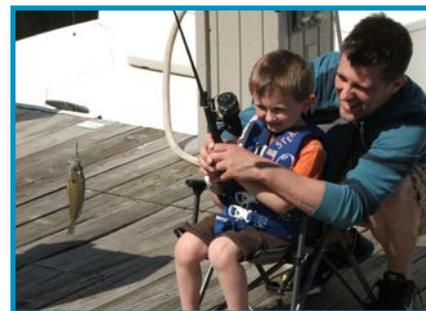
The Age 13 & over division winners were Aeryka Merritt (smallest), Maria Woeste (biggest), and Adam Baca (most). Maria Woeste actually (not just because her parents wrote this article) took a full sweep of all categories for the age 13 & over division, but was limited to winning only one prize. Maria won the title "Fishing Queen" bestowed upon her by Fleet Captain Bob Ware.

Maria's most impressive catch of the day was a 43" gar setting a new record for the tournament. The previous record for longest catch was held by Maria's brother, Jacob, for the 32" gar he caught at the tournament in 2012. Maria is now the one to keep your fishing eyes on for next year! The tournament lunch arranged by Bob Ware & June Harrison was also a big success! It was an awesome day with great people, talented fishermen and fisherwomen, great prizes, and wonderful food and drink. Can't wait for next year!

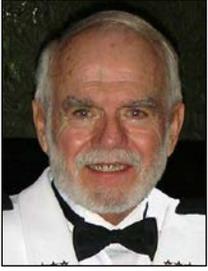
Tom & Linda Woeste



See more pics on page 5.



From Your Commodore



Our Dock Captains continue to bring us exciting and fun filled themes for the TGIF's. The 'taste buds' have voted and report that the NEW menus are "YUM".

The new events are enjoying good attendance and the variety brings something for everyone.

This is a year of Milestones, as this is the 50th year of operation for the Four Seasons Marina and also for member Erv Schneider. Marina manager Dennis Schalk is celebrating 40 years at the helm. The FSYC has been in existence for 46 years, so in four years we will need to plan a special blast!

Calm Seas to you.

Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Commodore
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From the Vice Commodore



Everyone is likely sick of reading about my new green kayak adventures and frankly I am getting tired of writing about them as well. It takes 268 kayak paddle strokes to push a kayak from Four Seasons Marina to Aqua ramp, and that is with no

current. Over 590 strokes are needed to reach the mouth of the Little Miami. Not only am I sick of writing about kayaks, I'm equally sick of paddling kayaks. No matter how well the bottom is polished it still takes a lot of effort to keep it moving. Last week I lost count of the paddle strokes and started thinking about kayak efficiency. The kayak needs a human engine and as everyone knows human engines run on beer. One 12 ounce beer costs about \$1.00, so one gallon of beer is \$11.00 (this is easier in the metric system).

Each beer contains about 150 calories and that works out to 1,600 calories in one gallon of beer. With just a little more math one can calculate that I am buying about 145 calories for every beer dollar spent. The energy available in a gallon of gasoline can also legitimately be converted into calories. There are an unbelievable 31,500 calories in one gallon of gasoline compared to beer's measly 1,600. So even though gas is expensive it is still cheaper than beer and you get 44 times as much "bang" for your buck! Thank goodness I am not buying light beer. Maybe it is time to retire the kayak and switch to a gas powered water craft.

Here is more boating humor....

Charlie died so his wife Susan went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter after offering his condolences asked what she would like to say about Charlie. Susan replied, "Just put, 'Charlie died.'" The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it, just Charlie died?" "Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Charlie!" If its money you're concerned about, the first five words are free". "We really should say something more". Susan pondered a few minutes and finally said, "O.K. then, you put Charlie died, Sailboat for sale".

Phil Mayleben - FSYC Vice Commodore
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From the Rear Commodore



As of our last newsletter, B Dock hosted their TGIF Hawaiian dock party. It was a wet evening that didn't let up until the party ended. The showers did not keep our members away. The Hawaiian theme was carried out, in the menu, as well as in the pineapple tree created by Laurie and Phil Mayleben. The tree was nestled in pineapple and strawberries for dipping in the chocolate fountain provided by the Woeste's.

The Women in Boating was also held in July. Quick and easy recipes were shared by the ladies in attendance, followed by a quick cruise down to Riverside for lunch aboard Dancing Baehr.

A new event, the first Texas Holdem Night, was held in August. There were several experienced and not so experienced card players (including me) in attendance. I want to send a thank you to the players at my table, particularly Anne and Pat Humphrey, for being patient and providing input when needed, explaining how to bet, check, fold, etc.

Following the poker theme, we had the Marina Dinghy Poker Run the following day. Approximately 50 people participated, paddling or motoring around the marina answering questions. Afterwards everyone enjoyed lunch which included pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, chips, brownies and cookies.

We have several events throughout the remainder of the 2014 season. For up to date information on events, please check the flyers posted in the marina, the Four Seasons Yacht Club website, or your email.

I would like to mention that our TGIF parties are for members only. To determine who your membership includes, please check out the website. Click on Membership...Members only, enter the user id and password provided...then click on Membership and guest Policy.

Let me end this article with a few summer tips. Mosquitos pestering you while enjoying a summer evening on the dock. Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitos away.

Too many margarita's last night? Take a lime (if you have any left from your Margarita's), cut in half and rub on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

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River Sweep

River Sweep 2014 was a resounding success. Our crews of all ages departed the marina a little late due to some last minute recruiting but nonetheless were able to scour the riverbank from our inlet to the mouth of the Little Miami, with the help of our able bodied crew from Four Seasons, and return for lunch at noon. We found the typical debris... plastic bottles, abandoned tires, a wooden skid (how would you like to run over that returning to the harbor after dark!?), shoes, sports equipment (soccer balls, a basket ball), a flash light that Bill Baehner was able to return to working condition, Styrofoam.....the list is endless.

I have to say that in my ten plus years of participating in River Sweep it has become obvious that the majority of what we collect comes from the land and not from boaters (how many of us dump tires and skids off the back of our boat?). I also know many people think that the River Sweep effort is meaningless in the overall scheme of things, but just ask anyone who has volunteered and they will tell you that it was time well spent. Please mark your calendar for next year's event on June 20th. Invite your friends and neighbors! You will be glad you participated!

Tim Koch
FSM River Sweep coordinator



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From the Fleet Captain



Arrrg Maties.

After a wet spring and wet early summer, the river has turned and by now, you have cleaned, poked, waxed and oiled enough. It's time to set sail!

Some great river adventures await you. Get in your boats and begin your voyages; visit Manchester Island, Portsmouth Ohio, Augusta Kentucky, Louisville Kentucky, Warsaw Kentucky, Big Bone Lick Creek and State Park, Turtle Creek Marina, New Richmond, Ripley and so many more places I can't list them all! Go alone or go in a group of boats, but just do it. "Life is too short to stay on land." Tell your boss that you'll be back in a week or two because Poseidon is calling you to the sea. The stories will be priceless, I promise.

My life on a boat is always an adventure. I continue to see landmarks and mile markers, meet other boaters, share stories, fish, camp, and swim and write in my Captain's log about all these events. I hope that someday, all of you will have boating stories to share with family and friends. You've bought a boat, now it's time for an adventure on that vessel!

Be safe and explore the waters!

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Texas Hold'em

On Friday August 1st, the club house was transformed into an atmosphere that could have easily been confused with a high stakes poker room at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. The hole cams were brought in and set up to display the players cards on the high definition TV's. The green felt tables and leather chairs were strategically placed in front of the newly constructed grandstands. The horde of spectators all a clear view of the exiting poker action. OK, maybe a slight exaggeration, but we did have a good turnout of both club and club guests show up to play in a Texas Hold-em tournament.

Fifteen players assembled to show off their card playing skills, with only one to be named winner. The tables were randomly drawn, chips distributed and cards were dealt. Bryan Ross did a superb job as server, refilling drinks, snacks and even the occasional back rub (it was awesome – thanks). 2 tables soon became 1 and 15 whittled



down to the final 3. In the end, it was D-Dock's own Jerry Ault who took the 1st place prize and bragging rights, proving yet again, age and experience triumphs. D-Dock guest Rodney Jacobs took 2nd place, coming all the way from jolly old England to participate. Pat Humphrey from B-Dock beat out his wife Anne and 12 others to secure the 3rd place finish. Congratulations to them and thanks to everyone who participated and to Pat Boyle and Rich Mowery for hosting. Looking forward to a bigger and better tournament next year!

Pat Boyle
D Dock Captain

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Women In Boating

12 ladies enjoyed sharing recipes and learning of new and different foods to prepare on their boats. Afterward, some of the ladies took a ride on Dancing Baehr down to Riverside Four for lunch and back. It was an enjoyable and beautiful day.

Jo Baehr, Host



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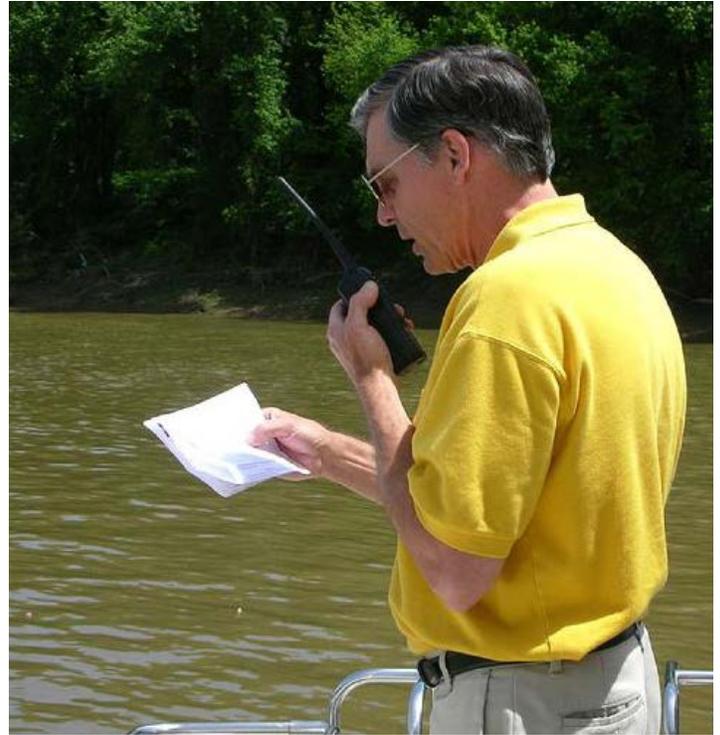


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Debbie and I recently traveled to London, England and then north to Scotland with our FSYC burgee. No, the burgee was not attached to our boat. We left the Carmen Ohio in Aurora, Indiana. Pictures of the burgee are posted on the traveling burgee section of the FSYC website. We tried to keep a nautical theme in the background. If you visit the website, you can see the London Tower bridge, the Edinburgh Castle, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St.

Andrews, a Fisherman's Bar in Pitlochry, the Queen's view of Loch Tummel, boats near Kyleakin with ruins of a 10th century castle in the background, an old boat behind a thatched cottage near the northern most point of the Isle of Skye, and the Falkirk Wheel.

As a navigator of inland waterways, I found the Falkirk Wheel most intriguing. The Falkirk Wheel is a rotating boat lift in Scotland, connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. The wheel has an overall diameter of 115 feet consisting of two opposing arms in the shape of a Celtic double-headed axe. Two diametrically opposed water-filled caissons, each with a capacity of 66,000 US gallons are fitted between the ends of the arms. The two caissons are 21 foot wide and can hold up to four 66 foot long canal boats. The wheel opened in 2002 enabling navigation to and from Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland.

One of the two pictures shown here is of the wheel in the stationary upright position. You can see a boat in the Forth and Clyde Canal waiting passage behind me. The other picture shows the wheel in operation. The caisson on the left is lowering boats from the Union Canal and the caisson on the right is lifting boats from the Forth and Clyde Canal.



We hope to see the FSYC burgee flying at the Cardboard Boat Regatta in New Richmond, Ohio Saturday, August 16th.



This year I am entering a mechanical class boat built for speed. Nothing fancy this year.

Past FSYC
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The season is almost halfway over, but there is still time to enjoy many more great events. Remember, Membership is from June 30th to June 30th the next year.

If you have dock friends who haven't renewed yet or joined, tell them they will be missing out on catered parties, outings, trips and the camaraderie of all of the great members!

WE MISS THEM!! So, tell them to check out the Club's Calendar of Events on the website and renew and/or join today.

Membership = Friendship!

Jo Baehr - FSYC Membership Committee Chair
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WE HAVE FUN!

Vessel Safety Checks

On Saturday, June 7th, FSYC hosted the Annual Vessel Safety Check and Fire Extinguisher Service Event which was open to members and all boaters in the marina. Over 120 boats were inspected to assure compliance with state and national laws pertaining to boat safety. A sticker was provided to be posted on the port side of boats that passed the inspections.

FSYC thanks the many inspectors from the following organizations for assisting:

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron
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The Clubhouse was open all day as a "cool zone and rest stop" for the inspectors. FSYC also provided a sandwich lunch to all participants as a way to say thank you. If you missed the Vessel safety Check day and would like to have your boat inspected, please contact the Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron at: <http://www.cincinnatiaboating.org/>

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Treasurer



Hello and Happy Boating!

As treasurer, my duties have slowed down somewhat since the membership renewals are all in. Whew! There for a while the applications and renewal monies were coming at me from all directions – PayPal, my home mailbox, and anytime I went near the marina or clubhouse. But that's OK; we love our renewing members and welcome our new members. So thank you all for renewing or joining us as club members.

FSYC has lots of fun events going on, so there's still plenty for me to do keeping up with event expenses and paying bills, but now there's a lot more time for boating or just relaxing on the dock. Let's hope we have good boating weather all the way through November!

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Education Committee



The boating education committee had three events this summer, all of which were well attended. The first Mini Course on July 12 featured a lively discussion of close quarters docking in wind and current. Bill Baehr presented good tips on the use of dock lines for getting in to and leaving the dock under adverse conditions. Tom Aultz illustrated ways that boat power instead of muscle power can get the boat where it should be. A live demo of docking technique was presented by Tom Woeste with his boat.



The second mini course on August 9 featured dock and deck safety. A wide range of topics were discussed by the twenty two members in attendance. A lot of really good techniques, tips, and gotchas were presented.

Darren Barnett of the ODNR conducted the Division of Watercraft boating education course on July 19. Darren did a great job of presenting the material and holding everyone's attention from nine until after five o'clock. We had ten of our members and five boaters from outside the club complete the course. The results speak for themselves. We had two test scores in the 80's, and everyone else scored in the 90's. At \$5 per person, this course is a good deal. It's a big improvement from the courses many of us took in the past.

That's all of the educational events we have planned for this year. If you have a topic of interest or just questions you would like answered, please let us know. We are always looking for ideas for the next mini course.

Captain Tom Aultz - FSYC Education Committee
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D-Dock News

Summer always seems to fade so fast into fall. With May and June being less than ideal boating conditions with either the rain or high river levels, summer seemed to go quicker than usual. Everyone did seem to make the most out of July and August. D-Dockers seemed to be everywhere on the river this summer. The Reef reopened, and D Dock was there. Many made the trek up river for New Richmond Days. Dinghies were out in force for the in harbor poker run, with Lee Anne Brill winning the top prize. Patricia and Loretta put on a pre-Jimmy Buffet party, complete with margaritas and food that kept the dock entertained for most of the evening and part of the morning. The wind and threat of rain was not enough to keep anyone away from the Fireworks, as D-Dockers dotted the river on the Kentucky side, both above and below the Licking River. Ten boats had planned to stay at Smugglers Cove, but plans were altered at the last minute due to a tornado that rocked the marina. Bob at Turtle creek was able to make room to get all 10 boats in. Whether it was going to the Belterra buffet, grilling out, going to the beach below Markland Dam or eating at the fine steak house, everyone seemed to have a good time, despite the rainy ride back. Jerry Ault loaded a crew of 11 and headed to Augusta for lunch and a boat ride.

The weather and river conditions were close to perfect and everyone enjoyed themselves. Dalton and Scherer seemed be away from the dock more than they were there, making most of us jealous. As I write this, I am aware that there is still time for some great boating left this season in September and October. Hope to see you at the D-Dock TGIF, Ludlow overnight, fall raft up, etc....

Pat Boyle & Mark Evans
D-Dock Captains

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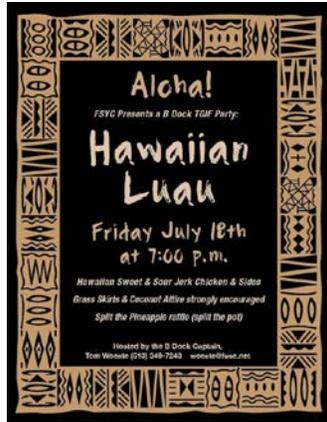
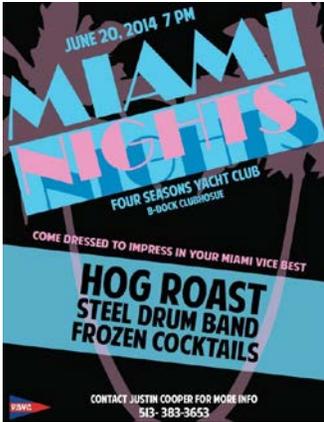
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In-Harbor Poker Run

Registration for the 2nd annual Poker Run was jammed packed with captains and first mates hoping to collect a winning poker hand. We had a total of 59 players! Five checkpoints were established within our harbor. After checking in at each stop, players were asked trivia questions in hopes of earning extra poker cards. Nautical and Cincinnati trivia questions were asked and most players gained extra cards to increase their chances of a winning poker hand. In the end, Lee Ann Brill had a full house (3 Aces and a pair of queens) for the win!

After a great luncheon and spirits, everyone traded stories of the day's events, while Lee Ann counted her winnings of \$295!!!

A big thank you to Matt & Lori Smith on A Dock, Linda & Tom Woeste on B Dock, Bob & Sherill Pattison on C Dock, Jeannie Halenkamp on D Dock and Aeryka Merritt on F Dock, and of course the Dealer, June Harrison.

Bob Ware - FSYC Fleet Captain

Corn Hole Tournament

Our first Corn Hole Tournament went very well. 28 players formed 14 teams and the games began. The beer taps were crackin' and the corn bags were smackin'! When all the dust settled, the final match came down to Jo Baehr and Rob Sanders vs. Lori and Matt Smith. The game was exciting, but Matt showed his skill and the Smiths won the first place money award and Rob and Jo took the second place winnings. It was another fun day at the Yacht Club. Thanks to all those who helped make it a great event!

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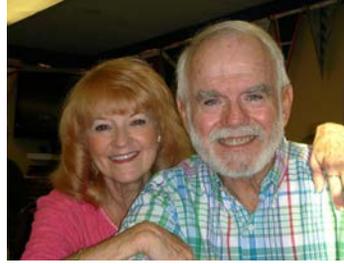
Friday June 6 was our BEST 'JAMMIN' night yet.

Best attendance ever, most performers AND we also had a first.....a COMEDY ACT. On Keyboard was the incomparable Wayne Shannon, on Guitar we had Kevin Mayleben following in the fame of his father's footsteps.

Bruce Kennedy wowed us with some very cool and detailed folk ballads. Dave Petry was the man of many talents. Harmonica, Guitar, Ukulele AND his Mister HighPockets Comedy Act. We have a lot of talent in our club.

See you next year for 'Jammin'!

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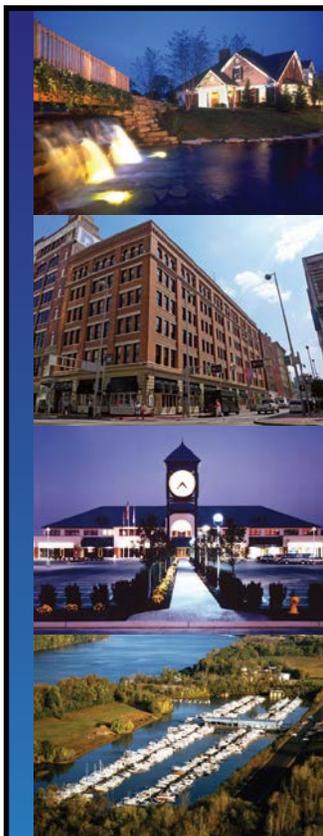
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Boat Open House

June 28 brought a dreary day, but 19 boat owners agreed to open their vessels to our grateful, fun loving, and admiring FSYC members.

Enjoy the great pictures.

Captain Bill Baehr
FSYC Commodore

