

# **FOUR** *Seasons* Yacht Club

## Newsletter

**FSYC**

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### We Have Fun

**T**hat's our Club Motto and over 160 FSYC Members and guests did have fun at the 2012 Commodores Ball & Change of Watch Ceremony held at the Radisson Hotel in Covington on January 28th.

Many members checked into their hotel room early and rode the shuttle to and from the Cincinnati Boat Show. Thanks to Hart Productions for providing members with discounted admission tickets.

The cocktail reception began at 6:30 followed by a deluxe buffet dinner. Next came The Change of Watch with the decommissioning of the outgoing Bridge Officers followed by the Commissioning of the incoming Bridge Officers for 2012-2013.

The Ceremony was followed by the Benediction and then came hours of dancing to the band "Strange Brew." But the night was not over. Members and guests then moved to the Texas Party Room on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor which has a beautiful skyline view for an After Party-Party with great food, snacks and cake. Some went home but most stayed in the 60 hotel rooms rented by our group.

On Sunday morning everyone was on their own for breakfast. Many dined at the buffet in the Revolving "360 Restaurant" at the top of the Radisson.

What a great time enjoyed by so many people. Thanks so much to all who attended.

A special thanks goes out to all who helped plan and carryout this fun Club Event. You did a great job!



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## From Your Commodore



**I**t's been an honor and a pleasure serving as your Commodore for the past two years. I am also very proud of the work that we were able to accomplish in the six plus years serving as an Officer on the Bridge. Growing the membership with the Aultz's and Jo Baehr, working with Past Commodore Jackson in

negotiating the purchase and installation of the deck canopy, the installation of heat & air in the clubhouse with Past Commodore Feilhauer, updating the clubhouse interior with my wife, and working with an extraordinary group of people to develop a comprehensive set of By-Laws that will help this club move into the future.

One area that I thought we could grow as a Yacht Club was developing projects that would give our members an opportunity to expand their knowledge of boating safety and education. While serving as Rear Commodore, Bob Pattison was very helpful in creating our "Mini Courses" following Saturday morning coffee and doughnuts and we were very fortunate to have Captain Geoff Hatfield, an instructor for True Course offer his time for instruction. Those classes continued to be hosted by Captain Bill Baehr the past two years. To start the 2011 season, Captain Tim Koch accepted the position of Education Chairman who is helping to expand our future potential for continuous education. Hosting the annual USCG Captains class for True Course and working with Captain Ron Getter and Captain Dick Devoe was a great incentive for me personally to attend and obtain my Captains license. Jim Sutliff, who took over the duties of Liaison for the club helped to grow our relationship with the Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron along with Vice Commodore Pattison who sealed a deal with the CSPS and Coast Guard Auxiliary for hosting their Boating Safety Course the past two years as well as our annual Vessel Safety Inspections.

Of course, there are always issues that I wish could have been avoided. With the good comes the, well, not so good. But as with any obstacle, you learn, you adapt, you make changes and you move on. I was very fortunate to have served with individuals that I was able to work with to overcome obstacles and make the necessary changes to help avoid future problems.

There are no limits to what this club can accomplish and I really appreciate the efforts of the Officers I have had the privilege to serve with, both past and present. Thank you all.

Be safe. See you on the water.

**Captain Rich Mowery, Commodore**  
[commodore@fourseasonsyachtclub.com](mailto:commodore@fourseasonsyachtclub.com)

## 2011 FSYC Bridge Officers

**Commodore** ..... Captain Rich Mowery  
**Vice Commodore** ..... Bob Pattison  
**Rear Commodore** ..... Captain Bill Baehr  
**Fleet Captain** ..... Bob Ware  
**Past Commodore** ..... Captain Glenn Feilhauer  
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**Education** ..... Captain Tim Koch  
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**Health & Welfare** ..... Heidie Mowery  
**Membership** ..... Jo Baehr  
**Historian** ..... Heidie Mowery  
**Communications** ..... Bob Pattison

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## From the Vice Commodore



**O**ur Yacht Club is ready for a great 2012 season.

The Social and Offshore Events Committees have scheduled an events calendar with something for everyone.

Please click the link below and print out the 2012 Calendar of Events:

<http://www.fourseasonsychtclub.com/events/2011summaryofevents.html>

We call it the "refrigerator list" as it is all on one page.

It is also now very easy to Renew Your Membership Online. Please click the link below. You can now submit your updated membership information to the Membership Committee without using paper. You are invited to renew early.

<http://www.fourseasonsychtclub.com/membersonly/membersonly.html>

If any members would be interested in helping out with the website and email communications; we would welcome your assistance. Please contact any Bridge Member for more information.

In closing, we can't wait for warm weather and fair skies. Spring should be coming soon. Remember, Ground Hogs are only correct 30% of the time.

**Vice Commodore Bob Pattison**

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## From the Fleet Captain



**T**his article is the most difficult to compose. The end of summer is long gone and Spring is still 60 days away in River City. So, I could educate everyone about "How to Do Maintenance on Your Yacht", "How to Tie Sailor Knots" and "How to Wash and Wax Properly," but I will leave that to our new Education Department

hosted by Capt. Tim Koch.

So what about that Commodore's Ball?! Well, a great time was had by all who attended, again! Too bad if you missed it! But only about 700 days and counting til the next one!!

Time to talk shop. What do we do best? Of course, we always have fun! That is our motto. Of course, we all tell fish stories (not necessarily about fish that swim). We mess about our boats all day long and LOVE IT!! But most important, we meet new boaters and friendships are made. This is what boaters do. Think about it...have you ever met a mean boater? Not likely in these hard times. So what is holding you back? Please join or renew your Four Seasons Yacht Club membership and share the experience of a lifetime! Someday, your grandkids will love the Pirate and Fish Stories.

Defining life by the Journey

**Bob Ware – FSYC Fleet Captain**

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## From the Rear Commodore



Some of you are reading this from chilly Cincinnati and some are in the Sunny South.

First I want to thank everyone for the BIG event attendance this past year, and thanks to the hard working HOSTS.

For those of you still here in the chilly city it is crucial to remember to check your BOAT every few weeks. Wind, debris or ice can clog drains or rip tarps resulting in damage.

I look forward to serving you this year as Vice Commodore.

**Captain Bill Baehr – FSYC Rear Commodore**  
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## Change of Officers

On 1/28/2012 Bob Pattison became our new Four Season's Yacht Club Commodore. Bob has made his way up the chain of command for the last four years. During this time period, he has been dedicated to making our club more successful and taking us into the updated world of technology. We can thank him for the wonderful website that we are now able to enjoy and for keeping us current with past and future events. We also now have the convenience to be able to purchase memberships and event tickets through Pay Pal over our website.

Bob looks for new and creative ways to make our club more exciting and fun for all our members. He personally takes pleasure in inviting new Four Season Boaters to become involved in yacht club events.

The Four Season's Yacht Club has certainly made some vast and successful changes over the last five years. The dock parties are bigger and better and the events try to include interests of all our members. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work of the Bridge, Board of Directors and Members.

I am personally looking forward to Commodore Bob Pattison's time in office. We should be thankful that we have such dedicated volunteer's that are interested and willing to lead our club into a successful future. I am excited about the upcoming season with all of the new Bridge Members. As Bob would say, "We have fun!"

I am certain  
we will!

By  
**Lori Smith**



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## ORSANCO 2012 Poster Winners

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) has announced its winners in the 18th annual River Sweep Poster Contest. The River Sweep is an annual riverbank cleanup held each year along the Ohio River and its major tributaries.

The Grand Prize Winner is Zeke Freshour, Ripley, WV. He is a senior at Ripley High School, Ripley, WV. He will receive a \$500 prize and his artwork will be used in promoting the 2012 River Sweep. In addition, the art department at Ripley High School will receive \$100 for art supplies.

The T-shirt design winner is Rhiannon Perkins, Milford, OH. Rhiannon is a sixth grade student at Mulberry Elementary School, Milford, OH. She will receive a \$500 and her poster design will be used as the T-shirt design for all River Sweep shirts (each person participating in the River Sweep receives a free T-shirt).

The Grand Prize Runner-up is Jessica Dunham, a sophomore at Randall K Cooper High School in Florence, KY. She will receive a \$250 cash prize.

There were 15 other first place winners, at least one in each grade level (kindergarten through 12th grade). They each will receive a \$50 each. The list of winners is attached.

"There were 2,000 entries in the poster contest," said Jeanne Ison, Project Director. "We want the students to know we thought the artwork submitted was excellent. It was a very difficult task for the judges."

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission is an interstate agency established in 1948 to control and abate water pollution in the Ohio River Valley. Member states include Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia. The federal government is also represented. The River Sweep was created in 1989 to raise awareness of and promote participation in issues surrounding the Ohio River. ORSANCO and various industries throughout the Ohio River Valley sponsor the event.

The 2012 River Sweep will be held Saturday, June 16. Persons interested in more information about the Sweep can contact Jeanne Ison at (513) 231-7719 or 1-800-359-3977.

Images of all the winners are available on our web site:

<http://www.orsanco.org/component/content/article/1-newsflash/187-new-river-sweep-poster-contest-winners>



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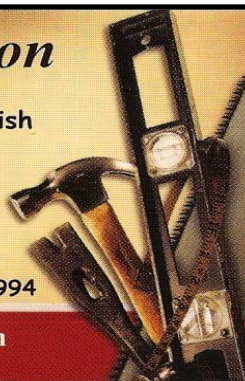
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## Health and Welfare



Ah...my last article for the newsletter! YEA!! Now I say that for fun just to see if you really read these articles that we all write.



It has been a pleasure to serve the club as the chairperson for the Health & Welfare

Committee. I have met so many new faces over the past two years. I guess it has helped a little too that I was the Historian for the past year as well because taking pictures at the club events has really introduced me to many whom I would not have the chance to meet otherwise.

We at Four Season Yacht Club are very lucky to have such a fine group of people to share events with. It's wonderful to see how we are all so caring about each other in times of need. It still amazes me how we have grown over the past six years since my husband, Commodore Rich Mowery, has served the bridge. We have been able to share some wonderful experiences with such good friends here at the club.

I thank you all for sharing your information regarding those in need, from a simple hello to the tough sympathy notes that I have had to send. It has been a wonderful experience all around. I do hope you all take time to open the two volumes of memory books from the past year, located in the club house, and see what "fun" the club real has had. I have tried to capture the true essence of the club. I am sure you will enjoy them. I enjoyed trying to pick the perfect shots of club members at every event. I would also like to thank all of those who helped with taking pictures and getting them to me. Take care & be well.

**Heidie Mowery - FSYC Health & Welfare Committee**  
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## Membership Committee



**G**reat news! We have made it possible for you to join or renew your membership entirely online through our website!

The new memberships and renewals have already been coming in and I look forward to an outstanding membership year.

Our Club is the best entertainment bargain in town! You will get more than your money's worth with all of the TGIF parties, events, outings and camaraderie we offer. So get your applications in early! Come join us and see why our motto is "We Have Fun!"

See you on the docks!

**Committee Chair Jo Baehr**  
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## Treasurer's Report



**W**elcome to the new 2012 Boating Season and another great year for FSYC. I am very honored to be your new Treasurer and look forward to serving on the Bridge and it's members.

As we begin this year the Bridge and I our putting many new procedures in place to keep our club financially safe and sound. New "checks and balances" are now in place and the new 2012 budget has been approved. The financial records of our club will be audited each year, two signature's will be required on all checks over \$500.00 and a strict operating budget will be followed just to name a few.

If you are hosting an event this coming season and you do not know the budgeted amount for that event please do not hesitate to call me or any other member of the bridge to find out. To keep our club's finances in order we must all do our part staying within the budget guidelines.

It is my goal as your new treasurer to protect the club's assets as well as yours, as a member. I am looking forward to getting back to the docks and spending time with all of my FSYC family.

Happy Boating,

**Brenda Adams - FSYC - Treasurer**  
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## Education Committee



**T**he education committee will kick off the new year with the True Course series of class offerings beginning February 4th. Look for the full schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. It's not too late to sign up for these courses and don't forget, if your license is about to expire, there is an 8 hour license renewal class on Feb 14th. For more information call Capt. Ron Getter at 937-478-1947 or contact him at [CaptainGetter@TrueCourses.com](mailto:CaptainGetter@TrueCourses.com). And don't forget to mark your calendar for the Captain's party on February 12, location and time TBD.

In May we will hold the first in our series of three Mini-Courses (the other two will be in July and August). These courses are becoming more and more popular. The education committee is always interested in getting suggestions for course topics, so if you have something in mind that you would like to know more about, or have some knowledge of a topic you would like to share, please call Capt. Tim Koch at 513-623-4848 or contact him at [tim.koch@fuse.net](mailto:tim.koch@fuse.net).

The courtesy Vessel Safety Checks will be held in May along with fire extinguisher inspections. Some people have complained that having a safety check decal on your boat does not prevent being stopped by law enforcement for a "safety check". What it does do however is it prepares you for the day you see the flashing blue lights coming your way. Your pulse quickens, but since you know where all the required documentation and safety equipment are stored, the on-water inspection will go a lot smoother.

In June we sponsor Four Seasons Marina's River Sweep event. This is open to all and each year we get several participants from the general public. They always have a good time as do marina and yacht club participants. Slopping around in the mud and the weeds doesn't sound like much fun, but you do get a ride on someone else's boat and a free lunch afterward! Try it....You'll like it. Women in Boating will be held this year in July and is always well attended. This day long event is headed up by Marsha Herzog (513-677-3725, [mherzog@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mherzog@cinci.rr.com)) and the topics are well worth the time spent. Class work is followed by on the water experience, lunch at one of our floating restaurants and a debriefing back at the marina. Contact Marsha for more information.

### Captain Tim Koch

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## Note from the Quartermaster



**B**renda Adams is now our club Treasurer. As one of his first official acts our new Commodore, Robert Pattison asked if I would be willing take over for Brenda as Quartermaster. I just can't say no. The clubhouse is being stocked and not much needs to be changed with the clubhouse itself. VC Bill Behr and I will be going over

things that will need to be done.

Please go to the web site and print off a copy of the new Calendar Of Events. Between planning and budgeting these events, our club has a great summer planned for all its members. You can go on-line and pay your dues via pay-pal. Applications are on each dock entry gate as well. Please renew your membership ASAP so that we can get your information ready for the new club rooster. Jo Behr is the membership chair.

Please remember as our parties, breakfasts and other events start to begin for the year to let me know if you should need something special. Please remember to use any existing products in refrigerator before opening new ones. If you use up something, let us know so we can have it replenished before the next event. If you need ice, go to ships store and Jim will allow you to charge it to our account. Take cold soda and water from the refrigerator and use it first. You must restock the refrigerator from the closet as you clean up.

As a special stimulus package this year we are asking everyone to please contribute to the "Excessive Consumption" jar. As everyone knows the cost of goods keep going up. We are trying very hard to keep the dues at the great bargain they are. For what we pay in dues we have the best beer, wine, and food around.

Breakfast begins on May 5th. Remember you have a \$60.00 budget. Note: time for breakfast has changed to 8:30 am - 10:00 am. The \$60.00 budget does not include juice or milk. I will already have it at the clubhouse. Hope to see you all at the March Madness Party (March 17th), followed by the Martini Party (April 21st) and then the Derby Party (May 5th).

**Tom Adams**  
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## A-Dock News

**F**ebruary 2012 is now upon us. Holidays have past, Commodore's Ball is over and a great affair it was. A-Dock had 40 people at the ball. What a great turn out and fun had by all attendees. All I can say if you did not come, sorry you missed it. A better than expected winter so far this year. Hoping spring to come early and dry so we can all go boating. Not much happening at the dock. Fewer boats in the water than previous years.

Congratulations to Tom and Gina Fehrenbach on their purchase of a 34' Sea Ray, Donny & Marcie Hill have joined the ranks of Sea-Doo owners and a special "Thank You" to Gregg Kuntz(A-79) for his donation of 2 stainless fender holders. You might have noticed them in the clubhouse for most of the summer. Seems nobody from the club or at Four Seasons had a interest in them. I listed them on Craig's list in Cincinnati with no results, listed them in Louisville and got 2 responses. Sold them to a guy from Louisville for \$125.00, needless to say the club benefited the entire amount of \$125. Greg and Mary again Thank You for your contribution.

Four couples from the A-Sac are heading to the Miami Boat Show at the end of February. Who knows we may have another year of new boats at the A-Sac? Brenda and I are taking a cruise to get us warmed up for the upcoming season. Hopefully, "Our Captain" stays on course, we look forward to seeing everyone at The March Madness Party.

That is all for now,  
**Dock Captain Tom Adams**  
Compromise, A-52



## B-Dock News

**N**ews from Phil Mayleben:

We boat on the river and are frequently challenged by friends, relatives and acquaintances to consider the clean clear waters of an inland lake. I have been told there are places on this earth where one can actually see the propeller spinning in the water. Not here, and I like it that way. I don't mind the slime, gook and pollution. I have adapted. Swimming in the river has so far not caused a diagnosable disease, lesion, sore, or unexplained appendage. It is the author's opinion that by perpetuating fear it may be possible to further reduce pleasure boat traffic and make more room for me on our local waterway.

Pursuant to this goal I will now provide further disinformation about the river:

There are monsters lurking in our harbor. Yep, pre-historic fish species right in our marina! The fish called gar have changed little since the days of dinosaur. They are the ugliest fish on the planet. Like me they have adapted well to the marina environment. Gar fish thrive in the muddy oxygen depleted water I have come to know and love. Gar fish can breathe while submerged or obtain oxygen directly from the air! They can frequently be seen just below the surface waiting patiently for an uninformed boater to accidentally dip a toe into the water on a hot summer day.

Gar fish eat virtually any type of prey and are sometimes called "trash fish". The typical gar diet includes old batteries and used oil filters. Fishermen that have inadvertently snared a gar and survived use Kevlar gloves and chainsaws to fend their fierce attacks. Experienced anglers with both arms rarely attempt to retrieve a hook due to the gar's rows of razor sharp teeth. Catch and release rules for baby the gar fish stipulate killing the animal before returning it to its natural habitat. Today, gar fish are considered threatened in several regions but no one cares. The world will be better off once they are all dead.

Believe it or not some people actually eat gar meat. Gar coinsures typically use empty beer cans for bait. I prefer tuna which is referred to as "the chicken of the sea" but the delicate green glow of fresh gar sushi dictates an appropriate metaphor as well. I like "pigeon of the river".

Please do your part to help keep those snobby lake boaters out of our river. Disseminate as much bad information as possible. Keep on dragging your boats to Cumberland. I need my space. (continued on next page)

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## B-Dock News (continued)

**M**ore B Dock News from Jim Sutcliffe:  
Rain, Rain, Rain, and more Rain, Will it never end?  
Hopefully long before boating season starts. As of this writing we only have 52 days until the first day of Spring. Not that I am counting!

We had a great time at the Commodore's Ball. It's always good to see our members in full "dress". Sounds like quite a few of our members are getting a jump on spring by heading to warmer climes, including Sarah and I who are escaping to Hawaii for our 25th wedding anniversary. And they said it wouldn't last!

By the time folks start returning, Spring will be breathing it's warm breath and the docks will slowly start their awakening. Will be looking forward to seeing all of you there.

## C-Dock News

**W**ell...It's cold. Went down to the marina to check out the boat, it's still there and still floating, that's a good thing. Not much going on down there and most of the boats are gone. But that will change. We are all looking forward to another great year on the water.

Hope you all made it to the ball this year to see the changing of the guard. I would like to wish our new Commodore Bob Pattison best of luck and full speed ahead.

### Dock Captain Jerry Williams



## D-Dock News

**W**inter in Cincinnati has begun much like the summer ended, with a lot of rain. The warm weather, although wet, has kept the snow and ice away. This is easier on the bubblers and heaters for the boats sitting out the winter at the dock. It's a nice help on the electric bill after the fuel and gas prices from the summer. With all of the rain, the river has been running high and swift. The good news is that the boats are safely secured in the marina or sitting high on the hill at Washington or Rivertowne, not dodging logs, tires, refrigerators, trees, and other prop eating materials out on the river.

The bright side about this time of year, is I am sure everyone got everything they wanted for Christmas, so planning when and where to install those new toys like, chart plotters, radars, satellite television, fish finders, stereos, etc... always keeps you busy. With the changing of year, I hope everyone welcomed 2012 in with a bang. Down side is that everyone's boat just got a year older. If Santa did not bring you something that you wanted, there are several people from "D" dock that are heading down to the Miami boat show that I am sure would be happy to spend your money for you. If you still do not know what you want, I am sure that the Cincinnati boat show will have a huge variety of new boating electronics and accessories for you to choose from.

So take the time now to get caught up on all the past issues of your boating magazines, install your new toys, go to the boat shows, and plan your vacation. Spring is only a few months away and will be here in no time. Oh, and congratulations to our own Dave "Fire Marshall Bill" Witherby as he turns a half of century old, who would of thought he would make it.

### Dock Captain Pat Boyle

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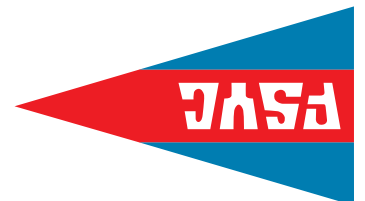
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