

# Newsletter



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# 2010 Captain's Classes



he Captain's Classes are over for the 2010 Season for Cincinnati. And it was a record year. Eighteen men and women have just completed the requirements to apply for their USCG OUPV or Master license. That makes over 200 students and the 6th year that TrueCourse Captain's School has educated in the Cincinnati Pool with the help of our Club. Captain

Geoff Hatfield instructed the students at Harbour Towne Yacht Club.

This year, we have three of our club members that are added to the ranks. Captain Mark Horner, and Captain's Craig and Barbara Wolfe must be complemented on their efforts.

Following the last day of class, with the students taking the USCG oath, a Captain's gathering was held at the Sandbar. Quite a few "old salts" from past classes attended to congratulate the new Captains. Over 50 Captains and their Mates attended.

In addition, several FSYC members renewed their licenses. Captains Kim and Sue Nixon, Captains Ron and Cathy Getter, Captain Mike Jackson, Captain Mark Rapier, Captain Dan Jones, and Captain Tim Koch, met the requirements for renewing their licenses. Licenses are renewable every 5 years.

TrueCourse Captain's School has grown considerably this last year. They now instruct in 5 states and over 10 class sites with three instructors. They are proud that the catalyst was the Four Seasons Yacht Club first class in 2003.

**Captain Ron Getter** 



# A Note from Garth & Sue Semple

Garth and I would like to thank the members of the Four Seasons Yacht Club for the many great times and wonderful people, we have met, over the last 30 plus years since we have been members. We know that the new Commodore Rich Mowery, Vice Commodore Bob Pattison and all the other members, will continue to make the Yacht Club one of the best.

Sincerely,

**Garth and Suzanne Semple** 

Four Seasons Yacht Club

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# **From Your Commodore**



First, let me thank those of you whom have put your trust in me to serve as your Commodore. I look forward to the next few years and will do all that I can to serve our membership and uphold the integrity that has been established by my predecessors. Now that that's out of the way, let's get boating!

I am tired of going down to the

marina to knock the snow off shrink wrap, it's time to de-winterize. Our off season work is complete. The 2010 events have been set, our budget for the season approved. and our Board of Directors have approved a long-over due update to our clubs By-Laws. Please visit our web site, www. fourseasonsyachtclub.com to stay up to date with club news and information. March Madness is over; Thunder over Louisville has come and gone; and End of Hibernation is approaching. We're jumping right in and the water fine; well, maybe a little cold yet.

The Commodores Ball was Grand. Bob Pattison (C-050 Summmer) is back on the Bridge as your Vice Commodore. Captain Marianne Mabry (B-017 Ultimate Therapy) returns as Treasurer, Mary Alice Koch (C-087 Marytime 2) as Secretary and Brenda Adams (A-083 Natural Disaster) as your Quartermaster. I would like to congratulate Capt. Bill Baehr (C-015 Dancing Baehr) on being elected to the Bridge as Rear Commodore, and look forward to serving with him.

Other new appointments include Membership Committee Members Laurie and Phil Mayleben (B-072 Seaduction), Bob Ware (C-036 Fast Buck) and Chairperson Jo Baehr.

Heidie Mowery (D-035 Maxed Out again) takes over as Health & Welfare Chairperson, Mark Dawes (D-084 Nancy Carolyn) will head up the new Historian Committee and it looks like Tom Cliett (D-055 Cliett Zone) may have become the official photographer of the club. Please get to know your club officers and committee members.

See you on the water and please, let's be safe.

Captain Rich Mowery, FSYC Commodore

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# **2010 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
Secretary	Mary Alice Koch
Treasurer	. Captain Marianne Mabry

# **Committee Chairpersons**

Social	Captain Bill Baehr
Health & Welfare	Heidie Mowery
Membership	Jo Baehr
Newsletter	Bob Pattison
Clubhouse	Bob Pattison
Communications	Bob Pattison
Quarter Master	Brenda Adams

# **Dock Captains**

**D-Dock**......Captain Tom Dalton, Captain Mike Scherer & Mark Dawes





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# **Health and Welfare**



Well, we can all be glad the worst of the winter is behind us. Along with that was the great record snowfall of 2010! While some lucky members got to go south, the rest of us stayed here and tried to stay warm. Not a lot of fun but we all survived.

During this time we had many members that were in need of a caring thought so we sent out many cards. In January we had sent out 4 cards, February 6 cards, and 2 in March. Personal calls were made to a few in need just to check up. We really try to stay in touch with members who are in need of a caring thought. It was really good to hear that, for the most part, everyone was doing much better.

Unfortunately, Rick Payne, the son of Captains Joe & Brenda Frankenhoff, is (again) struggling with acute Promyelocytic Leukemia. Recently Rick sat in front of a crowd at "Ignite Cincinnati" and spoke of his illness and how it has affected his life. He had much to say about his illness and how it has given him a sometimes hopeful, sometimes painful view on 21st century healthcare. He was written up in the Cincinnati Enquirer recently in an article by Krista Ramsey and it expressed how this one young man had overcome so much with his disease. From the meeting where Rick spoke, held at the Theatre in Over the Rhine, many locals signed up with the National Marrow Donor Program.

#### Article Link:

http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20100310/ NEWS01/3110353/Donor-call-ignites-crowd

Rick focused on the need for people to be bone marrow donors. If you haven's already thought about doing this... maybe you should.

That's all I have for now....Remember if you know of a member in need of a little support, please let me or one the bridge members know so we can make sure they hear from us.

#### Heidie Mowery - FSYC Health & Welfare

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# **Membership Committee**



ooray! Spring is finally here! Time to start fixing up our boats for the 2010 season. It is also time to renew our FSYC memberships. The new Membership Committee consists of Phil & Laurie Mayleben and myself (Jo Baehr - Chair-

person). We applaud Tom & Linda Aultz for their many years of service as the former Membership Committee. They will be a tough act to follow, but I am confident we will do them proud. Our membership year runs from the first of July until the end of June, which means If you have not renewed by May 31st, you may not get a plastic membership card. Also, you will not be included in the new roster which goes to print in June. We have a lot of fun and urge all of you to renew...or join. There are lots of fun events planned for this season.

FSYC is a member of the Yachting Club of America. One of the benefits of this membership is the ability to visit other member clubs. It is a great way to meet boaters in other parts of the country.

For more membership information, please contact Jo Baehr (513-777-7873), dancingbaehr@yahoo.com or Phil & Laurie Mayleben (859-344-1543), pmayleben@waynepumps.com

#### Membership Chairperson, Jo Baehr

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"It's come to my attention that one of you got behind on your work because of looking at boats on the Internet."

Courtesy: The American Boating Association Publisher of Boating Magazine, Americanboating.org

# **From the Fleet Captain**



Last January, I wrote about all the upcoming great water events on our schedule. Well guess what "IT'S TIME TO BOAT" April 1st is here and none to soon for me.

First I have to clean up the interior, get rid of unneeded items that add too much weight. Check all the fluids, belts,

batteries, nuts & bolts, clean the water system, clean the bilge, and shine the boat. We do all this to show our love and passion for her, "THE BOAT."

Seriously, your boat is a big investment. A little T.L.C. and general maintenance makes you feel better and she won't let you down when you need her.

Coming soon! Thunder Over Louisville (April 17th), ask for details in the ship store or go online to our website.

Safe Boating Course is May 8-15, recommended for new and young yachtsmen.

"LETS GO BOATING"

**Bob Ware - FSYC Fleet Captain** 

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# **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, May 1, 4:00 PM** Kentucky Derby & Hello Party FSYC Clubhouse

**Saturday, May 8-15, Time: 8:30 AM** 12 Hour Safe Boating Course FSYC Clubhouse - 2 Day Class

**Saturday May 22 Time: TBD**Marina Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, May 29-30 Overnite Trip**Downtown Reds vs. Astros Game
Host: Ware

**Saturday, May 29, 9 - 5 @ FSM**Boat Safety Inspections
Fire Extinguisher Service

**Friday, June 4, 6-10 PM**Pizza/Movie Night - Clubhouse

Saturday June 5
-Blessing of the Fleet, 10:00 AM
-Boat "Open House," 1-5 PM

**Saturday, June 12-13 Overnite Trip** Smugglers Cove, Bush Races & Beltara

**Friday, June 18, 7:00 PM** 1st TGIF hosted by A Dock-Clubhouse

**Saturday, June 19, 10:00 AM** River Sweep – Meet @ Clubhouse

**Saturday, June 26** Reds vs. Indians - By Boat or Bus-TBD

**Saturday, June 26, Early AM**Paddlefest Water Stop by Gas Dock

**Friday, July 2, 6-10 PM**Pizza/Movie Night - Clubhouse

Friday, July 2-5 Overnite Trip Manchester Island Weekend

**Friday, July 3 – 5 Overnite Trip**Downtown FSYC -4th of July!

**Saturday, July 10, Noon – 2:00 PM**FSM - Boater Appreciation Day
Cookout Buffet @ Pirates Cove

**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM - FSYC Clubhouse** Wine Tasting & Bid-N-Buy Auction

**Friday, July 16, 7:00 PM** 2nd TGIF hosted by B Dock-Clubhouse

**Saturday, July 17-18 Overnite Trip** AquaPalooza @ Manhattan Harbour

# **Important Links**

#### **FSYC Membership Renewal Form-2010**

http://fourseasonsyachtclub.com/images/2010MEMBERSHIPAPPFEB3.pdf

#### **FSYC Schedule of Events-2010**

http://fourseasonsyachtclub.com/events/2010summaryofevents.html

#### FSYC Coffee & Donut Schedule-2010

http://fourseasonsyachtclub.com/events/2010saturdaybreakfasts.html

#### **FSYC Web Site**

www.fourseasonsyachtclub.com

#### Four Seasons Marina Newsletter - March

http://wsm.ezsitedesigner.com/share/scrapbook/52/524128/FSM\_-\_Spring2010Newsletter.pdf

#### Four Seasons Marina Handbook

http://fourseasonsyachtclub.com/images/fshandbook.pdf

#### Other Ohio River Events-2010

http://fourseasonsyachtclub.com/events/2010otherriverevents.html

#### **Riverbend Music Center Events-2010**

http://www.riverbend.org/index.php?view=calendar

#### CincinnatiUSA.Com-Local Events-2010

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# **From the Treasurer**



Notes from the Purser! The boating season is almost here! The club has approved the 2010 schedule of events and the budget to go along. If you are hosting an event, please request a copy of the budget and try to work within the amount provided. Hope everyone

renews their memberships and avails themselves of the great times offered by our club. We did not change the membership fee but added quite a few events. More bang for your buck so to speak. Offer to help your dock captains with events! Check out the website for the schedule and membership apps. The pictures from the Commodore's ball are out there as well. What a great time!

Hope everyone weathered the winter well. Where I live, 2 hours north of the marina, we really got socked with that four letter "S" word a couple of times. Level 3 "S" (I can't even spell it out) emergencies. That really makes a person feel trapped when you know you aren't supposed to be on the roads. I kept busy shoveling though. Didn't know I had so many muscles to get sore. Hopefully we won't see any more of that stuff.

See you on the docks soon!

Captain Marianne Mabry, FSYC Treasurer

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# **From the Vice Commodore**



appy Spring to all!
2010 is already in full swing and we hope
to see you on the docks soon. The Vice
Commodore, is in charge of the Clubhouse
facility as well as editing the Newsletter.
This is my 1st Newsletter issue and I hope
you like it. Any suggestions you have are

welcome. We sincerely thank our advertisers for their support of our club and ask you to consider patronizing their business services.

The Clubhouse survived the winter well. You will notice that it now sits just inches from B Dock. No longer do we have the "bridge" at the entrance. The interior improvements include a new & larger refrigerator as well as 2 new flat panel TV's. The awnings go up soon. We are planning on painting the exterior this summer and are looking for volunteers to donate a few hours.

Let me know if you can help. See You On The Docks!

**Vice Commodore Bob Pattison** 

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# **From the Rear Commodore**



WOW – 2010, the BIGGEST FSYC Year Ever! 24 LAND EVENTS planned for this Summer! More NEW events! More SAFETY events! More FAMILY FRIENDLY events! SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

We started with MARCH MADNESS March 20th. 50 % more attendance than last year. NEXT UP:

APRIL 17th THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE TRIP
APRIL 24th END OF HIBERNATION-MARTINI PARTY
MAY 1st KENTUCKY DERBY/ HELLO PARTY
MAY 8-15th SAFE BOATING COURSE
MAY 22nd MARINA FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY 29th BOAT SAFETY INSPECTIONS
MORE DETAILS AT:

www.fourseasonsyachtclub.com

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL EVENT HOSTS.

Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Rear Commodore

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# From the Quatermaster



The clubhouse is stocked and a few new changes with the clubhouse itself. Vice Commodore Pattison will be looking for help this summer to repaint the clubhouse exterior. Towne will supply the paint, we supply the labor. 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 should 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 15th. B-Dock this year has the 1st honor. Remember you have a \$50.00 budget. Note: time for breakfast has changed to 8:30 am - 10:00 am. Hope to see you all at the End of Hibernation and the Derby Party.

Thanks again,

#### Brenda Adams - FSYC Quartermaster

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# **Safe Boating Course**

#### MAY 8th & May 15th

This years FSYC Safe Boating Classes are scheduled for May 8th and May 15th at the Clubhouse. The Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron will present the material & provide certificates.

In Ohio, all who drive a boat or PWC and were born after January 1, 1982 must have completed a safe boating course.



The Bridge Officers are pictured along with CSPS Education Director Cindy Robertson.

For information about the course, contact Hosts Bob & Sherill Pattison

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# **March Madness Party**

# March Madness Triple Header Party March 20Th

Great weather packed them in for the March Madness, St Patrick's Day & 1st Day of Spring Party.

Commodore Rich Mowery won the basketball pool picking the closest score as St Marys defeated Villanova.

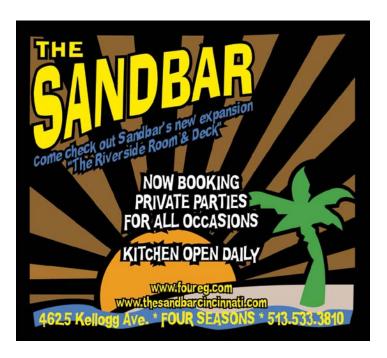
The new flat panel TV's made the Clubhouse feel like a sports bar. A 50% increase in attendance over last year.



The Ohio River at 50' allowed us to be almost eye ball to eye ball with the Sandbar's patrons.



It was a comfortable day visiting with boating friends after a long cold winter.



# **CSPS Change of Watch**

# Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron 72nd Annual Change of Watch April 10, 2010



The CSPS recently held its Change of Watch at the Radisson Hotel in Covington, KY. This event was well attended by several US Power Squadron Re-

gional Officials. David Bertsche was sworn in as the new CSPS Commander and is pictured with the FSYC Bridge Officers.



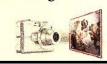
The FSYC Bridge Officers and their spouses enjoyed the luncheon and the views of the Cincinnati Skyline from the Radisson.



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# **National Safe Boating Week**

#### May 16-22, 2009

Free Boat Safety Inspections Life Jacket Loaner Campaign **Boating Education Opportunities** Statewide in National Safe Boating Week



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft and its boating partners are conducting free watercraft safety inspections and sponsoring other awareness activities to help increase boating safety in observance of National Safe Boating Week May 16-22. Boating partners include the U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and local marine patrol units.

The boating safety inspections are held at boat ramps and other locations across the state throughout the summer. The inspections aren't for issuing citations; they are to make sure your boat is ready for the water. Watercraft officers and other inspectors look for properly working equipment such as fire extinguishers, horns, navigational lights, distress signals and an adequate number of approved life jackets that are of the proper style, size and fit for any passengers who are likely to be aboard your particular boat.

Other scheduled events during National Safe Boating Week include local opportunities to explore boating and boating courses.

The Division of Watercraft is continuing its lifejacket awareness campaign this year, "Wear It Ohio!" Four state park lakes will feature a "Wear It Ohio" tent where boaters can pledge to wear a loaned, inflatable lifejacket. Boaters will also be able to test their boating knowledge via a prize wheel and see inflatable lifejacket demonstrations.





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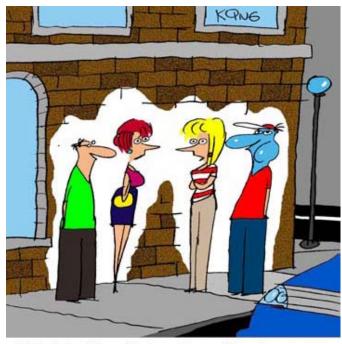


# **A-Dock News**

Spring is here, the grass is growing and soon boating season is beckoning us. "A" dock is almost done with re-decking. Winter was a little rough as you know, Brenda and I hope all went well for everyone. If you attend the Commodores Ball I am sure that you had a great time. If you did not your missed at great time. We did hear some news while at the Ball and congratulations go out to Kurt Ellis and Rebecca Bartlett on their engagement. Kurt bought a 310 Sea-Ray late last year. Rebecca is sister to Angela Bartlett who is the Social Director for The Mt. Adams Yacht Club. On occasion you can find Angela hanging out with Dave Roy at A-85. Kurt will be moving to A-83, our old slip as the Adams Family is moving to A-52.

Brenda and I went on a 7 day cruise in February, had a great time. Nowhere special just nice to get away. Heard mention that a few members from the "A" Sac went on a cruise as well, nothing to report on their trip. There are a few new changes with the clubhouse, Commodore Mowery and Vice Commodore Pattison have been hard at work. All I can say is that there will be great viewing for March Madness and the Derby. The Clubhouse has gone Hi-Tech. Remember to go to the web site and print a copy of this years Calendar of Events. Some new education courses as well as listing of all events. Boat Inspections on Saturday May 29, which is Memorial Day weekend. Need to get signed up early to make sure you get your inspection sticker. First A-dock breakfast is on June 5th. Any volunteers? Brenda and I hope to be in the water the last week of April or 1st of May. Also please welcome as "A" Dock cocaptain Al Heim A-64. Thank you Al for helping me out. That is all for now, see you soon. Your A-Dock Captains.....

#### Tom Adams, Natural Disaster (A-52) & Al Heim (A-64)



"Jim's holding his breath until we buy a new boat. I have to give him credit, it's been over 5 hours now."

Courtesy: The American Boating Association Publisher of Boating Magazine, Americanboating.org

# **B-Dock News**

Tom Woeste Writes......B Dock family fun: After wondering what on earth to do to fill so much time before the boat is back in the water, we tried an awesome place called Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. It's a huge indoor water park resort with tons of water slides, water rides, hot tubs, wave pool, restaurants, ice cream shop, indoor putt-putt, arcade room, etc. Highly recommend to anyone with kids or those young-atheart. Another outing was to the boat show - someone from B Dock (R.G.) thought it was time for a fishing boat upgrade hasn't happened yet, still stuck with the army-green machine. Yet another outing was to Sea Ray's sales event in February - friendly fellow FSYC attendees found eating, drinking, and being merry - just the right medicine needed on a cold winter night! Next plan includes a Lake Erie fishing trip. Then we will be counting the days until the boat is back in her B Dock slip, basking in the sun, and sleeping under the stars once again. Thanks, Tom Woeste

Phil Mayleben writes.......There is a lot of news recently about a potential economic and ecological catastrophe resulting from a nasty Asian fish species, specifically the silver carp and the bighead carp, which have increased dramatically in the waters making up the Mississippi. In many areas they are the most abundant large fish. Rest assured that Four Seasons boaters need not be concerned about these predators. While the Asian fish are robust species their biological systems are no match for the pristine waters of our marina! Any wayward carp that would venture close to the entrance of our facility will be immediately stopped by a strategically placed underwater defense system of used motor oil, deep cycle marine batteries, and old kegs of "Little Kings" cream ale.

As everyone knows the fish tend to leap out of the water. Even though our esteemed government is proposing a ban on all fishing I am hopeful that a new and exciting sport will develop out of the well timed legislation. The leaping carp may not be able to be caught with a hook and a line; but bow and gun fishermen on other infected rivers have made a sport of shooting the fish right out of the air. A new on water competition this summer called "REDNECK RODEO" may be organized by our fleet captain. We will encourage boaters with shotguns and automatic weapons to test their skills against this leaping nuisance. Stay tuned for more details.

See picture below. Thanks, Phil Mayleben



PS: The Marina Fishing Tournament is on May 22nd

# **C-Dock News**

DC Jerry Williams writes............. Wow, seems like winter lasted forever! However, I was down on "C" Dock yesterday and heard the sound of Spring, No, not birds, the werrrrrr sounds of the buffers. That means spring is here, or there is a crazy person on a buffer. Hope you all had a fun winter. It was great to see everyone that turned out for the Commodore's Ball, it was a great success and everyone seemed to have a good time. Lots of events coming up at the club. Hope to see you all soon.

**DC Loretta Riley writes**............ I am happy to become a C-Dock Captain. After recently retiring from cutting hair on 3/20/10, I can now enjoy more boating events. Can't wait till I get to serve donuts and coffee on Saturdays. Oh I forgot to ask......how much does this job pay? I welcome Tim & Mary Alice Koch as my new neighbor in slip C-27. Hope everyone has a wonderful boating season.

DC Tim Koch writes..... Mary Alice and Tim Koch (Mary-Time II) have made the move from the "dark side" slip C-87 to slip C-27...the long walk got to be too much, especially without Mary's scooter. Bill Fessel is moving from C-21 to C-33. Auggie Burns (new to FSM?) is docking his Maxum in slip C-21. Long time C Dockers Jeff and Jill Gramke (C-62, Get Aweigh) and Captain (and past Commodore) Mike and Deborah (and past Secretary) Hoffer (C-64, Carmen Ohio II) have moved on to Lighthouse Marina. They moved here from Ole Susanna in New Richmond years ago, so it appears as though they are slowly making the move south to warmer waters. They invite all to visit them in their new harbor. Moving into their slips are Rear Commodore Captain Bill and Jo (membership chair) Baehr, C-62 and James Gosset, C-64. Mark and Nancy Dawes (Nancy Carolyn, formerly D-84) are making a move to slip C-16 and Mike Jackson (formerly Rxcitement, slip A-46) is moving to slip C-26. We need to offer both a fond welcome to the dock that rocks! We're all looking forward to a christening cruise on Bill and Jo's new Pilothouse cruiser and Mike's new Carver this spring.

C Dock would like to thank Captain Dave Stanford (Our Destiny, C-57) and Captain Joe Frankenhoff (Live Wire, C-55) for their many years of service as our dock captains. Thanks also to their wives, Peggy Stanford and Captain Brenda Frankenhoff who have been instrumental in our TGIF's and Saturday coffees over the years. At the same time, we need to welcome a new dock captain, Loretta Riley (Life of Riley, C-20). She decided not to work Saturdays any more (good move!) and now has more time to get involved....new talent for our Saturday doughnuts. Speaking of which, we noticed that C-dock is responsible for Saturday doughnuts the day after every TGIF except our own. You may notice that our crew will be a little more bleary-eyed than typical this year.

As a follow up to the P.A. Denny story I wrote in our last issue, I'm sorry to report that the Coast Guard inspection conducted in dry dock revealed serious hull issues, to the tune of an estimated \$200,000.00 in required repairs. The P.A Denny might not be plying our waters this summer unless the FORE non profit (Foundation for Ohio River Education) can find funding for the repairs.

I might be "preaching to the choir" here, but an article in this month's POWER AND MOTORYACHT magazine about the lack of smoke detectors on boats surprised me. Our 1980 Marinette didn't have one, but I thought that was simply because of the boat's age. Apparently, the NFPA 302 Watercraft Committee does not require smoke alarms on recreational vessels. I would have to assume that certain manufacturers install them anyway, and hopefully yours is one of them. If not, the article recommends installing an "RV" fire alarm, but also says that a good quality residential alarm "is better than nothing." Regards, Captain Tim

Capt. Scott Culshaw writes.....The Sparrow has flown south for warmer weather; yes the Culshaws have done it again! Last August under clear blue skies The Sparrow a short time resident of "C" dock was sold to her new owner in Tampa Fla. Scott not wanting to be boat less purchased (the same day) The forget Me Knot as the new (2001) 54 ft. Ocean Alexander Pilothouse will be christened in Brunswick, Ga. Bob Lee also from "C" Dock and Brent drove down with Scott to Ga. to take delivery and start back with her. As planned they got the "Knot" to Charleston, SC and left her there for some service work. Bob got his first Atlantic Ocean blue water experience and Brent his first ICW experience. Scott and Cher then returned to continue the trip to Sandusky where they will keep her for this summer to explore Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Due to some really bad weather on Chesapeake Bay the "Knot" is wintering in Va. but should be underway in late April again showing the FSYC burgee once again to the East Coast and beyond.

Don & Betty Shrout write .......We went to our Daughters for Thanksgiving and parties, they have a nice pad for our motor home then as you know we flew home for Christmas. After that we picked up our motor home and traveled Florida visiting friends and having parties, then we stopped at Lazy days (where we bought our Motor home) to have some repairs. I might mention that Lazydays has a Crown Club that when you buy a high end Motor home you belong to for three years and they provide three meals a day and a happy hour from 4:30 to 6pm all free when you are in for service. We know a lot people that are in for service at that time of year so it's a big party every night.

In March we left Florida an traveled West to Amarilla, TX to meet a group of people who have Cat engines in their motor homes and learn about them from factory people and of course a happy hour every evening. Then on to Albuquerque, New Mexico for another week with another group this time all Beaver owners and happy hours. We are now in Breckenridge, Colorado for two weeks of skiing with friends that we usually see every year here at Tiger Run Motor Home resort and of course parties every night We REST UP WHEN WE GET HOME (about April 6 or 7) Looking forward to Summers on the River and the parties. Don & Betty

### **D-Dock News**

he coldest winter that we can remember has come and gone. Record snow falls are only a distant memory. It is now time to break out from under shrink wrap and commence with the seasonal fellowship with our dock mates and neighbors. Have not heard of any new baby's, boats, or significant bounty's from any of the D-Dockers over the winter but I'm sure that we will all soon get caught up with those we have not seen since October. We could regale you with tales of distant cruises, great loop encounters, or a story about my winter on a crab boat out of Dutch Harbor Alaska, called the Cornelia Marie on the Bearing Sea. But, as a greenhorn, some things are just too hard to talk about. We're hoping not to loose any more boats from D-dock as our economy has once again forced many into tightening their purse strings. C-dock on the other hand seems to be filling in space created by some of our friends leaving for other marinas. A few of those moving onto C-dock have become "fleet" owners over the winter and are no doubt looking for a quick getaway out of the harbor when the banks come a knocking. Ahh, you know its all in good fun. We can't wait for the season to start.

#### **Captain Rich Mowery & Heidie Mowery**







# **ODNR Fishing License Info**

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MARCH 1, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011	
Resident Fishing License	\$19.00
For persons age 16 through 65 who have resided	
in Ohio for the past 6 months.	
Resident Senior Fishing License	\$10.00
For persons age 66 and older born on or after January 1, 1938 who have resided in Ohio for the past 6 months.	
One-Day Fishing License	\$11.00
For residents and nonresidents the One-Day Fishing License may be exchanged for credit towards the purchase of an annual fishing license (minus writing fee).	
Annual Nonresident License	\$40.00
3-Day Nonresident Tourist's License	\$19.00
A <b>reissued license</b> may be obtained from any license vendor for a fishing license that has been lost, stolen, or destroyed.	\$3.00

#### **Ohio License Requirements:**

A fishing license is required to take fish, frogs, or turtles from Ohio waters.

Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to and from which fish do not migrate, are not required to have a license to take fish, but must have one to take frogs or turtles.

Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing through an agreement or lease with the Division of Wildlife are required to have a fishing license.

Anglers must have their license in their possession while fishing and must show the license to anyone on request.

Buy your license online: www.greatlodge.com/oh/license/welcome?ol=undefined

# **Supremes Say "No"**



The U.S. Supreme Court in January rejected a request from a coalition of Great Lakes States, including Ohio, to require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to close Two Navigation Locks in the Greater Chicago area linking Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

The closure was requested to prevent the potential spread of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. It is believed that introduction of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes will threaten the status of recreational sport fishing and boating

activities as well as the entire ecosystem.

Other efforts continue at the local, state and federal level to prevent the migration of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes. Read more at www.epa.gov.







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# **Using VHF Radio**



ODNR Division of Watercraft encourages all boaters using the Ohio River to install a VHF radio in their watercraft. The VHF radio may provide a vital link to obtaining help in the event of an "onthe-water" emergency.

# Certain VHF channels are reserved for exclusive use purposes:

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Channel	Reserved for
WX 1,2,3	Weather
13	Towboat Traffic and Lockmasters
16	Emergency, Mayday and Safety Calling Frequency
17	Exclusive State Use
21	Exclusive United States Coast Guard
22	General Public to Coast Guard Daily River Level Reports and Updates for Aids to Navigation Buoy and light Reports
23	Exclusive United States Coast Guard
24-28	Marine Telephone Operator
81	Exclusive United States Coast Guard
83	United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

#### **Emergency Radio Use:**

In the event of an emergency, distress calls are made on channel 16, the national distress frequency, using the following procedure: Select channel 16.

State "mayday, mayday, mayday".

Give your call sign and boat name.

Give the location of your craft.

Describe the emergency.

If no answer, repeat the same sequence and wait.

#### **Non-Emergency Use:**

For normal radio operation: Select Channel 9 (a recognized hailing channel), state the name of the vessel you are attempting to contact, then your vessel's name and call numbers once; when the other craft responds, switch to another channel to talk.

#### **Radio Licensing:**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires a Ship Station License for some vessels equipped with VHF radios, RADAR, EPIRBs and some other telecommunications equipment. As of 1996, most recreational vessels no longer need the FCC license if operating domestically. "Domestically" means not traveling to foreign ports or transmitting to foreign stations, including Canada.

Courtesy: ODNR

# **Pirate Trivia Contest**

- 1) Who was the female pirate that dressed as a man?
- A. Terrible Alvilda
- B. Anne Bonny
- C. Mary Reed
- 2) What is the Jolly Roger?
- A. A legend
- B. A Flag
- C. A treasure
- 3) Who is the American Pirate?
- A. Captain Kid
- B. Errol Flynn
- C. Jean LaFitte



Rules: Print out this page.

Circle the correct answers.

Drop at The Ship's Store w/your name and address.

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HINT: More than one answer may be correct......





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