



# FOUR Seasons Yacht Club

## Newsletter



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### Relay for Riepenhoff



**D**ear Friends,

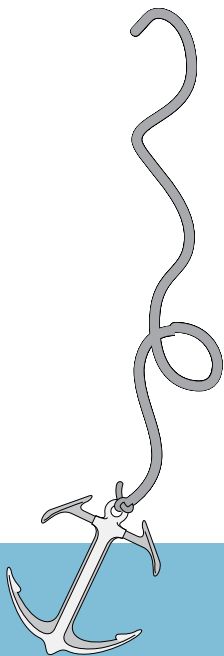
I'd like to thank all of you who supported our effort to raise funds for cancer research. I formed a team for the American Cancer Society "Milford Relay for Life," in memory of our beloved friend, Charlie Riepenhoff.

My team was named "Relay for Riepenhoff," and had 18 members, both kids and adults. The event was held at the Milford High School track, and at least one member of our team was walking at all times throughout the 18 hour event. As a team, we raised over \$2,900 for the cause. Each team raised money through sponsors, donations, sale of luminaries, gift baskets, auctions, and food sales at the event. Our team rented a slushy machine and sold them and other snacks in our booth. Unfortunately, the event was held on a day when Clermont County experienced terrible storms and tornado warnings. All participants were evacuated to the Junior High for a couple of hours until the storms blew over. Our entire team stayed and returned to the track when the all clear was given.

After dark, hundreds of luminaries honoring survivors and those who lost their battle with cancer were lit and placed around the track. Completely by chance, Charlie's luminaries ended up in front of our booth. During the evacuation, the luminaries were collected to protect them from the storm, and when they were redistributed, Charlie's once again ended up in front of our booth. When dawn came, one of Charlie's luminaries was still burning bright even though it rained all night. This was an amazing event to be a part of that ended up raising over \$70,000 for cancer research. I am planning on having a team and participating again next year, in honor of the people I know who have won their fight with cancer; and in memory of those that have lost their battle.

Thanks again to all who sponsored "Relay for Riepenhoff."

**Mike George, Bye George (C-46)**



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## From Your Commodore



**H**ello again fellow boaters; Most of you know the Commodore term is only for two years and we are already in our second one. After which I will be moving on as Past Commodore, which is still part of the Bridge and that way Past Commodores can still help if need

be. This brings me to my point, with me moving up/out, we will be in need of a new Rear Commodore. If you are interested, please contact any of the Bridge Officers. Barb and I are still trying to get around to all the docks and meet all your friendly faces. You're also welcome to stop by and pay us a visit at D-022, I Got You Babe III. Despite the rain showers we keep having, the Mighty Ohio has been good to us, the color is great and the current has been mild. I hope everybody has been able to get out on the water. Granted it was unseasonably hot in June, but as always, we managed to get through it as well as July, which has proven to be one of the coolest on record. Of course we have dog days of August, or do we? The web site is looking better all the time, thanks to our Rear Commodore Bob Pattison (Summer, C-050). Visit the web site and find out about club activities, useful information, exciting pictures and any updates or changes. (fourseasonsyachtclub.com). Don't forget, you can email us your suggestions, good or bad. We have had some great events this year with more to come. For those of you following our Chris Craft Commander project, I am well under way. I haven't painted the bilge yet, but I'm still fitting items that require fiber glassing.



As always, thank you all for making the club fun and I wish everyone well, be careful and be safe.

**Commodore Captain Glenn Feilhauer**

## 2009 FSYC Bridge Officers

- Commodore** ..... Captain Glenn Feilhauer
- Vice Commodore** ..... Captain Rich Mowery
- Rear Commodore**..... Bob Pattison
- Fleet Captain** ..... Bob Ware
- Past Commodore** ..... Jim Messmer
- Secretary** ..... Mary Alice Koch
- Treasurer**..... Captain Marianne Mabry
- Quarter Master** ..... Brenda Adams

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- A-Dock**..... Tom Adams
- B-Dock**..... Jim Sutliff & Phil Mayleben
- C-Dock**..... Captain Joe Frankenhoff,  
Captain David Stanford, Captain Tim Koch  
& Jerry Williams
- D-Dock**..... Captain Mike Scherer,  
Captain Tom Dalton  
& Mark Dawes

## Safety Tip

### USING A MARINE VHF RADIO

Recreational vessels less than 65.6 feet/20 meters in length are not required to carry a VHF radio. If you do voluntarily, and you should, remember that you must maintain a continuous listening watch on **Channel 16** whenever the radio is operable and not being used to communicate. **Channel 16** is the hailing and emergency communication channel. Once you establish contact you must move to another channel for everything but emergency messages. **Channel 13** is the bridge to bridge working channel used between vessels to establish and maintain safe navigation. The barges all maintain a listening watch and talk to each other on **Channel 13**. Most modern VHF radios have a Dual Watch feature (look for a DW button) that lets you monitor **Channel 16** while 'working' another channel, usually 13. **Channels 68, 69, 71 and 72** are designated non-commercial and used by recreational boaters for general conversation. Hail on 16, switch to 68, 69, 71 or 72 (NEVER 70). Monitor 13, the barges all call their positions so it helps you know what traffic to expect, especially at night. Its one more tool to help make you a safer boater. And you just may enjoy listening to the barges.

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## 2009 FSYC Upcoming Events

**Saturday, August 1, 2:00 pm**

Great River Adventure/Poker Run  
Meet in FSYC Clubhouse

**Thursday, August 6, 7:30 pm**

FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

**\*Saturday, August 15**

*New Richmond, Cardboard Regatta and River Days*

**Saturday, August 15-16**

Overnight anchor out at Smith's Camp Ground above Meldahl

**\*August 20-23**

*Vevay Wine Festival*

**Friday, August 21, 7:00 pm**

TGIF hosted by A Dock-Clubhouse

**Saturday, August 22-23**

Ross - Nine Mile - Anchor Out

**Thursday September 3, 7:30 pm**

FSYC meeting-Clubhouse

**Sunday, September 6**

FSYC Rafting for Riverfest, Front Row Fireworks

**Friday, September 11, 7:00 pm**

TGIF hosted by B Dock-Clubhouse

**Saturday, September 19-20**

City Dock Overnight "Dock"toberfest

**Friday, September 25-27**

Weekend at Lighthouse Point Yacht Club

**Thursday, October 1, 7:30 pm.**

FSYC meeting-Clubhouse

**Saturday, October 10**

"Flybridges and Football" Anchor out

**Saturday, October 17, 3:00 pm**

Car Show - At the Point  
Chili Cookoff & Bonfire, 4:00  
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**Saturday, October 24, 7:00 pm**

Halloween Costume Party  
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## Special Thanks

The club would like to send a special thank you to Garth and Sue Semple. Long time members, Garth & Sue have always been more than happy to support our club. Although we don't get enough time with Garth throughout the season, he never misses volunteering to be our Senior Auctioneer at the club's annual Bid-n-Buy auction. It is a true joy to watch him work. And difficult not to bid, even on items you don't want. Just don't make eye contact with his "big blue eyes" or you could very well find yourself going home with items you never thought you would buy. Thanks Garth for being such a great entertainer. We would never be able to raise the funds for the club and our associated charity if it weren't for your golden voice (ok, and those big blue eyes). Sue Semple has been coming to our monthly club meetings for years as a representative of the local Power Squadron. Even throughout the winter months when road conditions keep many away, you will find Sue and usually friend & member Delores Sharp 15 minutes early. Thanks Sue for keeping the pressure on the rest of us.

**The Bridge**

## From the Fleet Captain



When I walk the docks I ask other boaters how can our Yacht Club help you? Most everyone says we are doing a great job and they thank me for volunteering so many hours. Some ask for more events and some say we have too many. New members want more seating at our TGIF parties, older members love to get there early (for a seat) and stay till the bitter end. All and all the consensus was we do a wonderful job choosing events to please most everyone. J.F.K. said "you can please some of the people some of the time but you can't please all of the people all of the time" He was surely right, and a great American. Our Bridge Officers have done an outstanding job. So far this year all I have heard is good stuff about the events. We are only half way through the year and I can personally say I am proud to be a part of this great Yacht Club. Thanks to all who have supported my on water events as well as the land events. Please submit in writing your ideas and comments.

**Bob Ware, Fleet Captain**

## From the Treasurer



Well, here we are in July and wondering where the time has gone already. It seems like we just started the season. Hope everyone is enjoying the enhanced events. The club is doing great financially thanks to all of the renewals and new members. We have had one TGIF and are looking forward to the Wine Tasting/Bid - n - Buy and the July TGIF.

I was fortunate to be able to take my boat "Ultimate Therapy" for the on water event for Women in Boating. We did a lock thru of Meldahl Dam. How exciting. I had a great crew (Jo Baehr - with her "locking ring", Dianna Buroker, Jeannie Halenkamp, Cheryl Houck, Diane Petry and Sherill Pattison) for the locks as well as the food supplied for the trip. Thanks to all of them for their help. Deb Reinhart had been unable to attend but was gracious enough to leave us a bag of frozen margaritas to celebrate with when we returned. Also a BIG Thanks to Marsha Herzog and Captain Cathy Jo Dice-Getter for organizing the event. We all learned a lot as well as enjoyed the fellowship on the water. I can't wait till next year to see how we can top this! Other news from my dock; New member Cheryl Houck was visiting one weekend with her long haired dachshund Gretchen and they are now members of the Four Season's swim team. Gretchen fell in behind the boat and Cheryl right after her. Cheryl suffered a few bruises from the trim tabs and maybe a prop but otherwise no ill effects. We hosed them down immediately since there was quite a bit of "flotsam" on/in the water. I would just like to say that causing that kind of pollution in the marina is illegal as well as very nasty.

Have a great summer and see you on the docks!

**Treasurer, Captain Marianne Mabry**

## Boat Safety Inspections

On Saturday May 30th the Club sponsored boat safety inspections and fire extinguisher servicing. Approximately 100 boats were inspected that day by 9 marine inspectors. Many thanks to the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, The Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron & Cintas Fire Protection for their time and effort on this very important all day event. Special thanks to Jim & Elizabeth Wilkes at The Ships Store for maintaining the master sign up sheet in their store and thanks to Denny & Mark in the Marina office for their help with this event.

## From the Quartermaster



**A**hoy I am Brenda Adams from “A” Dock and if you did not know I am the Quartermaster. Along with my husband Tom (A- Dock Captain) we maintain all the supplies within the clubhouse. Vice-commodore Captain Rich Mowery maintains the clubhouse itself. If you are having an event and feel you need something special please advise us so we may help you. I maintain all the existing decorations and keep new ones organized. When you have an event please check the refrigerator first for soda, water, dressings, condiments etc. Far too many times people open new supplies and we are left with duplicates that usually get tossed out. Please use open items first to help reduce the amount of waste and help to reduce our expenses. In the closet we have supplies always on hand. Please restock the refrigerator from the closet to replace what you used. Put cold beverages into coolers, then restock the refrigerator with warm ones. Do not open warm ones unless needed. You can always use ice for warm drinks. Jim at The Ships Store supplies us with ice, if you need ice for your event Jim will bill the club for what you need, watch your time so he doesn’t close on you. Wine is always kept in the beer coolers. Sorry to say we chill the reds so they do not go bad. Members please be considerate of your hosts. The closet is for supplies not purses, coats etc. Please put purses under the tables to the sides of the clubhouse. Better yet is to leave them on your boat, the club can not be responsible for your personal items. The bar area is for food and drink preparation, not conversations. Please allow the event chairs and their people to get what you need and have room to work. If you can not find what you need, look for the event hosts, myself, Tom or Rich to help you. When the air conditioning is on please remember to close the door behind you. Try not to block the doorways by taking your conversations to another area of the deck or clubhouse. If you arrive for an event early, try to be considerate of other people by not holding chairs. After eating please place your garbage in cans and allow people who arrive late to have a place to sit and eat. Please do not take seconds on food until all have eaten or event hosts are sure they have plenty of food to take care of all. If you sample something and decide you do not want or like it then throw it out. Please empty all glasses and cans from liquid. Cans we recycle. Liquid in the garbage makes a huge mess when it leaks. It goes everywhere, onto everything and even everybody. We are watching what we spend as tight as possible. Red glasses for beer (20 ounce) frosted glasses for soft drinks (16 ounce) and clear hard plastic are for wine (10 ounce). Markers will be made available

to mark your glass. This is a very “green” thing to do! Our events keep getting bigger and better. We want to keep the food, drinks and physicality’s up to high standards. Please lend a hand during cleanup or be courteous to your host and vacate the club once you hear the vacuums start up. On the Friday nights that we have our pizza social, all members are of course invited to attend, but please remember the club house closes at 9:00 p.m. and if you bring guests, please put something into the tip jar to help offset costs for the drinks.

Thank you,

**Brenda Adams, Clubhouse Quartermaster**

## July 3rd & 4th Overnight at the City Dock



**W**OW, Independence weekend, the Cincinnati Reds, fireworks, plus grilling and chilling and a fishing contest. We had so much to do it was crazy. Boaters started filling the docks on Wednesday July 1, and by Friday on the 3rd we had to start rafting off of each other. Sixteen boaters found all types of fun, dining downtown, the Reds Game, fishing, and of course relaxing to the great firework displays. I personally had a great time. The fishing was very good and Bill Baehr along with his first mate Jo caught the most fish. A grill was provided so all could do their grilling. Life is good. Hope to see everyone return to the City Dock July 18th and Sept 19th and 20th for Docktoberfest.

**Bob Ware, Fleet Captain**

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## Heidie's Lucky Locks



It's not hard to miss Heidie Mowery sporting a "new do". She has traded in her long hair for a bouncy shorter look. Heidie donated 11+ inches of her long luscious hair to Locks of Love. For those of you who are not familiar with Locks of Love it is a non-profit

organization that provides hairpieces to children that are under the age of 18. These children have lost their hair for many different medical reasons. The most common reason is alopecia. Alopecia is an autoimmune disorder that causes the hair follicles to shut down. There is currently no known cure for alopecia. Another cause Locks of Love strives to provide hairpieces are for children who have lost their hair due to cancer. Radiation and chemotherapy can cause long term and sometimes-permanent hair loss depending on the length of treatment needed. These donators may not really seem that important but they surely are true heroes! They help to give back confidence and self esteem to these children who are suffering on so many different levels. The hairpieces help these children face the world and their peers with a sense of normalcy. Please thank Heidie for her gracious gift to at least one child with her donation to Locks of Love. If you would like to donate, you don't necessarily have to have long hair. You can send a financial contribution to:

*Locks of Love*  
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**Cassie Rexroad**

## End of Hibernation



Our annual End of Hibernation Party was held on Saturday April 18th this year. Members shared appetizers, beverages and stories of winter activities. Spring table decorations greeted over 35 members who ventured

down to the marina to start the 2009 boating season. A good time was had by all.

## From the Vice Commodore



It's hard to believe that by the time you read this issue the summer will be almost half over. Our concerns about the impact on membership, having to raise the dues this season have quickly subsided. As usual, our members continue to show their support with the Bridge and Board of Directors to conduct business in the club and its member's best interest. Thank you! We are actually close to the same number of members as last year. Considering the state of our economy along with the number of open slips this season in the marina, we are very pleased with the support our members have shown. It has been much easier to fund our events with the additional revenue especially with the TGIF party's. It's still the best value for the money most will ever see, especially if you utilize the reciprocity we share with hundreds of yacht clubs all over the country. Welcome to all of our new members. Remember, it's never too early to get involved with the club. Feel free to contact your Dock Captains to see how you can help. We also meet for general business, the first Thursday of the month at 7:30, in the clubhouse on B Dock. See you on the water...

**Vice Commodore Captain Rich Mowery**

## From the Rear Commodore



Summer is in full swing and we hope all members are having fun! Attendance at FSYC events have been fantastic this year. We thank all of our event hosts for their time and efforts. Special thanks to D Dock and C Dock for great TGIF Parties. Also, we just held the

Annual Bid-N-Buy Auction and Wine Tasting which was very successful and benefited the Wounded Warrior Project. Thanks to the Marina for holding the Annual Boater Appreciation Cookout on July 11th.

Up coming land and in harbor events include: Geoff Hatfield's Mini-Courses on July 25th and August 8th at the Clubhouse, The Great River Adventure/Poker Run August 1st, A Dock's TGIF Party on August 21st, B Dock's TGIF Party on September 11th, the Chili Cook Off, Bonfire & Member Car Show on October 17th, and our Halloween Costume Party on October 24th. If you have any good ideas for events or suggestions please contact us.

See you on the Docks!

**Bob Pattison, Rear Commodore**

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## Derby Party



The Kentucky Derby party was held on May 2, 2009. It was hosted by Philip and Lauran Mayleben, with significant help from fellow “B” Dockers, family and friends. The transfer of wealth took place with the assistance of our patient banker Kevin. Our star Auctioneer Steve Mabry suddenly developed a case of laryngitis (I think he was faking it) but Cathy Jo Getter filled in at the last minute and performed in outstanding fashion. This year everyone pitched in with a dish to share while Laurie mixed up the now famous mint Juleps. Thanks to everyone that made the event a success.



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## Smugglers Cove Overnight

This year’s event was truly blessed with perfect weather and lots of fun. Some of our fleet left Friday afternoon, but most of us left by 9 AM on Saturday morning. Once again, Larry at Smugglers Cove Marina was ready for us with his smiling face. What a great job he did to welcome us after our long journey. After a wonderful grilling and chilling afternoon, Larry shuttled some of us to the Bush Race at Kentucky Speedway. Others went to donate their money to Belterra Casino, but had a great time. The Sunset Grill Restaurant had entertainment Saturday night and a good breakfast buffet on Sunday morning. Nine boaters from Four Seasons Marina and two boaters from Harbor Towne Marina attended this year’s event. A Big Thank You to all who brought food and shared with others. And of course, a huge thanks to all who attended.

P.S. Never scalp tickets at Kentucky Speedway – they lock you up. Your Fleet Captain was in handcuffs – “they hurt” by the way. All went well when I said they could have the tickets.

**Bob Ware, Pirate**



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## Blessing of the Fleet



The waters were calm and peaceful as the Reverend Dean Griffith blessed our 2009 boat fleet. Fifteen boats attended the annual blessing. Many others participated as crew members and their boats were blessed also. This year's attendance doubled last year's event. Every boat received a long stem flower and a copy of the prayer. A special Thank You goes out to Tom and Linda Aultz who hosted the Reverend and his wife, Carol, on their boat "Serendipity". Thanks to all who participated. Have a safe and fun season!!

**Bob Ware, Fleet Captain**

## River Sweep 2009

Unfortunately, the local River Sweep was canceled this year due to high water. We are still planning to do our part in cleaning up our shoreline and are working on putting something together September 12th. We will give you as much notice as possible. Thanks.

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## Bid-N-Buy Auction and Wine Tasting



On Saturday July 11th the Club held its Annual Bid-N-Buy Auction and Wine Tasting at the Clubhouse. The event was well attended and followed the Marina's Boater Appreciation Day at Pirate's Cove. A little rain did not deter the attendees nor their generosity. The event was fun and a great financial success. Lots of pre-owned marine gear, gift cards and wine, wine and more wine. This year a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warrior Project which provides important support for the most seriously injured soldiers returning from overseas conflicts. FSYC Club support for the WWP was off the charts! Final numbers are not available as donations continue to come in. Special thanks go to several club members for their efforts: Dave Langenheim from C Dock, who is the local WWP President, and his wife Jennifer & Kids for their hard work on this event; Tom & Linda Aultz for conducting the Great Wine Tasting on the patio; John Jonson for his generosity in the split the pot; Brenda Adams for being a great quartermaster & fruit artist; Our great auctioneers, Garth & Sue Semple & their staff, Steve Mabry; Betty Shroust now known as "The Pie Lady"; The accounting department staffed by Treasurer Captain Marianne Mabry, Jo Baehr & Sherill Pattison the "Pay Pal Gal"; Your event Co-Chairs Tom Adams, Bob Ware & Bob Pattison. If you missed this event you really should attend next year. The live auction was standing room only!

## Women in Boating - Through the Lock



**W**hat happens when you combine great weather, 30 fun women boaters, 5 great captains and the Ohio River at Pool? Probably the most successful Women in Boating event yet! After a brief gathering at the clubhouse, 30 women (well 29 ladies plus one brave man), boarded five FSYC yachts and set out for Meldahl lock. Ultimate Therapy (Capt Marianne Mabry), Second Wind (Patricia Weber), Seg Weigh (Capt Norma Buckner), and Giddyup (Marsha Herzog) completed the adventure. Each boat tells their own story below.

We're sorry Have Patience (Christine and Chris Chadwell) had to drop out early due to a mechanical – and we hope they join the fun again next year.

What about next year? It will be hard to top this one – so send us your ideas! We've heard interest in another lock through, and/or practicing radio womanship. Whatever is planned, this event is made great by the ladies who participate and the Capt's who volunteer their yachts for the trip. Capt Cathy and I thank you all for making it an educational and fun day!

**Marsha Herzog & Capt Cathy Jo Dice-Getter**

### ***ULTIMATE THERAPY***

We left the marina on Ultimate Therapy with USCG Captain Marianne Mabry at the helm. The crew consisted of six awesome divas: Jo Baehr, Dianna Buroker, Jeannie Halenkamp, Cheryl Houck, Diane Petry and Sherrill Pattison. We cruised upriver snacking on wonderful food contributed by all. No one went hungry. We arrived at the locks mid afternoon. The four boats gathered at the chamber entrance and waited for permission to enter. While waiting we threw out our fenders and threw on our life jackets and proceeded



to sweat like stuffed pigs!!! We were finally given a green light and a whistle to enter. We approached the wall with a quivering Captain at the helm and calm deck hand, Jo Baehr at midship cleat. She calmly and confidently guided Marianne to the bollard and tied us on. We rose to the top, the only sounds were cheering and water rushing. In all our minds was "What happens if those doors give way?". Everything went by the book – no mishaps or injuries. We reversed the process and shared the lock with the BB Riverboat "Mark Twain". The trip back was swift due to the fact that no alcohol was permitted until we arrived at the entrance to the marina. The Captain was thirsty!!! We opened a bottle of wine and toasted our success and our Captain as soon as we hit the entrance. Everyone on Ultimate Therapy had a wonderful time. It was a great learning experience. All the boat's crew and captains met at the Yacht Club and enjoyed a cocktail and shared the experience with each other. We would like to thank Marsha Herzog and Capt Cathy Jo Dice-Getter for their hard work in arranging this memorable weekend.

**Cheryl Houck, Crew member Ultimate Therapy**

### ***SECOND WIND & "TEAM TERRIFIC"***

I would first like to thank Marsha Herzog for organizing the Women in Boating event 2009, Lock thru Meldahl Dam. Being a "newby" to the whole "big boat", river, locks and dam experience, I found it to be very interesting, as I have never locked thru before. What a learning experience! Thanks to Gail Ault and Sarah Sutliff for "showing us the ropes". Also, Pat Weber (who, along with Nancy Dawes and myself, had never locked thru before either) did an EXCELLENT job of captaining and allowing me to observe her skills on the river ---- Thank You! Not only did I meet a lot of fun women, but I made some new friends and truly enjoyed the learning

## Women in Boating, cont.



experience. I am looking forward to the next time ---- I love adventure! The five of us worked so well together - teaching and learning - we named ourselves "Team Terrific". I won't forget this wonderful day - Thanks to all!!

**Alice Gould, Crew member Second Wind**

### ***THE VIEW FROM SEG WEIGH***



"The day was just beautiful. I second the thanks to Marsha Herzog and Cathy Jo Dice for organizing this outing. Capt Norma Buckner and Starlee Bailey were the captains on our boat and did a magnificent job. Karen Veris and I were the "newbies." Participating and witnessing the lock-thru took the "unknown" away for the future. Norma was very patient with us all. I have confidence now that I can be a first class first mate on my own future lock thru's. Lots of laughter on our boat and it was great getting to know everyone better. I'm looking forward to more "Ladies" only adventures."

**Catherine Wood, Crew member Seg Weigh**



### ***ALL ABOARD - GIDDYUP!***

Wow, what an awesome day! Giddyup Captain Marsha Herzog welcomed us aboard with open arms. We introduced each other, put out a nice spread of food, waved to the men left in quiet solitude on the dock, and with one shout of "Giddyup", were off on our adventure. We turned around briefly to pick up Cathy Jo from a boat that was having mechanical problems. Our crew included Anne Humphrey, Capt Cathy Jo Dice-Getter, Charmaine Bonner, Karen Kramer, Linda Woeste and Lisa Mosher. Our hearts went out to those that had to turn back to the marina. Back on our journey aboard Giddyup we quickly caught up with the rest of the group. Before we knew it, we were approaching the Meldahl Dam – wow, what a sight. It seemed so massive to this "first-timer". We listened to the radio conversations and readied Giddyup to lock through. Watching with amazement, we entered, approached and lassoed a bollard, and slowly let the waters raise us to the up-river level. We exited, made our pirouette, moved the fenders to the port side of Giddyup, and re-entered the lock. As we lowered to the down-river level, it was amazing how small we seemed inside that huge lock. Even the B&B Riverboat that accompanied us in the lock was miniaturized by the massive walls. Finally being able to exhale once clear of the dam and heading for our marina "home", I was glad I decided to go on this journey. We couldn't have asked for a better day: the sun was shining brightly, we had great company, we laughed and learned together, Giddyup was glistening in the warm summer sun, the afternoon was perfect, and we all came back better for it. **Life is good!**



**Linda Woeste, Crew member Giddyup**

## Boat Open House 2009



**O**n June 6, 2009, the weather was sunny and warm. The boats were clean. The margarita machines were ready. The comfortable shoes were on. At 1pm, the 2nd annual FSYC Boat "Open House" began, hosted by Captain Bill & Jo Baehr. We had 33 open boats and over 100 people toured them from 1-5pm. (Last year, we had 19 boats.)

### **2009 PARTICIPANTS:**

#### **A-DOCK:**

A-64-(No Name)  
A-80-Shearwater  
A-88-Off Course  
A-90-Gotta Luv It  
A-92-Navicular

#### **B-DOCK:**

B-15-Bow To The Queen  
B-17-Ultimate Therapy  
B-55-Stormy Monday  
B-85-Giddy up (and Lil Doggie)  
B-102-Relaxin Knot Taxin  
B-146-Amazing

#### **C-DOCK:**

C-15-Dancing Baehr  
C-17-Bonnie Lane  
C-20-Life of Riley  
C-26-Sparrow  
C-36-Fast Buck V  
C-41-Sundowner  
C-48-Why Knot?  
C-50-Summer  
C-60-Fancy  
C-61-Cast Aways

#### **D-DOCK:**

D-4-Stardust  
D-5-Autumn Star  
D-10-Calliope  
D-12-Carol Lee  
D-14-Sweetwine  
D-21-Hang Loose  
D-22-I Got You Babe  
D-30-Valerina III  
D-34-Blue Chip III  
D-38-Ditto III  
D-84-Nancy Carolyn  
D-100-Catch-A-Ray IV

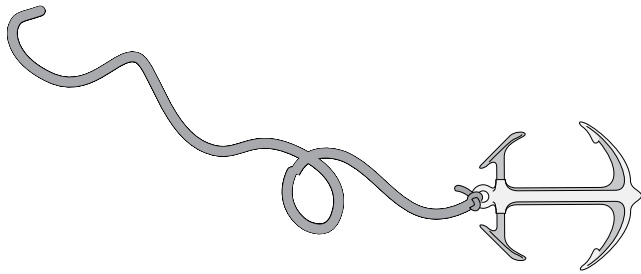
The best decoration award goes to the A-Dock "A-Sac'ers for their nautical flag banners and the most creative drink award goes to Glenn & Barb for their Strawberry-Mango margaritas. No, there wasn't a contest, but maybe next year...hmmmmmm...We sincerely thank all of those boat owners who graciously allowed everyone to tour their boats. And thanks to those who provided food and drinks. Mmmmm, those frozen margaritas were great!!!!!!

**Captain Bill & Jo Baehr**

## Boater Education

On May 9th the Club sponsored the US Power Squadron's "Boat Safety" course at the clubhouse. This all day class conducted by the Cincinnati Sail and Power Squadron was attended by 14 students. Course materials and lunch were provided for a modest fee. If you are interested in attending this course in 2010 please contact a member of the Bridge. This course meets the Ohio boat safety course requirement for all boaters born on or after 1/1/82.

On May 16th, Captain & Member Geoff Hatfield conducted the 1st of our 2009 Mini-Courses entitled "Rules of the Road." It was well attended and thanks to Geoff for doing a fine job. Upcoming Mini-Courses include July 25th "Tying the Knot" and August 8th "Locking, Docking & Spring Lines." Mini-Courses are informal and held in the Clubhouse on Saturdays after coffee & donuts from 10:30 - Noon.



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## A-Dock News

It's hard to believe that summer is half way over. "A" dock has been quiet this year, however there are moments. Mother Nature has not been the best to us as boaters this year. The river going up and down along with rain on weekends has not given us the best to boat in. Brenda and I went out on the Sea-Doo's on Sunday after the Bid-n-Buy, The water was actually warm and clear. Hope it stays that way. Congratulations to Matt and Rene Becker (A-84) on the birth of their son Bryce. Congratulations to the proud grandparents Bill and Jennifer Becker (A-90) as well. Kudos's to Karen Kramer (A-44) for her top finish in a 12 hour marathon. Brenda and I missed the Boat Open House but we heard thru the grapevine that the "A" Sac had the best decorations, margaritas and party of all the other docks. Way to go. I want to thank Shirley Porter from By George (A-14) for breakfast on July 11th. The quiche, fruit, and donuts were wonderful. I understand there is a poker run later this month or next for the off shores. Gary Hill (A-39) and his East Hills Garage are one of the sponsors. Go Gary, we know you got the speed and driving ability so good luck with your cards. The

A-Dockers TGIF is fast approaching and the party planning has begun. We have a great theme and dinner planned. Look for details in the near future. Welcome to new members Jerry Maryo (A-12), Patricia Fraley/Stephen Einson (A-23), Derrick Wilson/Rene Carruthers (A-60), Al Heim/Karen Veirs (A-64), Geoff & Gwen Masterson (A-80), Ed & Jeanie Grove (A-82) and Rich Archambault/Barbara Purdy (A-89). If you haven't noticed we lost a few "A" Dockers, some left for other harbors and some for other docks. They can always come by for a visit. Not aware of anyone joining the swim team as of yet. If you hear any news please let us know. I am still looking for 1 brave sole to help out on "A" Dock and become an assistant dock captain. Male or be the 1st female to assume this position. That is all for now.

**Tom Adams, A-Dock Captain**

## B-Dock News

I don't know about everyone else but this season seems to be flying by, and don't even get me started about the weather. One weekend everyone is putting on jackets and sweats and the next it is hot as ...Hades. The river is up then it's down. Who says boating isn't exciting! B-Dock is rockin' as usual. We have some new folks and some folks that have moved from other docks. We would like to welcome Tom and Linda Woeste, along with Maria and Jacob, B-095, "Dream On", Brett and Charmaine Bonner, B108,B-110, "My River View" and of course our new ship store owners Captain James and Elizabeth Wilkes, B-042, "Wilkescraft IV". We also have some old folks with new boats. Congratulations to Ken and Carrie Miller, B-114, "Our Escape" formerly of D-Dock, Jerry Williams and Catherine Wood proud owners of the previously named boat "Knot Bad. events so far have been wonderfully successful. As usual the blessing of the fleet was a great way to start out the boating season. FSYC dinghy fleet hosted refreshments for Paddlefest as well as offering patrol boats. The Women in Boating event was a very popular event again this year. Congrats to the ladies who captained their own boats – some for the first time, along with their crews. We are very proud of our "Women in Boating" and the support our members have provided this important initiative. This years Manchester Island excursion was attended by several B-Dockers. One if by land and two if by sea!! We even had a new member of the "swim club" from our dock, will leave you guessing on that one. The weather on the 4th wasn't the best, but it failed to dampen anyone's spirit and fun was had by all. May the remainder of the summer be as fun filled as the beginning. See you on the docks. Riddle of the Day: If you have 3 people in a 13' Boston Whaler with less than 2 gallons of fuel and you go to breakfast at Manhattan Harbor – can you make it back to FSYC?? Answer – NO – Solution – Towed back by another 13' Whaler that had plenty of fuel on board!!!!

**Jim Sutliff, B-Dock Captain**

## C-Dock News

**C**-Dock on vacation.

We'll tell you all about it in the Fall.

## D-Dock News

**D**-dock's kicked off the year's first TGIF in June, with "D-Oktoberfest." And what a party it was. We figured that the 2009 boating season just might reach a fever pitch by mid June and need a cooling off period. An Oktoberfest party for us "died in the wool" Cincinnati-ans seemed just the recipe for early summer fun. Over one hundred Four Seasons Yacht Club members put on their "Deutche Erbe" and "trat in der art (stepped out in style)." But, no one could upstage Commodore Glenn Feilhauer or Bill and Jo Baehr all decked out in their lederhosen. In fact, Commodore Feilhauer showed his "Deutche Erbe" by decorating the clubhaus with all manner of Deutche dekorationen including flags, banners and picture post cards from past family trips. Al Brown got into the mix and provided the polka musik. In fact, some may never verzeihen Al for putting those CD's on replay all night long. It's enough to drive a korper to trinken. And thanks to Vice Commodore Mowery, trinken we did ... all night long. Who'd-a-thought that Fosters was a Deutche Bier! And we all know that if a boater must trinken, a boater must essen. Fleet Captain Bob Ware and his kuchenchef from the Country House restaurant regaled the partiers with all manner of Deutch essen - from brats and metts to potato salad - it was truly a fest for the ages. And we certainly wouldn't want to forget those kuchenchef who supplied the Deutche vorspiesen (appetizers) and desserts, especially the Deutsch Schokoladenkuchen (German chocolate cake). That's one dessert I can't pass by! A hearty danke to all who attended from your freunde from D-dock and a besonderer (special) danke to those who contributed to wird der Pot geteilt (split the pot), which supports a good cause. We'll see you around the clubhaus. And remember, it's not the naughts that matter; it's the knots and the nauts that make all the difference!

**Mark Dawes, D-Dock Captain**



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