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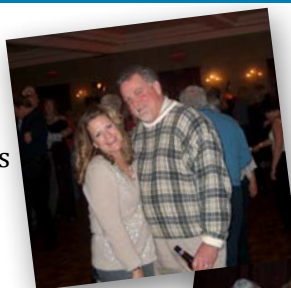
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FSYC Spaghetti Dinner - 2011

A good time was had by all! The Four Seasons Yacht Club held its biennial Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday Evening January 22nd. This very popular event was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel in Covington, Kentucky. 128 were in attendance.

The Spaghetti Dinner is one of our Club's oldest events. Years ago, FSYC Members met in the middle of winter to visit with boating friends and make plans for the next boating season. It was also a great remedy for a case of "Cabin Fever." The event was held annually at the "Old Spaghetti Factory" on Pete Rose Way near the river. This is how the event got its name, "Spaghetti Dinner." Over the years, the event venue changed from Mike Fink's to Micheal G's to the charter cruise boat "Lady Dean" and now to the Radisson Hotel. The Spaghetti Dinner is now held every other year, on the last Saturday night of the boat show, opposite the year of the Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch.

This year, Members and their guests again enjoyed visiting with friends



and making plans for the upcoming boating season. Many attended the Cincinnati Travel Sports & Boat Show at the Cincinnati Convention Center earlier in the day. The Radisson provided a free shuttle to the show, and the show's host, Hart Productions, kindly

provided our Members with half off admission just by showing the FSYC Membership Card.

At 6 PM, Members & guests were greeted by Commodore Captain Rich Mowery & Lady Heidie Mowery as they arrived for Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails.



A Deluxe Italian Buffet began at 7 PM. The menu included: Spring Mix Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressings, Caesar Salad "Cardini", Spaghetti Topped with Marinara & Meatballs, Spaghetti alla Carbonara with Alfredo Sauce & Bacon Crumbles, Garlic Bread Sticks, Chef's Selection Dessert Display, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, & Iced Tea, 2 Drink tickets per person for house brand liquor, domestic beer, house wine, and/or soft drinks.



At 8 PM the live music began, provided by the Club's favorite band, "Strange Brew." The great music and cash bar kept attendees in a dancing party mood till 11 PM. (Continued on pg 13)

From Your Commodore



Spring 2011, what we have all been waiting for. Temperatures seem to be more constant and normal for this time of year and even the river level has [finally] been cooperating. We have just completed the 3rd event of the season so that must mean it's time to get back

to a boaters real love, spending money. I can't imagine how bad the price of fuel is going to be on the water this year. And in that vein, we have shortened up the number of events this year, including those on water. Most of which will not require operating much outside of Coney Island to Down Town. Those exceptions would be Smith's Camp Overnight and the New Richmond Raft Up for the Cardboard Regatta. Check with the events schedule on the web site for times and dates. The current state of the club is very strong and I would like to thank the elected Bridge Officers and Committee Chairpersons for their time and dedication to our club. It has been quite an experience for me personally serving this club for over five years and I can only hope for this season to be very safe and successful.

Please visit the web site, www.fourseasons yachtclub.com to stay up to date with club news and information. Also, get to know your club officers and committee members. If you think you may be interested in becoming more involved in the club, please speak to one of the staff. We are currently looking for someone who may be interested in the Treasurer position which would begin in 2012. See you on the water and please, let's be safe.

Captain Rich Mowery, Commodore
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From the Vice Commodore



The 2011 Boating Season is certainly off to a soggy beginning. High water is delaying many from getting in the water and the marina. Regardless, it should be another great year. The social and boating schedule has been refined and should make for a very fun and enjoyable summer.

The Clubhouse has been "de-winterized" and is ready for the party season. Coffee and Donuts begin Saturday May 7th, the same day as our Kentucky Derby Party. Event and Activity hosts are reminded to turn the Heat/AC off immediately following their event. This keeps the electric bill under control. Also, please be sure to turn the water off at the valve on the dock when finished, and double check that all doors and windows are locked and shades closed.

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From the Fleet Captain



Question: Did Pirates have to deal with Floods?

Answer: Yes, sure did. How about 1884 - 1937 - 1962 - 1964 - 1997 - 2011.

Now we are talking about River Pirates who always have lots of Rum. When ye hav ye Rum life is good. So lets save some fuel drink our sprits, tell some lies and be close to ur 1st mate.

Coming up at a marina near you---May 28th, our 2nd Annual Marina Fishing Tournament. Guess what's on the menu for our lunch guest? That's right, Fish & Chips. Prizes, awards, fishhooks in fingertips, fish stories and good friends. Please bring your own bait. What kind of fish has 10 eyes?

Other events coming in June is the Annual Blessing of the Fleet. Mark your calendars for June 4th @ 10:00 am for a Captains meeting at the Yacht Clubhouse on B-dock. As always hosted by Tom and Linda Aultz & sponsored by the Four Seasons Yacht Club.

June 11th & 12th is our 12-hour boating for safety course. Sign ups are being taken now. This is a great course for new boaters or a refresher for others.

July 2nd is the annual battle of Ohio. The Reds vs. Indians. Our bus trip to Great American Ballpark starts at the clubhouse for beverages and snacks at 4:00 pm. bring your own drinks for the bus ride and wear your favorite team colors. Tickets on sale now. Contact me to reserve your spot at the game.

This is all for now, see ya on the water soon.

Answer: A Big Fiiiiiiiiiiiiish.

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From the Rear Commodore



As we clean and de-winterize our boats, we have enjoyed 'March Madness' and the April 'Martini Party'.

May is one of our busiest months: May 5-Meeting; May 7-Derby Party; May 14-Mini Course; May 21-Boat Safety Inspections; May 28-Marina Fishing Tournament.

Just stepping on the docks makes me anxious to "push the throttles"!

See you out there.

Captain Bill Baehr – FSYC Rear Commodore
rearcommodore@fourseasonsyachtclub.com

From the Treasurer



Hope everyone is enjoying the peeks of spring. Up where I live, we had snow as of the last week in March. Yuck.

I have been moving! Please note new address: 5988 State Route 54 Mechanicsburg, OH 43044

The new roster will have this info so please do not use the Urbana address any longer. I still have the same phone number and email address.

I am kind of out in the boonies. Cows mooing, Fields all around. Great stargazing - no ground clutter light! Had a great opportunity to go to the Louisville Houseboat Expo March 18, 19, and 20. Took care of a vendor booth for "Life on the Water Magazine" and did a Ladies on the Water Seminar. I was representing both the magazine and True Course Captain's School. A big THANKS to Captain Ron Getter for getting my name to the publisher of the magazine. Our own Captain Mike Carrity ("River Breeze") made a visit down there on Saturday.

The club is doing quite well. Lots of you have already renewed and we thank you for doing that early. This really helps the record keeping for Membership Chair Jo Baehr and me.

Captain Marianne Mabry, FSYC Treasurer
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From the Secretary

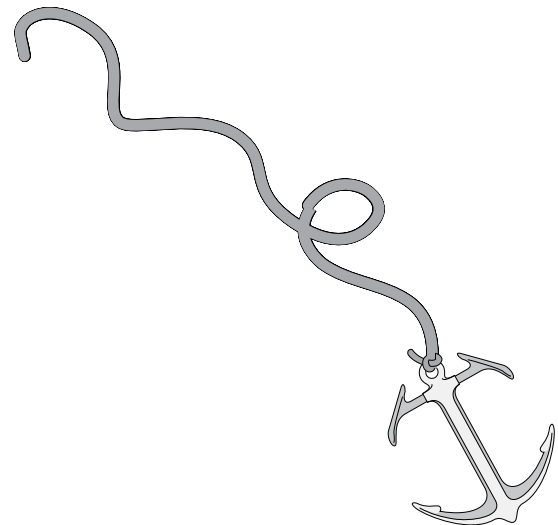


The Headline Reads: FSYC SECRETARY WILL RETIRE at the end of this year. I will have served as Secretary for the FSYC for six years – not the all time record, but a fairly long time.

I will retire at the end of the year and would love it if I could find my replacement before years end. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving as Secretary for the FSYC, please contact me or any Board Member.

You can contact me at mary.koch@pnc.com or 513-379-5166. Remember.....WE HAVE FUN!

Mary Alice Koch
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2011 Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars

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Thursday, May 5, 7:30 PM
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Saturday, May 7, 4:00 PM
Kentucky Derby & Hello Party
FSYC Clubhouse
Hosts: Mayleben, & Membership

Saturday, May 14, 10AM – Noon
Mini Course Topic: TBD
Hosts: Education Committee

Saturday May 21, 9 - 5 @ FSM
Boat Safety Inspections
Fire Extinguisher Service
Hosts: Education Committee

Saturday, May 28, Time: TBD
Marina Fishing Tournament
Hosts: Woeste

JUNE

Thursday, June 2, 7:30 PM
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Friday, June 3, 6-10 PM
Pizza/Movie Night - Clubhouse
Hosts: Woeste

Saturday June 4
Blessing of the Fleet, 10:00 AM
Hosts: Aultz

Saturday/Sunday, June 11 & 12,
12 Hour Safe Boating Course
FSYC Clubhouse - 2 Day Class,
Time: Sat. 8-5 & Sun. 1-5
Hosts: Education Committee

Friday, June 17, 7:00 PM
1st TGIF hosted by B Dock-Clubhouse
Host: B Dock Captains

Saturday, June 18th, 9AM - Noon
River Sweep – Meet @ Clubhouse
Hosts: Koch

Saturday, June 25th
Boat Open House, 1PM-5PM
Hosts: Baehr

JULY

Saturday, July 2, Night Game
Reds vs. Indians - By Boat or Bus
Hosts: Ware

Thursday, July 7, 7:30 PM
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Friday, July 8, 6-10 PM
Pizza/Movie Night - Clubhouse
Hosts: Woeste


Saturday, July 9, 10AM – Noon
Mini Course Topic: TBD
Hosts: Education Committee

Friday, July 15, 7:00 PM
2nd TGIF hosted by C Dock Clubhouse
Hosts: C Dock Captains

Saturday, July 23, Time: TBD
Women in Boating Event
Hosts: Herzog



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Membership Committee



Spring is finally here! It's time to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 season. Plastic Membership cards will be printed in June. Be sure to send in your application by May 31st to receive yours. We already have 74 memberships

signed up. Let's all get the message out to those on our docks who are not members that our club is the best entertainment value in the city.

There are many great events planned for this season.... don't miss out on the fun!

Committee Chair Jo Baehr

membership@fourseasonsyachtclub.com

Health and Welfare



Here we are into the "boating" season and are we really ready? I don't know about all this rain and not being able to get our boats into the water but it certainly won't break our spirit!



Winter has been brutal but we all survived didn't we? I appreciate each and every one of you who have called or emailed with information about our club member's health & welfare needs. Overall we faired the winter well. A few surgeries to report and a few members who just needed a little "pick me up" card were sent out.

Keep in mind as we really do get back to the docks there are a few things we need to remember: Parents PLEASE keep something on your kids feet .There is nothing worse than a wood splinter in a little one's foot. Make sure they know not to RUN down the docks as well. Pet owners the marina has issued a new pet walking area & supplying bags for poop pick up. This is new to the marina so it will take everyone's efforts to monitor this. Please pick up after your animals, especially on the docks. Don't forget your sunscreen too. Nothing worse than a good ole burn to start the season off. Most of all keep hydrated (and not always with liquor). Stay safe & be smart about the boating season ahead of us.

Keep me posted by email jwdjess@aol.com or feel free to call my cell # (513)476-0243. See you on the docks!

Heidie Mowery – FSYC Health & Welfare Committee
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Safe Boating Course

FSYC will sponsor it's annual Safe Boating Course on June 11th and 12th this year in the club house. Exact times and costs have not been established, but the costs will be reasonable and will include a "working Lunch" on Saturday. As a reminder, this course is mandatory for anyone born after January 1, 1982 who wishes to operate a powerboat with greater than 10 horsepower.

Mark your calendar. We will email and post notices when we have the details worked out.

Captain Tim Koch - FSYC Education Committee
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End of Hibernation - Martini Party



Once again Martini's were the theme of this year's End of Hibernation Party on April 16th. Unfortunately, and I am just assuming here, the weather forecast kept many of the usual suspects away. Either that or with the high water many of our boats were not able to be put in. That meant plan B. You know the "designated driver". Well, when Martini's are involved there is only one in this house that would be assigned that designation. As it turned out those who were able to attend had a great

time. Heidie was sharing her Raspberry Martini's and Bob & Sherill brought enough French Martini's to fuel an average TGIF. They were all great. Personally, I stayed close to the draft beer. Remember, I was the DD. If I would have stayed with the martini's I'm afraid I would have had to sleep in the dock box. Members brought enough food to help keep most on an even keel. It takes a special group of people to start drinking martini's at 2:00 and last until about 7:30. If you missed it well, we'll probably be doing it again next April. A special thanks to all those who stayed to help clean up the Clubhouse.



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Education Committee



The education committee is proud to announce that FSVC is the first yacht club in our area to join the "Adopt-A Stream" program sponsored by Rivers Unlimited, a Cincinnati based watershed advisory group.

We are also the first group to "adopt" a portion of the Ohio River. Until now, RU's focus was on the Great Miami River and to a lesser extent on the Little Miami. FSVC will perform unscheduled, periodic clean ups on the shore line that we presently clean up during ORSANCO's River Sweep. There will be signs posted to let the general public know that we have joined this program. These clean ups will occur on an as needed basis, more than likely following a high water event that deposits debris on our shore line.

For more information or to volunteer for these on going clean ups, contact Tim Koch at tim.koch@fuse.net or 513-623-4848.

For more information about Rivers Unlimited, you can view their website at www.riversunlimited.org.

Upcoming events:

May 14th - Mini course, 10AM - Noon
Topic: "Boating Laws and Enforcement on the Ohio River"

May 21st - Safety inspections & fire extinguisher service, 9AM - 5PM

June 11th and 12th - 12 hour safe boating course, Sat 9-3 & Sun 11-5

June 18th - ORSANCO River Sweep, 9AM - 1PM

Captain Tim Koch - FSVC Education Committee
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Note from the Quartermaster



As the Clubhouse gears up for the upcoming season please remember to let me know if there is anything that we are missing or running low on in the Clubhouse. For those of you that are hosting breakfast the Club will provide the OJ, Milk and Coffee, you do not need to put this into your \$60.00 budget for donuts and pastries. We also have water jugs for the coffee maker; please do not use the individual water bottles when making coffee.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone very soon on the docks. If it ever stops raining!

Quartermaster Brenda Adams
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The Beacon from Lighthouse Point Yacht Club - Aurora, IN



Hey Four Seasons! We need the river to go down so we can start our 2011 summer activities. So stop sending all that water downstream. We start May 7 with a Kentucky Derby Party at Lighthouse Point Yacht Club (LPYC) A-dock this year. The first Rising Sun Yacht Club (RSYC) event is ribs and chicken dinner on the river May 14 at Sunset Grill near Smuggler's Cove. Bingo at 3:30 and split the pot.



Then June 11 is the RSYC Fish Fry at LPYC. We are planning corn hole, river races, boat races for a prize, and split the pot. Debbie and I are planning a family houseboat trip to Lake Cumberland June 16 to 19. The Aurora Indiana Firecracker Festival Boat Parade will be

July 2. The RSYC Waterways Pig Roast is scheduled July 9 with a raffle and split the pot. Former Four Season Boaters, Roy and Carolyn Push (Birdandi), Jeff and Jill Gramke (Get Aweigh), Ken Marcotte and Barb Kroell (Borderline Fool), and Debbie and I (Carmen Ohio) are planning a trip to Norris Lake with the runabouts July 21 - 24. The RSYC Weekend Getaway at Smugglers Cove is August 13 with catered meal, appetizer pitch in, Euchre tournament and split the pot. I will not be able to attend because that will be my annual all guys houseboat trip (The Lardboat) to Lake Cumberland.

The following weekend is New Richmond Ohio Riverdays with the world famous cardboard boat regatta on August 20. I hope to see you there. Of course I'm sure everyone at Four Seasons is aware the Cincinnati Labor Day Fireworks weekend. Debbie and I plan to be there and stay at Four Seasons if you will have us. I know we may not be welcome back after last year. September 10 is the RSYC Camp Shore Chicken Fry on the Island with horseshoes, split the pot and DJ/Karaoke. The RSYC Catalina Chili Cook-

off is scheduled October 8 with bingo with prizes and split the pot. The annual RSYC Christmas Party will be at Hueston Woods December 3. So in closing, we have a big boating year planned this year. Please turn off the rain.

Past Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer

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An Explanation of a Sailor's Superstitions

Sailors from antiquity to now have always been considered a superstitious bunch. And why wouldn't they be, spending half their lives at Poseidon's mercy. They have had to find ways to survive each voyage at sea, which is why they'd rather cross paths with a soldier than a woman, before sailing. My father's superstition is you must have a bag of Doritos Chips on board when fishing. I think it had something to do with the cheese flavor on your fingers getting on the lures or bait. Maybe the fish like it.

This is a compilation of seamen's superstitions from all over the world. In a book by Walter Runciman on 19th century sailors, "Windjammers and Sea Tramps", a chapter is devoted to "The Seaman's Superstitions" and details a slew of boater's myths. Runciman says seamen can't help it: "The sailor's calling makes superstition a part of his nature.

Avoid These Days



Nineteenth century sailors were said to loathe sailing on Fridays. The first Monday in April and second in August were also steered clear off, and both have biblical explanations: the former the day Cain slew Abel, and the latter the day Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. In the West African country of Ghana, Tuesdays are no-go days for boaters and fishermen.

Tuesdays are days for the fish to rest, and ensure plentiful harvests on other days of the week.

Silence Is Golden



The sea takes a life of its own for sailors and is always a force to be reckoned with. Whistle or sing into the wind, and sailors say a storm is likely to follow. Likewise some words have to be avoided at all costs at

sea: pig, egg, cat, hare, church, good-bye, rat, dog, salt and clergyman. And one that is quite obvious: drowned.

Talking of Clothing



bodily functions: no hair cutting, nail trimming or beard shaving on board.

NO BANANAS



Lighting a candle and bringing a banana on board are superstitions with practical explanations, such as bananas tripping people on board.

Other explanations include bananas giving crew members the runs - time wasted that could have been spent fishing, and crates of bananas bringing "vermin, snakes and other such critters on board. The no bananas on board rule is adhered to closely in Hawaii, and in Florida some charters, such as the aptly named No Bananas Fishing Charters, will have nothing to do with bananas, not even banana sunscreen.

Women



Seamen have a love-hate relationship with women. Many boats or ships will be adorned with naked women as figureheads, because naked women calm the sea. Yet,

having a woman on board would make the sea angry or jealous, as would naming a boat after an engaged woman. In Yorkshire a sailor's wife could not wash clothes on sailing day because he could be washed overboard.

The list goes on... Changing a ship or boat's name without certain rites, painting a boat blue, having politicians on board, are other acts that sailors try to avoid. Do you wear certain clothes to sea, or only boat on certain days?

From Captain Bill Baehr Rear Commodore



A-Dock News

Spring has sprung, so has the rain. As like most spring time events the river goes up and down. Hopefully by the end of April towards the 1st of May the weather will be more cooperative and ready for boating. Needless to say Brenda and I are quite anxious to get some use out of our new toy. Not much happening on the news front. Did get a face book blurb from Justin Cooper that Max (The Doberman) has been in the water twice this year already and has joined the swim team early.

Congratulations to Donnie and Marcie Hill (Miss Mayberry) on Donnie's nomination for Man Of The Year for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I understand this is quite the high honor. The LLS holds this competition for community and business leaders who are passionate in making a difference for people suffering from blood cancers. Donnie is in the southern region chapter; then possibly on to national. This is a major fundraising effort. Good Luck Donnie.

Another congratulations goes out to Karen Kramer (Scott Free) power walker extraordinaire. Karen who has always been a major power walker; marathons, triathlons just completed a 100 Mile Walk. This was done in less than 24-hour time period. Up and down the hills in North Carolina. Of course Scott was there for support. Scott even walked 2 legs of the race.

Don't forget to check the Schedule of Events, the Club has many fun events coming up this spring. Looking forward to seeing our dock neighbors very soon.

That is all for now,

Tom Adams
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"A" Dock Captain



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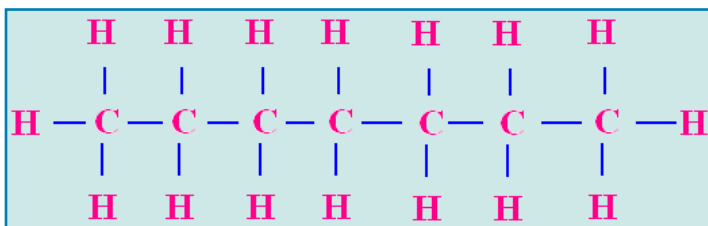
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B-Dock News

Going in reverse.

I don't know what you have been doing all winter but I have been working on a solution to Osama Obama's high gas prices. I just realized that the entire boating process is reversible. Now is the time to act while the river is high and flowing, there is no time to waste. Here's what to do: Use those few last precious gallons of fuel to get your fiberglass dinosaur out into the river. Find a spot where the current is very strong right in the middle of the commercial channel then quickly drop anchor. Now comes the important part...Leave the ignition on and put the transmission in gear! Those of you with a background in thermodynamics and chemistry may already know what comes next. The fast flowing river water will cause the propellers to rotate in reverse. This turbine action will turn the prop shaft and force the engine to operate in reverse. It's like a backwards Otto cycle*. Filthy carbon fowled Cincinnati air will be drawn in thorough the engines exhaust ports. As the pistons slowly move up and down the spark will ignite and pure untaxed gasoline will ooze out of the carburetor. It is a slow process, but with patience the precious octane juice will drool down the side of the engine block and accumulate in the bilge. By re-arranging a few hoses you can pump the compound right into your fuel tank! If the bilge is not clean divert the first few gallons overboard.



As with any volatile chemical process it is recommended that you avoid smoking around the engine compartment. When the tanks are full, pull up the anchor and enjoy boating with a sparkling clean engine compartment as a by-product. Remember to practice safe boating, let the barge captains know that they need to steer clear while your chemical reaction is taking place. Have a great summer boating with free gasoline!



*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_cycle

D-Dock News

This spring, if you find kids knocking on your door asking if they can watch your TV, please accommodate them. Over the winter there were a number of boat break-ins on D Dock. The perpetrators made off with flat screen televisions tools and other items. So these kids really mean it. Please be mindful that TV's of the flat-screen variety are a popular target of the drug dependent thief class in our society. But, come to think of it, as of this writing, the clubhouse has 2 brand new 40" flat screen TV's which still haven't been ripped off yet!-----So we really don't need TV's on our boats.

Over the winter Jim and Janice Davis, sold "Adventure-Us" and took up residence in Florida. Alan and Patty Brown sold "Endless Summer II". Rumor has it though, that Alan's cigars won't be on permanent hiatus from the Docks.

In other D-Dock news, Don White (elder statesman of D-Dock and Captain of the Carol Lee) joined the Four Seasons Swim Club last summer along with a pair of Designer Framed tri-focal eye-glasses now being worn by a thirty pound Carp who can't tell goose droppings from a Wendy's Bacon-Double Cheese Burger.

See you when the waters recede.

Mike Scherer & Tom Dalton



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Spaghetti Dinner (continued)

But in typical Yacht Club style, the party was not to end. An "After Party-Party" was held in the 16th floor Hospitality Room into the wee hours of the morning. Some Members and guests were even seen in the Hotel indoor pool and hot tub. Thankfully, many had made room reservations for an overnight stay. 40+ Rooms!

At varying times on Sunday morning, FSYC Members were seen in the Revolving 360 Restaurant at the top of the hotel. An excellent brunch was enjoyed by many. Check out time was soon to come and many remarked: "It will be good to get back to work on Monday, just to rest up." WE HAVE FUN!



See You On The Docks Very Soon!

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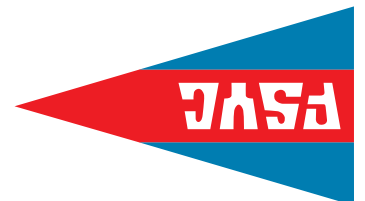
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