

# FOUR Seasons Yacht Club

## Newsletter

FSYC

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### Women in Boating - Lines, Knots and Lunch on the Water

The Women in Boating tradition continued with our July event, attended by about 15 FSYC Lady boaters. The highlight of our in the classroom activities was the knot practice, aided by a knot board made by Captain Ron Herzog, which included the ever popular half hitch, figure 8, thief knot, clove hitch and bowline. We moved to the cleat board to learn the proper way to tie off to a cleat, not the FSYC way! The FSYC way is to put as many twists on the cleat as the cleat will hold! That doesn't help keep the boat secure and can actually hinder your ability to release the boat under load.

Just as we moved to the on water portion of the event, we got our first thunderstorm. All 3 boats remained secure in the marina until the storm passed - Barb and Glenn Feilhauer's restored 23' Chris, which we named NoName Barb; Captain Norma Buckner and Starlee Bailey's new to them Regal, which we



named NoName Norma; and Giddyup. Oh well, the storm gave us an excuse for cheese and crackers, Bloody Mary's, and girl talk.

When the storm passed, we practiced our radio and radar skills, deciding that the distance before the next storm would be just enough to get us to Riverside Four for lunch.

All three lady captains did a masterful job of docking and practicing our new knots. All enjoyed good food and great company while watching the big storm from the restaurant, dry, and under cover. Contrast that to our Commodore who was out with family and decided to tie up at Riverside only after the rain had hit!

So the day was full of good friends, good boating, overcoming a few challenges (heat and rain) to result in a great day on the water. Isn't that the essence of why we all boat?

Special thanks to Barb and Norma for volunteering their boats, to Captain Ron Herzog for the knot boards, to Captain Ron Getter for the True Course Glossary of Nautical Terms, and our wonderful Women in Boating who made the day special for all!

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## From Your Commodore



**A**s Commodore, I will have one more opportunity in our newsletter to address the membership. I would however, like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making these past six years as an Officer on the Bridge and specifically, the past two years as

your Commodore, a very rewarding experience. I also know that I will be leaving the club well organized and in very good hands. This January will bring our biennial Commodores Ball along with the Change of the Watch. A Nominating Committee will be selected by the Board of Directors at the September meeting. The Committee will consist of two incumbent Board members and three members at large. The following is an excerpt from the By Laws which gives a brief description of the Committees responsibilities.

“It will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to nominate one General or Life member for each Bridge Officer position. The Nominating Committee shall then present its report at the monthly meeting of the general membership in October. Additional nominations may be made from the floor providing the nomination has the support of at least seven General or Life members. This support may be in the form of a written petition or be made from the floor. If after the Nominating Committee has presented its nominations to the general membership and no nominations from the floor are received so that any or all Bridge nominations are uncontested, a vote by the membership in attendance, who are entitled to vote, may issue a show of hands to approve the nominations and who will then be installed and sworn in as Officers of the Club at the next Change of the Watch.”

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a Commodores Ball in the past, you’re not going to want to miss the next one. Yes, we play dress up. But the evening is not as formal as you might think. Guys, you don’t have to wear a tux. Tie & jacket work well. Live band, good food, option to spend the night, and most importantly the opportunity to get together in the middle of the winter with friends. You may want to tentatively reserve January 28th which is the last Saturday of the Cincinnati boat show for this event. More information will be available soon.

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

**Captain Rich Mowery, Commodore**  
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## 2010 FSYC Bridge Officers

**Commodore** ..... Captain Rich Mowery  
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**Rear Commodore**..... Captain Bill Baehr  
**Fleet Captain** ..... Bob Ware  
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**Historian** ..... Heidie Mowery  
**Communications** ..... Bob Pattison  
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## Dock Captains

**A-Dock**..... Tom Adams, Al Heim  
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## From the Vice Commodore



**S**ummer's in full swing and Yacht Club fun is happening every week.

The clubhouse has already seen several parties with many more planned this season. Please print the entire Schedule of Events from the website and keep a

copy on your boat for reference.

Thank you to everyone who helps clean-up after Clubhouse parties. It's amazing how much use the Clubhouse gets and still it's in pretty good shape. Recently we have had someone adjusting the beer keg co2 pressure and it has caused some "WILD BEER." Please remember the lower the pressure the better. A "Keg Beer Pro" recommended the single tap unit be set between 3-5 lbs and the 3 tap unit be set at between 5-7 lbs.

Our website is doing well and has had nearly 23,000 hits since it was created. It is high up on internet searches as phone calls and emails to yours truly attests. I often get calls for dock space which we pass on to the marina office; as well as calls inquiring if we are having our breakfast buffet this morning.

Denny and Mark at the marina office would like your feedback regarding No Ethanol gas at the FSM gas dock. It would cost about \$.20 more per gallon and they want your input on whether you would be willing to pay the extra.

Have a Great Summer!

**Vice Commodore Bob Pattison**

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## From the Fleet Captain



**H**ot Hot Hot! This 2011 Season is one for the record books. March, April & May gave way to rain every day (So It Seemed). The big Muddy Ohio River over flowed her banks too many times. Then just as the river levels fell, the heat has roasted the docks to 100+

temperatures. Well, this is Cincinnati, always changing and exciting.

Just think of how the river makes us better Captains. Floods – Rain – Heat – fast Currents – Pollution – Driftwood – ODNR, just to name a few things we deal with. How boring to have electric blue kool-aid waters, cool Caribbean breezes and sugar sand beaches. "Wake Up" River Rats.

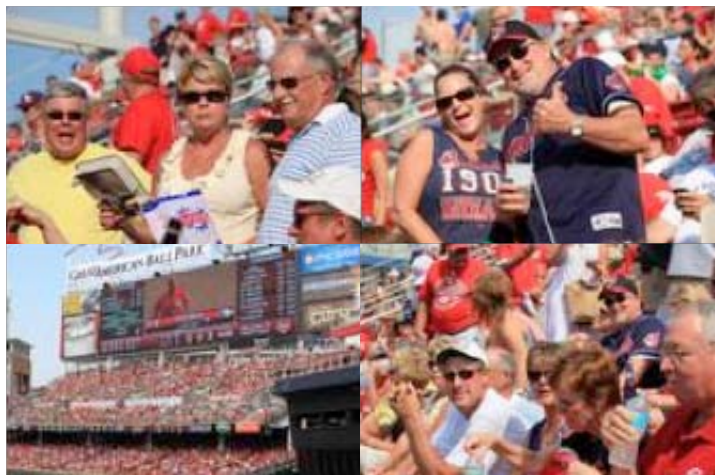
Thanks to all who joined in the Blessing of the Fleet. Almost 20 boats along with others received a Prayer of Good Fortune.

The Annual Reds vs. Indians ball game was well attended. After our pre-game warm up of snacks and spirits, we climbed on the chartered bus. During the ride we had a Red's Trivia game with awards for correct answers. The weather was sunny and hot just like baseball should be. However, the Indians took home the win and we have to listen to our Commodore (Indians fan) all year about the loss. Fun was had by all; hope to see many more next year.

Summertime is here.....Commence yachting

**Bob Ware – FSYC Fleet Captain**

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## From the Rear Commodore



**W**OW! I am always surprised and very appreciative of the constant flow of "Imaginative New Theme Ideas" coming from our Event Hosts. And then, the excellent execution of decorations, food, drink specials, games, raffles, prizes and helping all of us HAVE FUN.

Since the last Newsletter On Land events were: Derby Party, Boat Safety Inspections, Pizza/Movie nights, A Dock's Mexican TGIF, C Dock's Italian TGIF, Boat Open House, Reds/Indians Game and 2 great Mini-Courses.

If you are missing these Events you are missing a LOT of FUN. A BIG thank you to all of our Event Hosts.

See you out there.

**Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Rear Commodore**  
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## From the Treasurer



**H**appy Summer from your Purser! The club finances are great! As of the writing of this article, the B Dock TGIF has taken place and was a great success.

The C Dock TGIF will have occurred with the issuance of the newsletter. Women in Boating will be on 7/23.

Marsha has a great agenda planned. I hope lots of women participate in this.

Also, reminder that we do have the Cathy Jo Getter scholarship in place for a lady to become a captain through Truscourses next year.

Congratulations to Captain Glenn (Past Commodore) and Barb Feilhauer on the completion of their 1974 23 foot Chris Craft Cuddy runabout. I had the privilege of being invited for a day on the river with them. Thanks Barb and Glenn. They are still working on their 36 foot boat and hope to have it done in 2012.

Now that the rains have slowed down, I hope everyone is enjoying the river and friends in the marina.

**Captain Marianne Mabry, FSYC Treasurer**  
[treasurer@fourseasonsyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@fourseasonsyachtclub.com)

## Women in Boating (continued)

We carry on the Women In Boating tradition in memory of Cathy Jo Dice-Getter, who we lost last year. Cathy, thanks for being with us in our hearts!

As a reminder, the club is honoring Cathy with a scholarship to the True Courses Captains School. Buy a FSYC burgee sticker in The Ships Store, and your \$2 donation will go to the scholarship fund. The club will select one lady boater from the entrants to award the scholarship.

One final note, why do we have Women in Boating but not Men in Boating? Is it because we don't have a Man in Boating to organize it? Or is it because every day is Man in Boating day? Something to ponder as the club prepares next year's calendar....

**Marsha Herzog**

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## 2011 Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars

#### August

Thursday, Aug 4, 7:30 PM  
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Friday, August 5, 6-10 PM  
Pizza/Movie Night - Clubhouse  
Hosts: Woeste

Saturday, August 6, Noon  
Dinghy Cruise-Beach Party  
Hosts: Ware

Saturday, August 13-14 Overnite Trip  
Overnight Anchor Out @ Smith's Camp  
Hosts: Smith -

Friday, August 19, 7:00 PM  
3rd TGIF hosted by D Dock Clubhouse  
Hosts: D Dock Captains

Saturday, August 20-21 Overnite Trip  
New Richmond River Days  
Cardboard Boat Regatta Hosts: Ware

#### September

Thursday September 1, 7:30 PM  
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Friday, September 9, 7:00 PM  
4th TGIF hosted by A Dock Clubhouse  
Hosts: A Dock Captains

Saturday, September 10, 10 - Noon  
Mini Course Topic: TBD  
Hosts: Education Committee

Saturday, Sept. 17-18 Overnite Trip  
FSYC-"Docktoberfest"  
"Oktoberfest Zinzinnati" Hosts: Ware

Friday, September 24-25,  
Fall Boat Trip  
Site: Manhattan Harbour  
Hosts: Scherer, Dalton, Dawes

#### October

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 PM  
FSYC Meeting-Clubhouse

Saturday October 8  
Fall Raft-Up - Site: TBD  
Hosts: Ware

Saturday, October 15 @ the FSM Point  
-Member Car Show -2:00 PM  
-Chili Cook Off & Bonfire, 4:00 PM  
Hosts: Bridge/Officers & Sutliffs

#### October (cont'd)

Saturday, October 22, 7:00 PM  
Halloween Costume Party-Clubhouse  
Hosts: Baehr

#### November

Thursday November 3, 7:30 PM  
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Our first order of plastic Membership Cards have been received and distributed.....some handed out and the rest mailed. If you joined or renewed after the cards were ordered, you have been given a temporary card until the second order of plastic cards is made, at the end of this month. I will mail them immediately upon arrival. Anyone renewing or joining after the second run of cards is printed will receive a temporary, paper card to use for the season.

Many thanks to all of you who helped acquire new and renewal memberships. Thanks also to the Dock Captains for helping hand out the plastic Membership Cards. I value my committee members, Laurie & Phil Mayleben for keeping the badge board up to date and Tom & Linda Aultz for technical support.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, I thank you for staying with or joining Four Seasons Yacht Club!

WE HAVE FUN!

**Committee Chair Jo Baehr**

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## Health and Welfare



So we're into the boating season half way and what have you done? This heat has sure changed the way the summer has gone for most of us boating here at Four Seasons. With all the heat we need to make sure we are staying "heat safe." Please make sure you stay hydrated at all times.



Sunscreen is a must for even those with a tan. It doesn't take long to get overheated when the temperatures are at these high levels. Even our four legged friends can be affected by the heat. Walking on the docks for them can be very dangerous. The heat on the docks can burn their little paws so please make sure they spend limited time on the docks.

An ice pack on the back of your neck can help your body temperature cool down. A little more water and a little less alcohol would certainly help your body adjust to the heat (did I really say that?).

Walking the docks, I have seen many with small pools or sprinklers to wade in. This is another great way to cool down. Take advantage of our pool but please remember to pick up your pool pass at the marina office. They are checking for passes this year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer...stay cool... & just think 6 months from now we'll be complaining about how cold it is!

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

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## Fishing Tournament

The 2nd Annual FSYC Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, May 28th. A great time was had by all 50+ people who attended.

A total of 27 fish were caught and recorded. Trophies and Prizes were awarded for the Largest (longest) fish to Jacob Woeste for his 18" catch, Smallest (shortest) fish to Adam Dargis for a 6.5" little fish, Most fish caught age 12 and under to Aeryka Merritt for her 9 fish on record, and for Most fish caught ages over 12 to Justin Wilson for catching 3 fish that day. Inside the clubhouse, games were played for candy rewards and face painting was a big hit. Bob Ware and his Kellogg Country House restaurant provided the fish fry lunch (yum!!) and all were happy after a day of fishing fun.

Tom & Linda Woeste



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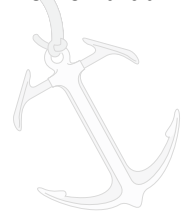


I do hope that everyone is having a great summer! A few clubhouse items for your attention please. Check the Lost & Found box in the clubhouse for missing items. You only think that you lost that pair of sunglasses or ball cap. Chances are it may be waiting for its owner to reclaim it. After many of the TGIF parties the box gets very full of personal items that were left behind. Please check the box often as new items are always making their home in the box. Things that are not claimed will be "Pirated" for use at the club house or will be donated to a local charity.

To All Party Hosts, if there is left over food from a party that you have hosted the Bridge is asking that you please take the food to our local Cincinnati Firemen at Lunken Airport. Many times the food is put into the refrigerator and the following week is being disposed of. The Firemen really appreciate the donation of food and it is a small way for us to say Thank you to the men and women that help keep us safe.

Happy Boating!

Quartermaster Brenda Adams  
Compromise A-52



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## The Beacon from Lighthouse Point - Aurora, IN



The Rising Sun Yacht Club (RSYC) annual fish fry was held at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club (LPYC) Saturday June 11. The yacht club provided fried fish, chicken nuggets, fried shrimp, and hush puppies. Everyone brought a dish to be shared. Former Four Seasons Marina boaters in attendance included Roy & Carolyn Push, Birdandi, Jeff & Jill Gramke, Get Aweigh, and Mike & Debbie Hoffer, Carmen Ohio.

We had great weather, good food and fun with games of chance.

Debbie and I rented a 78 by 18 foot twin diesel houseboat on Lake Cumberland June 16th through June 19th. We enjoyed a very relaxing vacation with friends and family. The weather cooperated for a couple days; we got a little rain toward the end of the trip. We skied, tubed, fished, swam, kayaked, floated and just relaxed. Let me tell you, a hot tub on the top of a houseboat is a babe magnet.

Thursday, June 30 Debbie and I left LPYC on our way to Manchester Islands 100 miles upriver. Ken Marcotte & Barb Kroell, Borderline Fool, and Scott & Cheryl Culshaw, Forget Me Knot, left LPYC days before us on their way to Four Seasons and eventually Manchester Islands. We spent the night at the Ripley Boat Club with most of the Manchester Island Fleet, including Tom & Brenda Adams, Compromise, Tom & Marty Dalton, Stardust, Sandy & Bonnie Mendelson and Yvonne Reissig, Happy Camper, and Mike & Christy Scherer, Calliope.

We arrived at Manchester Islands Friday where Ron & Marsha Herzog and Ron Getter, Gettup joined us. Joining us by car was Michael Jackson who stayed on Compromise. Debbie and I started back home Sunday arriving at Four Seasons shortly after six. It was great seeing everyone back at Four Seasons. Seems everyone remembered our mishaps from our last visit. Bill

Murray invited Debbie & me on the Wee Will II for an inspirational recording about the Defense of Fort McHenry that inspired Francis Scott Key's poem "The Star Spangled Banner". Afterwards we watched the fireworks from Old Coney on Wee Will II. Thanks Bill. Debbie and I moseyed on down to LPYC Monday, July 4th to complete our 200 plus mile trip.

The RSYC annual luau was held Saturday, July 9th at the Waterways Marina. This is a beautiful setting for a party with shelters, trees, and a flat grassy area overlooking the marina at Hogan's Creek. The yacht club provided pulled pork. Everyone brought a dish to be shared. We had a Euchre tournament, a raffle, split the pot, and river poker. I won nothing.

In closing I want to remind everyone of the Cardboard Boat Regatta coming up August 20th. Sadly my inspiration for my niece's boat was recently put down at the Cincinnati Zoo. Jazmine's boat will now be in memory of Zuri the baby giraffe. Please come see her race. My boat will have a gorilla theme.

### Past Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer



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## ODNR - Staying Lightning Safe

Boating is fun, especially when it is safely enjoyed and potential hazards are minimized. Among the various boating hazards that seem to get little mention is lightning. Spring and early summer encompass much of Ohio's storm season and that often means the onset of lightning -- sometimes with little or no warning.

Lightning poses a serious risk to boaters and others in the great outdoors. A popular safety rule while outdoors is: "If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it." This means at the first sign of lightning, boaters and anglers should get off the water or head to a safe harbor of refuge.

Lightning can travel a long distance from its source and can be somewhat masked by blue skies, which never guarantee that danger from a potential lightning strike is absent. Thunder is directly associated with lightning and gives credence to this bit of advice: "When thunder roars, go indoors."



While it is tempting to cast a fishing line just one more time, take another turn towing a tuber or skier, getting off the water when lightning is present is the safest bet. Ellen Bryan, a 22-year-old Celina resident and the newly crowned Miss Ohio 2011, will make lightning safety her platform as she readies to represent Ohio in the next Miss America pageant in January. Bryan, who was crowned Miss Ohio on June 18, has an older sister who, 11 years ago, was seriously injured when struck by lightning. She told the Mansfield News Journal that she looks forward to doing something in honor of her sister, who remains in a wheelchair and is speechless, and to educate others about lightning safety.

Lightning Safety Week is observed June 19-25. For more information on lightning safety, visit [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov).

## Blessing of the Fleet



On June 4, 2011, Captain Tom and Linda Aultz aboard Serendipity, accompanied by the Chaplain, Reverend Dean Griffith and his wife Carol, led 11 boats down river to St. Rose Church for the Blessing of the Fleet.

After a moment of silent prayer and the general blessing, the following boats received an individual blessing: Bob Ware, June Harrison, Madison, and Aeryika – Fast Buck V; Captain Mike Garrity and Michael, Mickey, Sandy, Todd, and Diane – River Breeze; Tom and Brenda Adams and Shadow and Ally-Compromise; Captain Tim and Mary Alice Koch-Marytime 2; Captain Ron Getter and Captain Tom Dalton – Go Getter and Stardust; Gina and Tom Fehrenbach-Miss T; Phil and Lori Mayleben and Chuck and Volena Weathers and Captain Jim (Bear) and Donna England– Seaduction and Just Crusin’ and Boating Bear; Jim and Lois Ballinger and Gary and Lois Bolte and Arlen Swenson – B’s Hive and Inspiration and Nauti Cat; Bob McAndrews – Annex; Captain Norma Buckner and Starlee Bailey – Seg Weigh; Captain Mike Jackson and Natalie Moroney and Captain Bill and Jo Baehr – Good Timing and Dancing Baehr; and Captain Rich and Heidie Mowery and Commander Dave Bertsche of the Sail and Power Squadron and Jeannie McHenry – Maxed Out Again.

The following boats, although absent, were given a blessing: Captain Jim and Liz Wilkes – Wilkscraft IV; Captain Rick Wolfson and Sara –Private Affair II; Captain Matt and Lori Smith – Drift Aweigh; Steve and Jeannie McHenry – Mac’s Shack; and Captain Geoff Hatfield and Maryellen Peretsky’s boat.

### Captain Tom & Linda Aultz

## Mini Course



Our Second Mini Course of this season was well attended by a large crowd of folks that wanted to share detailing and maintenance tips as well as discover new ideas from other boaters.

We had one pro detailer who offered ideas on maintaining gelcoat which was well received by all in attendance.

After his presentation, the topic turned to one we all love (and hate) THE HEAD. Several great ideas were presented including putting water softener in the holding tank (who knew?) and using hydrogen peroxide as a disinfectant.

The discussion went on for quite a while and then did move on to the other side, the fresh water tank, which can be almost as nasty at times....consensus being to shock it with plenty of bleach and flush it out well. We never got to discussing bilge water, maybe next time.

Which leads me to ask the membership if they have any topics they would like to discuss at the final Mini-Course on September 10th or for next year, Let me know at 623-4848 or [tim.koch@fuse.net](mailto:tim.koch@fuse.net).

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## Riversweep 2011



**W**e had a very successful Riversweep this year. We had 24 participants, all ages, from kids to seniors. We had participation from St X High School's Marine Biology club and a family from West Chester along with our dedicated Four Seasons members. The St X participants expressed an interest in participating next year, with a larger group. We may need to increase the pizza budget if that happens.

Among the items we collected were at least six car tires, one on an aluminum rim that was taken to a recycler, two 55 gallon drums, a large orange traffic control barrel which has been gracing the shore just down river of the fuel dock for years (Thanks Capt. Mike of River Breeze for heading up that effort!), a gallon container of used motor oil, also taken to a recycler, a picture window which, judging from its condition, was just recently tossed off a bridge, a brand new boat fender (I mean really new) that immediately became a father's day present, not to mention hundreds if not over a thousand plastic and glass bottles and other plastic items.

We easily filled the city provided dumpster half way, which has a huge impact on the debris we see on shore as well as the amount of debris that gets washed into the marina when the water rises.

Despite the light rain (better than last year's scorching heat) everyone had a good time and the pizza lunch was a hit as always. Plus, the complimentary tee shirts were pretty cool this year. Thanks!

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## Pizza/Movie Nights

**T**his year's first two Pizza / Movie Nights were held Friday, June 3rd and July 8th. 20+ people attended each night.

The movies shown were Gulliver's Travels, Tron Legacy, Iron Man, and Iron Man 2. Pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, and candy bars were served along with a nice variety of drinks. Smiling faces told us that both the adults and kids had a good time.

This is a great family event. Stop by and give this event a try if you haven't yet, you're sure to have fun we bet.

**Tom & Linda Woeste**

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## A-Dock News

**H**ot! Hot! Hot! goes the summer of 2011. A-Dock always seems to have a party going on! We have a lot of new members, new boats and of course a lot of animals (Kids & Dogs). Thanks to Dave Roy (A-85 Nauti-Time) who hosted the steel drum guy playing in the A-sac on July 9th. The party kept going on so Dave had "Steel Drum Dave" play for an additional hour. Many of the A-Dock ladies showed us all how to limbo under a deck brush, it also makes a good limbo pole. Thanks Bill Becker for the use of the pole.

Congratulation to Karen Kramer for her 1st place finish in a 5K over in southern Indiana. A week later, Karen competed in a 50 mile race around Caesar's Creek. Karen is a true competitor. Competing at Caesars' with a cold. The lady doesn't give up. She has others on A-dock walking with her at times. If not in a race Karen will walk Lunken on both Saturday and Sunday. I am sure she will welcome anybody that would care to join her. I know that the poison ivy will clear up soon.

We have so many new members that I cannot remember everybody's names at times. Can't help it's just getting old. Just refresh my memory if you can. Captain Matt and Lori Smith are having their overnight on August 13th. Brenda and I will be going up on Friday the 12th. It's a really nice ride. Their camp is 4 miles just past the lock.

Brenda and I went to Manchester Islands over the 4th of July. Brenda was a bit nervous about going through the locks, let me tell you she did a great job. All I did was get us up to the wall. The lock walls are very clean. I remember them being covered in algae and slime. We did not even have to clean our fenders. You could actually touch the wall and not get slimed. I think maybe they have power washed the walls. If anybody would care to go up to Smith's at the same time we do, just let us know so we can travel together.

A-docks TGIF is September 9th. Starting to get good ideas for a theme as well as food. Let us know if you will be able to help us during the event. That is all for now.

### Tom Adams

Compromise A-52  
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## B-Dock News

**A** perfect boat for the river. We have a lot of stuff on our boat that we never touch. Getting rid of all the useless stuff would allow a lot more room for important stuff. Our boat has a stove that has never been used. I do not even know how to turn it on. When we visit the boat we also visit the restaurant. The stove should be turned into a wine rack or replaced with a margarita machine.

The hanging locker is also useless. Who brings clothes to the boat that need to be in a hanging closet? My "t" shirts and swimming suit are easily stored on a hook next to the door. I want to knock down the wall for the closet to make a bigger bed. It might be nice to have a bed that does not have walls on both sides of the mattress, but it is entertaining to watch my wife try to get all of the wrinkles out of the sheets and tuck in the ends when there is no place to walk.



Cold things are important. The refrigerator is essential but ours is too small to accommodate a ¼ barrel. A full size refrigerator needs to be standard issue on a river boat. The air conditioner is improperly sized. A really good AC system would make my wife shiver at night under a pile of blankets and ice should condense on the windows all summer.

The stereo is essential but the windshield wiper has never swished across the glass. It is a good thing because I think the rubber blade has fallen off. I would gladly trade the wiper for a sub woofer.

Don't get me started on those heavy blocks of cast iron below the deck that are supposed to turn the propellers. They are as useless as the big aluminum tanks that hold our rubber eating alcohol poisoned fuel. I think I can turn that part of the boat into a nice aft cabin for midgets. There you have it a perfect river boat I hope the designers are taking notes.

## B-Dock News Continued

B-Dock TGIF Party - Friday Night June 17th: We decided on a Mexican theme for this year's B dock TGIF. The ethnic cuisine was prepared by Bob Ware's cooks at the Kellogg Country house.

We appreciate the B-Dock volunteers that made the event a success. A special thanks is in order for Gary Bolte who supplied spirits and to his daughter Amy for agreeing to sell limes and lemons for \$1.00.

During the event the author had the opportunity to teach and demonstrate fine motor skills to impaired residents of D dock. With a little practice some were eventually able to lick the back of their hand, apply salt and suck on a lemon, without assistance.

Now the B-Dockers can just kick back and enjoy the rest of the summer!

### B Dock Captains

## C-Dock News

It has been a year of extremes.....A very cold winter, a very wet spring and now a very hot summer: C Dock is doing well but many boats were a bit late getting into the marina. Live Wire (Joe and Brenda Frankenhoff, C-55) arrived July 23rd and Drifter (Don and Betty ShROUT, C-89) arrived about a week earlier; but Kelly Did (Joe and Donna Kelly, C-38) is still on the hard. Does make for a nice view from C-49 however.

We would like to welcome Sandra Rafalo and Wayne Shannon (C-33) to both C dock and to FSYC. Wayne is an accomplished jazz pianist and plays every other Thursday at Arnold's Bar and Grill. Excellent food and great music....road trip anyone?

On July 18th C Dock hosted it's TGIF Party "Mama Mia..... It's Italian Night". The weather was perfect and sunny as many members enjoyed a fully catered meal from Pompilio's Restaurant. FYI Pompilio's was ranked as Greater Cincinnati's Best Italian Restaurant in 2010. Many thanks to Catherine Wood Williams for her great Dock Poster and the many Dock Mates who helped pull off this well attended event.

Lightning Strikes created the "Lightning Bolt Club" on C dock. Serious Storms struck the marina on the evening of June 10, 2011. A Transformer was struck by lightning and cut power to the marina in half.

At about 7PM that evening, Kevin & Magi Guilfoyle's 42' Silverton "Blood, Sweat and Beers" in C-52 had it's antenna struck by lightning and damaged their electronics. At about 4AM, Steve

## C-Dock News Continued

and Linda Kuhlman's 44" Carver "Why Knot" in C-48 also had it's antenna struck by lightning and also damaged electronics. Steve's bow thruster came on mysteriously and Steve could not shut it off without disconnecting the wiring. That's a lot of fun at 4 AM. Thank goodness for insurance as both boats are on the mend.

These two boats sit to the immediate port and starboard of "Summer" (Bob & Sherill Pattison, C-50). Bob got up in the morning, put his antennas down, bought a lottery ticket and seriously considered going to church on Sunday.

On a Saturday evening in early July, a dock get together was happening on C. A couple of guys (AKA Hans & Franz from Chicago, or was that Ft. Lauderdale?) in Speedos were dancing on the bows of two boats on A Dock. The C Dock electronic megaphone razzed them on and soon they dove into the channel and surfaced on C Dock where they entertained and posed for pictures on Jackie Rae's (Tom and Jackie Watson, C-63) swim platform. Hoses and soap were brought out and there have been no reports of anybody growing a third eye ball yet. After getting some sage advice from C dock, Hans & Franz decided to walk, rather than swim back to A dock.

Have you seen the mysterious jelly-fish looking, moss covered blobs floating around the marina? Maybe not, but if you have, they are not an alien life form, but rather, as researched by Education Committee member Geoff Hatfield (C-42), a 500,000,000 year-old life form known as "Bryozoa", from the greek bryon (moss) and zoon (animal) also known as Water Brains (I am not making this up). They are actually a colony of many thousands of "zooids" that feed on algae and protozoa. There are approximately 20 different fresh water species of Bryozoa, some of which are poisonous, another good reason not to swim in the marina! For more information about these fascinating animals visit [http://www.magma.ca/~syatabe/water\\_brains/water\\_brains.html](http://www.magma.ca/~syatabe/water_brains/water_brains.html).

See you on the Docks.

### C Dock Captains



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## D-Dock News

Jeff Eiford has moved to Marietta. Jay Hand, Freight Dog is moving to Florida.

### Welcome new D Dockers:

Schawn & Kelly Burton D-123  
Michael & Rhonda Garrett D-96  
Ed Castellini D-71  
Rick & Kim Kruer D-49

Please give a D Dock pat-on-the-back to our new Dock Captains Dave Witherby and Pat Boyle. We look forward to their help and energy on the dock.

If anyone else is interested in serving as a dock captain please let Rich Mowery, Tom Dalton, Dave Witherby, Pat Boyle or Mike Scherer know of your interest.



## D-Dock News Continued

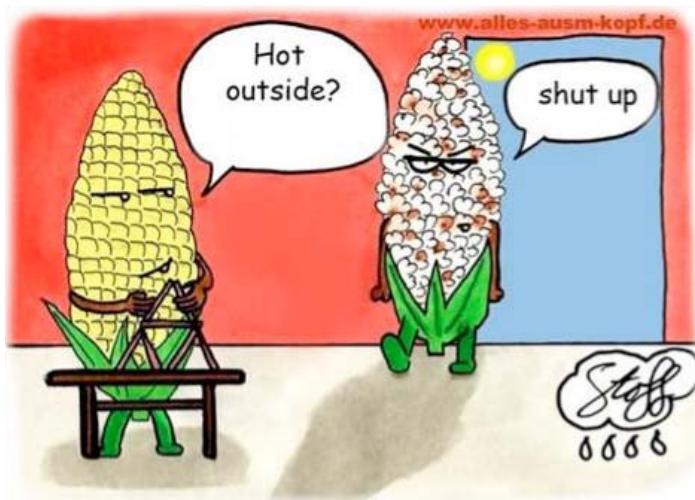
### Manchester Islands

July 4, 2011

The annual 4th of July cruise to Manchester Islands included new and repeat cruisers to one of the best anchorages on the Ohio River.

### Cruisers:

Tom & Brenda Adams and Mike Jackson on Compromise  
Scott & Cher Culshaw and grandchildren Natalie & Emma on Forget Me Knot  
Tom & Marty Dalton on Stardust  
Ron & Marcia Herzog and Ron Getter on Giddy-up  
Mike & Debbie Hoffer on Carmen Ohio  
Ken Marcotte & Barb Kroell on Borderline Fool  
Sandy & Bonnie Mendelson and Yvonne Reisseg on Happy Camper  
Mike & Cristy Scherer on Calliope



### Day Trippers:

Dave & Kathy Sheshull on Family Tradition  
Rich & Heidi Mowery on dinghy  
Joe & Brenda Frankenhoff on jet ski

Thursday night the group spent the night at the Ripley Boat club in Ripley, OH. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal in their casual air conditioned restaurant. The specialty of the house is broasted chicken...YUM! As dinner concluded, the power went out on the marina-edge of town. Fortunately, no one pointed fingers at the 360 feet of yachts plugged into the dock. Hello Ripley!



## D-Dock News Continued

On Friday we cruised the remaining 20 miles up to Manchester Islands. After fueling and anchoring, Ron Getter and Marcia Herzog maintained the 4th of July holiday tradition that Ron Getter & Cathy Jo Dice started years ago: Bunting for Beers! Beers are exchanged for a red, white and blue bunting to decorate the bow pulpit of each boat in our anchored fleet. For all of us, it was a time of remembering Cathy Jo and reflection of our friendship.



We spent the rest of the afternoon playing with our water toys and visiting. Later we assembled on Happy Camper for cocktails and an evening feast (and that no exaggeration)! Totally First Class!

Saturday was a repeat of floating on the water, food and fun. On Sunday morning Tom & Brenda Adams, Mike Jackson and Mike and Debbie Hoffer departed down river. Sunday afternoon and evening were more of the same over-the-top relaxation and food consumption.

But Sunday night the adventure started. At about 11:00pm., a west wind picked-up to over 40 mph and even higher gusts, the rain started about 40 minutes later. As the wind increased, all the boats rotated 180 degrees and faced down-river into waves of at least two feet and intense blasts of wind and rain. All the captains were ready and at their helms. Fortunately, there was no damage, except some raw nerves, we all got to bed by 2:00am.

Monday morning the 4th of July, Sandy & Bonnie Mendelson, Yvonne Reisseg, Ken Marcotte, Barb Kroell, Scott & Cher Culshaw departed down-river. The skies cleared around noon, the Herzogs, Ron Getter, the Daltons

## D-Dock News Continued

& Scherers (and guests) had a delightful afternoon of water fun, more delicious dining, a divine sunset and even fireworks from the surrounding towns & campgrounds. The trip home on the 5th was peaceful-but hot.

There are things about the Manchester Islands that make them truly unique to our area of the river. Feel free to ask any of our cruisers about the islands. For day-trippers and paddlers there is a launch ramp and campground on the Ohio side across from the islands. There is a bed n' breakfast in Manchester, too.

### The Daltons & Scherers



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## Beware of the “Blobs”...FYI



**Q**uartermaster, Brenda Adams, recently wrote the following email to the Ohio Division of Wildlife after A Dockers observed floating “Blobs” in the marina:

I have a question? Recently at the Four Seasons Marina, located in Cincinnati on the Ohio River. We have seen several floating “Blobs”, I refer to them as this as none of us can figure out what they are. They almost look like a jelly fish, however, there are no tentacles.

They are muddy brown in color, balled shaped, and have flower shaped openings on the surface. We have netted one of these things and a few people touched them. They said they felt like jelly/rubbery, they also have a split opening on the bottom side. We are thinking that they might have something to do with the May Flies as they have been coming out over the past few weeks, but are not sure.

Any idea what these things are, Do we need to be concerned. I have been boating for over 40 years and have never seen these before.

Thanks for your help - Brenda Adams - Hamilton County

**Brenda received the following response:**

Dear Brenda,

I am a fisheries biologist for the Division of Wildlife in Columbus. I received your email regarding something you saw on the Ohio River recently. What you saw was most likely bryozoan. Bryozoans are microscopic filter feeders that form big gelatinous colonies. They are commonly found in the warmer months of Ohio’s reservoirs and rivers. Bryozoan are typically seen in the shallows of reservoirs and rivers where they colonize on sticks or other debris in the water.

They are typically the size of a softball up to a cantaloupe, but I recently received an email from another person who sent in a picture of a very large colony from Knox Lake that was much bigger. The picture she sent was free floating, rather than attached to a twig. I think it had become so large it became disconnected from the twig it probably formed on and floated into the lake.

Bryozoans typically grow in nutrient rich water, but actually don’t grow in heavily polluted systems or overly acidic environments. Bryozoans can provide indirect benefits to fish communities by providing a place for insects to live. The insects in return are eaten by the fish. Some fish will also eat the bryozoans directly. These colonies are nothing to be concerned about and are part of a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Hopefully this helps answer your question. If you search Google images for freshwater bryozoans and this is not what you saw write me back, but I’m pretty confident that’s what it is.

Thanks for sending your question into WildInfo. Have a great rest of the summer.

**Ethan Simmons - Ohio Division of Wildlife - Fisheries Biologist**

## Legislative Attack on Boat Interest Deduction

**T**he interest deduction for boats as second homes is under fire, and we need to let Members of Congress - particularly House Members - know that this is just plain wrong. On **Tuesday, May 3, 2011**, three Members of the U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 1702, a bill that would remove the deductibility of interest on boats that are used as second homes. This bill, the “Ending Taxpayer Subsidies for Yachts Act,” is both misnamed and wrong-headed and would accomplish nothing except putting American boat builders and other boating service providers out of work, precisely at a time when the industry has not recovered from the worst downturn since the Great Depression. Go to the NMMA federal relations page where you will find the “Current Issues: NMMA Policy Briefs” and sample letter to email to your Member of Congress today!

This legislation is apparently based on the premise that “yachts” are owned by rich people and that the American taxpayer is subsidizing their extravagant lifestyle. This is a great misunderstanding. A “yacht,” by definition, is any vessel that is 26 feet or longer, and the deduction on interest expense is only applicable if the boat has a head, galley, and sleeping berth. We know that a 26-footer is hardly what we all think of when we hear the word “yacht.” Many a boat that can function as a second home on a lake or river fits the definition of “yacht.” If land-sited dwellings and RVs can qualify for an interest deduction as a second home - and they can - why should a live-aboard boat be excluded simply because it floats on the water instead of being placed on land or driven down the highway? The logic is simply not there.

Furthermore, it is almost a certainty that the individuals that this legislation purportedly targets the owners of what we might term “mega-yachts” do not use this deduction. Those who are rich enough to afford the million-dollar boats the legislation’s authors probably meant to target undoubtedly already have second homes on which they take the mortgage deduction. Instead, this bill would target the middle income family that decides to have their second home float on the water, instead of purchasing a stationary home or a rolling home. It all comes down to basic fairness.

If this legislation were to pass, its unintended consequence would be that sales of boats and boating services would diminish, thousands of American jobs would be placed at risk, and many middle class American families would be forced out of boating and deprived of their summer home on the water. Please go to <http://www.nmma.org/government/issues/federal.aspx> and find “Current Issues: NMMA Policy Briefs” for the sample letter you can use to email your Member of Congress and urge them to oppose H.R. 1702. Please act before it is too late.

**Boating Magazine News**

# Rivers Unlimited, Adopt-A-Stream



**A**t Noon on July 10th our small group of six people ventured out in three dinghys to fulfill our agreement with Rivers Unlimited to keep our little portion of the Ohio shoreline free of debris.

Since this was our first Non-River Sweep clean up, I'm glad it was small because it definitely was a learning experience logistically speaking. We will probably do things a little differently next time.



We filled our dinghys with trash, bagged and otherwise. Mine got swamped due to rough water. We will probably go out earlier next time when the water isn't as rough, logistically speaking.



We collected a good 15 bags or so of plastic bottles and other debris, and other items that would not fit in a bag - a kid's plastic lounge chair, plastic crate, garbage can lids. The most unusual find was a full complement of rafts, pool loungers and other "floaties" that must have recently blown off of a boat.

The most collectable was an unopened Little King beer can whose design no one had seen before. We had to leave behind a blue 55 gallon drum....too big for the dinghys.

The sad part is that we had just scoured this stretch of beach three weeks ago during River Sweep. We were surprised that we found as much as we did. All in all it was successful day. We will probably schedule another Adopt-A-Stream mini clean up if the river rises enough to deposit additional debris later this year.

Next time you fuel up at the gas dock, check out our official Adopt-A-Stream signage on the building's wall facing the river!

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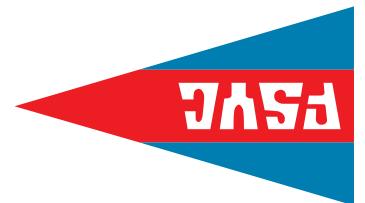
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