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Ethanol and Winter Storage



Boaters in colder climates are starting to winterize their boats - or they're at least thinking about it. Considering the problems that ethanol-blended gasoline can cause, proper preparation of the fuel system and engine is a critical step in preparing a boat for winter storage.

Gasoline with 10 percent ethanol (E10) has led to such problems as the disintegration of fiberglass fuel tanks, the gumming up of fuel lines, and piston and valve failure. Two properties of ethanol, in particular, can cause problems in boat fuel systems and engines. First, ethanol absorbs moisture - more so when it sits unused for long periods - so it can cause water to collect in your fuel tank and fuel system. Second, ethanol is a solvent. E10 can loosen debris in the tank or fuel lines and allow it to reach the engine.

"Fuels with ethanol are not going away," says David Meeler, Yamaha's product marketing information manager. "There's very little we can do about it except try to mitigate the risk as best we can and educate people the best we can."

Meeler and other engine manufacturer representatives recommend using a quality fuel stabilizer and conditioner. Yamaha recommends its own product, Yamaha Fuel Conditioner and Stabilizer Plus. Others include Marine Formula STA-BIL Ethanol Treatment, Star brite Star Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment and ValvTect Ethanol Gasoline Treatment.

The stabilizer should be added to the fuel tank before the seasonal layup and the engine should be run long enough to ensure that the stabilized fuel courses through the entire system. Stabilizers inhibit corrosion and help prevent phase separation. Phase separation occurs when ethanol-blended fuel surpasses a certain water saturation point and the ethanol and water separate from the gasoline, forming a layer at the bottom of the tank where the fuel exits and heads to the engine. The gasoline remains on top of the ethanol-water layer.

Some engine manufacturers, including Yamaha, recommend adding a second treatment to the tank before layup. Yamaha Ring Free Plus removes carbon, gum and varnish and helps keep the fuel system clean, according to the engine manufacturer. Several other companies also sell this type of carbon-cleaner treatment.

Experts say stabilizers targeting ethanol and carbon-cleaner treatments should be used during the boating season as well, not just before winter storage.

Empty or Full Tanks:

Opinions vary about whether tanks should be left empty, mostly empty or about 95 percent full during winter storage. The benefit of leaving tanks empty or mostly empty, according to some experts, is that if there's no ethanol in the tank it can't absorb water and can't loosen deposits in the tank.

The benefit of leaving tanks filled with treated fuel, according to other experts, is that there's less likelihood of moisture forming in the tank from condensation and a topped-off tank minimizes the explosive fumes that can remain in an empty tank. (The National Fire Protection Association calls for tanks to be topped off to minimize explosive vapors.)

Draining the tank may be an option for boat owners with small fuel tanks (up to about 40 gallons), but for owners of larger boats, topping it off makes more sense.

Fuel Lines and Filters:

The rest of the fuel system and the engine also need attention. Drain and replace the fuel/water separator and drain any fuel filters under the cowling or attached to the engine, experts say. Yamaha also recommends, as an extra precaution, draining the fuel from carburetors or the vapor separator tank after the stabilized fuel has been circulated. You also should inspect all fuel hoses, fittings and the primer ball.

To determine the effect ethanol may have had on your fuel system, Meeler suggests a simple test. When changing the fuel/water separator, pour some of the gasoline into a clear jar and check the level of water and debris. "If you see black specks in the fuel, you're looking at a potential ethanol problem," Meeler says. "The black specks are typically pieces of rubber fuel line that has begun to deteriorate internally."

If you find them, Meeler recommends replacing the affected fuel line with a new ethanol-resistant line.

A water/fuel separator can catch debris before it reaches the engine. The experts recommend filters with a 10-micron rating. Filters should be changed every 50 to 100 hours, as well as for winter layup.

Courtesy: "Soundings" October 13, 2010, Written by Chris Landry <http://www.soundingsonline.com/>

From Your Commodore



The season is just about over. This summer we dealt with extreme heat and unseasonably dry conditions from mid June thru October. Other than not getting to my mid summers waxing, we really couldn't have asked for nicer weather.

This was a very busy yet successful year for our club. We will be spending some time this fall looking to reduce the number of events for next season which will give our Bridge members more time to enjoy boating with their families, reduce the pressure some members feel trying to attend every event, as well as streamlining the clubs budget.

We began the season with a few new additions to the Bridge, with Captain Bill Baehr taking over as Rear Commodore. With the number of events we put out there for our membership, Bill did a wonderful job and of course just about the time he really gets rolling for next season we will be looking for the next Rear Commodore. Jo Baehr replaced Captain Tom and Linda Aultz as the Membership Chairperson with help from Phil and Laurie Mayleben. We had a slow start to the season but will end up with 278 memberships and 65 of them new members. That's a new record! What an outstanding job they have done. Another addition to the staff, filling the newly created position of Education Chairman was Captain Tim Koch. Tim jumped right in and will be managing the clubs relationship with True Course/Captains Class's as well as development of the "Mini Course" classes we began this past year. Thanks also to our Vice Commodore Bob Pattison, Treasurer Captain Marianne Mabry, Secretary Mary Alice Koch, Quartermaster Brenda & Tom Adams, all of the Dock Captains, and my wife Heidie for the work she has done with Health & Welfare. For the time and effort you all have put into this club, not to mention all of the members who have helped throughout the year, you have made me very proud when I have had the opportunity to be announced as Commodore of the Four Seasons Yacht Club.

We all look forward to serving next year and hope to see you in the off season.

Be safe. See you on the water.

Captain Rich Mowery, Commodore
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Health and Welfare



Heading out of another boating season we have seen a bit of a health struggle for some of our members. From bumps and bruises to facing issues far more serious. Of course with a group the size of ours, dealing with accidents and illness is going to be an ongoing concern. The club motto may be "We Have Fun" but the only way that has any meaning is when we can all enjoy each others company. We do care about the health and well being of our members and their families. You might be surprised what a simple card or phone call can do for the spirit. With that said, let's try and remember that getting together with great friends over the winter is a really good way to stay healthy! Certainly one thing to consider is to help take care of yourself is getting your flu shot. They are now available at many drug stores and your local Kroger. It's been a great summer, now let's make the most of the cold months ahead and stay healthy! As always, with another winter approaching, it will be even more difficult to keep up with the health and welfare of our members. So once again, if you know of anyone in need of a "get well" message, please send me an email at jwdjess@aol.com. Thanks and have a safe and healthy winter.

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From the Fleet Captain



This season was Jam Packed with events every weekend. As a member of the FSYC you had the opportunity to join other members to have a lot of fun, remember our motto is "We Have Fun". As the summer got hotter so did our fun. Overnite trips on the river saw star filled skies, early morning fog, breakfast and coffee with family and friends.

For me waking up on the water miles away from the marina is like finding a peace of heaven. The Ohio River is a vast waterway that captures the beautiful hills and landscapes of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. I hope all the new and old members return to the river "Where the fun of boating is"

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From the Vice Commodore



The 2010 Yacht Club activities are almost over and it was a great year. Warm weather and a behaving river make for a fun summer. The Docks have been alive all summer with impromptu parties and fun with friends.

Our Club has more members than ever and attendance at most events has been up. Thank you to the many members who work hard to pull off a big schedule of events. Planning for 2011 has begun and all members are encouraged to get involved. We always need more event hosts and members to help our Club run smoothly.

The Clubhouse will be winterized soon as the Halloween Party is our last event for 2010. Our next FSYC Newsletter goes to press on January 15th. Please keep your Dock Captains up to date about your winter travels and member news in the next few cold months so they have something to write about.

Also, please reserve this date on your calendar. The 2011 Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd at the Radisson. This is the last Saturday of the Cincinnati Boat Show and is a sure cure for cabin fever.

See you on the docks.

Vice Commodore Bob Pattison

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From the Treasurer



Happy Fall from the Treasurer.

Well, sadly the season is winding down. Hope everyone is getting out as much as you can. The river is at it's most beautiful this time of year. Put on a jacket and go look at the changing leaves from the water. .

The club is doing great! We have had all of the TGIF's, the Bid and Buy, The Great River Adventure and many other great events. At the writing of this article, we are still looking forward to the Car Show/Chili Cookoff/Bon Fire and the Halloween Party.

Start planning ahead for the Spaghetti Dinner in January (date TBD)!

Enjoy and see you on the docks!

Captain Marianne Mabry, FSYC Treasurer
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FSYC Membership Renewal Form-2010

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

FSYC Schedule of Events-2010

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

FSYC Coffee & Donut Schedule-2010

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

FSYC Web Site

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Four Seasons Marina Newsletter - March

http://wsm.ezsitedesigner.com/share/scrap-book/52/524128/FSM_-_Spring2010Newsletter.pdf

Four Seasons Marina Handbook

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

Other Ohio River Events-2010

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

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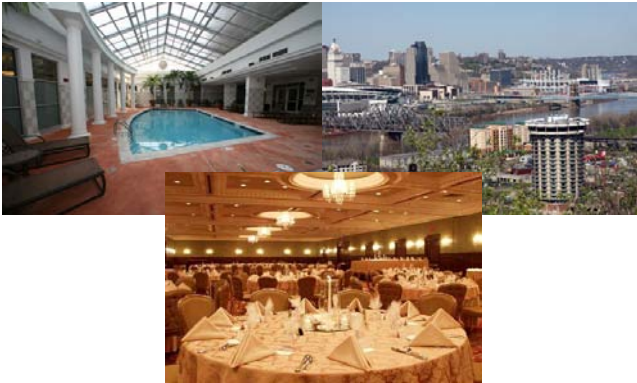
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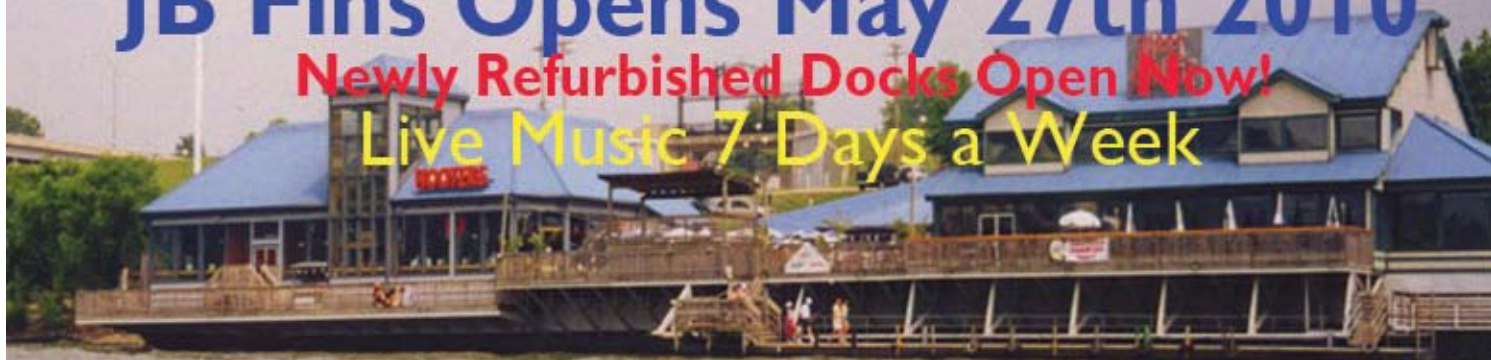
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Membership Committee



It's hard to believe the season is over! And what a season it was, with record-breaking membership of 277 memberships, 65 of which were new. Total individuals in the Club now stands at over 550!

This was only accomplished due to the help of many of you who actively went out and got the applications in people's hands.

Captain Tom Aultz and I will be working on adding a second E-mail and second cell # section to the application form for next year, as many of you have requested. Adding them to the form is easy, but adding them to the database is more extensive. I greatly value Tom's expertise and his help.

On behalf of the entire Membership Committee, Phil and Laurie Mayleben and myself, we wish each of you a safe and happy winter.

IS IT SPRING YET????

Jo Baehr, Membership Chairperson

From the Rear Commodore



The FIRST HALF of the season is now in our wake. I am glad to report that the new FAMILY friendly activities (Fishing Contest + Pizza/Movie Night) have not only been successful but seemingly have attracted young families to JOIN our club ... We don't ask for age on applications but I have noticed a good bunch of young families in our new member group. FSYC is a great deal for young families.....

All land events have been a success due to diligent hosts...A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

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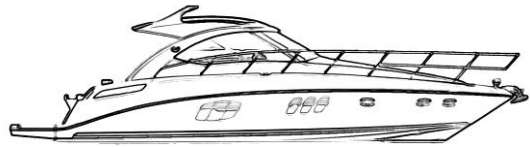
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We had a beautiful day for it. Nice and sunny and a little breeze. All in all we had 11 entries for the contest and the judges had a tough time picking a winner. There were five judges in all-which included a representative from each dock.

There were activities for everyone from Corn Hole to car shows. Third place was won by Mike Jackson. Second place was won by Laurie Mayleben. And First Place goes to - drum roll please - Bob Ware! Last time I looked, the judges were walking around chewing Tums! A big shout out goes to Tom Dalton for supplying the "juice" to keep everyone's chili hot.

The Cook Off was followed by a great Bonfire and a moving American Flag Disposal Ceremony by Past Commodore Mike Jackson.

Thanks to all who supplied the chili and to those who brought snacks and desserts. As usual it was a fun event and a good time was had by all.

Jim Sutliff - B Dock Captain

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The New Richmond Cardboard Boat Regatta was held Saturday, August 21, 2010 on the riverfront in New Richmond, Ohio. It was great to see Four Seasons Yacht Club members in the crowd. This year I had two

entries. My niece Jazmine Auble raced in the youth single crew category. I built an 8 foot long cardboard swan for her named "Swan E. River". It was built for looks not speed. Jazmine finished last in her heat, but won third place in the "Most Creative Use of Cardboard" award.

My boat was a 15 foot long pedal powered side-wheeler named "The Big Red Machine". This was the first time I entered a boat in the mechanical or paddle wheel class. It was built for speed and I did win the race for the antlers. The big surprise was that I also won the "Most Creative Use of Cardboard" award. My paddle wheel design may have stirred things up. The paddle wheel class has always been dominated by Team Lemon. I expect to see some design improvements from their team next year.

You may remember last year I raced a river barge and I gave that boat to a spectator last year, a kid named Andrew Maus. He and his Dad put a new bottom on it, renamed it "Barging Through" and raced it this year. He got a lot of press and won second place in the "People's Choice" award.

Past Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer

The Beacon from Lighthouse Point Yacht Club - Aurora, IN



Debbie and I had a great visit back to our old stomping grounds on C dock at Four Seasons Marina. We stayed in the slip between Wee Will and the Undertaker for Labor Day weekend. We had a great time. I just hope we will be allowed back someday. Saturday night Debbie made a big splash at her reconfirmation and tribute to her

membership of the Four Seasons Swim Team. Then not to be outdone, I snagged the cable between C Dock and the Fuel Dock on my way back from the fireworks with my anchor. Denny Schalk helped me untangle 125 foot of chain from the cable the next day. Then Debbie and I snuck out of town and went back to Lighthouse Point.



Here is some interesting history about Lighthouse Point. The creek you enter from the Ohio River to Lighthouse Point is Laughery Creek. Just on the other side of the highway

from the Marina, Laughery Creek borders the south side Riverview Cemetery. This is the site of the Lochry Massacre that took place on August 24, 1781.

A band of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania militiamen, led by Colonel Archibald Lochry, were traveling on the Ohio River on a planned expedition to capture Detroit from the British. They shot a buffalo at Laughery Creek and disembarked from their boats to prepare a meal. A group of Native Americans led by Chief Joseph Brant set upon them. Within minutes, approximately 40 militiamen were killed. Several others were executed later, including Lochry. A memorial marks the site of the Revolutionary War massacre in the Riverview Cemetery. Another interesting site in the cemetery is in Section L where the remains of Aurora Schuck in here 1976 red Cadillac convertible are buried.

Past Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer

Lighthouse Point Fall Trip

Lighthouse Point Yacht Club had limited space this fall and Manhattan Harbor was able to provide an alternate venue with plenty of space and a good time for all.

On Friday, the group was greeted by Dan Henson and his staff. They opened their party room with big screen TVs, bar and great "big screen" Pizza. On Saturday morning the group was treated to a gourmet breakfast on the "Stardust" followed by the mystery dinghy trip to a far away land, unseen by many of the attendees. This venturesome group was waited on hand and foot while being served secret potions, the contents of which are known only by the natives. (The attendees of this event have all taken an oath of secrecy).

Upon returning to Manhattan Harbor, the group was joined by other Four Seasons boaters for cocktails and dinner. Some of the folks had made plans with Manhattan Harbor and dinner was prepared. Later, scores of unannounced Four Seasons boaters descended on the party in waves.

Fortunately the Reef Manager, the Chef and all the attendants rose to the occasion to handle the masses. The food was outstanding and we congratulate their gallant efforts and apologize for our lack of communication.

Many thanks to Dan and staff and all the Yacht Clubbers who made this a great weekend getaway. We'll Be Back.

Captain Tom Dalton

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A-Dock News

Party, Party, Party is the new "A" Dock Theme. We absolutely tied one or more on this summer. From the beginning of "A" Dock down to the middle slips, to the Tiki Bar and the end of the A-Sac. A-Dockers had a great summer this year. Even with all the heat, we always seemed to have a busy dock. Now you have to watch out for high speed cooler racing. Look Out for kids and dogs.



Congratulations to Kurt Ellis and Rebecca Bartlett (Lady Jane) on their upcoming marriage. They will have tied the preverbal knot in Jamaica as of October 15th. Also congratulations to Kurt and Rebecca on their new boat purchase. They bought a 39' Meridian Fly bridge.

Bill and Jennifer Becker bought a 40' Sea Ray Sedan Bridge, the Adams Family bought a 40' Carver Aft Cabin.



Justin Cooper bought a new hull he found in New York. He will be building a new (classic) go fast boat. Sounds like some of us came down with some growing pains.

Kurt had to move slips, however the Beckers and the Adams are able to stay where we are.



Summer flew by this year, Brenda and I want to thank all of you who helped and always seem to lend a eager hand for Saturday breakfast and of course our Toga TGIF Party this year.

Looking for ideas for our TGIF next year. Can't plan to early.

That is all for now.

Tom Adams

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C-Dock News



The highlight of C-Dock's season was the acclaimed "Jamaican Night" TGIF. If you missed this one (and from the attendance, we doubt many people did), you

missed a fun time. The aroma of roasting pork permeated the marina all day Friday, while the tropical sounds of live steel drum music set the mood for a laid back Island night. Thanks to all C-Dockers who helped pull off this memorable event and to Member Jon Bertsche (ORLC) and company who kept the pork, chicken, corn, rolls and salads coming all night. As luck (planning?) would have it, the last person in the food line received the last of the pork, so we think everyone went away happy.

While we're on the subject of food, C Dock's final Coffee and Doughnuts of the season was also a rousing success. Again, one not to be missed. With a variety of offerings from Bob Pattison's (C-50) scrambled eggs & bacon, to Magi Guilfoyle's (C-52) pancakes with tasty toppings by Jenn Langenheim and a quickly disappearing egg bake casserole by Peggy Stanford. Of course with Betty Shrou's (C-89) gourmet coffee cakes and Mary Alice Koch's (C-27) quiche, our buffet rivaled the best in town. And, Oh Yeah, how could we forget to mention the Mimosa's served up by Jerry Williams (C-41) and crew? Jerry and Loretta (C-20) emptied their liquor cabinets of champagne and supplemented by several purchased bottles, we had just enough to serve the thirsty crowd. Again, thanks to all who helped out with this event.

C-Dock, (also known as "Celebrity Dock") had a stealth guest appearance this year. Originally scheduled to cruise the river on Lady Morgan, the party got moved to Loretta



Riley's "Life of Riley" (C-20). Not one to ask questions, Loretta cheerfully hosted the event while Capt. Bruce Shawver (C-34) piloted. From all accounts it was a successful cruise but it wasn't until Life of Riley returned to the dock that Loretta learned that Nick Lachey was the guest of honor. I'm sure he

didn't mind being treated as just another "tourist", but we have to wonder what his new girlfriend (Vanessa Minnillo) thought, when after asking Loretta if there was anything she could do to help out, Loretta, not knowing who they were, handed her a mop and asked her to clean the deck! Just like Loretta to make you feel right at home.

Finally, although not a C-Dock thing, we all need to support our new "Yacht Club Bar" at the Boatyard Grille. By all accounts, the bar has been full to overflowing on weekend nights and at 25% off food AND drinks, this is a bargain that shouldn't be missed. Thanks to Rick and crew for this treat.

C-Dock Captains

B-Dock News

Dock Captain Jim Sutliff writes:

What do you know? It is summer on "B" Dock. I guess we are behind as usual but sometimes that is a good thing.



We hosted a Beach Party on July 16th. Proper or inappropriate attire, please. Thank goodness Bob Pattison did not wear his Speed-O, something about "at the cleaners... But the truth is that any party, any theme is always a fun time at FSYC. I think we made Annette and

Frankie proud.

Next stop, Lake Erie and the infamous Dinghy Dippers. Good to have friends in high places. Visited Kim and Sue Nixon, FSYC members who currently keep their boat at CIC-Catawba Island Club.

For those of you not familiar with the Dinghy Dippers, it includes Cathy Jo and Ron Getter, Ron and Marsha Herzog, Jim and Sarah Sutliff, Mike Jackson, the Nixons, and Kevin and Lisa Mosher who were unfortunately unable to attend this year's event.



We started out with the best meal ever at Rattlesnake Island (would not have been my choice of a destination but oh well). This is a private island and is inhabited by only 11-13 homes. It is a lovely island and

as I said one of the best meals I ever had.

The next day we visited Middle Bass Island, went bike riding, pool volleyball need I mention that there might have been some drinking during these activities? We ended the day at Kelly's Island having a lovely dinner and some lovely memories.

The Yacht Club hotel on Catawba Island is very quaint and takes you back to a different era. The rooms are small but efficient and the services were exceptional.

We saved the 'best for last' and visited Put-In-Bay on Saturday. The weather had turned and we had a misty rain but that did not 'dampen' our spirits. Picture this-old people under the influence of alcohol, driving golf carts-need I say more. Kim Nixon gave us a wonderful tour which included a very high end antique store, the ladies bought some nice shirts-which you have probably already seen on the dock and visiting some of the lovely houses on the island.

Having never visited these islands, I can honestly recommend them to everyone. Fun things to do for all ages with some of the prettiest scenery and water that I have seen. It is a very different boating experience than what we have on the river and well worth the trip.

Dock Captain Phil Mayleben writes:

Anyone on B or D dock has likely noticed the activity out on that lonely piece of land between the marina and the river. Last week out of pure boredom a group of B-Dockers took a hike out to the peninsula to determine the reason for all of the commotion. We found that the family of deer had been chased away by a big John Deere (sorry).



The dozers were busy creating a giant hole in the ground about the size of an Olympic sized swimming pool. My first thought was that the pool up at the Sandbar

was adequate and a bit more convenient. Then again this new location would likely discourage unauthorized use. I dreamed about next year sitting in a lounge chair watching the barges make their way up the river.

One of the heavy equipment operators ran over to talk to us when Jim started fooling around with the construction equipment and re-arranging the surveyor's stakes. We talked him out of having us arrested. Eventually he informed us that the pool was actually a retention pond. He explained that sediment dredged up from the murky depths of the marina must settle out in the pond. The filthy marina water cannot be permitted to enter the pristine banks of the Ohio. It all makes sense I guess but the pool idea is better. No word on when the dredging would start but I hope they find my sunglasses.

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D-Dock News

A great summer of boating is coming to an end. Our river has been like a lake, one of the benefits of no rain. There have been lots of great trips, fun on the dock and TGIF's.



As always people and boats are constantly changing on the docks: Jim and Janice Davis are moving Adventure Us to Florida. Alan and Patty Brown sold Endless Summer II, however we still smell Alan's

great cigars on the dock – dare we think he will buy something smaller and stay? Don White (Carol Lee) joined the Four Seasons swim team. Todd Meyerrose has been doing a great job on the My Rose II.

We hate to recognize the number of boats listed with brokers at this point but we sure hope these owners will join us again in 2011 in some vessel they like better!

D Dock Captains

Docktober-Fest Zinzinnati



Hooters dock welcomed our club to spend the night once again. Without the Cincinnati City dock we made other plans. Oktoberfest Zinzinnati had the fun we were looking for of

course; German beer was the beverage of the night. Well, all I remember is a wild cab ride back to our boats where we all woke up to a big breakfast on the Fast Buck pirate ship.

Thanks to all who attended. Some came as new members and left as friends.

Fleet Captain Bob Ware

New Richmond River Days

“We had Fun”, watching the cardboat races is a hoot. So many shapes, sizes and colors made this a must see event. One of our very own members (Mike Hoffer) won 1st place in his Big Red Machine. Our club was well attended as we rafted together, shared food, drinks and old stories.

Thanks to Bill and Jo Behr, Tom and Marty Dalton, Bob and Sherrill Pattison and many others who stayed the overnight.

Fleet Captain Bob Ware

3rd Annual Halloween Party

October 23rd

It was a Spooktacular Success.

Mild weather always brings good attendance.

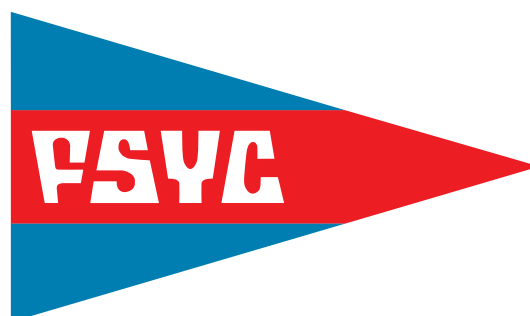


The ideas for costumes was as INVENTIVE as ever. The most creative went to Laurie Mayleben...as ??? you'll have to see the picture to understand it. Scariest went to Bill Murray for his "pumpkin head", Funniest went to Jarrett Johnson for his TV character "Erkle", Prettiest went to Lori Cordano for "Devil Girl", best girl went to Sue Dixon as "Dorothy" with hubby Kim Nixon getting best boy as "Scarecrow"... We could have picked ten more winners....they're were so many cool outfits.



Jerrett Johnson also won the Pumpkin pitch contest.... and Jim Sutliff won the "count the corn contest".

Captain Bill & Jo Baehr



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The order form is available on the FSYC web site, members only page. Glassware, personalization and lids are offered. Check out tervis.com for color samples.

Simply complete the order form and mail it with your check to Marsha Herzog at the address on the order form. Contact mherzog@cinci.rr.com for questions. Orders must be received by December 15.

We expect to have the glasses for you at the Spaghetti Dinner on January 22nd. For those not going to the Spaghetti Dinner, we'll make other delivery arrangements.

Pizza/Movie Nights

July 2nd & August 6th



The final two pizza/movie nights in July and August rounded out the summer activities geared toward the kids and young-at-heart in the Yacht Club. Little Caesar's pizza was served along with drinks, popcorn, cotton candy, and candy bars.

Those in attendance enjoyed movies in the Clubhouse with friends and family members. We especially enjoyed the grandparents bringing their grandchildren to these events. The movie choices seemed to make a big difference in attendance levels, so, if this event is continued next year, movie choice will be an important part of the planning process.

We enjoyed hosting these and hope all kids and adults in attendance enjoyed them as well.

Tom & Linda Woeste

"Locking Through" Mini-Course

August 28th




We started with a classroom presentation by Geoff Hatfield, attended by close to 30 people, that included line handling demonstrations and a slide

show of what to expect when entering and leaving a lock. We also reviewed several hand outs provided by the Meldahl Lock Master, Joe Hanna, that described proper locking procedures. Joe personally delivered the handouts to FSM and said that he wished more people would take the time to learn the proper way to lock through before hand (as an aside, it is interesting to note that despite close to 30 years with the Corps of Engineers at Meldahl, or maybe because of it, Joe has rarely been on a boat, or in a marina, and was quite impressed with our facility).

Following the coursework, 23 students boarded two boats, John and Ruth Maryo's Final Bye (A-38) and Rodger and Marlis Southworth's It's A Keeper (D-06), captained by Jonathan Southworth. Although Meldahl was expecting us, upon arrival at Meldahl we were given a 45 minute wait time which allowed us to review the procedures again. This also demonstrated for all first timers that you rarely have the gates open and waiting. We locked through northbound and immediately turned and locked southbound, with different crew members taking turns on line handling and radio communications. When we got back to the marina we decided to have a short debriefing in the club house to go over "lessons learned", which was worth the additional time.



As a follow up, I'd like to know how many people have locked through by themselves as a result of the confidence and experience gained in the class. You can reach me at takmak@zoomtown.com or 623-4848. Also use that contact information with any suggestions for next season's Mini-Courses.

Captain Tim Koch, Education Chairman



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Dinghy Cruise – Beach Party

We had great weather for the first ever “Beach Party”, sponsored by the FSYC. By 10:00 a.m. several boats, dinghies, and sea doo’s made their way to the Kentucky Beach (across from Old Coney Island). Dinghy races, sea doo rides, swimming, sandy beaches, lots of good food and the bonfire on the beach made this a huge success.



This was by far the best on water event of the year. Much thanks goes out to all who helped organize and labored to raise the bar another notch for our Great FSYC.

The Fleet Captain, Bob Ware

P.S. Rob Hannon won the Dinghy Race sponsored by the Boys on B- Dock.

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"When will you admit the boating season is over?"

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The Smith Weekend Overnight

August 13th

This was fourth year for the event and it keeps growing. We would have had even a better turn out except Mother Nature decided to turn on the furnace! There were a total of 30 people that showed up for a fun filled weekend. We had six boats anchored out, which included the Serendipity, Stardust, Calliope, Dancing Beahr, Good Timing, and Al Heim's (now for sale) Sea Ray. Don & Betty ShROUT and Glenn & Barb Feilhauer camped out in their motor homes. There were 11 others that came by land to enjoy the grill out. It was too hot to play corn hole tournament.



We could see the rainstorm building up at the dam from the heat of day. We tried to hold off cooking until it passed but it wasn't moving quickly. Of course, right as we all were enjoying our burgers and metts it poured buckets on all of us! Thanks to Christy Scherer and myself we were able to dump the water off of the blue tents before they collapsed! We were drowned rats by the end of it, but it felt great. The rain helped to cool the temperature for the evening and made sitting by the bonfire a little more enjoyable.

Matt Smith and Russ Smith won the game of left, right, center that was played after dark. The two games went on forever as everyone had to anti up again as Al Heim could not get the dot when he needed it the most!

Sunday morning we had a nice breakfast buffet, and this year the biscuits weren't burnt! Betty ShROUT even treated us to more of her famous coffee cakes.

Thanks to all who attended, we had a great time!

Matt & Lori Smith

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Operation Dry Water casts a wide net

Law enforcement authorities stepped up BUI efforts this summer, as they did in 2009, and their success has them planning the same tactic for 2011.



The nationwide crackdown on drunken boating snags 322 skippers during a single weekend this summer

Marine law enforcement officers arrested

322 skippers this summer and charged them with boating under the influence during a three-day nationwide crackdown on drunken boating.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators launched Operation Dry Water in 2009 and it resulted in 283 BUI arrests. The operation aims to save lives and foster a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the nation's waterways, says Tom Hayward, NASBLA's marketing and development director.

During this year's Operation Dry Water, held June 25-27, North Carolina had the highest number of BUI arrests at 34, followed by Tennessee (27), Texas (25) and Virginia (24). The following states had no BUI arrests: Hawaii, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

The average blood alcohol concentration level among those arrested was 0.147 percent, Hayward says. It is unlawful to operate a boat in most states with a BAC of 0.08 or higher.

"Not only is it an enforcement effort, but also an awareness effort," Hayward says. "There has been a lot of great local media coverage in many states. The message is getting out."

In 2009 and again this year, NASBLA received a \$90,000 grant from the Coast Guard to fund Operation Dry Water, Hayward says. A grant in the same amount was approved for June 24-26, 2011. "We hold the operation on the weekend before the Fourth of July in hopes that the message of not drinking and driving a boat carries through the July Fourth weekend and the rest of the summer," Hayward says.

The number of law enforcement officers who partici-

pated in the effort increased from 2,442 in 2009 to 2,708 this year, and the number of boaters "contacted" jumped from 36,277 to 66,472, Hayward says.

"A vessel contact can mean a number of things," Hayward says. "In states that allow checkpoints, it would include every vessel that was stopped at the checkpoint. In other states, it would be the number of boaters that officers stopped to perform safety checks. It also includes vessels stopped for suspicion of BUI."

Nearly one in five recreational boating fatalities is directly related to boating under the influence, according to NASBLA. Education and enforcement efforts such as Operation Dry Water must continue for that statistic to change for the better, Hayward says.

"I don't think [boating under the influence] is taken as seriously as driving an automobile and drinking, but look how long it took for that awareness to get where it is today," he says. "That was probably 20 years to get the public into the mindset that drunk driving is unacceptable."

NASBLA is a national non-profit group that helps to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. It represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories. For information, contact NASBLA at (859) 225-9487 or visit www.operationdrywater.org

BUI facts:

In 2009, alcohol was the leading factor in 16 percent of recreational boating deaths.

A boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration higher than 0.10 percent is estimated to be more than 10 times more likely to die in a boating accident than an operator with no BAC.

Operating a boat with a BAC of 0.08 or higher is against most state and federal laws.

Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion - the stressors common to the boating environment - intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs and some medications.

Alcohol consumption can result in an inner ear disturbance that can make it impossible for a person suddenly immersed in water to distinguish up from down.

Sources: NASBLA and the Coast Guard

Written by Chris Landry - *Soundings*. This article originally appeared in the November 2010 issue.

No Wake Zones (ORC 1547.08)

Ohio law states that any watercraft operating within 300 feet of a marina, gas dock or launching area must travel at no wake or "idle speed." Boat operators are responsible for any damage that their wake may cause. Stay in the main channel of the river when operating at greater than idle speed.

No wake or idle speed is also enforced during the period from sunset to sunrise according to local time within any water between the Dan Beard bridge and the Brent Spence bridge on the Ohio River for any vessel not documented by the U.S. Coast Guard as commercial.

Most of the creek and backwater areas leading to the Ohio River are also zoned as no wake. (Check with your local enforcement agency.)

Kentucky officials announced they have expanded that state's no-wake zone from 100 feet to 300 feet between the Brent Spence and Daniel Carter Beard bridges near downtown Cincinnati and Covington, Kentucky, during daylight hours. The new regulation became effective June 19, 2002. Boaters, PWC operators and other power craft must operate at idle speed within 300 feet of near-shore vessels, marinas, docks and harbor entrances. The new regulation is intended to enhance boating safety by reducing speeds in a highly congested area and to reduce wakes that effect small boats and shoreline structures.

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Manchester Island Boat Trip

July 4th

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Ron & Cathy Jo Getter

Sandy & Bonnie Mendelsohn

Don & Betty Shroul

Ken Marcotte & Barb Kroell

Tom & Marty Dalton

Mike & Cristy Scherer

Mark & Nancy Dawes and guests

Tom & Linda Woeste family with kids, dog and bass boat

The weather was perfect day and night with the Milky Way literally dripping stars!

Special thanks to Bonnie and Sandy for their exceptional hospitality aboard Happy Camper for our grand finale party! It is always a pleasure to visit and indulge on someone else's boat; we all appreciate those beautiful venues. Don and Betty get a special tip of the hat for their on-the-hard entertaining, too.

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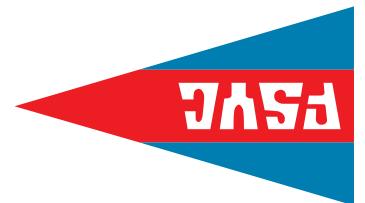
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