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Newsletter

CAR SHOW • CHILI COOKOFF • CONFIRE









Decisions, decisions, decisions...It was a blustery day with a prediction of potential torrential downpours. Should we break tradition and move the Chili contest indoors this year? Much pacing and looking at weather forecasts, the tension was raw. Finally, an executive decision: we decided to break from tradition, and have the contest indoors. E-mail goes out and the waiting begins: will anyone show up? will we have any chili to judge or judges to eat chili??

One thing that is predictable - if you invite a bunch of boaters to eat with friends, add water whether from the ocean, a lake, a river or the SKY and add a dash of alcohol, and you got yourself a Chili contest!

We had chili: chicken, beef, pork and potato - who knew? NINE crockpots steaming with chili and lots of hungry people and rain but who cared! Everyone was having fun. So the judges went to work and tasted and smelled and judged; we all waited with bated breath...

3rd Place Betty Shrout C-Dock (this is Betty's second ribbon!)
2nd Place Brenda Nesbitt B-Dock
1st Place Steve Pfenninger A-Dock

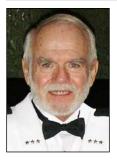
Congratulations to the winners and to all those folks who brought their best Chili and the desserts and appetizers! This yacht club knows how to eat.

Jim would like to thank his judges: Pat Boyle, Dave Witherby, Mike Marion, and Captain Rich Mowery

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Submitted by: Jim Sutliff B Dock

From Your Commodore



We continue to set records. This time we turned out by far the largest vote for a Bridge Officer Election. There were 89 votes cast for the Rear Commodore position at the November 5th Board of Directors meeting.

Fleet Captain Bryan Ross was elected as Rear Commodore in an extremely

tight race with Captain Dave Stanford. Mark Evans was unopposed for the Fleet Captain position. Congratulations gentlemen.

FSYC extends a big thank you to Captain Dave Stanford for running for the Rear Commodore position. Most clubs struggle to just find any volunteer for Officer positions. We had two well-qualified candidates for Rear Commodore. Since 2010 we have had elections for 3 of the last 4 "Change of Watch". Obviously this demonstrates a healthy club with aware and interested members.

Next up is the 2016 Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch, where I turn the helm over to Vice Commodore Jeanie Halenkamp. Rear Commodore Captain Ernest McAdams moves up to Vice Commodore. Joyce Shepherd and Jennifer Henley, our very excellent Treasurer and Secretary, were also unopposed and remain on the Bridge.

It has been my pleasure to serve you the past two seasons.

See you January 16th at the Commodore's Ball.

Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Commodore

commodore@fourseasonsyachtclub.com

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If you are travelling this winter and might visit a "Sister Yachting Club", you will need to have your FSYC Membership Card with you. Some clubs also require the "RECIPROCAL COURTESY CARD". Please send me a note and I will mail one to you. After the Commodore's Ball, please send the request to Jeanie Halenkamp.

See you at the Commodores Ball!

Captain Bill Baehr, Commodore FSYC

2015 FSYC Bridge Officers

Commodore	Captain Bill Baehr
Vice Commodore	Jeanie Halenkamp
Rear Commodore	Captain Ernest McAdams
Fleet Captain	Bryan Ross
Secretary	Jennifer Henley
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2012-2013 Bob Pattison

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Membership	Mary Pfenninger
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Communications	Tom Arnold
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	& Captain Norma Buckner

Dock Captains

A-Dock.......Justin Cooper & Steve Pfenninger
B-Dock......Tom Woeste
C-Dock.....Bill Murray & Don Snider
D-Dock.....Mark Evans



From the Vice Commodore



Where did the 2015 boating season go? We have seen lots of different river conditions this year. First we had the ice and snow during the winter. Early spring brought the rains, causing the snow to melt which resulted in high water conditions. During the summer, the high water continued and the debris kept our

summer trips to almost nothing. We had a month or so of good boating weather, then the green algae hit.



October hasn't been too great either, though Jack and I were able to take one last ride the end of October to fuel up before storing our boat for the winter. We took a short ride towards downtown and enjoyed the beautiful fall colors of the surrounding trees.

Then it was on to packing up the boat, and the clubhouse. I would like to thank all of the helpers on Saturday, October 31 who assisted in closing up and winterizing the clubhouse after our Social/Finance Committee meeting. With the news of the new dock coming on short notice, we did not have a lot of time to accomplish this task. As always, everyone pitched in and we got it done in record time.

If you have any questions on the new docks, please check the FSYC web site for a list of FAQs provided by Mark Hemsath. Go to http://www.fourseasonsyachtclub.com and click on Marina Information on the left hand side. If your question and answer is not listed, please contact the marina office.

On Saturday, January 16, 2016 we will host the Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch. Please plan on joining us at The Radisson in Covington, KY for an evening of dinner, dancing, and catching up with old boating

friends. Email notifications are scheduled to be sent over the next few months with details on signing up, and important cutoff dates.

I have enjoyed performing my duties as the Vice Commodore of Four Seasons Yacht Club, and look forward to fulfilling my obligations as your Commodore for the 2016 and 2017 boating seasons.

Here's to better weather in 2016!!!!

Jeanie Halenkamp - FSYC Vice Commodore vicecommodore@fourseasonsvachtclub.com

From the Rear Commodore



Well the season is coming to a close. In the first newsletter I talked about how boaters help each other out. I have seen that so many times this summer. People helped with the various events, and of course, they helped other boaters dock their boats and I

have seen some people towing boats that had problems. One person I would like to mention personally is Adam Dickerson (Four Seasons Marina employee). We asked him to help blow the tires on the trailer up and he gladly did so. Unfortunately the weather prevented us from having the bonfire.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped me through this first year as an officer in the FSYC. I look forward to serving you for the next four years.

Captain Ernest McAdams, Jr. - FSYC Rear Commodore rearcommodore@fourseasonsyachtclub.com



Communications

The club website is up to date with pictures posted from all events at least those for which we have pictures. Check out the gallery to see if you were there and having fun. We currently distribute messages to 453 recipients to include members, friends and neighbors. Our contact list is current for the moment with no emails bouncing.

Thank you to everyone for your input and support. The Bridge and Board continues to work forward to plan for a great year in 2016. Save the date, January 16, for the Commodore's Ball to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Covington. Special room rates are available for those who plan ahead.

Tom Arnold - FSYC Communications Committee Chair contact@fourseasonsyachtclub.com

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Treasurer



As the year winds down on another boating season, I'd like to report that the Four Seasons Yacht Club finances are in good shape as usual.

All outstanding bills have been paid (except for late year expenses) and

budget and event planning are underway for 2016. None of this is possible without our loyal and hardworking members.

So thank you to all members for their participation in our 2015 events and an extra big thank you for all the members who volunteer their time during the year to keep our club an active, fun place to be.

Joyce Shepherd - FSYC Treasurer

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Fall Overnight

Sept 10/11 at Ludlow-Bromley Yacht Club attracted 12 boats and a few car loads of FSYC members. With very nice weather, we watched another Ohio State football victory in the afternoon. That night, there was some serious hip gyrating-fancy footwork with a classic Rock Band. A group breakfast in the morning was the finale. This is a great venue; you should try it next year. (More photos on page 6)







More Fall Overnight Photos





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Due to the weather, we only had a few cars entered into the car show. Here are the results.

Tom Dalton won 1st place with his 1972 Ford F150 pickup truck.

Gary Blankenship won 2nd with his 2008 Mercedes CLS 500.

Mary Pfenninger won 3rd with her 2014 Chevy Camaro RS.

Greg Schneider won The Commodores Award with his 1952 Chevrolet Deluxe Sedan.



















Health and Welfare



FIt has been my pleasure to have been FSYC's Health & Welfare Chair and also the Club's Historian for the past two years. It is so nice to see the caring our members have for those who need cheering up with a card and words of

encouragement or sympathy.

Taking photos at our events is always a lot of fun. Our members love seeing themselves in our photo section of the website, as well as in our Newsletters.

At the Commodore's Ball, I will be handing over these two important positions to the very capable "Sir Jack" Halenkamp. He will be happy to take your photo and requests for cards to be sent.

Stay healthy and well...

Jo Baehr - FSYC Health & Welfare Committee health&welfare@fourseasonsyachtclub.com

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Fall Raft Up

Fall brings the best weather for boating and this year we got it for the Fall raft-up at 8 mile.

15 Boats of fellowship, snack sharing and some very interesting specialty drinks to compliment all the football games on TV. Heck, we even found a little deck space to dance!

Some believe that raft-ups are the essence of boating fellowship. They may be right. Next year we are adding a Summer raft-up to our events line-up.





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Keeneland Trip

On Saturday, October 3, a group of about 50 members and friends departed by bus from the Four Seasons Marina parking lot. We arrived at Keeneland ready to have fun, and hopefully win a few races. Prior to entering the race track, we tailgated and enjoyed a light lunch while playing a new horse racing board game provided by the event hosts, Mark and Susie Evans. By then we were ready to enter the race track. While watching and betting on the horses, we enjoyed a buffet dinner and drinks. Once again the weather was not in our favor. While we did not experience any rain throughout the day, it was a bit chilly. Despite the weather, it did not dampen our fun.

















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A-Dock TGIF

On rainy Friday, September 11, 2015, A Dock, led by Justin Cooper, hosted an American BBQ. As usual, our members were decked out. There was an array of all American themed outfits, even Uncle Sam made an appearance. After a hog roast with all the "fixins", members danced to the tunes spun by the DJ from Party Pleasers. Hopefully, 2016 will bring better weather for our TGIF parties. Check the web site for additional pictures.













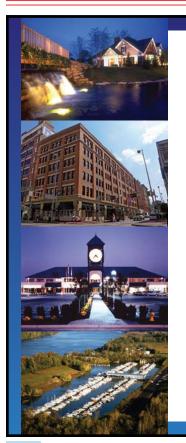












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The Beacon from Lighthouse Point - Aurora, IN



We're down to two FSYC member families that keep their boats at LPYC. They are Mike & Kathy Underwood on "Time Change" and Mike & Debbie Hoffer on "Carmen Ohio II." Early this year Mike & Kathy started a new business in Indianapolis, Indiana called "Camp Bow Wow." It's a premier doggy day and overnight camp. It's apparently taking up a lot of their time. I have only seen them a couple times this year. So I'll take this

opportunity to write about myself.

August 15th I participated in the New Richmond Cardboard Boat Regatta. I entered two boats. One was the "Silver Bullet," the same mechanical boat I entered last year for the Small Stacks race. It easily won first



place as the fastest mechanical boat. I've won this heat for the last three years. I was thinking about throwing the race this year to let someone else win. Then someone had to tell me I didn't know much about mechanics and my design was flawed. Game on dude, see you later.

My other boat was the "Right Shoe." I actually copied my right deck shoe on a scale of eight to one. I wanted to be creative and I won the "Most Creative use of Cardboard

Award." The boat was not very seaworthy. During the race I stopped by Tom & Marty Dalton's boat "Stardust" for a beer. From there, I went directly



to shore. I didn't finish the race because rowing a boat shaped like a shoe is entirely too difficult. I left the boat on shore with the other boats to be disposed. About a month later, we had a post race meeting at the World's Only Cardboard Boat Museum in New Richmond Ohio. To my surprise, it was there on display.

As Commodore of the Rising Sun Yacht Club, I organized a yacht club trip to Four Seasons Marina the weekend of September 12th. Thanks to Four Seasons Marina management and the FSYC membership for allowing us to use your clubhouse. Some of us visited briefly at the TGIF party sponsored by A-dock. Saturday we took the free shuttle to Belterra Park for lunch and a couple bets on the horses. The RSYC meeting and dinner at the clubhouse was perfect. Members took note of the old design and new design RSYC burgees on display. Vice Commodore, Captain Ernest McAdams attended our event representing the FSYC. We hope Captain Ernest enjoyed our visit as much as we enjoyed his company.

Past FSYC Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer

New Richmond Days





D-Dock TGIF



t's Your Birthday Dance Party was hosted on Friday, August 14, 2015 by D Dockers led by Mark and Susie Evans. There were lots of birthday themed costumes, hats, and party favors. A raffle was held with chances to win \$100 gift card, liquor basket, Cincinnati Reds tickets, and more. After a fajita and taco dinner, we danced to the music of DJ Bill Datillo. Check the web site for additional pictures.



























Halloween Party Photos (See page 16 for article)







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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Almost 50 Halloween Revelers turned the clubhouse into an amazing display of varied and spectacular costumes for the Annual Spooktacular. WOW we really have some very creative people in this club!

The top vote-getter for Best Overall Halloween Costume went to Charles Klayman as "The Flasher". Most original went to Gail Klayman as "The Weather".

Scariest went to Rick and Brenda Nesbit and Terry and Dana Weaver as "The Minions".

Sexiest was awarded to Bessie Lucia as a "Pirate Wench".

Funniest was Steve Pfenninger, who had everyone in stitches with his "Piglet".

Best Couple was bestowed on Don and Donna Hedrick as "Anthony and Cleopatra".

Maybe the Commodore's Ball should be a Costume Ball?.....hmmm..

(More photos on page 15)



Bill and Jo Baehr









