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This year's Derby Party was better than ever thanks to near perfect weather and help from several individuals.

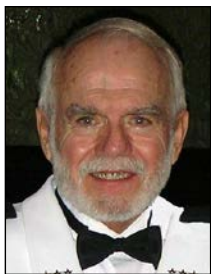
I would like to thank our trusty banker Gary Bolte for keeping all transactions on the up and up, also Rick and Jan Baute, Jeanie Halenkamp and Lois Bolte for making certain everyone had an opportunity to purchase those equine entities. I can't thank Steve Mabry and his lovely Karen enough for making the journey to FSYC to provide their unique auctioning skills. I also have to thank our harbormasters for agreeing to lower the parking lot creating that tropical island feel at the clubhouse, and to PC Bob Pattison for figuring out which buttons to push on the TV remote, otherwise we would have had to settle for betting on a soccer match in South America.

Vice Commodore Phil Mayleben

See more pics on page 4.



From Your Commodore



Any social club is only as good as its Members and as strong as its Board of Directors.

We have the most congenial and willing to help members of any club

afloat or on land. At every function this year, I have been approached by new members who are thrilled at the quality of our events and have asked how they can help. And of course these high quality events are only possible by the tireless efforts of our Board of Directors and the volunteer Hosts of the Events. From Dock Captains to the Bridge, we serve you, the members and it is working well.

Please continue to give us your comments and suggestions and please continue to volunteer.

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From the Vice Commodore



As the new Vice Commodore one of my duties is to make certain the clubhouse is maintained. Apparently it's a little more involved than just making certain it stays afloat. With the incredible support of our members the job has been easy. Thanks to Bob

Ware for cleaning the outside of the clubhouse building this spring and to Tom Woste for trimming out the building with aluminum. You may have noticed that the cooling fans now have a fresh coat of paint thanks to Greg Schneider. To reduce clutter we have purchased three dock boxes for storage. We had an unexpected expense this spring when the large beer cooler decided it had compressed its last gulp of Freon, but the new kegerators are quiet, and efficient. These are big improvements and we are now planning to paint the exterior of the building, and if there is any money left purchase covers for our umbrellas and chairs. I also have to thank our new Quartermasters Don Snyder, Loretta Riley, and Debbie Kniceley who are doing a great job keeping the clubhouse stocked with the party essentials.

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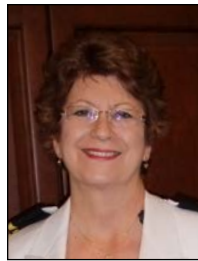
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From the Rear Commodore



The boating season (or should I say party season) of 2014 is off to a fast start. The March Madness, Martini, the Kentucky Derby/Hello Parties, and Marina Fishing Tournament have all been held.

The summer months are packed with several events. Flyers and emails will be coming out shortly with details.

We have a few changes to the 2014 Calendar of Events. The Mini Course scheduled for May 10 was cancelled. Tom Aultz has volunteered to head the education committee. An ODNR Safe Boating Course is scheduled for July 19, with another possible education event in August. Coffee and donuts will be on the patio that day.

Women in Boating is now scheduled for Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 am.

A change has also been made to the Texas Hold'em Night/Poker event. It is now scheduled for August 1. Please check the web site for the updated list of events.

With regard to our TGIF parties, we have arranged for one caterer to handle the food for all TGIF parties this year. I will be working with the dock captains to set up their menus. The first TGIF party is scheduled for Friday, June 20 hosted by A Dock.

Although we have been getting a lot of rain (mostly during the week), I am enjoying the beautiful weekends we are having. Hopefully, that trend will continue.

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From the Fleet Captain



The parties have begun and the shrink wrap is coming off and being recycled! The water has been turned on and Denny has been reading electric meters... all the makings of another fun filled summer of yachting experiences!

I hope you have all seen the events calendar. There are some new events like the Cornhole Tournament (June 14th), the Texas Hold 'Em Night (August 1st) and the 2nd Annual In-Harbor Poker Run (August 2nd) are just a few upcoming family fun weekend events.

Safety boat inspections are set for June 7th from 9am to 5pm. This should be on your priority list of Things To Do. Safe boating needs a refresher class and this is a good day to stay in touch with all the gear on board. PLEASE BE SAFE!! All boat captains have a huge responsibility for loved ones and friends. See you soon Mates!

Bob Ware - FSYC Fleet Captain

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Martini Party

We couldn't have asked for better weather for the Martini Party this year. Unfortunately, because of the previous 6 months, and the fact that it was Easter weekend, many of the boats that would normally have been dropped into the water were still on the hard or under shrink wrap.



Believe me; if my boat hadn't been put in it would have been difficult to enjoy the day (and night) as much as we did. Sorry if you missed it. There were six gift baskets raffled off loaded with, well, mostly martini stuff. The rest of the money collected went to the final ticket drawn and D-docker Pat Boyle (Boyle-n-Water IV) was of course very gracious in accepting his winnings. I think I saw him lighting one of his cigars with a \$20. The food everyone brought was excellent and as usual, there was plenty. Thanks to all of our D-dock friends that helped with the clean-up. We look forward to next year's party and hope to have spring start a little earlier.

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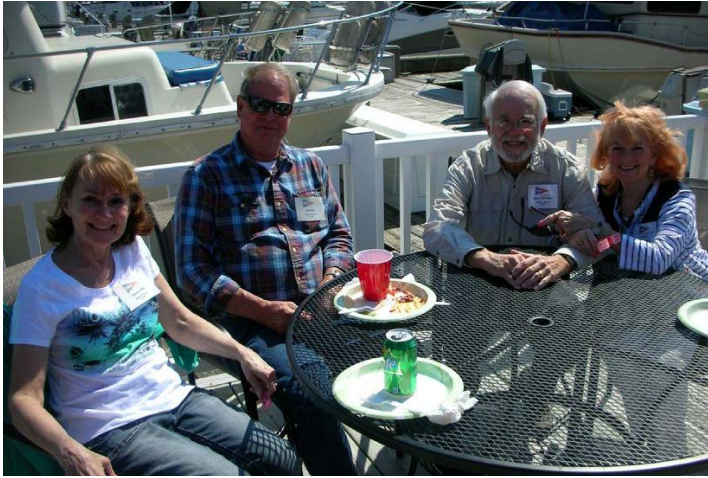
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This is the best time of the boating season.... It is just beginning and we have it all ahead of us! It is also time to stock up on sunscreen to prevent nasty sunburns. Here are some guidelines.

Finding the Best Sunscreen

Which is the best sunscreen for you? Clearly, you'll want a sunscreen with broad-spectrum or multi-spectrum protection for both UVB and UVA. Ingredients with broad-spectrum protection include benzophenones (oxybenzone), cinnamates (octylmethyl cinnamate and cinoxate), sulisobenzene, salicylates, titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, avobenzone (Parsol 1789) and ecamsule (Mexoryl SX).



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Water and sweat resistance. If you're going to be exercising or in the water, it's worth getting a sunscreen resistant to water and sweat. But understand what this really means. The FDA defines water resistant sunscreen as meaning that the SPF level stays effective after 40 minutes in the water. Very water resistant means it holds after 80 minutes of swimming. These sunscreens are in no way water-proof, so you'll need to reapply them regularly if you're taking a dip.

Kid-friendly sunscreen. The sensitive skin of babies and children is easily irritated by chemicals in adult sunscreens, so avoid sunscreens with para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) and benzophenones like dioxybenzone, oxybenzone, or sulisobenzene. Children's sunscreens use ingredients less likely to irritate the skin, like titanium dioxide and zinc oxide. Unlike chemical ingredients, these protect babies' skin without being absorbed. For kids 6 months or older, look for a sunscreen designed for children with an SPF of 15 or higher. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies under 6 months be kept out of the sun altogether.

Sunscreen for skin problems or allergies. People who have sensitive skin or skin conditions like rosacea may also benefit from using sunscreens designed for children. Go for titanium dioxide or zinc oxide instead of chemicals like para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), dioxybenzone, oxybenzone, or sulisobenzene. If you have skin irritation or allergies, avoid sunscreens with alcohol, fragrances, or preservatives. Other sunscreens include moisturizers or other ingredients for people with dry or oily skin. As long as they meet the UVA and UVB requirements above, you can give them a try and see what works best.

Stay Healthy!

Jo Baehr - FSYC Health & Welfare Committee
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The Beacon from Lighthouse Point - Aurora, IN



It was great seeing everyone at the FSYC Commodores Ball. From LPYC we had Captain Ken Marcotte "Borderline Fool", Debbie and me "Carmen Ohio". Debbie and brought honored guests, Rising Sun Yacht Club Commodore Dave Bednar and wife Donna "Relaxative". FSYC put on quit a show for our guests, they had a great time.

This past winter FSYC members Captain Mike and Kathy Underwood had a little scare at LPYC. A through hull fitting froze and split. "Time Change" started to sink. Washington Marine traveled all the way to Aurora Indiana to save the day.

Ken Markotte and Mike Hoffer got an early start to boating season down at Lake Cumberland this year. Members of the annual Lardboat crew spent April 11 weekend at a vacation cottage overlooking Alligator Creek. We used a couple runabouts to explore the lake. Good news, the lake is almost back up to normal levels.

Everyone at LPYC is busy de-winterizing getting ready



for another boating season and the RSYC has a full year of activities planned.

In closing I hope to see everyone at the New Richmond Cardboard Boat Regatta this year. I heard through the grapevine that the guys at the Cardboard Boat Museum are out to beat me in the mechanical class this year. I'm planning a faster boat, not too creative like the Row Man Chariot last year. This year will be more like the FSYC Commodore boat I made a couple years ago, but without the face and equipped with paddlewheels. The race is August 16 in New Richmond, Ohio.

Past FSYC Commodore Captain Mike Hoffer

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Many thanks to Bob Pattison for adding the link to our website's Application Form on each event posting. Because of this, I receive a few applications each time he sends one out. I will be ordering our 2014-2015 plastic Membership Cards

around the second week of June, so they will be ready for distribution the end of June, when your current card expires. I will be asking the Dock Captains for their help, once again, in delivering the cards on their docks. The rest I will deliver myself and/or mail.

Please help us get more members by recruiting people on your dock who aren't members yet. Let them know what a great entertainment value it is to be a FSYC member!

See you on the docks

Jo Baehr - FSYC Membership Committee Chair

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Hello Club Members,
This is my first year as Treasurer, so please bear with me as I learn all your names and faces. As a fairly new member of the boating community, I am continually impressed with the friendliness and camaraderie of boaters—and the members of the Four Seasons Yacht Club are no exception. Thanks to the work of our outgoing (and outstanding) Treasurer, Brenda Adams, our books are in perfect order and ready for another successful boating season. Brenda spent hours with me going over the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer all the while she and Tom were selling their home and preparing to move to Florida. Hats off to Brenda and her husband, Tom, for all they did for the Club and for me personally in my new position as Treasurer.

With regard to paying your 2014 Membership Dues, you can send me a renewal application and a check for \$100 made payable to Four Seasons Yacht Club (my address is on the application), or you can pay quickly through PayPal at any time of day or night. Just log on to the FSYC website for instructions on filling out your renewal form and sending your payment through PayPal. You can also pick up a Membership application form at the marina and mail it to me with your check, or just give it to me if you see me in person. Jo Baehr, our dynamic Membership Chairperson, will also be happy to assist you in renewing your membership. Happy 2014 Boating Season!

Joyce Shepherd - FSYC Treasurer
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Quartermaster

Hello everyone and welcome back, I'd like to take a second to introduce myself, I'm Don Snider the new Quartermaster. We have a lot going on at the Yacht Club this year and we are all looking forward to enjoying the boating season. This is my first year as Quartermaster and I am attempting to replace Tom Adams. I am very quickly realizing all the behind the scene work Tom did for the club, and have a much greater appreciation of his efforts. I am very fortunate to have two Co-Quartermasters Debbie Knicely and Loretta Riley who are really helping to lighten the load.

We have improved on a few things and still finding our way in others. One big change that has been very helpful is that we are now purchasing beer from our friends Rick and Sarah next door at Pirates Cove. There are many benefits to ordering from them including not having to travel, as many of you are aware the kegs are very heavy, another great benefit is that overall the club is saving money, while affording us a better selection of beers. If there is a certain type of beer that you would like to see please let me know and we will see what we can do.

As you may have noticed we now only have three taps due to our old cooler finally dying. We replaced the old cooler with two new individual kegorators. We have discussed with the board the possibility of ordering another kegorator later in the season depending on our needs. So with all that being said, I am looking forward to seeing you throughout the season. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have comments or suggestions. Here's to a great 2014 boating season!

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A-Dock News

There was no report from A Dock; there are rumors that it may have been annexed by the marina next door. Hopefully there will be more to report in the summer edition.

Phil Mayleben
FSYC Vice Commodore

B-Dock News

Fishing with Kids Basics

Taking kids fishing can be a rewarding experience. To ensure a positive experience for you and the child, here are some simple tips to keep in mind.

Have fun. Seeing your child enjoy reeling in their first fish is rewarding (take pictures!). Target areas with a high likelihood of success. Most kids are satisfied catching lots of smaller fish such as bluegill rather than catching fewer, bigger fish such as bass. Catching lots of fish on the first few outings will peak children's interest and make them look forward to the next trip.

B-Dock News (continued)

Use live bait to increase the chance of catching fish. Live bait is also more interesting for children.

Pick a place that is easy to get to, comfortable and safe. Bring snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent and first aid basics. This will make the trip enjoyable for everyone.

Provide them with simple tackle in working order. Nothing can be more discouraging to a child than complicated equipment or equipment that doesn't work. Consider giving the child their own fishing outfit. This gesture is practical because short rods are easier for kids to handle.

Above all else, have patience. You will be unsnagging lines, baiting hooks, and landing fish for them. On your fishing trips with youngsters, they may get dirty, fall down or even get a little wet. All things that kids are ok with. By taking time to introduce children to fishing, you may end up with a fishing buddy for life! And, by the way, the FSYC Marina Fishing Tournament is coming up soon, May 24th. Bring a child or two, everyone will have fun!

Tom Woeste
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C-Dock News



It has been reported that we may have an Eagle in the Marina and I have photos of the nest on C dock to prove it (see above).

Actually even though it appears to be enough material to be from Eagles, it was only a Purple Martin Nest in Dancing Baehr's Dingy Crane. It seems Purple Martins are very prodigious builders. More like a Condo than a nest. Glad it was not Eagles as they would have taken my ears off as I worked.

Captain Bill Baehr
FSYC Commodore

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D-Dock News

So it is the middle of May, and most boats have made their way back into their summer slips on D-Dock. I say most, because there are still a few hold outs that are getting their bottoms painted (on their boat), buffing and waxing (again on their boat) trying to bring back that new showroom shine, or others that are still in Florida. We did have a couple of boats leave the dock for various reasons. Some sold their boat and another moved to Florida. This did open up some slips for new members to the dock and club. Welcome Louie & Chris Owens in D003 (License to Chill) and Chas Riebe and Bruce Halpryn in D094 (Drug Money). A couple of boats have moved slips on D-Dock, maybe for new scenery, new company, or less walking. I am not sure how it will be now that I have to pass Dave's boat every weekend.

Congratulations go out to D-Dock captain and Party Planner extraordinaire Mark and Suzy Evans on the purchase of their new 36' SeaRay Sundancer. As all things on D-Dock, it did not come without some drama. From trying to sea trial in the frozen harbor of Lake Erie, to the transport driver not taking off the props. Concrete 2, props 0. Good news is new props and straight shafts (again on their boat) and the boat is in the slip. Stop by and say hi for your complimentary cruise, or at least an adult beverage.

So the parties are in full swing, weather is starting to turn nice, river has been navigable a couple of times, and just about everyone is geared up for summer. As always, it should be an interesting year. Mark and I will try to capture all of the fun, not so fun, and embarrassing moments on the dock over the next couple of months. Enjoy the summer!

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March Madness

Sunny skies prevailed and the FSYC members and their guests enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of March Madness fun at the Four Season's Yacht Club on Saturday, March 22nd. Hosted by Mark and Susy Evans, the March Madness party was a great opportunity for over 100 FSYC members and guests to socialize and participate in the activities. The buffet table overflowed with "make your own" Cheese Coney's, appetizers and delicious desserts.



The day was filled with excitement and activities as the guests watched the NCAA tournament and participated in split the pot, march madness basketball squares and three rounds of march madness trivia. The split the pot raised over \$400, half was awarded to Rich Mowery. The march madness basketball score squares was a huge hit, taking home \$100 each for the Florida/Pittsburg game was Laura Allerdig and Susy Evans. The Louisville/Saint Louis game brought home a \$100 winner for Kyle Bloebaum and Andrew Hyde.

The day concluded with 3 exciting rounds of March Madness Trivia, led by Pat Boyle. 11 teams participated and the winning team of each round was presented with a \$25.00 BW3 gift card.

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Vice Commodore

Now that I have been sworn in as the Vice Commodore another duty is to produce the news letter. I have to thank Commodore Captain Bill Baehr for all of his work and patience. I will try to uphold the quality and the content while providing accurate, helpful boating information and avoid the temptation to write about silly things like concrete docks, or converting boats to operate on solar power. We will stick to relevant useful topics.

As usual the spring rain has forced the river gods to raise the water level on our pool resulting in less than desirable boating conditions out on the river, but it does act like a giant flush in the marina creating a really cool estuary in the back waters of the facility. Paddle boats and canoes are a great for exploring this temporary bayou. Skilled kayakers can guide their floating plastic vessels in and out of the partially submerged sycamores and imagine they are in a remote southern habitat of cypress and tupelo trees while avoiding the poison ivy clinging to the branches like mystical Spanish moss with an attitude.

If paddling around in a swamp isn't your thing perhaps you can divert your attention from the foul water to the water fowl. Our marina is home to a majestic blue heron whose long legs allow it to thrive on our muddy shores. Also this weekend I was fortunate to capture an image of what I am told is a bald eagle, incredibly this once endangered bird has re-established its population, and now one lucky bird has decided to start a family right on the back wall of the FSYC clubhouse! We will all need to be careful not to disturb these famous fowls as they nurture their eaglets this summer. The Fish and Wildlife Service has been notified.

Have a great summer!

Vice Commodore Phil Mayleben

