

FOUR Seasons Yacht Club

PSYC

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Newsletter



The 6th Annual Yacht Club Fishing Tournament was held in May. This is such a great family-friendly event!

We need to thank everyone who helped with the setup, registration, lunch, and clean up. We especially need to thank Bob Ware, Jeanie Halenkamp, and Jeanie's family members who gave up their Saturday morning to help with the kids' face painting and games.

The weather was wonderful and we had a great turnout. The fish were not cooperating this year, but fun was still had by all. We had 56 attendees with 24 fish caught that day. Even though a lot of fish weren't biting, we still had an angler bring in a 42 pound carp!

The 50 & over age group didn't go over very well, so we will work on a new angle for next year. A catered fish sandwich lunch was the perfect way to top it all off as great fishing related prizes were awarded.

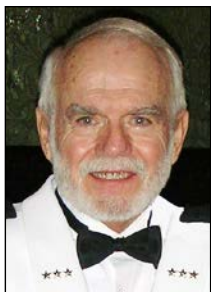
The big winners this year were Tony Lampert, Jayda Malloy, Brady Oiler, Ethan Ware, Jacob Woeste and Maria Woeste. Looking forward to next year!

(More photos on page 7)

Tom & Linda Woeste



From Your Commodore



We continue to change.

We now have a new Bridge Officer. Please welcome B-Docker Bryan Ross as our new Fleet Captain. Bryan's qualifications include being a Vice President in the surgical supplies field. But best of all when we discussed the Fleet Captain position Bryan said

"Cindy and I love our club". Young and enthusiastic, that's all I needed to know.

We continue to add programs that members ask for.

We now have a 'Children's Life Jacket Loaner Program'. A new dock box is on the patio that contains the jackets. If you have any children's jackets that you no longer need, please drop them off at the clubhouse or give to any Officer or Dock Captain. Please feel free to borrow these as necessary. These are available to any Marina boater.

Calm Seas to you.

Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Commodore
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From the Rear Commodore



The Rising Sun Yacht club from Indiana will be spending the night in Four Seasons Marina on September 12 as they travel up the river. They will need slips that are 14ft wide and 16ft wide. Please notify the marina office if you are planning to attend the FSYC raft up or if you plan to be out of the marina over-

night especially if you have a 16ft wide slip. We do not know how many boaters will be coming, but I would ask you to welcome them and offer any assistance that you can. They may need directions or a ride to a bigger store for provisions, or help with lines. If you cannot find anyone in the marina office to tell, please leave word with me.

They have also requested to use our club house for a meeting during their stay. The Board voted to accommodate their request as a good will gesture. They will provide their own refreshments. As Rear Commodore, I will be present and will assist them in our club house.

Captain Ernest McAdams, Jr. - FSYC Rear Commodore
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From the Vice Commodore



While on river boating trips this summer have been held to a minimum due to rain, high water and debris, we have been very busy here in the marina with several events and upgrades to the clubhouse.

Several items have been purchased for the upkeep of our party venue. We purchased covers for the stackable chairs on the deck. This will keep the sun from beating



down on them all day, as well as deflecting the bird droppings off the chairs. We recently had the carpet and all the chairs cleaned as well.

The batteries have been replaced on both smoke detectors, as well as having the air conditioning unit checked out. We found out by having the filter in correctly, it avoids the rattling sound some of you may have heard during one of the parties.

We also had to purchase another kegerator. With the hot weather, our kegerators were working very hard to keep up with cooling our kegs of beer. We now have a new kegerator for the Miller Lite, and are using the previous one as a wine cooler.

We (meaning Jack, and I held the ladder) also repositioned/installed new guides, and replaced some loose ends on the blue awnings covering the back deck. Then the rains and winds came which undid some of the work completed. Prior to the C Dock party, we had to deal with an overturned table, another broken umbrella, and replacing some broken parts on the awnings. A big thank you goes to Bill Murray for his assistance with all the above. I couldn't have done it without you since Jack was out of town.

Please check out the newsletter, as well as the web site, for pictures of past events, and upcoming events. Joining the Four Seasons Yacht Club is the best deal around. Where can you get 4 delicious dinners (dock parties), coffee and donuts every Saturday during the boating season, and many other events where we serve food and drinks, for such a low price? We have lots of fun!

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Every year thousands of boats are damaged or lost to fires and explosions that could be easily avoided if their owners religiously used their blowers. The blower is important because it's a boaters primary defense against these fires and explosions. They most often occur at unpredictable and unexpected moments when combustible fumes come into contact with static electricity. These fumes most often gather in bilges. The blower which is located in the engine compartment of a boat is designed to vacuum out residual gas and battery fumes because of their combustibility.

And what are the sources of these dangerous fumes? Gasoline, oil and aging batteries are the most frequent culprits. Diesel fuel doesn't combust the same way so it's much less worrisome. We all know the smell of gas fumes. Few recognize the "rotten egg" scent of an aging battery as it's often taken for just another musty smell coming out of an otherwise messy bilge. But, it's important to be aware because it can catch a spark and make a situation go from bad to worse in a nano second. Best to blow out your bilge routinely before you start working down there.

But what causes these "fuels" to combust? The prime culprit is static electricity, a seemingly minor little spark most take for granted. Almost any two materials that rub together and cause electrons to be released is a static discharge. Sources include - things as benign as wind blowing through the rigging on sail boats, socks rubbing on carpets, different metals rubbing together, bare wires, ungrounded dock electricals and more. In fact there are so many possible sources on a boat that it's simply not worth the risk to ignore your blower. So whenever you return to your boat or fuel at a pump, use your blowers to suck those fumes out of your bilges. There's a side benefit too. Blowers are like exhaust fans for the heat that builds up near motors and generators. They can also make your air conditioner's job less taxing and your living space more comfortable.

So get to know your blowers again. If they haven't been used in a while, dust them off and put them back in service. Time to get a dose of "blower religion!"

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Communications

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SKY:

FSYC communications continue at a consistent rate to announce and promote all of our many events. While this summer season thus far has been plagued by wet weather, I must report with enthusiasm the average rate of our mailing list opening and viewing emails has increased significantly from past years. Thank you for that response.

Our highest rate of email examination occurs with topics of urgency, river conditions or report of the loss of a member. All in all, our email system works with ease in reaching every member at a nominal cost to the club of pennies per email.



I have discovered our market, Tri-State area, now has a certified representative for KVH Industries, Inc. where previously the nearest contact was in central Kentucky. We, as boaters, know KVH for their marine antenna product line for Television, Phone & Internet. Jed Sibert, owner, operates as Advanced Audio/Video, LLC. They are located on the west side. His contact number is 513-324-5216. Jed has been at Four Seasons Marina to assist and service several boats in the marina.

Tom Arnold – FSYC Communications Committee Chair
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Health and Welfare



For those of you who don't already know it, we here at FSYC like to send get well wishes or sympathy cards to those we have heard of in need. If you have heard of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, having surgery or have lost a loved one, please let me know and I will send out a card on behalf of all Club members.

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B-Dock News

I wanted to send out a special welcome to all of our new B Dock friends this year. It seems like there are more newbies than usual and we love having you here. It's great to see all the new families and we especially welcome the newest little ones!

I am always open to ideas and suggestions to make the Yacht Club a great place to have fun. If you have any ideas for new events or ways to improve the ones I host, I would love to hear from you.

I am also willing to help with any fishing advice for the little anglers on the dock. Fishing is a great family activity and any way I can encourage others to join in, I am more than happy to do so.

See you on the dock.

Tom Woeste
B Dock Captain

D-Dock News

As everyone knows, it has been quite a wet summer so far in Cincinnati. Let's hope the weather dries up and we can all do some boating!

For anyone who has been to the marina in the last month-and-a-half, it should come as no surprise that Cincinnati set an all-time record for the most rain between June 15th and July 15th. Even though most of us were not able to do much boating recently, there have been a lot of d-dockers at the marina.

Several boaters on d-dock have recently purchased new boats, including Summer and Andy Lightner (who sold their old boat in one day) and Tony and Barbie Giambra.

Mark Evans
D Dock Captain



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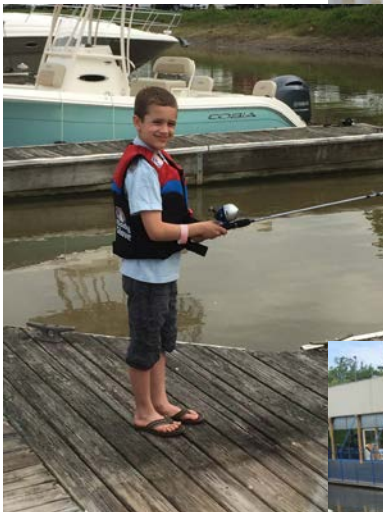
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Treasurer



Hello FSYC Boaters,

Happy summer and happy boating to all. (Finally!) After a long, rainy spring and all the ups and downs of ole man river, it looks like we now have a chance to do some sunny-day boating.

The Club has already had a number of fun and informative events at the Clubhouse and at the Marina, no matter the weather. Thank you to all the Dock Captains, Event Hosts, and Club Members who work hard to make the numerous and varied events enjoyable for everyone. And, as treasurer, I personally thank everyone for sticking to the budgeted amount for the events. The Club plans the budget early in the year based on forecasted income, and so far we're doing just fine.

Lastly, thanks to all those who renewed their memberships in the Club this year, and welcome to all our new members. If you forgot to renew, just do it now- there are a lot more great events planned. We do have fun!

Joyce Shepherd - FSYC Treasurer
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Texas Holdem Tournament

We finally had the perfect weekend for boating. Maybe the first all season. And yet, that did not stop the poker junkies from joining our second annual Texas Holdem tournament.

One thing we learned from last year was that there were quite a few members that came to watch, maybe feeling they were not experienced enough to join in a tournament. It wasn't long into that game that many in the gallery wished they had signed up. No longer feeling the intimidation, the onlookers from last year joined in and everyone played well.

We had three full tables totaling 25 players. There were plenty of finger sandwiches, snacks and beverages for everyone and our bartender did a magnificent job serving the players at the table. It really was a fun night.

There were enough players this year to pay off the top five. Coming in 5th place was Tim Kamp, 4th place Sara Wesmerly, 3rd place Matt George, 2nd place Pat Boyle and in 1st place taking the gold bracelet and walking away with a cool \$220 and more importantly, bragging rights for the next 12 months, was Jon Wolf. (Please excuse us if we spelled your name incorrectly).

We're assuming next year's event will be even bigger. Thanks to all who helped with the game and cleanup at the end of the night. See ya next year.

Rich Mowery & Pat Boyle



Dinghy Poker run

It is a beautiful summer afternoon, though a bit hot and humid, and the river is high AGAIN, what do you do? Join in on the fun at the in harbor Casino / Poker run.

We had several different types of floating devices: a foldable rowboat, a couple zodiacs, jet skis, and a few runabouts. Each dock hosted a "casino game" where the participants could earn an extra card for their poker hand.

Once all participants played the "casino game" at the 4 docks, everyone congregated in the clubhouse to cool off and enjoy sandwiches, salad, cookies, and drinks.

The big winner was Steve Pfenninger with a full house. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event.

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Hosts Bill and Jo Baehr

Cornhole Tournament

It was so darn HOT and HUMID that we moved the games inside the Clubhouse.

That proved to be a very fun venue as we tossed in the cool of air conditioning and munched on yummy Tusculum Grille Pizza.

Bill & Jo Baehr



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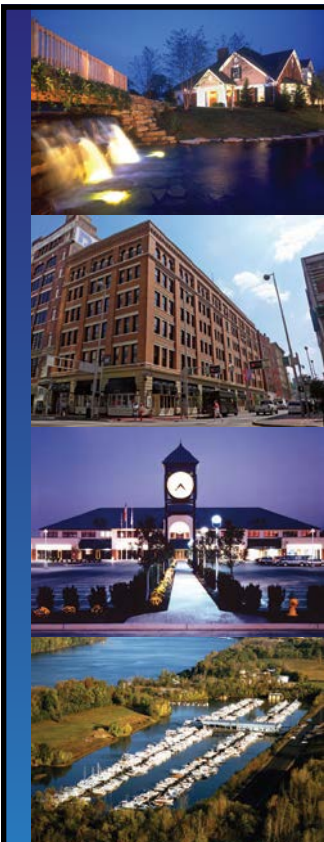
Members were greeted at the clubhouse door with homemade Mock Turtle Soup made by Linda and Maria Woeste as well as a Turtle-Themed Door Prize with entries given to all those wearing green. Some even took the Turtle theme to the extreme and came as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! The costumes were awesome!!

The turtle theme continued as we held floating wooden turtle races alongside the clubhouse after dinner. Turtle fun was everywhere! The catered dinner was great and everyone especially loved all of the B Dock donated desserts!

We owe a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with set up, clean up, serving food, donating desserts, selling split the pot tickets, selling turtle race tickets, and helping to make the night a fun time for everyone. There is no way we could have done this ourselves, and we appreciate the outstanding help from our yacht club friends.

Already working on a new, unique theme for next year!

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B-Dock TGIF Party Photos



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C-Dock TGIF Party



Friday, July 17, C Dock, led by dock captain Bill Murray, hosted their South Pacific TGIF. Members feasted on pineapple rum chicken, potatoes, green beans, and Caesar salad....and as always, an array of desserts.

Please see pictures throughout the newsletter of folks in their South Pacific themed outfits, including sailor hats, flowers, leis, flowered shirts, etc.





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Music and fun provided by pianist extraordinaire Wayne Shannon and musician and funnyman Dave Petry.

If you have missed this, you really should try this very entertaining event next year.

Bill and Jo Baehr

