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Halloween **"SPOOKTACULAR"** Our Most Creative Yet!



From Your Commodore



It was truly a great season! Warm and sunny weather made this a fun summer. We hope all FSYC Members enjoyed the many on-land and off-shore events this year. A special thanks goes out to our Bridge Officers, Board of Directors,

Dock Captains and Event Hosts whose dedicated work make good things happen for all Club Members.

Planning for 2013 is underway. If you have suggestions for next year's events please contact Rear Commodore Phil Mayleben for on-shore & in-harbor events and Fleet Captain Bob Ware for off-shore events. We should have the 2013 Calendar of Events approved and published by the first week of January 2013.

We are always looking for volunteers to host or help with Club events. We really need more Members to step up and share the load. If you can possibly help, please let the Rear Commodore or Fleet Captain know. Thanks.

Speaking of events....The Spaghetti Dinner is set for January 26, 2013 at the Radisson in Covington. This "casual dress" event is the last Saturday night of the Cincinnati Boat Show. Discounted hotel rooms and admission to the show will be available. Get a group together for a fun winter event. More information to come.

Progress on a clubhouse expansion is moving forward. Towne Properties is kindly allowing us to expand with a new patio in the slip next to the clubhouse furthest away from the head boat. We are currently working to acquire a floating facility of over 1000 sq. ft. Hopefully the patio will be in place by spring 2013.

Have a happy and safe holiday season with an early spring to follow.
See you on the Docks!

Bob Pattison - FSYC Commodore
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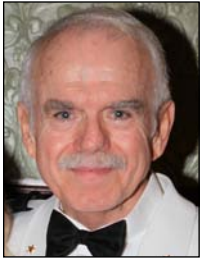


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From the Vice Commodore



This year was a record breaker in so many ways. Fun, Financials, Foolery and lastly FLOATS!! We have just purchased floating docks to place next to the Clubhouse, which will more than double our outside space. No more cramped TGIF's.

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From the Fleet Captain



As of 11/1/12, the river is rising to 35 feet, due to hurricane Sandy's wind and rain. The sun has not shined for 8 days now, but all is well in River City. New Jersey and the East coast are not so lucky. I just can't imagine my boat sitting on her side in some concrete

parking lot. The news photos are awful, showing that hurricanes have no mercy. The doom and gloom is upon us for the next few months of Winter. But, the Boat Show and Spaghetti Dinner are coming up in January to break up the winter hibernation.



Let's all be positive for 2013 and look forward to Spring and a great boating season!

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From the Rear Commodore



The summer and fall flew by just like always. This year the B-Dock TGIF theme was "Back to School. The plates, the food and even the servers reminded me of a 5th grade lunch room. We even had a paddle and detention area for the bad boys in the unruly crowd. I don't remember a Sam Adams beer tap in the

5th grade. Thanks to the B-Dock captains for organizing a great event.

For us, the Smith Camp party was an on-land event. I don't trust my old boat for a cruise of that distance. The food was first rate and for the first time in a long time the weather was perfect. Thanks Matt and Lori Smith.

The winning recipe at this year's Chili Cook off was provided by Patrick Boyle from D Dock for the second time. Car Show and Bonfire were also a big hit. I think Felix Baumgartner could see the bonfire from his balloon. Brenda Adams and Mark Horner walked away with first place in the golf ball driving contest.

The Halloween party was the biggest ever and Bob Ware took "Most Creative" dressed as Mae West's ugly sister. Thanks to Bill and Jo Baehr for a great event. In November, a group of members, specially selected for their party potential will sit down and put together a first rate schedule for next year's fun. Once the list is compiled, the Commodore will have to figure out how to pay the bill.

Next, we can all look forward to the Spaghetti Dinner which will be held at the Radisson Inn in Covington, KY on January 26th, the same day as the spectacular boat show on the other side of the river. Last year the bus ride from the Radisson was more fun than the show, with Captain Glenn Feilhauer on board.

Phil Mayleben - FSYC Rear Commodore
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Beach Party

The waves were crashing in and out and the sun was silently burning my face as we had another wondrous Dinghy Beach Party. All the happy faces made it a fine party.

The dinghy & Sea-Doo races were amazingly played. I may add splashing the crowd was fun. The food and desserts were to die for. The river trivia was tricky. I must say, some smart river rats squeaked up and won. Ahhh, the warm bonfire at night summed up the perfect day.

Photos of this fun event were in the Summer Newsletter

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2012 Car Show, Chili Cookoff, and Bonfire

The sun was shining, so out came the show cars. A big "Thank You" goes out to all the owners who took the time to clean and shine their cars.



First Place went to John & Lori Cordano for their orange 1967 Chevy Impala. Second Place went to Steve Friesz and his 1937 Ford pickup truck with a great looking paint job. Third Place went to Jim Ping for his beautiful 1983 Excalibur. Jim also brought an all original 1956 Mercury Monteray. The Commodore's Trophy went to Bob McAndrews and his 1961 Morgan, all original.

Hope to see more cars next year. Thanks to all who supported this fun event.

Bob Ware, Fleet Captain



EL CALIENTE'. It was the duel of the "jalapeno peppers"! We had sixteen excellent chili's competing which made it mucho difficult on the judges. Add three tables of delicious appetizers and desserts and hopefully no one went home hungry. But we take no responsibility for any heartburn that may have occurred. The winners of the chili cook off were: in 3rd place Jen Becker and in 2nd place Rose Silman. This year's Chili Master was Pat Boyle, a repeat winner from last year. But the real winners were the people who came to enjoy all the festivities.

We want to thank all the folks who come to support this event. Thanks go out to our esteemed judges and a special thank you to Captain Tom Dalton for keeping our chili's "HOT"

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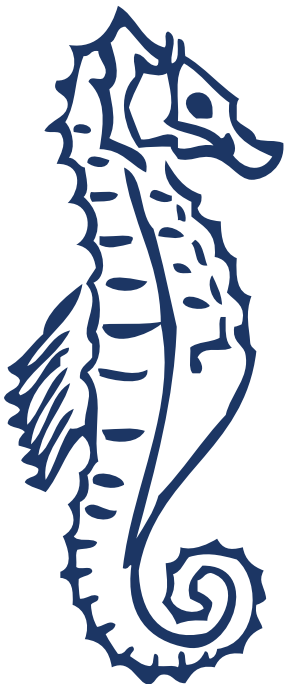
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Where did summer go? Some of us are still kicking the summer sand out of our shoes, and yet, the first snow has fallen just days after the arrival of autumn. Ahhh Fall. The season where people are busy with outside projects, preparing for the arctic change in weather. Fall is a time of preparation... winterizing boats, de-winterizing snow blowers, changing out the flip flops for boots. These are tasks that we are prepared to do because the season calls for it. But we should not forget that the Fall Season is also the Flu Season.

This season requires different preparations. It requires us to take preventative measures to protect ourselves from the influenza virus and to keep it from spreading to friends and family. I know you have heard it before – just the same - I'll remind you again of steps you can take to protect yourself and others around you. 1. Get a flu shot, 2. Cover your sneeze and cough, 3. Wash your hands often, 4. Get a good night's sleep, 5. Eat healthier and drink plenty of fluids.

If by chance you do come down with the flu you'll need to have your home remedy and this hearty chicken noodle soup on hand ... However, if those cures don't work you may want to dig out your Grandmother's Hot Toddy recipe.

Sherill Pattison - FSYC Health & Welfare Committee
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12 fresh baby carrots, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
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1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1-1/2 teaspoons mustard seed
2 garlic cloves, peeled and halved
1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves
1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
4 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated linguine

Directions

In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the first six ingredients. Place mustard seed and garlic on a double thickness of cheesecloth; bring up corners of cloth and tie with kitchen string to form a bag. Place in slow cooker. Add chicken and broth. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until meat is tender. Discard spice bag. Remove chicken; cool slightly. Stir linguine into soup; cover and cook on high for 30 minutes or until tender. Cut chicken into pieces and return to soup; heat through. Yield: 12 servings (3 quarts).

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2013-2014 Membership drive will begin in the Spring. I'm asking for your continued help to make it our biggest, best membership year. With the addition of outside patio space at the Clubhouse, we can add a lot more members. If you're like me, you will want to spread the word to others about all of the fun we have in our Club!

Happy Holidays to all and have a safe winter. We'll see you in the Spring!

Jo Baehr - FSYC Membership Committee Chair
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Quartermaster



The 2012 Boating season is well over at this time. We all had a great time at the Yacht Club this season. All events were well attended and well stocked.

I must say the new beer selections have been a big hit. Yes our alcohol consumption was up this year over last.

Who'da thought. We will need to buy a new keg-o-rator over the winter, seems the one small unit has been acting up and not worth the costs to repair.

Donuts this year with the delivery from Servatti's worked out just perfect. Only one time that we had an issue was due to power outages which were all over the city and at the docks.

Many Thanks again to Gary Weber and his generous contributions of coffee from Wallingford that help keep us well within budget. Looking forward and starting to plan out next year. Any suggestion, drop me an email.

Tom Adams - FSYC Quartermaster
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Treasurer



Dear FSYC Members: I am very happy to report to you that the Club has come in under our operating budget for 2012 and our events budget for 2012.

This could not have been achieved without the hard work of all of our Dock Captains, Event Hosts and our

Quarter Master (the King of coupons and sales). All of these people work very hard to make sure the Club has great parties and events within a very strict budget. This is no easy task and a big KUDOS goes out to all of them.

The Budget, Planning and Audit committees will be meeting to start the process all over again for next year. No rest for the wicked!

I do hope that you all have a great winter and Holiday Season and hope to see everyone at the Spaghetti Dinner in January.

Happy Boating!

Brenda Adams - FSYC Treasurer
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Smith Overnight



The 3rd Annual Smith's Camp Weekend! The Smith Overnight was held on September 14th through the 16th this year in order to take advantage of some cooler temperatures and it allowed us to combine it with our campground's annual Pig Roast. Tom & Brenda Adams (Compromise) were the first to arrive by boat on Friday. Since it was just the four of us for dinner that evening, we decided to grill out at our site and enjoy an evening bonfire. Saturday several other boaters arrived, Bill & Jo Baehr (Dancing Baehr), Andrew & Laura Romlein (USS Norman), Bob Ware & June Harrison (Faster Than Buck!) and set their anchor's for a weekend of fun! We had fourteen other FSYC members join us by land vessels.

The afternoon was started off by the cornhole tournament. It was a rough start to organizing it with 40 teams on four sets of boards. We had several FSYC members hanging in the running with team Russell Smith and Bob Ware taking the first place prize.

The dinner followed with of course, the main dish being pork, along with a buffet of homemade side dishes provided by the campers and desserts provided by the FSYC members. There was plenty of food for everyone! As the sun set, we were treated to live music from the band Burning Iris. Dancing on the gravel road took some talent but we proved it can be done! The bonfire burned late into the evening with enjoyable company and conversation.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed a delicious brunch before the boaters headed back to the marina. Fortunately, the locks were up and running at full operation, so no one had to worry about a delay at the dam on their departure. Thanks to all of you that attended and helped to pull off such a fun and great weekend!

Lori & Matt Smith



Kids Corner



BEWARE! The docks and the Clubhouse are haunted! It was spooky walking down those creaky wooden planks. At each corner, I was scared to go around. The Halloween party at the Clubhouse was amazing! I saw a leaf blower, cross-dressers and members of Gilligan's Island. Congrats to all those who took home a prize. I think everyone was upset that our own Fleet Captain didn't show. How dare Bob Ware! The party was great, even with the dancing that almost sank the whole Clubhouse. I liked to scare the pants off all who came.

Aeryka Merritt



October Halloween Spooktacular

Wow! FSYC'ers sure know how to create fun! We even danced and it seemed like the Clubhouse was going to sink! We had the most creative costumes ever as well as the biggest attendance ever. It was also the latest event. It went to 11pm! The costume winners were:

Funniest - Steve Mabry – Genie in a Lamp
Scariest - Bill Murray – Agent Orange Victim
Sexiest - Karen O'Brien - Genie
Most Creative - Bob Ware as Mae West

Overall Winners - A-Dockers: Mark & Laura Horner, John & Lori Cordano and Greg & Mary Kuntz as Members of Gilligan's Island



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A-Dock News

Summer 2012 is long gone. Yes, we all had a great time. "Stay Calm and Drink On" all through the summer. Just imagine if we could figure out a way to recycle all the cans our guests as well as ourselves throw out, we could have a catered party.



If you made it to the Chili Cook-off/Car Show, "A-Dock" took some of the top prizes. Congrats to Jennifer Becker for her 3rd. Place prize in Chili. First Place in the Car Show went to John Cordano and the A-Dock Golf Team of Mark Horner winning 1st place for his long drive, Brenda Adams 1st place in the women's division followed by Mary & Greg Kuntz coming in second.



And let us not forget the Halloween Party, first place for best costume was the crew from Gilligan's Island our own A-Sac of Mark & Laura Horner, Mary & Greg Kuntz and John & Lori Cordano. We still are looking for the Professor!

That is all for now

Tom Adams

Compromise A-52 "A" Dock Captain



B-Dock News

Who Knew that “going back to school” would be so much fun. At least that was the theme for the B-Dock TGIF party in September. Who Knew that the “Lunch Ladies” were actually perky cheerleaders at recess. Who Knew that “mystery meat” could taste so good.

Our Commodore was sent to detention and our Rear Commodore received a couple of swats with the paddle. We didn't find any gum under the tables or smoke coming from the bathrooms so overall everyone behaved, thanks to our principal and assistant principal Jim and Lois Ballinger. For a damp overcast night late in the year we had a great turn out.

Thanks to Jim England for providing the tunes. Maybe next year we will all graduate!!

Jim Sutliff
B Dock Captain



Education Committee



The Education Committee would like to announce its newest member, Captain Mark Dawes of Nancy Carolyn. He will lead the discussion in our first Mini-Course on May 11, immediately following Coffee and Doughnuts, on “Filing a Predeparture Float Plan”.

The rest of the committee consists of Captains Glenn Feilhauer, Geoff Hatfield, Ron Getter, Michael Jackson and Tom Aultz. If you have any suggestions for future courses, or wish to lead a discussion yourself, please contact one of us. We always are looking for new ideas.

The other two Mini-Courses are scheduled for July 13 and August 10. Look forward to seeing you there.

Captain Tim Koch – FSYC Education Committee
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What happened this year? Beep Beep finally splashed in after Jerry J.C. and Rose sat on the dock all year. They are also first time grandparents!

Had a great time at the Boat Yard Grill this fall, Thanks to Rick, Sara and Michael and the band for great dinners and good times.

Tracey's houseboat is now orangely detailed, powered by some unseen energy source. Nobody fell in this year that I heard of.

Mary Alice brought the boat in for the first time at the helm and had a very successful hands-off docking.

High waves on the river for the Coney Island Fireworks made for a challenging drive and anchoring. But, with the best of shipmates, it made for an enjoyable evening. Undertaker went out for his maiden voyage to the fuel dock.

I had fun with the Baehrs watching the fire go out after the Chili Fest.

Bill Murray, C-Dock Captain



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C-Dock had an unwanted but good vantage point to view the burning boat floating past the opening of the harbor.



After what felt like a brief Fall, it seems as though winter is quickly approaching. Everyone on D-Dock has been busy, changing oil, running pink stuff through the water lines, emptying refrigerators and storage areas of liquids, and hauling off gear in preparation for the cold weather. Surprisingly, I did not see many people carrying off adult beverages, I wonder why. Several boats have pulled out, including me, perhaps too many years of pressure washing in rain and 30 degree weather. Many are planning to pull out during the month of November and others are planning to stay in the water this winter. I know that at least Mikey is planning to live aboard this winter. Whatever the plan, after a quick flurry of activity, D-Dock has now dropped to a slower pace as the weather begins to turn colder.

The back half of the summer was dotted with cooler weather and rain, but that was not enough to deter everyone from enjoying the activities. The balloon glow at Coney Island was somewhat of a disappointment for those of us on the water. The balloons never left the ground, so they were not really visible through the trees. Not sure that I understand why they did not take off, and perhaps others knew this was going to be the case, as there was not a multitude of boats anchored out for the show. Nevertheless, it was a nice evening and as they say, "it beats work". This does not apply to Evan Evans anymore, who retired this summer. His retirement party was well attended and a good time was had by all. Please feel free to congratulate Evan on this major milestone and let him know your thoughts.

As always, the WEBN fireworks proved to be an interesting day. Small windows of sunshine left hope that it would be a nice day. This did not happen. Many D-Dockers still made the trek down river in the early afternoon to secure a suitable viewing position. It was decided to stay in smaller raft groups rather than one large one, in the event there needed to be a quick exit. The rain did not hold off, but the fireworks were enjoyed by all. I would like to make an observation that holds true, not only for the fireworks but for most occasions. A cinder block is not an anchor, it is a construction material. There are many, many more, but time and space does not allow me to list them all here.

A lot of people got excited when they found out that there would be the first multi-country fireworks competition. What we did not know was that we would have to contend with 100 mile an hour gale force winds and blaze a trail through the Arctic Circle to view them. Ok, maybe a slight exaggeration, but it was windy and cold. We did

stick it out and see a nice show, along with many others, but I am going to store warmer clothes on the boat in September from now on.

I will make a quick reference to the Chili cook-off and car show this year. Although D-Dock did not enter any cars into the show this year, we did bring chili. In fact, D-Dock defended the chili championship for the 2nd year in a row. The question on everyone's mind is: will Pat Boyle do a three-peat next year, or be forced to be the new celebrity judge. We had a lot of D-dockers show up and once again it was a good event and a nice close to the season. Not much to do now but hibernate and attend the occasional boat show until next season. Gail and Jerry Ault already got a head start at the Ft. Lauderdale show and a front row seat to hurricane Sandy. They are also planning their yearly pilgrimage to the Miami show. I am sure that others will be going as well, as there has been talk and rumors on the dock.

Everyone have a nice winter and we will see you next year for a new season of "As the Prop Turns" on D-Dock.

Pat Boyle, D-Dock Captain



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The Beacon from Lighthouse Point - Aurora, IN



It's been a great summer down the river in Aurora, Indiana. Debbie and I missed the Rising Sun Yacht Club (RSYC) Kentucky Derby party May 5th at Lighthouse Point. We were touring wine country in California. May 19th we took the Carmen Ohio II down to Smugglers Cove for the weekend and the RSYC Dinner on the River at Sunset Grill. RSYC came back to Lighthouse Point June 9th for the Annual Fish Fry. Then July 14th we took the Carmen Ohio II back to Smugglers Cove for the weekend and the RSYC Great American Cookout. Debbie and I missed the RSYC Pig Roast at Camp Shore August

11th because of my annual Lard Boat trip to Lake Cumberland. The Lard Boat is a bunch of us oversized men renting a houseboat for the weekend. September 8th the RSYC came back to Lighthouse Point for the Annual Chicken Fry. Debbie and I took the Carmen Ohio II to the RSYC Chili Cook-off at River Watch October, 13th. The RSYC Christmas Party will be at Hueston Woods December 1st.



We brought the Carmen Ohio II to Four Season's Marina for Labor Day fireworks. It was good to be back, good to see everybody. The breakfast at Pirate's Cove was a pleasant surprise. Too bad the remnants of Hurricane Isaac had to come through right before the fireworks.

We enjoyed two trips to Norris Lake this year. Debbie's sister and family joined us on a floating house at Powell Resorts called the Floating Star for the week of June 16 to 23. We brought the Zodiac and rented a pontoon boat. We had so much fun; we talked some of our boating friends to rent the same house in September. Ken Marcotte, Barb Kroell, Jeff & Jill Gramke, Debbie and I stayed at the Floating Star September 11 to 16. Ken brought his runabout.



A highlight of every summer is the Cardboard Boat Regatta in New Richmond Ohio. This year the race was held August 18th. I built two boats, one for my niece Jazmine Auble and one for me. Jazmine's boat was a replica of a black and white milk cow. She named it Buckeye Bovine. She won second place for the most creative use of cardboard. Jazmine and family took buckeye Bovine to the cattle barn at the Loraine County fair where they auctioned her off. Buckeye Bovine raised \$200 for Jazmine's 4-H club. As a lot of you know, my boat honored the Four Seasons Yacht Club and Commodore. Fashioned after the FSYC burgee, my boat, "The

Commodore" featured a big picture of Bob Pattison's head. Thank you for a great turnout from the FSYC and the big blast of horns as I approached the finish line.

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