



Anchor Bay Yachting Association
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S QUILL

July 11th 2016

Delegates, Commodores, Past Commodores, A.B.Y.A. Past Commodores,

I would like to submit the Quill. There are so many events and activities that are coming up, I wanted to get them out prior to our General Membership Minutes. These are the events scheduled around the ABYA, and Clubs for July into the end of the year:

As for the ABYA, the activities are as follows:

- The **August General membership meeting has been cancelled** the next meeting will be Monday September 12th 2016, hosted by the Great Lakes Cruising Club at the North Channel Yacht Club. Dinner will be served from 6 till 7 with a meeting after. Please RSVP by September 8th to Yvonne Murray 810-984-4500
- We have the Millionaire Party coming up at Wintergarden Tavern, one being October 19th thru 22nd 2016. The other one November 23rd 25th and 26th. Both the parties will be at Wintergardens in Chesterfield Township just south of 21 Mile on Gratiot. Please call or email if you can work for a couple of hours selling chips and helping out, get a hold of Terry Dunn
- Finally the Christmas Charity Ball December 3, 2016. Contact RC Brian Kaser for information.
- The 2016 yearly 50/30/15/5 raffle is up and running, please submit your tickets for the drawing which will be held at the Christmas Charity Ball. November 7th all tickets not sold must be returned! The club's that sells more than 500 raffle tickets will be excused from their 2017 dues. For more information please get ahold Vice commodore Ed Bosendahl

The Events within our Clubs are:

- Huron Pointe Yacht Club is having a Musky Bash for all you fisherman, captains meeting is July 22nd 2016 with the dinner and awards ceremony Sunday July 24th 2016
- Idle Hour Yacht Club is hosting Boat4Vets on July 23rd, on Harsens Island; they are still looking for a couple of boats to help in giving the Vets a boat ride. Call Forest Walker for RSVP and info @ 810-512-4660
- Detroit Power Squadron is inviting us for weekend at the Detroit Yacht Club July 28th thru the 31st 2016 call Mitch 586-468-1180
- July 30th 2016 Huron Pointe Yacht Club is having a steak out on the grill dinner is at 4 o'clock please get ahold of Jason Akers @ 586-709-0945 for further information
- The Great Lakes Cruising Club is having a border rally at the Sarnia Bay Marina. This is the weekend of August 26th - 28th 2016. There are a lot of activity planned in their itinerary, it looks like a good outing to get familiar with a lot of boaters around the Great Lakes Region
- Shores Harbor Club will be going to Kean's Marina on the Detroit River this weekend, if you're looking for something to do. This sounds like a good outing please get in hold of William Stetter for further information @ 586-295-1642
- The next General Membership Meeting will be on Monday September 12th, 2016 hosted by the Great Lakes Cruising Club at the North Channel Yacht Club. Dinner will be served from 6 till 7 with a meeting after. Please RSVP by September 8th Yvonne Murray @ 810-984-4500
- Y-Knot is having their Commodore's Ball October 15, 2016

Brief Notes from the Meeting

The spring dinner dance at the North Channel Yacht Club was a success, we would like to thank everyone that attended this function or help out. Vice Commodore Ed presented, we have Burgess available for your Clubs. He also did a safety book update and then introduced the guest speakers for their presentations.

One of our guest speakers was Kathy Brady who accommodated two Boy Scouts from Save of South Channel Lights. The Scouts received their Eagles badge by accomplishing a tremendous feat for the South Channel Lights in rebuilding a structure that was there in the beginning. They had a very informative slide presentation, and it was nice to see two young people be so involved in the future, and history of the South Channel Lights. Kathy Brady presented us with some facts in history, and in regards to the Great Lakes. After the presentation, the ABYA Commodore Rick Romatz presented her with a donation check from the ABYA, to the SOS Organization. Kathy was very grateful for donation.

The second presentation was the Clay Township Fire Rescue people. They came in with their water cannons shooting water at least 45 foot in the air from their boat!! What a great entrance and beautiful sight. Then they informed on how diversified their education is, not only being fire-rescue paramedics, but also a lot of other training they need to fulfill their job requirements.

On the way out another demonstration, they put more water in the air leaving with the same spectacular display from their 3 water cannons on the boat. They suggested if there is a need for an emergency on the waterways to call the **Clay Township Station 20** at **810-794-9381!!** this would be a good number to have in your speed dial of your mobile device instead of going through the 911 operator

The ABYA is looking for your support in the next election; we need a couple good people to run for the Secretary position in 2017. Take it from me, this is a great opportunity to get more involved in the ABYA and make new boating friends and acquaintances.

Rear Commodore Brian passed out the envelope with letters and tickets to the Charity Christmas Ball to the delegates

Commodore Rick Romatz concluded the meeting thanking Belvidere Boat Club's Commander Dan Lloyd, Delegate Randy Herbert along with everyone else who helped in hosting this meeting on July 11th 2016. Also for all their efforts, the food was delicious; comradery was priceless, the meeting ended at 8:37 p.m.

We had a beautiful boat ride back across the lake with a spectacular sunset

Besides all this activity,

The Parade of Lights on the Clinton River is August 6, 2016; they are looking for some Club Boats to participate in the event. This would be a good team building for all our Clubs to participate in, by entering a boat.

Further details on all of this information will be supplied with the minutes of the July 11, 2016 General Membership Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES, please bring all your club membership.

WITHOUT YOU, NONE of this would be possible!!!! WE NEED EACH OTHER, to make this a success.

I know you as Delegates; will pass the information on to your membership, so they will be aware of what is going on around Lake St. Clair, and within the ABYA Club organizations.

Thank You Sincerely,
A.B.Y.A. Secretary

Craig Skupny

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