



Anchor Bay Yachting Association  
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S QUILL

June 7, 2016

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

I would like to submit the Quill. Now that we are in our 6<sup>th</sup> month (June) I want to reiterate, and clarify, what the A.B.Y.A. is all about! This is in your A.B.Y.A. Safety Book, and the Constitution, it states;

ABOUT THE ANCHOR BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Anchor Bay Yachting Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1967 with the primary aim of promoting camaraderie and fellowship between its member boat clubs and to form a liaison with government units. The association meets monthly at various member clubs to discuss boating issues, problems, and the latest news affecting boaters, especially those relating to the Anchor Bay area. In the years since 1967, the association has been a truly positive force; helping to alleviate problems facing the boating community and promoting the member club's social activities developing harmonious relationships between the clubs. To promote Boating Safety and Education on the waterways.

*As I continue in my report of The Quill, please keep this in mind.*

Last weekend June 3-5 we had our annual Spring Dinner Dance Fundraiser at The North Channel Yacht Club. The Membership of ALL Your Clubs really came forward and did their part. We had over 35 Boats that attended, and over 140 members for the Dinner party, and evening event. The Detroit Power Squadron, and Mt. Clemens Power Squadron, provided us with Boating Safety Inspectors for our boats. We Thank both of your Squadrons for your time and dedication. A greater majority of the boats inspected Passed, and received a Safety Sticker for their windshield. Those that did not pass were educated what they needed to do In order to pass. I would like to thank everyone that attended. In preliminary results, this Fundraiser was a real success for ALL of us. Since a picture tells 1000 words, I have included a power point on the Fundraiser, I'm sure your Members would like to see the pictures they knew I was taking of them, they are looking forward in seeing the Power Point Presentation. You as Delegates, can forward this to your Membership along with the Power Point Presentation. We also handed out over 50 of the A.B.Y.A Safety Book which are in high demand to keep on the boat for reference, the Safety Instructors liked them so much they took a few.

In looking at the picture, you will see a lot of happy people enjoying their self's, rekindling old relations, or making new ones, as we all should be doing in the boating community!!! What I seen, and experienced were a lot of SMILES !!!!

We had The Clinton River Cleanup / The Pride of Michigan Open House May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Millionaire Party at Wintergarden Tavern, May 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup>, another success!!!

Thanks to everyone that helped with these Events also, we could not be successful without your help.

Here are some of the events scheduled in June, July and into the end of the year:

**As for the ABYA and within our Clubs the activities are as follows:**

- Mac Ray Harbor is having the Celebrate the Lakes which is June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2016
- BBC is hosting the next General Membership Meeting Monday July 11th call 248-719-5325 for reservations
- Idle Hour Yacht Club is hosting the Boat4vets July 23, 2016, 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. We have to register by June 15th 2016
- Detroit Power Squadron on Friday August 5, 2016 for a one day Excursion to Put-N-Bay on the Jet Express.
- 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. See the attached flier.
- Y-Knot is having their Commodore's Ball October 15, 2016
- Finally the A.B.Y.A. Christmas Charity Ball December 3, 2016.

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.

On a final note, we should be all proud of our Sea Cadet support. This is where some of our Fundraiser money goes.

Alexander Yeiser is to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, fulfills a longtime goal. He said when he visited the facility; he fell in love with the campus and the people.

Alexander Stoyka said a visit to the Naval Station in Norfolk, Va is where he discovered his love of ships and ship building and architecture. **He also served in the Sea Cadets out of Selfridge Air Force Base** in Harrison Township.

**Congrats to the Sea Cadets, may you continue your future successes!!!!**

After working with, and on your A.B.Y.A. Board for the past 6 months, we are fulfilling our duty and commitment to the Constitution and By-Laws set up by the founders of this Organization. Now it is your turn to enact your duties!!!

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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