



The October Quill



Delegates, Commodores, Past ABYA Commodores,

There is still so much going on, and around the Anchor Bay Yachting Association and the Clubs I wanted to give everyone a brief update as far as what happened in the Sunday October 2th 2016 meeting. It was hosted by, and at the Idle Hour Yacht Club. After the meeting was called to order and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance, a wonderful invocation was presented by Gregg Murray of the North Channel Yacht Club and Great Lakes Cruising Club. Secretary Craig did a roll-call of the officers and Clubs. He stated 9 clubs have a perfect attendance this year at the general membership meeting, and congratulated them. Commodore Rick commented, our Club Mentor programs are still in place and if there is anything our Club would like us to do for them please get a hold of your Club mentor. We still need help in the Millionaire's parties in October and November, selling chips even for just a couple hours, we would appreciate it. Commodore Rick also mentioned our 2017 ABYA goals, some of which include; having guest speakers for next year, and what we are doing to help better assist our affiliate Clubs in getting new members. Vice Commodore Ed will be presenting these in detail.

During the Secretary report, Craig presented the flyer for the next General Membership Meeting. It will be Monday November 7th. Hosted by, and at the Windmill Point Yacht Club 7:30 the dinner is at 6:00 pm. The uniform dress blue blazer, grey slacks, white shirt, and black tie, will be required, in order to vote on the Proposal change in the bylaws, along with voting for the Secretary for 2017. Please wear the proper uniform to that meeting. Host clubs, bring in the flyers, or email them to me so that he may distribute them to Delegates. Please make your dinner reservations for the general membership meeting prior to the deadline date on the flyer. The 2017 ABYA member dues and applications will be passed out during the Good of the Order. Those clubs that were not present will have them mailed to them, please submit them prior to the due date on the application. We are still looking for a sponsor, or co-sponsor for the 2017 May, and November meetings, it is a great opportunity to create camaraderie between the clubs. It is the delegate's responsibility to communicate the information received at the meetings to their clubs. The Treasurer Kim reported, and reviewed the cost and income of September. She then presented the information for the 2017 Spring Rendezvous in Midland. Rear Commodore Brian did the presentation on the 2016 Christmas Charity Ball December 3rd at the Barrister Gardens, Ball tickets are available. Vice Commodore Ed did a brief synopsis on the Ships Store. He also mentioned that the Safety Book for 2017 will be in color, if you would like to provide an ad for that book, please see him, or email him. The 2016 50-50 tickets for the Christmas Ball he would like back prior to the November 7th

meeting. They will be redistributed to other clubs. In November, the guest speaker will be Captain Luke Clyburn of the Pride of Michigan. Then he discussed in great detail some of the events that we will be doing to support our member clubs in 2017. One of which is to present our Club's applications, and information at the Detroit Boat Show and also at the Metropolitan Beach Boat Show. He asked all of our Clubs to either bring, or email the membership applications, and correspondence of their Club, so we may be able to distribute them at our booth during those two shows. Some of our speakers next year will include discussing issues about the DEQ. This may be an interest to not only our Club members, but also others who this is affecting in our waterways. P/C Commander Mitch from the Detroit Power Squadron did a short synopsis on the Asian carp in the Mississippi, and potentially a way to be able to utilize this issue in a productive manner. Past Commodore Terry was looking for names for the Secretary of 2017, no one came forward. Mike Kidd presented his letter of intent to run for this position. He is from the Nautical Mile Yacht Club (one with a perfect attendance this year). He was there with his wife Velma, and introduced her. Past Commodore Terry also reminded that we are looking for people to help out at the Millionaires parties. There were three Past Commodore of the ABYA in attendance. Bill Callahan did a brief speech on the USS Detroit and the inauguration of that vessel in October downtown Detroit. There was no old business discussed, nor no new business discussed.

In closing, Commodore Rick wanted to thank The Idle Hour Yacht Clubs Commodore Cindy Kopchak, Delegate P/C Mike Ingram, along with Laura and Bob Mair, and everyone else that helped in facilitating this meeting. It was a Beautiful day at the newly remodeled Idle Hour Yacht Club. If you have not had a chance to see this facility, and what they have done, please stop by. The meeting was adjourned

As always the flyers are attached for your distribution to your Club Membership.

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

Craig Skupny