



BOYNE CITY YACHT CLUB

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DOCKLINES

2007 Social Season Begins with *CARNIVAL*

The BCYC social season got off to a roaring start this year with the Multi-Club party, *CARNIVAL*, held on February 17th at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club.

Over 150 members of the Boyne City and Bay Harbor yacht clubs were in attendance. Our BCYC hosts, Mike and Ralph Stowe, joined BHYC hosts Bob & Sharon Grooter and Gary & Ruth Matthews in putting together a tremendous event. The evening's food offerings were spectacular and included numerous food stations with a wide

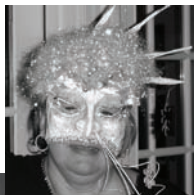
array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Nobody went home hungry at the end of the evening!

Most of the attendees wore costumes, hats or masks which made the evening very festive. A disc jockey provided musical entertainment, allowing a few of the attendees an opportunity to "work off" some of what they ate!

THANKS to our event hosts for all their hard work and for getting the BCYC social season started with such a **GREAT PARTY!**



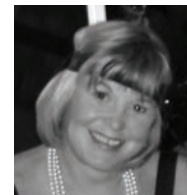
Jan Salisbury



Hank and Carol Ross



BCYC Hosts Mike & Ralph Stowe with BHYC Hosts Bob & Sharon Grooter and Gary & Ruth Matthews



The Flapper and the "Hathaway Man"

COMING SOON at a BCYC event near you...

Commodore's Ball
May 19th
Charlevoix Country Club

Harbor Springs Cruise
June 2nd
Harbor Springs Marina

Mark Madness - Cajun Shrimp Boil
June 9th
Boyne City

BCYC Membership

Share "Living Life to its Fullest" with others by encouraging them to join BCYC! Membership application forms are available on the BCYC website: boyncityyachtclub.com/membership.html



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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

I am very lucky (and most grateful) to be working with the dedicated group of volunteers that serve on the BCYC Board of Directors. There is a lot that happens during the winter months to make the yacht club year a success. Detailed below are the highlights the Board activity to date.

First up was the successful completion of our member database project, and the design and printing of our new Membership Directory. The directory is the club's biggest administrative expense and the product most used by our members. The cost of publishing the directory has increased substantially in the past several years, and we have struggled with both cost and quality. This year's publication is the result of months of diligent effort and I hope you are pleased with the result. With the new prototype in place, and active management of our database, we are well positioned for future years. A special thank you to Carol Ross for allowing us to use her painting on the cover; Jim Carter for endless hours of editing; Membership Director Nancy Shear for data coordination and mailing, and Kathie Beamer for database management.

Each BCYC year begins with the significant effort involved in planning a great lineup of Club social events; hats off to Cruise Fleet Co-Captains Jim McKernan and Helen Truchan for their successful effort. Those lucky enough to attend the February and March functions know how special they were...so a big round of applause to our

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CRUISE FLEET UPDATE

Welcome to the 2007 social season. The February Multi-Club event was a real "Carnival" with a strolling dinner held at Bay Harbor. This great, new activity started the season with members having the opportunity to meet and greet, as well as to enjoy a delicious dinner. Next, came the "Wearin' of the Green" where plenty of party favors jump started a wonderful Irish evening with music provided by Sean Ryan's son, Patrick Ryan. All of the 70-plus attendees brought their Irish laughter and had a celebration worthy of St. Patty's Day. Marian Stetson won the 50/50 drawing so not only did she wear green; she also pocketed some to the tune of \$175. A grand way to celebrate!

While regrettably it became necessary to cancel the Spring Fling at Boyne Mountain, a big "Thank You" to event co-hosts Pat & Bob Nakoneczny and Laurie & Terry Marrs for all their work trying to make "Happy Feet" a go.

Mark your calendars for the Commodore's Ball. Scheduled for May 19, it's an event you don't want to miss! You should have received your invitation in the mail by now. If not, please contact Mike Sheean @ 231-582-4030. Don't forget to RSVP by May 1st

Following the Ball, we head into the cruising season beginning with the Harbor Springs Cruise on June 2nd, the *Mark Madness* Cajun Shrimp Boil on June 9th, the Bay Harbor cruise on June 23rd, and a new cruise location, Petoskey, set for July 7th. These are just a few of the upcoming events. Watch your email or fliers for details and registration deadlines; you don't want to miss out!

Jim and Helen

COMMODORE'S COLUMN, CONT'D

hosts Mike & Ralph Stowe, Dick & Donna Deal, and Jim & Martha McKernan. (Thanks also to Bob & Sharon Grooter and Gary & Ruth Matthews from the Bay Harbor Yacht Club for their work on the Multi-Club Party.) Our apologies to Terry & Laurie Marrs and Bob & Pat Nakoneczny who planned a great event for April which had to be cancelled due to the low number of responses received by the sign-up deadline. Because oftentimes members decide to attend an event after the final sign-up date, in the end we may have had a good turnout for the Spring Fling. However, given the fixed costs for this event, the Club could not move forward unless it had the minimum number of participants needed to cover these expenses. So, if you plan to attend a particular event, PLEASE get your reservation in on time.

In January, Director Bob Kopec advised that, due to other commitments, he would not serve out the remainder of his term on the Board. Bob did a wonderful job of leading our race fleet program and we appreciate his service. He will remain actively involved in BCYC, and continue to assist with the Mark Madness event. Chris Kuhn has accepted an appointment to fill the resulting vacancy and will assist Race Fleet Captain Dave Malusi. This year's race season will bring expanded, exciting opportunities for our competitive sailors. First up is the June 9-10, *Mark Madness* event for the benefit of Challenge Mountain. We need volunteers to serve on the Committee Boats, as well as boats and crews to set the race marks. I encourage everyone to attend the *Mark Madness* Cajun Shrimp Boil on June 9. See Dave's Race Fleet Captain's article on page 5 for more details, and **show your support by participating!**

Ship's Store manager John Miett has been preparing for the upcoming season by cleaning out old inventory and selecting and stocking new logo clothing. Check out the etched BCYC wine glasses too (they're very cool). Taking on the assignment of historian, Past Commodore Mike Sheean has been gathering and organizing the club's historic information and looking for new ways to preserve and share it – let him know if you have items or stories to add. Membership Director Nancy Shear has developed new informational and welcome materials. BCYC packets are now available at the Boyne City Chamber office. Meanwhile, Vice Commodore Bill Greenwalt and Rear Commodore Kurt Wietzke, along with Treasurer Rob Swartz and Secretary Terry Marrs, have been providing day-to-day leadership and tending to the Club's operational requirements.

Your feedback lets us know if we are on the right course and gives us the opportunity to improve Club functions. I've introduced a standing item on our Board meeting agenda called "member communication" where we discuss what we have heard from the membership. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback are important to us, so please share them in person, on the phone, or via email with any Board member.

My final comment involves some information received by the Board that it thought might be of interest to you. The Friends of the Boyne River are working on a project to stop the damaging erosion of the banks of the Boyne River along Old City Park. They have been successful in securing grants and donations, but still need additional financial support to reach their goal. If you would like to help, donations may be sent to Friends of the Boyne River, c/o Nancy Cunningham, 622 W. Michigan, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Kathe

"EVENT HOSTS" PREPARE FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL SEASON

In the middle of January, dozens of BCYC members braved the elements to attend the 2007 Event Hosts gathering at the home of Cruise Fleet Co-Captain Jim McKernan and his wife Martha. The purpose of the get-together was to help attendees prepare for the BCYC events they'd be hosting during the 2007 social season. It also the Club's way of saying "Thank You" in advance for all the hard work and great job the event hosts will do throughout the year. If you'd like to attend next year, be sure to let a Board member know this Fall you'd like to be an Event Host next year!



Cruise Fleet Co-Captain Jim McKernan addresses the 2007 Event Hosts



Event Hosts enjoying a GREAT spread!



WEARIN' O' THE GREEN



Marion "O'Stetsen" wins the 50/50



"Tabhair póg dom, táim Éireannach!"
(Kiss me I'm Irish)



Billy the Leprechaun says "Sláinte!"

You didn't need to be Irish to be Green this year...at least not as a Boyne City Yacht Club member! All you had to do was show up for the BCYC "Wearin' o' the Green" party at the Dilworth on March 10th. Co-hosts Dick & Donna Deal and Jim & Martha McKernan did a great job arranging the Club's second social event of the season!

Upon their arrival, attendees donned Irish party wear. Many then moved on to the Library where they ordered themselves a pint of Guinness or a wee bit o' Jameson.

When it was time to eat, the Dilworth offered up a great buffet with corn beef, cabbage, and all the fixin's. Following dinner, the crowd was entertained by Irish singer Patrick Ryan, Sean Ryan's son.

The evening's 50/50 drawing netted Marion "O'Stetsen" \$175!! (Remember what Kermit says Marion, "It's not easy being green.")

Congratulations to the Deals and McKernans on a great event, and "Thanks" to Fritz and Nancy Salden for their help with the party favors.



Dinning on corn beef and cabbage



Éirinn go Brách - Ireland Forever



FROM THE RACE FLEET CAPTAIN

Preparation for the season is in full swing! *Mark Madness* is taking up a lot of our time and we promise a bigger and better event! New items for this year include a fleet discount for groups of five or more boats of the same class, and live entertainment at the Cajun Shrimp Boil in the form of Dave Cisco.

Remember, this is THE big charity event for the BCYC. We have had a long tradition of helping Community organizations and this has been a major effort. Challenge Mountain has done a wonderful job with their Special Needs clients in the areas of skiing, snowboarding, hiking, and camping. The goal of providing a sailboat for those clients should be near and dear to all of us who are able to enjoy our beautiful lake.

We are in great need for volunteers to help staff the event both on shore and on the water. Also, if you have a powerboat and/or crew available for the event, please contact me at 582-5998. We will almost certainly have two courses, which means we'll need twice as many course and Committee Boats. If you have a sailboat and crew available, we'd love to see you out there sharing the fun (don't forget we have a Cruising Fleet too). We also have a great need for sponsors; any level of sponsorship will be appreciated and recognized. Remember, this event is on the Club's social calendar. If you haven't experienced our own Cajun Shrimp Chef Bob Kopec's magical, culinary talents, you must mark your calendar for Saturday June 9th!

For more information on *Mark Madness*, visit our brand new website at www.markmadnes.com (only one "s").

In other Race Fleet news, rumor has it that one of our leading competitors is in the process of bringing home a hot-rod sailboat. Hmmmmmm, it could get interesting out there this summer!

Dave Malusi

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

By now you should have received your copy of the new and improved 2007 BCYC Membership Directory. "THANK YOU" Carol Ross for allowing your original painting of the Boyne City marina to grace the cover, and Mary Johnson of Johnson Graphics in Boyne City for your creativity in designing the directory's new format!

The directory lists the names of those members whose 2007 membership dues were paid by January 31st. Members renewing or joining after that date are included in our membership database and will receive all mailings. An insert for the directory, listing the names of these members, will be included with the next *DOCKLINES*. If you haven't received your directory, or you'd like to report corrections, please contact Nancy Shear at (231) 582-3429, or ncshear@charter.net. For those wishing additional copies of the directory, a limited supply will be available for purchase at upcoming events for \$5.00 each.

Our new database program is up and running and member information has been entered as accurately as possible. Renewal forms were often hard to decipher (we must be a club full of doctors!), but every attempt was made to verify any questionable data. Please review your listing and report any errors so we can make corrections. Also, throughout the year, please remember to report any address changes to us, e-mail or snail mail. Lastly, for e-mail members, if your spam protection blocks mass mailings, please add events@boynecityyachtclub.com to your address book.

Finally, welcome to new members Ward Cook, Jerry Corcoran, Greg & Pat Curry, and Jim & Nancy McKinstry.

Nancy Shear

FROM THE SHIP'S STORE

Be sure to come and take a look at the new items in our Ship's Store. We have fleeces, denim shirts, polo shirts and hats...all with a new BCYC logo! Most sizes are currently available for purchase. Another great item the Store has are the new large wine glasses etched with our the logo. The Ship's Store is located inside "Eyes on Main" at 102 E. Main Street in Boyne City. If you have any questions, please call me at (231) 582-7940

John Miett

***BoyneThunder* and the BCYC Champagne Cruise**

BoyneThunder is back, along with the BCYC Champagne Cruise! As many of you know, the cruise is now part of the two-day *BoyneThunder* poker run charity event, which has been held in Boyne City the past three years. This year's event is scheduled for July 20-21. The Champagne Cruise will be held on Saturday, July 21st. Participation in the cruise provides BCYC members a great opportunity to support Camp Quality's work in "**letting kids with cancer be kids again.**" (It's also a great opportunity to view the poker run boats "up front and personal" as they make their way back to Boyne City!) Bud Shear and Greg Krueger are co-chairing this year's cruise. Whether you'd like to include your boat in the cruise fleet or simply be a guest on someone else's boat, please let Bud know by calling him at (231) 582-3429. The donation for cruise guests is \$75 per person. Just ask anyone who's participated in the past and you'll know why this is one cruise you won't want to miss!



Champagne Cruise participants waive as
BoyneThunder poker run boats pass in review