

DYC 2014
Annual Winter Rendezvous
February 19-23, 2014

Come join Commodore Fred & Mary for the Annual DYC Winter Rendezvous at Key Largo, Florida **February 19 - 23, 2014 at the luxurious Key Largo Bay Resort Marriott!**

Below you will find the weblink to book your room online. You can also call their toll-free reservations line at (888) 731-9056. *Please note that all members/guests must use the toll-free number provided or use the weblink provided to make their reservation. **Please sign up on the DYC website so that we can have a head count in advance.**

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Please join us for a cocktail reception in the Carr suite on Thursday. We have a wonderful 3 hour Sunset Dinner Cruise planned with Island Time Cruise Company for Friday. During the daytime hours we have set up group rates with Pirate Island Divers (www.pidivers.com) for diving, snorkeling, Jet Ski Eco tours or just jet skiing, private charters, Back Country fishing charters and Deep Sea Fishing Charters, swimming with dolphins and they even have Kayaks & SUPs for rental. For those who want a different adventure, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the first undersea park in the U.S. offers a variety of activities or a relaxing pontoon boat tour of the Everglades. All aboard Bunker & Nancy Kelly's boat for a cocktail cruise Saturday afternoon. After the boat cruise we can all meet up for a group dinner (TBD).

Deadline date to sign up is January 29, 2014

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January 2014

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Events

HOLIDAY DE-DECORATING

138TH ANNUAL OFFICERS' BALL

COMMODORE FRED AND MARY CARR
 REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
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 138TH ANNUAL OFFICERS' BALL
 TO BE HELD
 SATURDAY, THE 25TH OF JANUARY
 TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN
 AT EIGHTEEN HUNDRED HOURS

THE DETROIT YACHT CLUB
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Black Tie

The Detroit Yacht Club Presents

"Dancing at the Grand"

with

Paul King & the Rhythm Society Orchestra

Swing • Foxtrot • Latin • Waltz

Saturday, April 5th, 2014

\$25 per person

Optional swing dance lesson: add \$5

Cash Bar

Recommended Dress: Semi-Formal, Vintage attire, Formal or Snappy Casual.

- Doors open at 6:30 pm Optional Dance lesson 7-8 pm
- Band performs 8:15 pm to Midnight
- Proceeds benefit the DYCF Foundation for restoration of the Clubhouse
- For More information email: jgibson1074@gmail.com

Come to the Club before the Dance
 Make a dinner reservation in the Grill (313) 824-1200 x 234

To charge by phone call Emily Brandt at (313) 824-2788. You will be put on a will call list.

Tables of eight may be reserved in advance at no additional charge.
 To reserve a table give your seating preference to Emily Brandt.



Calling all Grinches

Saturday, January 4, 2014
 at 8:00 am

or when you can make it in the morning!



Un - decorate the Club

We need volunteers for un-decorating the Clubhouse and moving the decorations to the top of Mount Crumpet (otherwise known as the DYCF attic). Since we couldn't get any Whos from Who-Ville this year, we need You's from You-Ville! Afterwards a fine lunch will be served; hopefully the Chef has saved at least one can of Who Hash.

See you there!

Vision. December's Fireside Chat was a vision of then* Director Dryovage's wife and Boutique Committee Chairwoman Tracey Dryovage. Yes, the fireplace was lit which added to the Trophy Room's seasonal decorations along with comfortable couches and chairs around the hearth completing the picture perfect ambiance. It was festive, homey, relaxed, classy, and well attended. Thirty plus members attended to take advantage of an opportunity to discuss their Club with their elected representatives. In addition it was a great opportunity for members and guests to use a beautiful part of their Club House, something I'd like to do more of. I was given the honor



of making an announcement about a new member who will be joining us upon his/her birth seven months from now to members Mr Scott & Mrs. Agnieszka Shepard. Other topics ranged from finances, strategic planning, new

membership initiatives and the City of Detroit's lease of their park to the State of Michigan.

For the benefit of those that couldn't make the Fireside Chat: regarding finances; the need for the pre-pay your 2014 dues, dock fees and assessment incentive package was discussed, for additional details please see Rear Commodore Gierlach's and Treasurer Nowicki's articles in this edition. Regarding Membership; the Board received the first edition of this year's Marketing Plan on the 18th of December and we are presently reviewing in preparation to adopt and support the plan early next year. Then of course there is the current special ending prior to the Cobo Hall Boat Show. Regarding Strategic Planning; the year hiatus that committee had is over and they'll be back identifying and providing Club Management and the Board with long term strategies for success in our ever changing part of the world. And regarding the most recent change to "our world", "All In for Belle Isle" paraphrasing a poker term, "all in", meaning holding nothing back, putting forth everything you have towards one specific outcome was the mantra Mayor Dave Bing and Governor Rick Snyder used to convey the partnership between the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan at the lease kick off meeting on December 10th. January marks the mid-point of the City, State transition having a completion date of mid-February 2014. Our management team, some members, Commodore Brooks and I attended this meeting where we were able to make personal contact with the various groups who are "all in" to make this transition a success. Upon introduction to one official I was pleased to hear him announce that he was aware of our access concerns for member's guests with an assurance that we would work something out and to my follow-up regarding traffic flow it was decided that an official MDOT traffic flow analysis would be conducted. All and all it was a great meeting and as I stated in an earlier edition Location, Location, Location, and our location is getting lots of attention that we will be poised to benefit from.

We're still on course, holding straight and true focused on fiscal responsibility, delivering on our mission statement's goals while putting forth a full court press to grow our membership ranks; a back to basics approach if you will with emphasis on DYC core values and practices."

*"then" refers to Pete's term as a Director which expired in 2013
And that's the way it is from the Helm.

HISTORY OF THE OFFICERS' BALL

The first Officers' Ball was held on the first Thursday after New Years in January, 1878. The first Commodore so honored was Samuel Cowan. The second Commodore of the Club and all thirty members of the Club were in attendance as well as invited guests. The Ball was held at the Ste. Claire Hotel in downtown Detroit. All the gentlemen wore white tie and tails and all their ladies wore formal evening gowns. Formal attire has continued to be a hallmark of this event making it, perhaps, the oldest continuous formal event in the City of Detroit. The event opened with cocktails, followed by a formal dinner. The dinner was followed by a Grand March led by the Officers of the Club organized by rank. After the Grand March, a Receiving Line was formed for receiving all attendees. Dancing continued until the wee hours of the morning.

From 1878 through 1922, the Ball continued to be held at the Ste. Claire Hotel in the early years and the Tuller Hotel in later years. The reason that the Balls were held in hotels were twofold. Until the opening of our current Clubhouse, the DYC was seasonal. Our prior Clubhouses did not have heating capabilities with the Clubhouse closing after the Halloween Party in October and reopening in April for the spring sailing season. The other reason was that the prior Clubhouses did not have a Ballroom large enough for all the membership.

All of the features of the original Ball have continued to be part of the event through the present Ball.

With the relocation of the Club to its current fifth Clubhouse, two changes occurred. The first change was providing a full hot breakfast after dancing ended at 2:00 am. The partygoers would leave in the wee hours of the morning to shower, change clothes and prepare for work. The second change took place in 1935 after the repeal of Prohibition. The Club would stop serving drinks at 2:00 am. The Commodores would begin serving free drinks until 3:00 am when hot breakfast would commence. This practice continued until 1989 when changing lifestyles saw most partygoers departing between 12:00 midnight and 1:00 am.



Commodore Edwin C. Theisen, Jr., 1989
DYC Historian

Marriott Renaissance Center



is offering DYC Members special rate of

**\$134 per night for
The Officers' Ball**

Including Transportation to and from the Club for groups
Guests must make reservations by the
Saturday, January 11, 2014 cut off date.

Individual reservations on-line at the following:

Shuttle bus service will be available for members

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/DetroitYachtClubOfficersBall>

**You may also call 1-800-352-0831
to make a reservation by phone.**

FROM THE SECRETARY

TODD EIB

Happy New Year, I wish you the best for a happy and prosperous 2014. This month, the finance team presented improved numbers overall as Management and Finance work to align the cost of services to the current revenue stream. Our new Controller, Richard Price is on-board and improvements with information, data, and processes have been noticed. The budget for January was approved and Director Koueiter was named to lead a new Committee with the focus on assisting the Club with collections of past due accounts and bad debts.



On December 7th, the House Committee, lead by Commodore Brooks and Facilities Manager Jeff Michels conducted a walkthrough of the facilities and the grounds with the full Board of Directors and Trustees. The RAIL list, (Rolling Action Item List), was reviewed and updated. The new Board Members were brought up to speed on critical maintenance items. The RAIL list projects were updated by importance and feasibility. During the month, the House Committee also accepted a donation by Commodore Telmos of a 50" Television he had won at the Frostbite Rendezvous. The television is to be added to the Grill Bar. The House Committee is also conducting a full review of House Rules with input from Club Management. The review is ongoing and any changes adopted will be reported on.

The 2014 Membership, Marketing recruitment plan and budget was submitted to the Board for review during the December 18th meeting. Board members will review and submit feedback to Management for the 2014 rollout. A resolution was adopted to provide a complimentary ticket to the Officers' Ball for our Member volunteers whom work the event. The Board also adopted revised standing rules. The changes made were basic language clean-up coinciding with the recent changes with the Articles of Incorporation.

Every month I look forward to our discussions and you can always reach me at: secretary@dyc.com

FROM THE TREASURER

DAN NOWICKI

My fellow DYC members, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I am looking forward to the New Year.

As you know, with the passage of the increase, the Board is going to be pushing hard to drive new members. This effort starts with all of us, the current members. We all need to work hard on recruiting members so we can hit our goal of 600 active members and lower our monthly dues. To do this we only need 25% of the current active members to sign up one new member and we should achieve our goal.



In addition, I would like to welcome Rick Price as the new controller. Rick started right before Thanksgiving and has been working hard to get up to speed on our systems. He and I will continue to work on improving the accounting processes to ensure we always have accurate and timely information. We are continuing to work on catching up payable with our vendors. Please remember to pay your bill on time and if you are able, take advantage of the dues prepayment discount.

Thank you to all members for their support of the Club this past year. In just a few short months it will be time to start thinking about spring and warmer weather.

GENERAL MANAGER

JIM SIDES

A very Happy New Year to all. With each New Year we have a tradition to make resolutions. These are usually goals we set for ourselves for self-improvement or work improvement or family orientated goals. They could be weight loss, or stop smoking, or buy that new 80" flat screen. But the general rationale is to make ourselves feel better.

With that my new goal, and a goal I want to share with my fellow DYC'ers and I hope you join me, is to **MAKE OUR BRAND SHINE**.

As we pass into 2014 we have wonderful things happening to the island. The State is taking over and already you see improvements. There is buzz on the streets about how the island will transform under the many improvements coming. I even read a major news article that was Detroit positive.

Now it has been a rough year. I am glad 2013 is in the books. Club wise we had the dredging, well reclassification and a dues increase. All while the economy has remained tepid. But all of these things were needed and will go to greatly improving the club experience over the next three years. So let us not focus on those issues but rather focus on bringing in new members.

If I am right we will be the only private yacht club on a state run island/park in Michigan. That's a big deal. We still have the largest clubhouse of any yacht club at 96000 sq. ft. We still have the greatest members of any club anywhere. A new GM, a new Controller, a new Chef. New menus rolling out quarterly. New events being planned, new twists to some older events and more activity around the club.

OUR BRAND is ready to shine. I can see a future where people will hate they missed out on the ground floor of the rebirth of Detroit, Belle Isle and of course, the Detroit Yacht Club.

As promised in my last article I have started a Twitter account, @DYCGM. Please follow me. I will be "tweeting" happenings in the Club, on the island and every now and again, even "tweet" some special discounts. I am working on setting up the blog and GM FaceBook account and will e-blast that as soon as I have them set. Slainte,



REMINDER

Any production Company coming into the Club must go through the Club Administration Office (Movie productions, Commercials, Photo Shoots as examples). There are certain procedures that must be followed.

The contact person is Margaret Gmeiner
(313) 824-1200 x 232 or mgmeiner@dyc.com

PLEASE

Make Your Reservations in advance for ALL Club Events.
Reservations are a necessary part in assuring successful events. Thank you in Advance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DYC FOUNDATION

MARK LIFTER, PRESIDENT

CLOSING OUT 2013 AND SETTING THE AGENDA FOR 2014

Just a few days ago, the Detroit Yacht Club Foundation concluded its second year of fund raising. The Foundation Board of Trustees continues to record and process contributions mailed in the last few days of 2012 and will soon be able to report results.

With the new year underway, the Foundation is turning to its agenda for 2014. Some key elements of this agenda include:

- More specific planning to get ready for the first phase of clubhouse restoration, now planned for the east exterior beginning later in 2014. This will entail finalizing the scope and specifications for the work to be undertaken, taking into account funds that will be available, both in terms of cash in hand and future pledges.
- Continued communications to members and friends about overall restoration needs and phasing of the work that must be done over the coming years to stop further damage from water intrusion and to bring our clubhouse to a beautiful condition where continuing damage is arrested and other interior improvements can begin.
- Planning and holding a recognition event for our contributors.
- Reaching out more effectively to prospective donors for support.

As 2014 begins, we have a few changes to our Foundation team. Paul Krietsch resigned from the Board of Trustees late last year. We thank Paul for his valuable input and insights in the early years of Foundation operations. We are pleased to announce that Greg Nowak has joined the Board as a Trustee. Greg was instrumental in spearheading our successful application for recognition on the National Register of Historic Places. He also guided the initial formation of the Foundation, and has been a continuing source of advice and counsel since then. John Gelle has been added to the Foundation Advisory Board and will serve as Co-Chair of our Historic Preservation Committee with Al Tuomaala. This committee is charged with assuring that any restoration work is done with quality, is cost-effective, and is sensitive to historic preservation guidelines. With extensive experience in the construction industry and with historic building work, John is a great addition to our advisory group.

The Foundation is always looking for members to assist us. If you or someone you know has skills in communications, event planning, public relations, fundraising or grant writing, please email us at info@dyfoundation.com or call (313) 757-5240.

On behalf of my fellow trustees (Robin Heller, Sean Murphy, Greg Nowak, John Savage, and Ed Theisen), best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive 2014.



CHEF CRAIG'S CORNER

CRAIG DECK



As the colder temperatures of winter set in and the beautiful decorations of the Club shine for members as well as guests coming to the Club, I am reminded that the DYC is more than a club, it's a family. We have seen that people can refer to their relatives as family but how many can refer to their club as family? As a Club we face many problems just as a family would but everyone seems to try to step up and

help out. I look around and see members helping members, members helping employees and even employees helping members, not because we have to but because we want to and this is because we all have this extended family known as the Detroit Yacht Club. So as the year progresses into a new season, remember to help support each other and continue this legacy of the DYC Family so the future will bring more members to our wonderful family tree.

Currently I am creating an exciting new menu to debut in February. This menu will contain some of our signature items that we all enjoy, such as the Lake Perch, DYC Crab Cake, DYC Hot & Brown and the Club Front, while bringing in some new items like Corned Beef Sliders, Salmon Burger, Portobello Ravioli and an 18 oz Bone-In NY Strip Steak that has been aged to perfection for 45 days. We, as a culinary staff, are working hard to keep the menu exciting and enjoyable. Please remember that if you don't see it on the menu you can always ask. Accommodating membership is our number one priority; if we have it, we will make it for you or if there is something special that you would like for an upcoming occasion give us some advanced notice and I will get it for you. Please be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for all Club events, including our new cooking classes that we plan on beginning next month.

You may wonder why we ask for your reservations; well, knowing in advance helps us manage our labor and food costs, controlling costs are a concern for us all, please help us to do our part by making your reservation(s) as early as you can.

As your Chef, I am committed to making every event personal and professional so that they can be enjoyed by all. I am also committed to making every meal you order, be it from the Grill Restaurant or from our famous DYC Bar the highest quality and most enjoyable possible. In conclusion I would like to share a recipe I use to bring warmth to my family during the cold month of January, it is my hope your family will enjoy it as much as mine does.



INGREDIENTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Lamb Shank | 3 | pound |
| Butter | 2 | ounces |
| Salt & Pepper | as needed | |
| Root vegetables | 2 | cups |
| Flour | ¼ | cup |
| Beef stock | to cover | |
| Parsley, chopped as garnish | | |

For Root Vegetables:

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|------|
| Carrots, turn cut | 2 | each |
| Parsnips, turn cut | 2 | each |
| Red onions or pearl | 1 | cup |
| Small red potatoes, Split | 1 | cup |
| Leeks, small, split | 1 | each |

DIRECTIONS

In a large crock pot or Dutch oven add butter on medium to high heat. Brown the lamb shanks on all sides then add carrots, onions, parsnips and stock and simmer covered 2 to 3 hours. Add potatoes and leeks and continue cooking for another hour or until lamb and potatoes are fork tender. Remove all food to serving dish and then bring remaining sauce to a boil and use the flour mixed with water to create a white wash and thicken to desired consistency. Serve when ready with chopped parsley garnish.

Thank you for your patronage,
Chef Craig Deck

GARDEN CLUB

PAM MALONEY



BREAD BAKING CLASS

Ten people participated in the December 4th Bread Baking Class in the second floor kitchen at the Club. A good time was had by all and we raised some money for the gardens. Special thanks to the DYC staff who helped up put this event together. The highlight of the evening was watching our very own Commodore, Fred Carr, create an impressive and delicious pizza. Well done, Commodore!

UP COMING EVENTS

January 21, 2014: Garden Club will meet at the Maloney's to talk about the gardens and to make plans for the annual DYC Garden Club Cookery School.

February, 2014: No Garden Club Meeting

March, 2014: Garden Club Meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of the month depending on the Club calendar for the month.

April, 2014: Our annual DYC Garden Club Cookery School will be held on **Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** As in the past we will include cooking demonstrations, tastings, lunch, a cookbook, door prizes, a boutique and a raffle.

More information will be provided on a poster in the Blue Hallway closer to the event and in future Main Sheet articles. So save the date and sign up beginning in March. This is one of our two major events in the spring. The second is our Herb, Plant and Flower Sale, which takes place on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th, and 11th. Remember all profits from these events will be used for DYC Gardens.

We will also have our monthly Garden Club meeting.

DYC COOKBOOK, FOOD FOR ALL SEASON

Cookbook sales have picked up since we put them on sale for \$20.00. They will continue to be sold at that reduced price.

There are **over 20 hearty soups** in the cookbook that will get you through these very cold winter months. Everything from a classic French Onion Soup, a tasty Minestrone, a zesty Lemon Chicken Soup to a quick Tomato Basil Soup and so much more. Check them out.

Happy New Year to All

May you have a joyous, healthy and wonderful 2014 and may your gardens at home and our gardens at the Club be bountiful and beautiful this summer.

VOYAGEURS VENTURES

PATRICIA THULL O'BRIEN

Thank you to Past President Midge and John Savage and Jim and Nancy Foran for organizing and hosting our Annual Voyageurs Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 14th. As you may recall, that was the evening of our first Michigan snow storm where we accumulated 6"-10" of snow. I am proud to report that we did not have one cancellation for that evening, so, among other things, we toasted to the environmentally adventurous! Our Holiday Dinner is a most popular event and is a quick sell out with a wait list. It is a very exceptional evening. We enjoyed specially prepared hors d'oeuvres, moved to an excellent chef prepared entrée, and finished our meal with a lovely dessert and a Champagne toast. After dinner Earl Wolfe played the piano for our sing-a-long and listening enjoyment. We thank him for sharing his extraordinary talent with us. Thank you also to Mary Higgins who made the beautiful centerpieces for each of our tables. The evening was warm and extra special, right down to the hand made 12 Days of Christmas Chocolates by Midge Savage. It is the truly the wonderful touches by both Midge Savage and Nancy Foran that keep all of our events top notch. The winners of the wine certificate were David and Sandra Smith. For those who were not with us, we hope you join us next year!



Our January event, hosted by Len and Marilynn Maisner, will be held on Sunday, January 12th. Join in for bowling at the **Superbowl Community Bowling Centers at 45100 Ford Road in Canton (Canton Center and Ford Road)**. The event will run from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and will cost \$15.00 per person which includes two hours of bowling, bowling ball, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Families welcome. Do not worry about being a pro bowler; we are all in it for the fun! Please call in your reservation or make your reservation online.

We will hold our next Voyageurs Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm for dinner with a 7:00 pm Meeting in the DYC Grill Restaurant. Feel free to join in friendship for dinner and/or our meeting, open to all Voyageurs and prospective Voyageurs.

Hold on to your Lederhosen as the Voyageurs travel to Richter's Chalet for dinner on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. We will gather at 6:30 pm with dinner commencing at 7:00 pm. Richter's offers a wide variety of authentic German entrees which will be at each of our disposals as we make individual food and drink choices and are individually billed. Have a little Schnitzel or perhaps wait for dessert with their house specialty of fresh European pastries. Richter's also offers a wide selection of Imported German beer and wine. For four years running, Richter's has been voted the Best German Restaurant by the Detroit Free Press. Come and have fun while enjoying their warm and cozy atmosphere: Richter's Chalet, 23920 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan 48124. We will have a private room so space may be somewhat limited. Reserve early by contacting me Patricia Thull O'Brien (248) 345-3457 or email PTHULL@msn.com.

Questions about the Voyageurs?
Email or call Patricia Thull O'Brien (248)
345-3457 or
email PTHULL@msn.com



TRADITIONS COMMITTEE

PATRICIA THULL O'BRIEN

Com. Fred Carr has started a Traditions Committee. The purpose of this committee is twofold: To help ensure that we retain the salient traditions that have enriched our DYC history; and, secure that members feel that they are members of a Private Yacht Club and not a Marina.

As a preliminary effort before any formal Committee formation or meetings, we have held five facilitation/"Focus" sessions, representing a cross-section of the DYC population. Within these sessions we have had open streams of thought yielding insight and opinions. We have managed an open exchange that, during the meeting, is not intended for the purpose of finding solutions. Thus far, amongst the groups, most topics coming forth are common. We thank everyone that has been involved in this, sometimes rigorous, process.

Those who have participated in any of the sessions have been asked of their interest in continuing to work with the Traditions Committee. The Committee is also open to anyone else that might find it of importance. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm at DYC, room to be announced based upon attendance. This will be a working meeting that uses all of the inputs from the facilitation/focus sessions. So put on your 'thinking caps' and please reserve so that we can properly accommodate by emailing or calling me, Patricia Thull O'Brien, PTHULL@msn.com - 248-345-3457.

We really want to be all inclusive. So, if any of you are interested in being part of a facilitation/"Focus" session and/or part of the working Committee, please let us know. Feel free to call me (248) 345-3457, email: PTHULL@msn.com or Marilyn Maisner at (248) 473-4167, email: Imaisner@sbcglobal.net

DYC FLYING SCOTS

ALAN MINSTERMAN, DYC FLYING SCOTS & DRYA

It's winter, the boats are put to bed, but it's not time for us to sleep. Looking to still keep in the sailing mindset? Come and join us at some of the winter seminars of the DRYA on Wednesday nights January thru early April. Have you ever been to the Dossin Museum, GPYC, GLYC, NSSC, NCYC or PHYC? These are some of the other area Clubs that the seminars are held at. These seminars are free to DRYA members and non-members - anyone with the boating bug.

DRYA SEMINARS 2014

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 pm

- January 8 @ GPYC:** Voyages for all Ages: Life on the Water:
1) Pride of Michigan and the Sea Cadets Who Crew It;
2) Trawler to Alaska
- January 15 @ DYC:** Women in Sailing:
My Story by solo-circumnavigator Tania Aebi
- January 22 @ BYC:** The Play is Under Review
- January 29 @ GPYC:**
1) Great Lake Hydrology: History and Future;
2) Model Yacht Racing: Yes, You Can Take It With You
- February 5 @ GLYC:**
1) Buying and Selling a Boat in the Internet Age;
2) What to Look for When Purchasing Boat Insurance
- February 12 @ Dossin Museum:** History Under Your Keel
(free online ticket required - see DRYA website)
- February 26 @ EBC:** Do It Yourself Electronics and Choosing Sailing Instruments
- March 5 @ NSSC:** Diesel Engine Trouble Shooting
- March 12 @ GPSC:** Data Access with Mobile Devices, Post Race Data Analysis, Common Sailing Myths
- March 19 @ GLYC:** The Excitement of Match Racing
- March 26 @ NCYC:** ENCORE PRESENTATION - The Play is Under Review
- April 2 @ PHYC:** ENCORE PRESENTATION - The Excitement of Match Racing

Full descriptions of the presentations can be found at the DRYA webpage <http://drya.org/Seminars2014>

For up-to-date info regarding changes in schedule or weather alerts, visit the DRYA Facebook page.

Full topic description for upcoming week will be posted to Facebook and emailed to DRYA Members weekly.

DRYA SEMINAR WEBSITE



FACEBOOK -DRYA



DYC Book Club

Next four meetings and choice of book for each of these months.

January Meeting

Sunday, January 12 at high noon

- The Book chosen was "**Girls Like Us**" by Sheila Weller.

February Meeting

Sunday, February 9 at high noon

- The Book chosen was "**The Husband's Secret**" by Liane Moriarty.

March Meeting

Sunday, March 16 at high noon.

- The Book chosen was "**How The Light Gets In**" by Louise Penny.

This should give us a start and allow the fast readers to read books chosen for our book club instead of reading random books waiting for the next meeting. Everyone should be encouraged to come to each meeting regardless if they finished the book or not! Our goal is to have regular consistent meetings allowing all of us time to get together to discuss our chosen book and anything else that comes to mind! We meet in the Grill.

Contact: Mary Ann Motyka at maryannm@wowway.com

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

DYC Sea Gulls present

EUCHRE NIGHT

No Card Playing in December

**Next Game Will Be
Friday, January 10th**

You may sign-up at the DYC Reception Counter or contact Catherine Nierle for details

at (313) 567- 2571 or cnierle@comcast.net

AROUND AND ABOUT THE DYC

COMMODORE'S COFFEE



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Membership Committee would like to Welcome the following new members to the Detroit Yacht Club.

Intermediate

Daniel Jones & Alice Bagley

Reinstatement

Edward & Linda Jocque

BAR & GRILL HOURS

NEW HOURS FOR JANUARY

Grill Dining Room

Monday & Tuesday ~ No Food Service

Wednesday & Thursday

Restaurant Open

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Bar Food until 11:00 pm

Friday & Saturday

Lunch 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bar Food until Midnight

Sunday Dining

11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Bar Food until 11:00 pm

Grill Bar Lounge

Wednesday - Thursday

4:00 pm - 11 pm

Friday & Saturday

11:30 am - Midnight

Sunday

11:30 am - 11:00 pm

Call for reservations (313) 824-1200 ext. 234

See
Calendar for Special
Openings
and Closings

The Club Will be Closed

January 19 - 31

Except for January 25 for the Officers' Ball

FITNESS ROOM

Daily 5:00 am - 9:00 pm

Except Monday ~ 5 am - 7 pm

You must be min. of 18 years old to use equipment.

POOL HOURS

Monday - Friday 12:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Adult swimmers with a buddy or group are welcome to swim (without a lifeguard)

8 am -10 pm. You will need to sign a release form before using the pool during this time period.

Forms available at the Front Gate or Reception Counter.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

JIM NEUMANN

Hi everyone! Thanks for taking a peek at the Membership and Marketing section of this months Mainsheet!

There is a great recruitment effort going on at this time with an opportunity to "get paid" for growing the Club. There are other clubs running recruitment programs at this time but not many of them are "paying" members for their help. **WE ARE!**

One local Club managed to grow by over **500** members in a very short period. When I asked the Director of Membership from that particular club how they did it she said, "I didn't do it. 100% of the new Members came in because our Members recruited them." We continued our conversation for several minutes and we came to the conclusion that their members developed a new sense of PRIDE and a tribe-like persona. **500 new Members, can you imagine?!**

The Detroit Yacht Club can experience the same success with a membership drive; we have had such success in the past. In fact, during a recent Membership Committee meeting I was told that the DYC once had several hundred applicants in one day! ONE DAY! There are several elements to a successful Membership drive. The KEY to the success is YOU! Every Member of the DYC has to be a part of the long term success of the Club.

Mary Kate Peltz and I are ready, willing and able to help your personal effort to recruit a new member to the Club. But it starts with you. Invite them in for lunch, dinner or a drink. Ask them if they would like to see the rest of the clubhouse. If they say yes, stop by the office and see if one of the staff could assist. We have keys to get into every room of the clubhouse. Out tours are even a bit educational (even to the most seasoned member). No hard selling, just showing them the clubhouse and sharing in some history and information on club activities. You will be amazed at how rapidly the tour goes from tour to that person asking how they can become a member. No kidding, it is that easy.

So how do you get "paid"? Well, if you recruit an Active or Active Boating Member you earn \$50.00 per month Food and Beverage Credits for up to 12 months. Mary Kate and I can share more details with you...just drop us an email or a phone call. And YES, you can get more recruiters credits for each Active and Active Boating Member you recruit. Think of the good times you will have with that kind of FREE F&B on your account!

SO LETS GET RECRUITING! It is time to grow this Club to the point where there is a waiting list to get in.



Membership Meeting Times

Thursday, January 23

7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join the committees with a commitment to participate.

CONCERNS, CARES OR COMMENTS Your opinions regarding your experiences here at the Detroit Yacht Club are important. Please share any concerns or compliments with Margaret Gmeiner (313) 824-1200 Ext. 232. She will direct them to the appropriate department.

Whether they are small or large, please feel free to call.

DETROIT YACHT CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

"We are an Historic Private Yacht Club dedicated to providing a variety of outstanding dining, social, recreational and boating programs for our members, families and guests.

Dart League

7:30 pm

We will meet
First and Third
Wednesday
of the month.

Bring your Darts and
let the Games begin
Bring A Friend



6th Annual Winter Fest

All outdoor activities
weather permitting

Saturday, February 15th

10:00 - 11:30 am Continental
Breakfast \$5⁺⁺

11:30 am - 8:00 pm
Fried Chicken Buffet \$14⁺⁺

- Ice Skating 11 am ~ Dusk
- Ice Fishing 10 am ~ Dusk
- Snowman Building Noon ~ Dusk
- Cross Country Skiing Noon ~ Dusk
- Curling 11 am ~ Dusk
- Bon Fire All Day

Bring your friends to enjoy the
Winter Activities at NYC.



EIGHT BELLS



Mr. John R. Ciupak

(Former NYC Member and Father of Fleet Captain Andy Ciupak)

Sunday, December 15

Mrs. Jeanne (Polly) Paavola

(Mother of NYC Member Nancy & Jim Foran)

Wednesday, December 18

ROD & GUN CLUB

BILL & RICK

The Pheasant Invitational between NYC, DAC & BYC was outstanding! The skies were crystal clear and the temperature crisp with just a light dusting of snow covering the fields. There were eight field teams of pheasant shooters and a small but enthusiastic group shooting sporting clays.



NYC & BYC tied for number of birds shot, which required a trap shoot-off, ultimately Bayview Yacht Club won by three clays. The Rod & Gun club welcomed many new shooters at this event and was pleased to see several teenage shooters joining the group. The Baker, Stanford & Limback families made this hunt a family event ~ a perfect way to spend some quality time with friends & family, enjoying the outdoors and the beautiful Huntsman Hunt Club. Congratulations to Bayview on their win!

Up Coming Events:

• **Winter trap shooting at Bayview Yacht Club.** This event will be run by R & G co-chair Rick Michalski. Dates and times for this event will be e-mailed and posted as soon as the schedule is finalized. We will be looking for a team of shooters to represent the NYC in the Bayview shoot-off at the end of February ~ if you would like to participate in this competition, touch base with Rick. Trap shooting over the Detroit River is a "blast" and all are welcome to join the shoot! Please be sure contact Rick at boatflag@aol.com prior to shooting, as he needs to explain Bayview's rules and safety regulations.

• **Camp Newton Snowmobile Outing.** Brad Ballard offers the NYC R&G Club the use of his historic lodge. This lodge is in the middle of the Upper Peninsula and is an amazing place to snowmobile. Dates & details to follow. The Rod and Gun Club would also like to recognize members Com. Mario Chiesa and Rick Michalski who just returned from a two week horseback hunting trip in the mountains of Montana. If you see them around the Club ask them about the hunt and their search and rescue adventure!

We would also like to note the recent Georgia bird hunt that Com. Don Baker and Greg Baker enjoyed ~ great stories & lasting memories.

Enjoy the Outdoors!!!

Bill Schrader & Rick Michalski

WINE SOCIETY

Join your NYC friends as you enjoy wine!
Your annual membership is \$10 per person,
\$20 per couple.

Look for more details as we continue to enjoy wine,
food and friendship at the NYC!

Contact: Emily Brandt
Catering Manager
ebrandt@nyc.com
Direct Line (313) 824-2788



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

COM. JIM GIERLACH

Happy New Year DYC family, I hope your holiday season was great.

I'd like to publicly welcome our new Controller Rick Price to the team. Rick brings years of private club accounting experience to the DYC office staff, and has hit the ground running. As you can imagine, Rick has a challenging job and is quickly getting his arms around the Club's books. As he continues to learn and understand the dynamics here, I look forward to working with him, and the entire finance team, to improve our business processes, keep focused on fundamentals, and improved financial performance going forward.

A topic of critical importance to any business is collections. Director Rob Koueiter has been appointed by the Finance Committee to be the new "Club Collection Czar". Rob will work with accounting staff and help oversee collection efforts for all aging receivables. Additionally, our Assistant General Manager Bill Bowman has received coaching and instruction from the legal team to help navigate the Wayne County Small Claims Court system. AGM Bowman has attended several court proceedings and will vigorously pursue aging accounts.

Let's all support the Club we care about so much through the winter months. Enjoy the bar, enjoy Chef Craig's creations and enjoy the various activities we have available to us. We can also support the Club by paying our house accounts promptly, and by pre-paying all or part of 2014 dues, well fees, and assessment.

I'm looking forward to a great year at the Club.

Thank you,
Com. Jim Gierlach



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

VICE COMMODORE JOE BROOKS

As we start the New Year I would like to use my column to highlight some of the DYC's House Rules. The House Rules are established under the Bylaws by the House Committee of the Board of Directors. They exist for the general good of the membership for the purpose of maintaining orderly conduct of the Club's business. Although the House Rules like Guests (Rule 5), Private Parties (Rule 14) and Pets (Rule 29) are covered in new member orientation, if I asked you today where the House Rules are published - would you know? [Answer: they're at the back of the annual Main Sheet Harbor Guide & Membership Directory and posted on the DYC website.]

All members should take the time to read and understand the House Rules so that they have a better time while on Club property. Like many new members, I was here for several years before I actually took the time to open the directory and read them. So, by highlighting the House Rules here we can all gain a greater understanding. I plan to specifically highlight one rule per issue, using the rule itself, then expanding on some history and tips for compliance.

This month I'm highlighting **Rule 3: Proper Attire**. In general, the rule provides that in the Lobby and Second Floor (including the balcony), the preferred dress code is a coat and tie for men, and dresses or pantsuits for women. Acceptable attire includes collared shirts or sweaters with dress slacks for men and blouse and slacks for women. Blue jeans and boating attire are not acceptable in these areas except when the rules are expressly waived for a specific event. If you are hosting an event on the second floor, you may seek a waiver of this rule from the House Committee and the Board. Although a waiver is at the discretion of the Board, things like other events scheduled may be considered in granting it. In the Grill Restaurant, Bar and on the third floor of the clubhouse, the attire rules vary by season. From Nov. 16 to April 14 after 6:30 pm, business attire as required on the second floor is requested in the Grill Restaurant and third floor. Blue jeans are acceptable during the day and in the Grill Bar. When the harbor is open the rules permit sport or boating attire. From April 15 to Nov. 15, appropriate attire for the third floor and the Grill Restaurant and Grill Bar includes clean and presentable shirts, shorts and skirts of appropriate length and denim. During these months, the rule says "Bathing suits, short shorts, men's hats or caps, men's tank tops, etc. shall not be permitted in the Clubhouse except in the locker rooms, racquetball courts, swimming pool and exercise areas without the permission of the House Committee." This type of clothing may be worn on the Bar Patio if accessed via the outside gate and in pool area.

Here are some things to remember about House Rule 3 -

- If you are not dressed in business attire, please enter the building through the locker rooms or patio rather than the front revolving door.
- If you are hosting an event on the second floor and want a waiver of the dress code, please request a waiver at least a month in advance if you can - the catering staff cannot waive it and needs time to get the request approved by the Board.
- The dress code requires shoes at all times - everywhere in the Clubhouse except the locker room and exercise areas.
- The dress code applies to kids as well as adults.
- Men's hats and caps are not appropriate inside the building - that includes at the bar or during the summer months.

The appearance of the DYC and its membership is important and House Rule 3 is designed to make sure we all do our part for a classy and enjoyable experience.

At the "All In for Belle Isle" event with the DNR I was able to discuss our concerns with several DNR Directors. They understand our needs for access to the Club and to be able to get our guests, potential new members and event guests on the island. They assured me that they understand our needs and will work with us to resolve all issues. We look forward to working with them in the coming New Year.



Locker Anyone?



The section of the Ladies' Locker Room adjacent to the Exercise/Workout Room will be renovated this winter. Now is your chance for a new wood locker in that area. If you are interested, please contact either Daryl Dawes at (313) 378-8980, e-mail: daryldawes@aol.com, or Linda Barlow at (313) 720-4266, e-mail: L-barlow@hotmail.com.

Voyageurs Present

Bowling

Sunday, January 12th

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join in for bowling at the
Superbowl Community Bowling Centers at
45100 Ford Road in Canton
(Canton Center and Ford Road).



cost \$15.00 per person

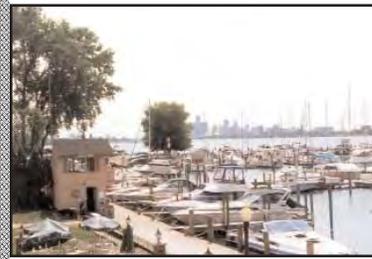
includes two hours of bowling, bowling ball, shoe rental, pizza and pop.

Families welcome.

Do not worry about being a pro bowler; we are all
in it for the fun!

Please make your reservation online.

Questions? Email or call Patricia Thull O'Brien
(248) 345-3457 or email PTHULL@msn.com



DOCK LINE

A Message From Your
Harbor Operations
Committee

Your Harbor Operations Committee Would Like To
Wish You And Your Family A Very Happy Year

Spring Is Near

Harbor Opens April 15

Please Share With Us Any Thoughts You May Have On
How We Can Improve Our Service, Store, and Harbor

Members of the Harbor and Store Operation
Committee:

Chair-Commodore Bill Farmer, General Manager Jim Sides
Asst General Manager Bill Bowman, Past Fleet Captain Al
Brata, Past Trustee Bill McIntyre
Harbor Master Ross Bissel.

DYC THE PLACE TO BE

BELLE ISLE UPDATE



As many of you may already know The State of Michigan and the City of Detroit have entered into a long term agreement that will turn Belle Isle into a State Park. The plan is sure to be a win-win for both the residents of Detroit as well as for the State of Michigan. The concept was nothing new; in fact the idea of Belle Isle being maintained by the State of Michigan had been swirling around for years. Today is a new day.

Since early in December, the Department of Forestry and the Department of Natural Resources have had vehicles and staff roaming the island doing studies on the health and wellbeing of the trees, wildlife and waters. Other authorities have been working on buildings and other infrastructure. The park is transforming a bit more every day. The Department of Forestry is removing dead and decaying trees by the truck-load. How amazing this island is going to be come spring?!

For the first time and a long time, the roads on Belle Isle has been plowed and salted when snow falls; how cool is that?! GO STATE OF MICHIGAN!

The improvements to this island are going to do wonders for the Detroit Yacht Clubs' image and safety. We need to be sharing this good news with all of our friends.

By spring there will be a gate at the bridge. Our members will more than likely be required to get the State Park Pass...it will cost a whopping \$11.00 annually but will assure that the park has regular funding for upkeep and improvements. The DYC office will do everything that we can to keep you informed as information comes to us.