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**Friday, April 27th  
GOLD CUP  
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# Easter Eggstravaganza!

Egg hunts aren't just for toddlers anymore!

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 am**



Bring your baskets and meet us in the Grill  
Egg hunts will begin by age group  
 The Egg Drop Challenge for everyone begins  
 at 11:30 am. Challengers will have fifteen  
 minutes to construct their containers.



*Please be on time as this event  
 goes very fast!  
 Following the hunt,  
 stay for Lunch.*



Please make your lunch reservations  
 with the Grill (313) 824-1200 x 234



**EASTER  
 BRUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 11 am - 3 pm

to be held in the festive  
 Fountain Room and Ballroom

Last seating 3:00 pm

Adults \$25.95<sup>++</sup>

Children \$13.95<sup>++</sup> 7-12 yrs.

Children \$ 7.95<sup>++</sup> 4-6 yrs.

Jackets required for gentlemen. No denim.

The Easter Bunny will be hopping by and  
 the Binnacle will be

transformed into a Petting Zoo.

Be sure to bring your camera!

Please make your reservations at the Reception Counter  
 (313) 824-1200.

Grill and Starboard Haven Lounge will be closed.

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## CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY

As I have said on more than one occasion, it is the members of the Detroit Yacht Club that set us apart from any other Yacht Club or marina on the Great Lakes. We have the friendliest people, including our management and staff, and the most giving members around. Our membership is on an incredible roll lately with donations for special projects that benefit our historic club. In fact, the generosity of our members is so strong right now that it's apparently becoming contagious. It seems lately everyone wants to help out in some form or fashion by volunteering, doing physical labor, or providing a gift of funding for a given project. We have members donating monetarily to projects that were never approached or even asked. In several instances, members simply overheard a conversation and offered to help out and participate in some positive way.

As you know, the First Ladies Club, and other interested parties, raised funds to refurbish a portion of the Ladies Locker Room shower area. That initial project has generated more interest and enthusiasm in that specific area of the locker room than anyone ever imagined. In addition to the fact that several members contributed countless labor hours to build the new showers, the scope of the project is rapidly expanding to include the adjacent sitting room and locker area.

First Lady Daryl Dawes and her Com. Ron recently donated a little funding to help move the shower area project along. That initial monetary gift grew to very substantial funding literally overnight. This will be used for carpet, new ceilings and recessed lighting fixtures in an expanded area of the ladies locker room. A portion of that funding went to purchase new metal swinging doors for the main kitchen.

During the March NYC Florida trip member Craig Lamm donated a yacht ride for 50 of our members, which helped raise another \$5,000 to be used in the Ladies Locker room. First Lady Linda Barlow has raised an additional \$3,500 from the women who use the locker room area that is receiving a major face lift. The intent is to purchase brand new replacement lockers in the area by the new showers.



Member Rich Booms, Booms Stone Company, is contributing as well by drastically reducing our granite costs to make these locker room beautification efforts even possible.

Three new granite counter tops have been purchased to date. The first is located in the updated coat check room. The second granite top will go in the sitting area next to the new ladies showers, and the third granite top goes on the new vanity in the adjacent locker area.

The NYC Sea Gulls recently donated all new carpeting throughout the entire front lobby coat check room, through the back office hallways and in to the front ladies locker room sitting area. The financial gift from the Seagulls was considerable and very appreciated.

As we re-build Slab and Midway docks, part of the project scope includes putting in rough plumbing for boat waste pump out systems. It makes sense to do this now while the docks are torn apart. Funding to



complete the pump out system was not available in the dock overhaul project. Member Rob Koueiter raised \$7,200 in an evening from fellow Midway dock residents who gladly funded the completion of the pump out system as well as replacing the old wooden trash containers with modern fiberglass bins.

## MORE POWER PLEASE

Slab dock has had electrical problems for years due to the lack of adequate electrical service being supplied to the boats in addition to modern boats requiring more electricity to power many appliances. An anonymous member just donated well in excess of \$20,000 to cover the purchase and installation of new switch gear and a transformer that will provide more than adequate electrical power to all of the boat wells on Slab dock. Slab dock members also stepped right up and donated ample funds to purchase the remaining wood necessary

to complete the finger piers on their dock and the remaining fittings and hydrants for the pump out system.

Members Mark Abramovich & Jeff McCarty, owners of TAG Computer Group, just donated additional computers and software for the club business offices.

These are just a few examples of our memberships' generosity. There are many other completed projects that couldn't have been done without members that have contributed in some special way to make them all possible. Thank you to those of you who are passionate and contribute your time, labor, professional expertise, or financial resources to make our club the wonderful and fun place that it is.

## FLORIDA RENDEZVOUS FUN

The NYC Florida Rendezvous was truly fantastic. Mother Nature cooperated and provided picture perfect 80 degree days and sunny skies. A special thank goes out to everyone that helped in some way to make this NYC event an amazing success. Thank you, Lisa and Greg Nowak, David Aller and Patty and Scott Allen for their great cocktail party. Thank you, Com. Bob Hommel for organizing the Bertram, Hatteras, Viking Sport Fishing Shoot Out Tournament. Awards for the NYC Florida fishing tournament were announced at the Lauderdale Yacht Club the same evening as the tournament. 63 NYC members attended the LYC party for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a perfect dinner. Treasurer Nowak took 1st place honors with his 7' Sailfish, and 2nd place went to Ron Gmeiner with his 6'6" Golden Hammerhead Shark. Thank you to Craig Lamm and his lady Iris for sharing the 87' motor yacht, Shepsl "X", with 50 of their NYC friends for an incredible afternoon of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Bryan Barlow  
Commodore 2012



# FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

COM. SCOTT ALLEN

There's a fresh wind blowing at the Detroit Yacht Club. We are now open all twelve months, new member enrollments were up during the winter, and there is an energy of renewal in and around this great Club of ours. Anticipation for fun, friendship and community is what is driving some amazing initiatives of improved facilities and renewed spirit here at DYC.

Walk around and see what has been accomplished these past few months:

- The redecorated and organized coat check room and ladies 1st floor sitting room
- The new showers in the ladies' locker room
- The next phase for improvements to lockers and décor in the ladies' locker room has begun
- A \$330,000+ dock renovation project has begun for Slab and Midway
- The loading dock door was replaced
- A new commemorative sign and lighting was installed near the main building entrance
- Spring cleanup and gardening work has already begun
- Enhancements to our "Bitter End" room are beginning soon
- The weather station in Blue Hallway is being repaired
- The Main Sheet newsletter has an evolving, new look
- And these are seeding even more....

These projects were all initiatives generated from the donated time, money and specifically designated funding without drawing from our general fund or preservation funds.

Beautiful inlaid design elements, up high in the Grand Ballroom, were restored by our staff this winter.

Commodore Barlow's article talks more about the "contagious generosity" of our members. Commodores Lynch and Dawes both reminded me recently how this great Club has been supported by the direct involvement of the members for our entire history. I, on behalf of the House Committee, Patty and myself, would like to acknowledge the following individuals and groups for their voluntary contributions toward the projects listed above:

**Com. Bryan Barlow, Linda Barlow, Daryl Dawes, Com. Ron Dawes, Patty Schmitz, Mary Rachwal, The Seagulls, The First Ladies' Committee, Greg Huskin, Com. Tim Coltman, Sec. Jim Gierlach, Joann Leo, Connie Blair, Mirv Hayes, The Gardening Committee, Com. Paul Krietsch, Howard Terrice, Bob Andrews and Tom Madden.**

It is all of you, with the support of our Board (who also serve as volunteers) and our entire staff, that makes us what we are. Thank you again!



The annual Vice Commodore's Ball (aka spring cleanup day) is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, but I don't see any good reason to wait that long. Pam and Jerry Maloney and their Garden Club have already begun the process of weeding and bed preparation. We will have several "mini balls" leading up to the 12<sup>th</sup> when the entire membership converges to plant flowers, attack some special projects and instantly transform the Club in to summer, just in time for Mother's Day. Mark your calendars and join us at 8:00 am Saturday, May 12. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served, then the PUB Crawl picks up in the afternoon to help us forget our sore muscles!!!!

## ATTENTION JR. SAILORS AND PARENTS OF:

DIRECTOR RON GMEINER



On behalf of the Detroit Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to pass on some good news regarding our Jr. Sailing program!

### A Brand New 420!

As time passes and our children learn to sail we must find ways to upgrade our tired equipment. **DYC Jr. Sailing Chair, Paul Lee teamed with Bob Cowles, Chair of the Sailing Development Fund** and paved the way to purchase a brand new 420 sailboat for the program. This new addition to our fleet will help keep our top sailors competitive in the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association (DRYA) regattas as well as teach our new sailors the art of double handed sailing. Both Paul and Bob deserve a big pat on the back for the time in pursuing and closing the deal. Now let's put it to good use and go win some races! Hopefully, our kids will bring home the awards to keep the DYC Burgee flying proudly.

### Brand New VHF Handheld Radios!

Now more good news: In keeping 'Safety' at the forefront. We have been able to replace our worn out VHF Handheld radios. West Marine had a deal on last year's model. We had to jump fast and with a **Generous Contribution from the DYC Boating Committee** they purchased Four Icom M34 Radios. These radios are tough and they float as well. **Com. Skip Gmeiner** has also donated a New Hard wired mounted VHF to be installed in the Jr. Sailing Skiff Safety boat. Please

thank your Fleet Captain and Boating committee for keeping an eye on our kids and Sailing Program.

The DYC races and teaches the children to sail in three types of boats: the "420" (a two handed boat), the Laser radial and full rig (single handed boat built for speed) and last but not least, the Opti, which is the largest fleet of raced boats in the world, also a single handed boat that is great for both beginners and skilled sailors.

If interested in further information on these boats or the sailing program in general, feel free to contact myself or Paul Lee. You can also refer to the DYC website under Boating for dates, costs and program info.

Also, stay tuned as we gear up for this year's Jr. Sailing program. We have new ideas as well as savings for early enrollment. We are always looking for interaction as well as participation. Stay tuned as I will be sharing all our news and events as they become available. Hope to see you on the water with our kids. STARBOARD! :

Director Ron Gmeiner

PS: Vice Commodore's Ball is on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We need all hands on deck to help clean up the Jr. Sailing Grounds and the East end of the Island.

## DYC Boatique

“Are your looking for certain items we may not have?”

Did you know we have a book at the front desk for

member requests

Please note our hours:

Closed on Mondays

Tues. ~ Thursday ~ 9:00 am - 10:30 pm

Fri. - Sat. ~ 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

Sunday ~ 9 am - 10:00 pm

[www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com)

# FROM THE TREASURER

GREG NOWAK

## How Are We Doing?

With the 6 "winter" months behind us and the 2012 boating season about to get into gear, I'm sure some members are curious as to how we are doing financially.

I'm happy to report that the Club continues to show steady improvement in all areas.

Our membership counts are above budget, we've exceeded our targets for Grill and banquet revenue, and we continue to cut costs. We have proven that we can operate year round - as the only 12-month-a-year Club in the area.



We are adding a number of new boating members this season, and we've set a new record for how early the boats are returning to the harbor. Myself, I had two boats in the water on March 25<sup>th</sup>!

We are performing much needed replacements of two of our docks, Slab and Midway, and are funding

that project using the Harbor Improvement Fund we established in 2010. Member donations are also being made to upgrade portions of those docks. We even are applying for a federally funded grant under the Clean Water Act to add pump-out capability to these and other docks. The hard work and expertise of a number of our members is making this happen.



We also continue to monitor the status of our tax exemption application for the Detroit Yacht Club Foundation, and expect that the review of our application will occur this spring. We filed our application in September, and IRS is currently reviewing applications received in July. It's a slow process, but this is a long term strategy to ensure the future stability of the Club. The Foundation board and advisory committee continue to work diligently to develop plans for fundraising and communication in anticipation of being granted our tax exempt status.

As we move forward with a busy schedule of summer events, I'm confident that the Club will continue on its upward path. As always, you can feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at [gregorynowak1@gmail.com](mailto:gregorynowak1@gmail.com).

## BAR & GRILL HOURS ~ APRIL

### Grill Dining Room

**Tuesday through Saturday**

11:30 am - 9:00 pm

**Sunday ~ 11:30 am - 8 pm**

**Breakfast Menu ~ 11:30 am - 2 pm**

**Sunday Chicken Dinner ~ 2 pm until 8 pm**

### Grill Bar Lounge

**Tuesday through Thursday**

11:30 am - 12:00 Midnight

**Friday and Saturday**

11:30 am - 1:00 am

**Sunday ~ Noon ~ 11:00 pm**

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

# FROM THE SECRETARY

JAMES GIERLACH

This month in the Boardroom has been fun. We've spent lots of time discussing / approving projects, donations, and other happenings related to the good or improvement of the club, much of which you'll read about in the Commodores' articles. I'd like to extend a personal thank you to all donors, financial and otherwise. Your efforts are making a difference.



The Jr. Sailing Program and East End boat area have been getting lots of attention this month too. Commodores Barlow, Carr and Director Gmeiner are drilling into the details, working hard and striving to implement fresh ideas and positive action into both the sailing program and small boat / kayak areas. You will see results.

Another topic has been membership as our numbers continue to increase. Welcome new members, we're glad to have you here! Additionally, if you see our new Membership Director Jim Neumann around the club, please say hi and welcome him to the DYC family.

Business and activity around the club continues to be strong. The grill and bar are humming along, and many committees are full speed ahead, including the Garden Committee. With the great early spring weather, they've had the opportunity and motivation to get their operations under way, thank you everyone!

The Hydroplane Fundraising Committee is in full swing obtaining auction items, rallying attendance, and working on orchestrating our big event. Remember, Friday April 27 is a huge night for the club. Please support this cause, tell everyone you know, and do your best to create some "buzz", as it supports an incredible institution that is so important to DYC and our history! I hope to see everyone there.

## Father's Day

**Antique Car & Classic Boat Show  
New This Year Craft Show  
Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Cars in Starlight Circle & West End parking lot and boats in the Harbor.



Displays are of wonderfully preserved motor vehicles and boats.

This year the DYC celebrates the Centennial of the Indianapolis 500

See cars that have raced in the Indy 500



**Flower Power is Back with  
Their Spring Collection**

Planning on planting flowers this spring? Check out this Garden Club Project, available for all who wish to participate. Go to the following web-site. It will be available until April 27<sup>th</sup>:

<http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/it/249947/P2F8AVE6IKXm>

This is our DYC Garden Club link to the Flower Power Fundraising Site. They have 24 offerings of bulbs, clumps and bare root plants including blue geraniums, Tiger Lilies, Lilac Dahlias, Lilies, Begonias.

Place your order online, mail them a check or charge it to your credit card and wait for your order to arrive. When they arrive, you will find planting instructions. If you have questions you can go back on-line and for help. There is a flat rate shipping charge of \$5.00.

Orders on or before March 26<sup>th</sup>, will arrive at your home by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders after April 2<sup>nd</sup> and before April 27<sup>th</sup>, and they will arrive within 4 to 12 business days. No orders guaranteed after April 27<sup>th</sup>.

There is no cost to the Garden Club to offer this. We even make a profit from each sale that will be used to maintain and improve gardens at the Club. If you are thinking about spring planting, check out this site. If you find something you like, go for it. You will enjoy beautiful spring, summer and early fall flowers and will also help our gardens grow.

**Save the dates in May:**

**Vice Commodore's Ball** is Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

This annual Spring Clean Up Day is a great day to work in the gardens as well as other areas around the Club.

**Annual Herb and Plant Sale:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12:** 8:30 am until 1:30 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 13:** 11:00 am until 3:00 pm

More information on both events will be in the Blue Hallway and in the May Main Sheet.

**An Evening at the Players**

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

Cost \$30 inclusive  
(Based on 6 at a Table)



**Price includes:**

Beer, pop, peanuts and pretzels

**Bring your own wine and hors d'oeuvres to share.**

**3 one-act plays - the best of the  
all male theater group's work in its 101st year**

**Pre- Party at 7pm Curtain at 8 pm**



**Black tie preferred**

**Dark suits are acceptable for gentlemen**

Number Limited - Reservations on line [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com) or  
Reception Counter (313) 824-1200

The Players - 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit  
opposite Harbortown

CRAWFORD-ARMSTRONG HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

**BUTTERFLY SUNDAY**

May 20, 2012



Invitations have been mailed inviting you to attend **Butterfly Sunday, May 20, 2012**, presented by the **CRAWFORD-ARMSTRONG HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION**. This annual fundraising event supports Fun Day in the Sun to be held **Saturday, June 23, 2012**, a day devoted to our physically & mentally challenged guests..

This years fundraiser will be held in the Port Haven Lounge from 2 - 6 p.m. There you will find a Silent Auction Items, Raffles and Hourly events. An array of unique items including sweet treats, gourmet dinners, antiques, wine baskets and more will be offered for your winning bids. **BUTTERFLY SUNDAY** is a great time to invite your family and friends to enjoy the day the the Historic DYC and help support our fundraising efforts and perhaps indulge in the fantastic DYC chicken buffet. To reserve a table in the Grill, please call by May 18, to confirm your attendance.

For information contact:

Midge Savage (313) 584-8211  
[msavage123@comcast.net](mailto:msavage123@comcast.net) or  
Suzanna Kain (248) 585-1854  
[suska7@aol.com](mailto:suska7@aol.com)



To donate Silent Auction & Raffle items contact either  
Midge Savage or Marilyn Maisner.

Thanking you in advance for  
your generous support to  
**BUTTERFLY SUNDAY.**



**ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT  
TO SIGN UP FOR  
DYC Garden Club  
Cookery Class and  
Luncheon**

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**An Irish Table**



Celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Cookery Class over the last 25 years, Pam and Jerry Maloney will provide cooking demonstrations and tastings. Executive Chef Ken Dixon once again will demonstrate a few of his wonderful recipes and provide an excellent lunch.

The all-inclusive cost for the day's event is \$34.00. This covers cooking demonstrations, tastings, door prizes, a luncheon and cookbook, as well as tax and gratuity. There will also be a food boutique, a raffle and a two item silent auction. All profits go to the DYC Garden Club to create and maintain our DYC gardens.

Check out the poster in the Blue Hallway for more details.

Reservations can be made at the Reception Counter,  
by phone at (313) 824 - 1200

or

online at [dyc.com](http://dyc.com).

Remember ALL profits will be used for DYC Gardens.

**COME JOIN US TO HELP OUR GARDENS GROW.**



## DYC HANDBALL & RACQUETBALL CLUB TUESDAY NIGHTS

at 7:00 pm  
Workout  
League

Please email me for more info on  
upcoming leagues and events  
Troy Brownrigg 248-421-9876  
tbrownrigg@brownrigg.com

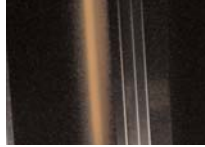


DYC Sea Gulls present

## EUCHRE NIGHT

Wednesday, April 18  
7:00 pm

You may sign-up at the DYC Reception Counter or  
contact Catherine Nierle for details  
at (313) 567-2571 or [cnierle@comcast.net](mailto:cnierle@comcast.net)



## DYC SNOWCRAB FEST

(Please call ahead with reservation and  
Snowcrab order,  
otherwise, first come, first served!)

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Nights  
\$24

during the entire month of

# April

Includes: Garden Salad  
Red Skin Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob ~ Warm Butter



## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 5

in the Grill at 6:00 pm

Chef Ken will have his

Southwestern best for your enjoyment

## Sea Gulls

### Presidents Luncheon

Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

11:30 am • Port Haven

Please call the Reception Counter with your  
reservations ( 313) 824-1200



## WINE SOCIETY

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

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

Contact: Jennifer McDonnell  
(313) 824-2788  
[catering@dyc.com](mailto:catering@dyc.com)



Let the Races Begin!

# 138<sup>th</sup>

## Kentucky Derby

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm TV coverage  
6:15 pm Approx. Post time

Come to the Club and enjoy  
special Kentucky Derby  
Drinks ~ Mint Juleps ~  
Bourbon Peach Tea and  
play some Derby games.  
Chef Ken will prepare a  
special Derby menu.

Call the Grill with your  
Reservations  
(313) 824-1200 x 234



Boating Committee Rendezvous

## Pub Crawl

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>



Gather in DYC Bar 3:00 pm  
Grab a bite to eat.  
Buses leave DYC  
4:00 pm sharp.  
'Visit many bars' !!  
Don't miss the Fun!  
Hurry, space is limited.  
Sign up at DYC.com

\$25 pp + cash bar

For more info contact: [Shelley~allmurphys@comcast.net](mailto:Shelley-allmurphys@comcast.net)

## PLEASE

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

# AROUND AND ABOUT THE DYC

## DYC FLORIDA PARTY 2012



## MARCH MADNESS PARTY



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## BLESSING OF THE BURGEE



## IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE CLUB





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

## Active Boating

Carol Cramer  
Leonard J. & Darnelle Chapital  
Kelly & Bennie Fowler  
Barry & Cindy Grant  
Scott & Kathy Huston-McGinn  
David & Karen Schulman  
Dru & Ed Szczerba  
Angela & James Thompson

## Active

Thomas A. Albrecht & Therese Zinn  
Harold & Joann Braggs  
David L. & Joslyn Clark  
Margaret Dowbrowsky  
Pamela J. Schmidt & Betty Ruud

## Intermediate

Tanner Hamilton & Mandy Cale  
Adrienne Kapordeus & Keith Lozak  
Endre Horvath  
Julie Bernhardt & David Kaczor  
Timothy Stevens

## Junior

Timothy G. Chrzanowski

## Non-Resident

Nosa Oviahon & Lena Brank

## Membership Meeting Times

Tuesday, April 23

Retention 6:15 pm  
Ambassador 7:00 pm

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

## 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.*

## FITNESS ROOM

**Daily 5:00 am - 9:00 pm**  
**Except Monday ~ 5 am - 7 pm**

You must be 18 years old to use equipment.

# FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

JIM NEUMANN

I am looking forward to working with the Membership and Marketing team here at the Detroit Yacht Club. Having been in and around this Club for several years, I have had the opportunity of getting to know several members as well as being friends with many others. I am looking forward to becoming acquainted with a great many more of you over time. I have also been blessed with the opportunity of knowing Jack Lyon and I wish him well on his next endeavor. His personality will certainly be missed here at the DYC and I hope that if, and when, he is ever visiting the Motor City that he would pay us a visit.

Recently there have been a number of changes along the Detroit River; marinas have closed, others have come under new management, the Detroit River Walk project is extending its reach further up stream and new neighborhood developments in the marina district that was halted for a number of years seems to be gaining a new momentum. The river district is growing once again. So we can be sure that there will be more families venturing onto and around Belle Isle. I am anticipating some interest in the Club by passers-by.

Believe it or not, there are hundreds of boaters that have no clue that the Detroit Yacht Club is located on Belle Isle. In fact, many new boaters have no idea where Belle Isle is. Further, efforts by the Tour Lake St. Clair initiative are prompting folks to explore regions on and around Lake St. Clair that they may have never ventured to before. With everything going on, the Membership and Marketing team will be working harder than ever to reach community to share the splendor of this fine Club and recruit quality members to assure the future health and stability of the Detroit Yacht Club.



## CONCERNS, CARES OR COMMENTS

Your opinions regarding your experience here at the Detroit Yacht Club are important. Please share any concerns or compliments with Margaret Gmeiner (313) 824-1200 x 232. She will direct them to the appropriate department. Whether they are small or large, please feel free to call.



Pass the Word to  
Your Friends  
The Video of  
Detroit Yacht Club is **HERE!**  
<http://www.vimeo.com/16490554>

## EIGHT BELLS



**Mr. William A. Elsey II**

(Brother of DYC Member Daniel Elsey)

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

**Mr. Thomas J. Verbiest**

(DYC Member & Brother of DYC Member Beth Kirk)

**Friday, March 16, 2012**

**Ms. Mary Hanganen**

(Sister of DYC Member Linda Heling)

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

# ROD & GUN CLUB

BILL & COM. DON

**The fish are biting!!!** Both in my dreams and in the waters of the Detroit River!!! As we move into the spring/summer boating season, the Rod & Gun Club offers a number of exciting events for all DYC members.

**First** is the **Michigan Ontario Muskie Club Walleye Fishing Tournament** to be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The MOMC invites any DYC Rod & Gun Club member to join in this early spring competition. Contact Bill Schrader asap if you would like to enter a boat in this competition - he will provide you with all necessary details.

**Second** we have booked the indoor gun range at **Double Action in Madison Heights** - this event to be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 - 8:00pm. This is a perfect opportunity for all to refresh and fine-tune gun handling skills. It is also a comfortable and safe place to acquaint new shooters with guns and target shooting. Targets, ammo and hand-gun rentals are all available. Ear and eye protection are mandatory.

**Third** is the **DYC In-House Walleye Tournament**. This event will be held on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark it on your calendar!!! Dan Mallard is spearheading the effort on this event and should be your contact if interested in entering a boat in this competition. Details will follow as we get closer to the date.

**Fourth** is **Family Fishing Day!!!** Perhaps our most important event!!! On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan DNR opens all fishing in the Great Lakes - no adult license required (fishing for kids 16 yrs. & younger is always unrestricted). The Rod & Gun Club will provide poles and bait for those who need them along with trophies and prizes. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each family that participates.

**Last**, but not least, is the **Special Olympics/MOMC Muskie Tournament**. This event will be held on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in entering this tournament, contact Bill Schrader asap. This is a popular event and we want to make sure that we secure good captains/crew.

As always, enjoy the outdoors!

Com. Don Baker & Bill Schrader  
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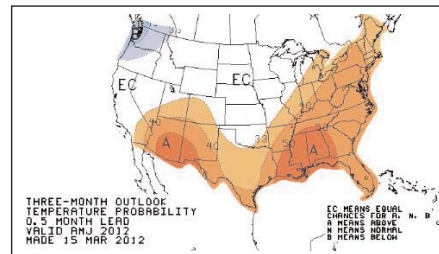
# FLEET CAPTAIN

ANDY CIUPAK

Although it seems like the Harbor Opening has already commenced based on Vice Commodore Allen's early arrival (March 17<sup>th</sup>, "HARBOR-TOWN" Club Front 35) the official **Harbor Opening Party** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Champaign compliments of the Boating Committee**. This event which has grown in the last few years will be focused on orienting both new and existing boaters with our Harbor Staff and our rendezvous. You will be introduced to our Harbor Master and the 2012 dock hands. This is also a perfect opportunity to talk to each event captain directly to gain a better understanding of what to expect and to sign up ahead of time for those rendezvous that have limited space. The event will proceed as follows:

- 15:00 - 15:30 Harbor dedication at end of Main Dock (bugee & christening)
- 15:30 - 16:00 Introduction of Harbor Master & Staff, Asst. General Mgr, and presentation of the 'IN'tensity award
- 16:00 - 16:30 Champaign reception on boardwalk (outside) / bar (inside)

- All rendezvous will displayed on boardwalk or blue hallway w/captains present for questions
  - 16:30 Answer any general questions, adjourn to Chicken Dinner
- Many of us are curious what all of the unusual weather we have had



at the end of winter will do in the next coming months. The NOAA National Weather Service **Climate Prediction Center** released this outlook through the end of June. As it turns out the jet stream that has been punishing the west and pulling warm gulf air our

way isn't making any dramatic shifts any time soon. They also predict that precipitation levels will be normal. Again, for the most recent reports and projections on lake levels, go to the Boating Page of [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com) and click on the **Lake Levels** link.

While you are on our website Boating page, click the Rendezvous tab and register for the Detroit Power Squadron's **CPR/First Aid Course on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. You must be pre-registered for the event and you will receive a certificate of completion. This is obviously an extremely valuable opportunity so if you have any questions, please contact Margi Schneider @ (586) 243-9787.



## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

on the Second Floor

11:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Delicious Food and a Spectacular Sweets Table!**

Adults \$25.95++ ~ Children \$13.95++ 7-12 yrs.

Children \$ 7.95++ 4-6 yrs.

**Jackets required for gentlemen • No denim**

Please make your reservations at the Reception Counter  
(313) 824-1200

Grill Restaurant opens at 3:00 pm

featuring a Dinner Special

Please make your reservations with  
the Grill early (313) 824-1200, ext. 234.

## HARBOR OPENING PARTY SUNDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

3:00 pm

This is a great opportunity for both new and existing boaters to meet the Harbor Master & Staff and get a complimentary overview of all 2012 rendezvous.

Champaign compliments of the Boating Committee

The Event are as follows:

- Dedication of the Harbor
- 2012 Harbor Awards
- Meet the Harbor Master & Staff
- Overview of 2012 Rendezvous



Stick around for Chicken Dinner after the Presentation

Contact Andy Ciupak (248- 797-7199  
dycfleetcaptain@hotmail.com with any questions

**First boat in the harbor is Scott Allens'**

Boating on a warm Spring day of March 25



**DYC FLYING SCOT**

KELLIE MURPHY

Spring Series:

Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5  
10:00 am

Instruction Program Cocktail Party  
Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm

Instruction Volunteer Workshop  
Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 pm

First Day of Class  
May 1 at 6:00 pm



**DETROIT YACHT CLUB LEARN TO SAIL  
2012 Summer Adult Sailing Program**

Tuesday and most Thursday Evenings  
Basic Adult Sailing Instruction  
Approx. 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
Session 1: May 1 - June 26, 2012  
Session 2: July 3 - Aug. 28, 2012

No classes on Thursdays: 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/28, 7/5, 7/26, 8/16 and 8/30 - but please come down to participate in our DYC "Off the Dock" races

Classes are taught on the Detroit River, off of Belle Isle, using the DYC's fleet of 19-foot Flying Scot sailboats. Students progress their basic skills with the goal of being capable of handling the boat without an instructor. Brief lectures on topics like sailing terminology and techniques, rights-of-way rules, and boat handling and sail trim accompany on-the-water instruction, and a DYC-specific written manual is included. Participation in DYC sailboat racing and social events and fun skills tests are also a part of each summer's program.

Our volunteer instructors teach to your skills and experience, so even if you have sailed before, this program can help you enhance your skills. An advanced sailing course featuring racing skills and spinnaker handling is offered on Wednesdays for DYC members who have previously taken the basic sailing course.



Cost:

DYC Members - \$250 for full eighteen weeks or \$150 each for 9-week sessions  
Non-DYC Members (if space available) - \$600 for full eighteen weeks or \$350 each for 9-week sessions

RESERVE YOUR SPOT! ONLINE SIGN UP NOW AVAILABLE AT: [www.dycflyingscots.org](http://www.dycflyingscots.org).

*Mark your calendar for the*  
**DYC Flying Scot Sailing Annual Kick-Off Party**  
**Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm!**

For more information or to sign-up e-mail us at [DYCFlyingScots@gmail.com](mailto:DYCFlyingScots@gmail.com) or contact Connie Allen at (313) 259-4837 or Kelli Murphy at (248) 506-8490.

**FLEET CAPTAIN**

ANDY CIUPAK

**2012 Detroit Yacht Club Float Plan**  
**Boating Committee Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>April</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> ~ 2 pm	Harbor Opening Party (BC)
21 <sup>st</sup> ~ 9 am	Detroit Power Squadron First Aid/CPR Course
<b>May</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> ~ 3 pm	DYC Pub Crawl (Murphy Team)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Detroit Power Squadron PFD Experience Day
25 <sup>th</sup> ~ 27 <sup>th</sup>	DPS Vessel Safety Checks (DPS)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Services & Blessing of the Fleet
<b>July</b> 4 <sup>th</sup>	DYC Cardboard Regatta (TBD)
20 <sup>th</sup> ~ 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Muskamoot Raft-Off (Tina Nowicki)
<b>August</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>	DYC Annual Fleet Review
17-19 <sup>th</sup>	MacRay Rendezvous
24 <sup>th</sup> ~ 26 <sup>th</sup>	Put-In-Bay, Miller Dock (Troy Ontko)
<b>September</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dinghy & Small Boat Poker Run
14 <sup>th</sup> ~ 16 <sup>th</sup>	Milliken Park Rendezvous
<b>October</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> ~ 7 <sup>th</sup>	DYC/JYC Frostbite (Metro Park)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENDEZVOUS SIGN UP**

**Reception Desk**

Please notify members that they may register for rendezvous here, but those who register on [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com) will take top priority if there is a scheduling conflict between the website and the Float Plan Book.

All members should be STRONGLY encouraged to use the online system.

**Brief online instructions**

1. Log onto [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com)
2. From the homepage, go to the Boating Page and select Rendezvous on the left side of the screen.
3. Click on any event to register

# BRINGING UP THE REAR

REAR COM. FRED CARR

## Unnecessary Hindrance?

Article:

Have I got some good News for You!

You may recall my improper use of the English Language in last month's article about winning, well, here it is again: That ain't right; at least it never felt right to me! For the last several years it didn't matter what you were doing; if you were traveling the Detroit River between Lake St. Clair and the MacArthur Bridge and you were the next vessel in the authority's sights you were getting pulled over, checked and sometimes boarded seemingly for no other reason than being the next vessel they could get to.

For the record; I believe a vessel should always have enough PFD's and other required safety equipment on board at all times. I also believe having governmental law enforcement present is beneficial to boating safety.



The good news: According to Associated Press Kathy Barks Hoffman's article in the Detroit Free Press, Friday, March 23, 2012 our Lieutenant Governor, Brian Calley recently signed into law a measure taking away law enforcement officer's ability to stop boaters and make sure they have adequate floatation devises on board. A release from the governor's office said "repeated stops without reasonable suspicion of violation are an unnecessary hindrance for boaters."

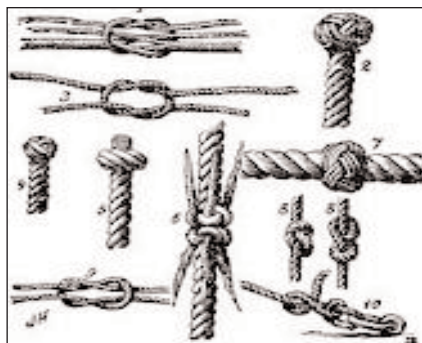
It will be interesting to see how it shakes out this summer given the various agencies patrolling our waters, but from my point of view it is a step in the right direction towards improving the boating experience in our area. Additional noteworthy changes for mariners are mentioned in Kathy's article, I recommend reading it if you have the time, the link is <http://www.htrnews.com/usatoday/article/38867091?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s> or from the office of the Governor use this link <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577-274118--,00.html>

Regards,  
Fred Carr (313) 407-0690

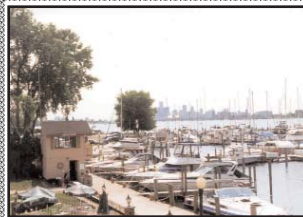
## DETROIT POWER SQUADRON

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### America's Boating Class Seamanship



- April - 11
- April - 18
- April - 25
- May - 2
- May - 9
- May - 16
- May - 23
- May - 30
- June - 6



## DOCK LINE

A Message From Your Harbor Improvement Committee

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT...?  
ITS BOATING SEASON!

**HARBOR OPENS APRIL 15**

**WELCOME BACK, ROSS!**

Harbormaster Ross and the Staff are on duty to serve you  
This spring there will be major construction on Midway and Slab Docks. If you arrive before construction is complete you may temporarily Be given another slip.

**HELP THE HARBOR STAFF HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU  
PLEASE**

**BEFORE YOU BRING YOUR BOAT  
INTO THE HARBOR**

*Notify the Harbormaster 48 Hours In Advance*

*And*

*Your account must be current*

### **SPRING HARBOR HOURS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**HARBOR STORE OPENS APRIL 30**

**Try Our Valet Service To & From the Parking Lots  
to Your Boat**

**Plus Picnic Areas**

**Call the Harbor Office**

***DYC THE PLACE TO BE***

**Memorial Day Weekend Events**  
**96<sup>th</sup> Memorial Regatta to be held on**  
**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Join us for the traditional  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Tea & Crumpets at 10:00 am  
Memorial Day Services at 11:00 am  
Followed by Blessing of the Fleet

**ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED**

## Donald B. Baker and D. Gregory Baker EARN CHARTERED ADVISOR IN PHILANTHROPY DESIGNATION

Donald B. Baker and D. Gregory Baker of The Baker Group in November 2011 earned the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) professional designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The CAP program provides professionals in the nonprofit and financial services fields that work with individuals and families in the development and implementation of philanthropic programs with the knowledge and tools needed to help clients reach their charitable giving objectives, while also helping them meet their estate planning and wealth management goals.

Candidates for the CAP designation must complete a minimum of three courses in philanthropic studies at the Irwin Graduate School and six hours of supervised written examinations. The curriculum addresses issues of advanced design, implementation and management of charitable gift techniques and strategies, as well as philanthropic tools including charitable trusts, private foundations, supporting organizations, donor-advised funds, pooled income funds and charitable gift annuities. Over 350 individuals have been awarded the CAP designation since its inception in 2003.

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