

THE CLINTON RIVER BOAT CLUB

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SOUNDINGS,



Harbor Patrol by Gene Schaden



Gene Schaden

Happy spring CRBC member! Yes, spring is upon us and we are preparing for the upcoming boating season. The Club had its first event for 2017 on February 25^{th.} The Commodores Ball was held at Blossom Heath and a great time was had by all. The party was perfectly planned with all of the i's dotted and t's crossed thanks to our daughter Kayliegh McEachren and her husband Paul. Thank you to all who attended, it was a great honor.

At the March Board of Directors meeting there was discussion about the need for the printed and mailed version on the monthly Soundings. The online version of the Soundings is superior in quality as well as being in color compared to the mailed version that is black and white. It is costly to print and mail the soundings. There are only a few members that do not have email addresses so the Board of Directors unanimously voted to discontinue the mailing of the Soundings after the May issue. For those few members who are not connected to the internet we will print out and mail a paper version to them. For those of you that enjoy holding and reading a paper Soundings, simply print the Soundings out. It is quite beautiful in sharp colorful print.

There was also discussion about membership incentives and it was decided by the board that the zero initiation incentive would continue until July 4th. This has been a good way to bring in new members, making a very affordable club even more affordable to join. If you have any family or friends with a boat that would be a good fit with our Club, this is a great time to introduce them to CRBC!

P/C Bill Whitley Sr. presented a very in depth presentation on the Club's WI FI system, equipment and possible upgrades. It would be financially unrealistic to bring cable to the Island, so the current system of having the internet signal delivered to the Island wirelessly will continue to be the method of servicing the Club. There will be some equipment upgrades this summer to maintain and improve the delivery of service with future equipment upgrades as money becomes available. One point that everyone must understand is that the WI FI at the Island will never be

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by Gene Schaden

the same quality as what we have at home. Keep in mind that more users at any given time reduces the quality of the signal.

Island opening is next month on Saturday, April 15th. All are welcome and encouraged to participate! It is always a good time and a great way to kick off the boating season. If you are interested and need a lift to the Island, give myself or Vice Commodore Bill Whitley Jr. a call.

Hope to see everyone soon,

Gene



Grounds & Maintenance Report



Bill Whitley Jr. Vice Commodore

From the desk of Bill Whitley, Jr.

Island Opening Approaches!

Despite temperatures back into single digits overnight, we are inching closer to getting back to the Island.

Island opening is scheduled for Saturday April 15, and promises to be a good time.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact me by email at wwhitleyjr@gmail.com or by phone at 586-899-7500.



Board of Directors Meeting <u>Wednesday, April 12, 2017</u> Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7pm

All Members are invited to attend Juliano's Restaurant 27380 Van Dyke (I-696 & 11 Mile Rd), Warren

ROSTER ADVERTISING

Support the Publication of the CRBC Membership Roster by placing a personal or business ad.

Business Card: \$50 ¼ page: \$75 ½ page: \$150 full page: \$225

contact Gene Schaden commodore@clubisland.org

Entertainment Report



Cliff Cohen Rear Commodore

From the desk of Cliff Cohen

Please find attached the most updated version of the entertainment schedule for the 2017 Boating Season.

We have confirmed a few additional activities and are working on a few more before the season starts. As always, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the various events. If you can help out, please contact the event sponsor or myself.

Looking forward to a fun and eventful boating season at Club Island!

Cliff Cohen Rear Commodore Entertainment Chair

The Good of the Order

-Don Kersey, Secretary

The CRBC Board of Directors and its members regretfully announce the death of P/C Dick Williamson on March 6, 2017 due to complications from surgery. He is survived by his wife Linda, son CJ, and daughter Lauren (Donald).

A memorial service will be held on March 25th at First Congregational Church at 608 E. William Street in Ann Arbor, MI. Visitation will begin at 10am, with the service at 11am.

May our thoughts and prayers be with the entire family at this time.



Membership Report:

Social: 41
Boating: 136
Active Life Honorary: 5
Active Life Honorary in Trust: 8
Total: 190

Two applications for Full Boating Membership were read at the February Board meeting:

- 1) **Christopher Hilts** of Grosse Pointe Woods. Christopher and his wife, Nicole, have a 50' Sea Ray Sundancer and are sponsored by P/C David Schaden.
- 2) **John Meconi** of Grosse Pointe Woods. John and his wife, Elizabeth, have a 27' Sea Ray Sundancer and are sponsored by Commodore Gene Schaden.

Both applicants have met the Board at the March meeting and will be voted on in April.





"Working Together for the Good of the Boating Community!"

ABYA Report

From the Desk of Chris Nevison

The ABYA Board Meeting was held on March 6, 2017 at Jefferson Yacht Club in St. Clair Shores.

Abby Lane from the Clinton River Watershed Council was the guest speaker for the evening. The Watershed Council promotes outdoor activities for the 1.5 million people living within the Clinton River Watershed to promote respect for the habitat and raise awareness of environmental impacts. Currently they are working on creating 11 access points along the Clinton River for kayak launches.

Ironically, the annual lower river cleanup scheduled for May 13th has been cancelled due to the excessive discharges of sewage into the river since the water main break in Fraser. The ABYA Harbor Commission is working with representatives of the Clinton River Watershed, the Mayor of Mt. Clemens and the Macomb County Sheriff's Department to clean up and better secure MacArthur Park in Mt. Clemens along the Clinton River to promote its use. Furthermore, the ABYA is working with the Coast Guard to get lighting for the buoys for the entrances of both the North and Middle Channel entrances from Lake St Clair.

On June 3rd the ABYA Annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held at the North Channel Yacht Club. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and there are 30 boat wells available for reservation. All CRBC members are invited and can take the Fin Runner Ferry from at the end of Anchor Bay Drive if they'd just like to make an evening out of it. The next meeting of the ABYA will be on April 3, 2017 at the North Star Sail Club at 32041 South River Road in Harrison Township.

PACK YOUR BURGEES!

Going on Vacation?

If so, take your CRBC Burgee and a copy of the Soundings! Take a photo displaying your Burgee or reading the Soundings and send it to the Soundings Editor with names, date, and place to be posted in the next issue!

Email: triciaschaden@mac.com





2017 CRBC Entertainment Events

February

Commodore's Ball (McEachren) 25

April

*Island Open (Whitley Jr) 15 Lunch (Wesenberg)

May

Tennis Mixer (Sogge/Grant) 27 Member "Trade Show" (Nevison) New Member Orientation (G Schaden) Scotch/Bourbon/Cigar Party (Nikkel/AM Schaden) New Member Cocktail Party (Gutschow) Memorial Day 29

Island Beautification Lunch (Reichmann)

June

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Island Beautification Dinner (TBD) Island Cookout (Ayers) 10 Boat First Aid Safety Class (AM Schaden) 17 Old Club/CRBC tennis (Sogge) Euchre (Buccellato) 18 Father's Day Breakfast (Whitley)

July

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Island Breakfast (Nowakowski/Pifer) Tennis Mixer (Sogge/Grant) Kids Fishing Contest (Henderson/Turansky) Diva Party (V Miller) Entertainment: Same Old Guys (D Miller) Craft Beer Event (Cusick/Faircloth) 2 Bingo (Balick/Henderson) July 4 dinner (Parker) 3 CRBC BOD Meeting (Kersey) 4 3 Robs' BBQ Lunch (Sogge/Grant/Leonetti) 8 Euchre (Buccellato) 15 Small Boat Rally (Beltz) Ice Cream Social in the Bay (J Gutowski/Whitley Jr) Island Cookout (Schaden families: Matt/David/Gene) Island Breakfast (Kersey) 16

July (continued)

Bonfire & S'mores (Cohen) 22 CRBC Rendezvous (Nevison/Cohen) 28-30

August

Ice Cream Social (Sogge/Leonetti) "Special Island Cookout" (Irish) Euchre (Buccellato) Barge Party (Cohen/Raymo) 19 Cardboard Boat Races (TBD) 26 Island Cookout (P/Cs) Movie Night (Gutschow/Gutowski)

September

Tennis Mixer (Sogge/Grant) Fleet Review (Bridge) Cocktail Party (Reblin) Boat Decorations/*skits (TBD) Afterglow (Cohen) Bloody Mary Party (MacLachlan/Rozewicz) 3 Rubber Ducky Race (MacLachlan) Labor Day Dinner (Rozewicz) Labor Day 4 *Halloween / Trick-or-treat (TBD) 16 Chili Cook-off (Cohen)

October

*Island Closing (Whitley Jr/Cohen)

November

15 *Annual Meeting (Kersey)

* tentative dates/events



EDUCATIONAL SERIES – free classes sponsored by MacRay Harbor and ABYA

• THURSDAY 3/30 NOAA SKYWARN Storm Spotters

Skywarn spotter training sessions to train individuals to accurately observe weather phenomena such as floods, hail, wind, and its associated damage. Also cloud features that do/do not lead to tornadoes.

- Classes are offered at no charge and take place @ MacRay from 7:30-9pm
- Optional Dinner at North 42 from 5-7:30pm prior to seminar (cash bar 5-9pm)

** If you are interested in attending this seminars and/or dinner, please RSVP to 586-468-1900 ext 434



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The Island Store Is Looking for Young Artists!!!



We are searching for talented kids at Club Island to draw a design

The design will be imprinted on T-shirts that will be sold in the Club Island

Store for kids (Toddlers to 10 years of age)

The winning design will be selected by the CRBC Store Committee

Design Guidelines:

Designs should be mailed or emailed to the address below by April 15, 2017.

Your Design should be something that is representative of Club Island

Your design should be approximately 5 inches by 5 inches (a square)

Your Design should be a black line drawing - not in color and not filled in

Good Luck and Be Creative!

Send Entries to:

Debra Kersey

30642 Melisa Ct. - Chesterfield, MI 48051

debbandmom@gmail.com



COMMODORE'S BALL FEBRUARY 25, 2017























CRBC CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are limited to nautical items. There is a one-time charge of \$25 for an ad with a photo, and the photo ad will also be posted on the CRBC website. All ads must be placed by a CRBC member and have a CRBC member contact. Please submit your classified ad to the Soundings Editor prior to the second Wednesday of each month: triciaschaden@mac.com

Boat for Sale



1982 Chris Craft 39' Stinger

1982 Chris Craft 39' Stinger - Miami Vice Season 1. Heavy duty Hull Layup. 14+ hours on New 502's/500+hp each. Super comfortable ride. Bimini, Side and Aft curtains: Tonneau Cover. \$27,900. A chance to own a true Classic at a reasonable price. Call Mitch @(586) 468-1180.





1990 43' Tiara Convertible FOR SALE

For Sale, 1990 43 ft.Tiara Convertible. 692 TI Detroit Diesels with only 850 hours. 10KW Westerbeke Generator, Full bridge controls/instruments and lower station trolling gears. Full galley with micro-convection oven, 3 burner stove, fridge, freezer, ice maker etc, Forward Stateroom with Queen bed and head with full shower. Side Statement large bunks and head with curtained shower. Three Heat/AC units, TV's, Stereo with surround sound and bridge speakers plus intercom. Also outside freezer and rigged for fishing. Many upgrades/updates and professionally maintained. Epoxy below water line and no blisters in recent 2012 survey which rated it a 9.9 out of possible 10. Owners P/C Donald G.Vonk and Patricia Vonk. Listed at J.B. Yacht Sales by Jim Kehrig jr. (866)490-5297 X132 or jkehrig@jbys.com