



THE CLINTON RIVER BOAT CLUB
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Club Island



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SOUNDINGS



Gene Schaden
Commodore

Harbor Patrol

by Gene Schaden



It's hard to believe that we are halfway through August and the prime portion of the boating season is coming to a close in a few weeks. Be sure to check the entertainment calendar and enjoy the remaining weekends at the Club and remember that some of the best weekends to enjoy the Club are after Labor Day.

It has been a great summer with a lot of Island improvements and teams of volunteers getting these projects completed - the Island has never looked so good! Thank you to everyone who has helped and thanks to Bill Whitley Jr for heading up these projects.

The Club is financially healthy thanks to responsible and disciplined spending by your Board of Directors and a rise in membership. With more members we are able to do more for the Club and its membership. This is a great time to bring in new members, as there is no initiation until January.

As we reported earlier, P/C Bob Mueller passed away last month. A group of his long time Club Island friends donated a 15-foot tree to the club in his memory. They came out to the Island mid-week and had a planting ceremony on the S/E side in the area where Bob used to dock. That same day, another large tree was planted on the S/W side thanks to a generous donation from club member Kevin Irish. The pick-up, transportation, and planting was all done by Bill Whitley Jr. - Thank you for organizing it Bill!

Labor Day weekend is approaching and a large crowd is expected with lots of events. We ask that everyone follow the docking rules, use size appropriate wells and no docking of dinghies in harbors. Also, remember that there are no guest boats allowed Labor Day weekend.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Island, ~ Gene



Entertainment Report



Cliff Cohen
Rear Commodore

From the desk of Cliff Cohen



The summer seems to be flying by.....

On Saturday July 22nd, Scott Cusic and James Faircloth hosted another memorable Beer & Wine tasting event on the gazebo deck. The event was well attended and a great success! Thanks to Scott and James for hosting and providing the cheese platter!

Later that evening, unexpected storms cancelled the S'Mores bonfire event. However, several people convinced the entertainment chairman that S'Mores on the grill would be just fine... so a few kids and members did just that!

On July 28th, about thirteen boats made the windy trip to the GPYC for our rendezvous weekend. We had about 54 members who enjoyed the Friday evening reception, a very relaxing poolside Saturday and then a farewell coffee and bagel breakfast on Sunday. Special thanks to David Schaden and Chris Nevison for their assistance in planning this event.

Saturday August 5th, we had another CRBC Ice Cream social hosted by the Sogges and Leonettis. Everyone who participated left happy, full and smiling! Thanks to both families for their continued support of this event!

Also on August 5th, Kevin Irish treated the membership to a fantastic dinner in celebration of his birthday! A full menu of BBQ specialties was served, along with cocktails, wine and beer. Thank you Kevin and Happy Birthday again!

After Kevin's party, the Beltzes hosted a record-setting evening of Euchre where some 45 players joined a tournament for fun, competition, and camaraderie.

Events still to come this season include the Barge Party and Cardboard boat races on 8/19, and Past Commodores cookout and movie night on 8/26.

We have a full schedule of events for the Labor Day Weekend and I am still looking for volunteers to host the boat decoration / skits event. If you are interested, please contact me right away.

I encourage you to come out to the island and enjoy the quickly waning days of summer 2017 !!

Regards,

Cliff Cohen
Rear Commodore
Entertainment Chair



Anchor Bay Yachting Association



Safety, Charity, Education...

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

ABYA Report

From the Desk of Chris Nevison

The ABYA held its monthly meeting on Monday August 7, 2017 at the Belvidere Boat Club. A guest speaker from the International Association of the Blue Gavel presented an overview of the Association. It is comprised of Past Commodores from the international yachting community and unites them to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. More information can be found at www.iobg.org

Dave Jager from the Belvidere Boat Club also gave a presentation about ESD or Electric Shock Drowning, see the notice on the next page of this month's Soundings. As part of a new requirement for all Marina facilities, CRBC will be posting no swimming signs (due to the potential hazard of ESD) in all the harbors. It is important to note that if you ever are swimming around a dock (whether at club island or anywhere for that matter) and you do feel a tingling sensation... DO NOT ATTEMPT to swim to shore, rather swim out away from boats and docks and presumably the source of any stray currents and call for help. All boats in the immediate area should be unplugged and breakers turned off before a swimmer should attempt to make his/her way back to shore.

The ABYA is currently looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer to join the ranks. If any CRBC Past Commodore is interested you can contact the current ABYA Secretary Mike Kidd at jmkidd1954@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming events include:

- * The ABYA and Huron Pointe Yacht Club are co-hosting a Corn Roast Fundraiser on August 26th, (flyer attached).
- * The ABYA will be hosting a booth at the Metro Boat Show on September 14-17 and welcomes representatives from member clubs to help staff and promote their respective clubs.
- * They will also be hosting a booth at the upcoming COBO show February 17-19 and again are asking for member clubs to help staff at that event, as well.
- * The ABYA Christmas Charity Ball will be on December 2nd at Barrister Gardens in St Clair Shores, for any CRBC members interested in attending please contact me for tickets.
- * The September ABYA meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 at 7:30pm at the North Channel Yacht Club, if anyone wishes to attend this meeting, feel free to contact me.

WARNING

**NO SWIMMING
AROUND
ELECTRICITY!**

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)

Danger lurks closer to home than you think...

Never swim around docks and boats powered with electricity!!

**Electricity Is a Swift Killer
Invisible - Odorless - Silent**

Consider these simple questions:

- Would you plug in and use an electrical appliance while taking a bath?
- Do you realize that a boat with an electrical cord is a "plugged-in" appliance? And the water around the boat is like the bathtub?
- Can you see any inherent dangers in running electricity to docks exposed to the harsh marine environment?
- How well do water and electricity mix? Not very well, as we all know.

ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING (ESD) Q & A

- 1. What is ESD?** It's a drowning resulting from paralysis caused by electrical currents in the water. If the electric current is high enough, electrocution occurs.
- 2. What causes ESD?** Electricity leaking into water around boats and docks using electrical power. These leaks come from faulty electrical equipment and wiring, and improper grounding. Beware, it may come from a neighbor's dock.
- 3. How much electricity causes injury or death?** As little as 10 milliamps (1/50th the current used by a 60 watt light bulb) can cause paralysis/drowning. Sixty milliamps in the body can cause heart failure.
- 4. Is ESD a common problem?** Hundreds of injuries and deaths have been documented (could be many, many more). It is only by witness reports or investigation that these events can be attributed to ESD.
- 5. Why is freshwater more dangerous?** In freshwater the human body is much more conductive than the water itself. So, more current flows through the body in freshwater than in saltwater.
- 6. Why are we swimming around docks and boats powered with electricity?** It's our culture. We have always used lakes, rivers, and ponds for swimming. Then we added electricity to the docks for lights, boats, appliances. But swimming persists in light of the danger electricity presents.
- 7. If you feel a tingle? - Stop!** Turn around. Go back to where there was no tingle. Swim away! Warn others. Get out and turn off power any way you can.
- 8. If you witness an ESD?** Turn power off, throw a life ring, try to move the person away with a nonconductive pole or object. Don't pull the person toward to the dock. DO NOT JUMP IN TO HELP (you will become a casualty). Call 911!
- 9. How can ESD be prevented?**
 - a. Don't swim around docks and boats using electricity!! Consider the ENTIRE dock dangerous.**
 - Find a swimming location at least 50 yds from any electrically-powered docks.
 - Post signs around your dock to notify others of the potential dangers.
Example: **"NO SWIMMING, DANGER OF ELECTROCUTION"**
 - b. Follow current codes and standards.** NFPA 70 (NEC) and NFPA 303 (Marinas and Boatyards) address electrical standards and inspection requirements for dock and marina safety (www.nfpa.org). The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) covers electrical standards for boats (www.abycinc.org).
 - Codes and standards protect when water is entered accidentally.
 - Install ground fault protection on all electrical systems used by docks and boats.
 - Inspect all dock and boat electrical systems annually and after periods of violent weather.
 - Only allow electrical work and inspection by licensed or otherwise qualified personnel.
 - c. Spread the word about this danger in your local community.** Distribute literature like this brochure. Visit the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association website (www.electricschockdrowning.org) for more information and resources.

Meeting
Reminder!

**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7pm**

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

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

CRBC SNAPS!

Send all your fun CRBC photos to triciaschaden@mac.com - we'd love to feature them in the next Soundings!



CONGRATULATIONS!! To Jerry Reblin who received proclamation from the State of Michigan for all his years of dedicated service with the Selfridge Citizens Council.



THANK YOU to Liam and Aidan Kern who donated a bunch of beach toys to the Island earlier this year. These toys are kept in the toy area in the clubhouse and can be borrowed and returned by anyone who's interested.



Dick Bania, Tom Campau, Larry Carlen, George Buono, Roland Austin, & Bud Mallard gather to plant a tree in memory of their longtime friend, P/C Bob Mueller.

The Good of the Order

-Don Kersey, Secretary

It is with great sadness that the Flag and Board of Directors announce the passing of Cecilia Kern, mother of P/C Doug Kern. A private memorial service was held by the family.

We also note the passing of Dale Nevison, father of P/C Chris Nevison. He passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of July 27.

Jacqueline Earl mother of member Keith Winn also passed away on August 6th. Her funeral was held August 8th in St Clair, MI.

May our thoughts and prayers be with all the families at this sad time.

Grounds & Maintenance Report

From the Desk of Bill Whitley, Jr.



Bill Whitley Jr.
Vice Commodore

As Labor Day approaches, we continue to work on projects at the Island.

- A new picnic table pusher was fabricated and installed on the Kubota, so that tables can now be moved by pushing on the table frame, rather than on the seat. This should greatly extend the life of the tables.
- Welding of the seawall was completed, with over 80 cracks in the seawall cap having been repaired, in addition to the repair of our broken tiebacks.
- New BBQ grills have been purchased and are in the process of being assembled and installed around the Island.
- Two trees were planted on the Island in response to member donation.

We'll keep plugging away on projects throughout the fall. We have brush cleanup, the barns needs organizing, the completion of installation of the basketball hoop and more. Remember, this is your Island. Please pitch in and lend a hand to keep things maintained. Let me know if you see anything in need of attention. See you out there!

Membership Update:

Social:	44
Boating:	132

At the August Board meeting, one new applicant was read for a prospective member:

Dean Patterson and his fiancé Wendy Sliger, from New Baltimore has been sponsored by Jeff Parker.



The Board of Directors at the June meeting voted to extend the membership incentive that waives initiation fee! This incentive will remain in effect through the end of 2017.

This has been a very successful program and is a great way to convince your friends that this is the right time to join CRBC!!



2017 CRBC

Entertainment Events

February

25 Commodore's Ball (McEachren)

April

15 Island Open (Whitley Jr)
Lunch (Wesenberg)

May

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

June

3 Island Beautification Lunch (Reichmann)
Island Beautification Dinner (TBD)
10 Island Cookout (Ayers)
Crest Pontoon Boat Demo Day
17 Old Club/CRBC tennis (Sogge)
Euchre (Buccellato)
18 Father's Day Breakfast (Whitley)

July

1 Island Breakfast (Nowakowski/Pifer)
Tennis Mixer (Sogge/Grant)
Kids Fishing Contest (Henderson/Turansky)
Diva Party (V Miller)
Entertainment: Same Old Guys (D Miller)
2 Boat First Aid Safety Class (AM Schaden)
Bingo (Balick/Henderson)
3 July 4 dinner (Parker)
4 CRBC BOD Meeting (Kersey)
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)
16 Island Breakfast (Kersey)

July (continued)

22 Bonfire & S'mores (Cohen)
Craft Beer Event (Cusic/Faircloth)
28-30 CRBC Rendezvous @ GPYC (Nevison/Cohen)

August

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

September

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

October

14 *Island Closing (Whitley Jr/Cohen)

November

15 *Annual Meeting (Kersey)

* tentative dates/events

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.



FOR



1996 Carver 380 Santego listed with McMachen Marine,
\$58,000.00. Owned by Ken and Kelly Emigh 810-348-2599.

