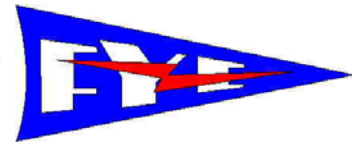


The Signal Hoist



Ford Yacht Club
Grosse Ile, Michigan

Year 61.03

March 2008

From the Bridge...

March is here; Spring is on its way. Soon it will be time to uncover those boats and spend endless hours cleaning and waxing. If you are suffering from cabin fever now would be a good time to come down to the Club to see the results of the remodeling efforts during shut down. Bob Pettry and his crew have been hard at work transforming the Club interior with new paint colors, new carpeting and several decorative changes. Seeing is believing how beautiful everything looks.

Now that the annual Spaghetti Dinner is past, it is time to look ahead to all of the great events our Entertainment Committee has planned. This begins with the St. Patrick's Day party on March 15th at 9:00 p.m. The First Mates Annual Children's Easter Party will be held on Sunday, March 16th. Bring your kids or grandchildren to this event, they won't be disappointed. On March 23rd, plan on treating your family to dinner at the Club with the Chef's special Easter buffet.

Our Fleet Captains have also been working hard getting the rendezvous events planned. Their first event is the outbound bus trip on April 5th at 1:00 p.m. Make sure to look for the sign-up sheet down at the Club because you don't want to miss this great event.

Once again the Ford Yacht Club AYC committee members did an outstanding job for the hospitality room. We had over 94 Members and their guests in attendance.

Commodore Tom MacDonald
Vice Commodore Rob Rankin
Rear Commodore Dan Thomas

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Chairman's Comments

Winter is almost over, so let's start thinking warm thoughts. The Club is re-opened with a nice fresh coat of paint. Come down and see the new colors, they look great. You might notice some price changes in the Bar Menu; we only raised prices on items where our costs have increased.

The Board of Directors approved the 2008 Budget this month. A few of the line items were discussed at great length, and we finally came to an agreement. We should be able to meet our projected positive cash flow. I do feel that all of the Directors have looked into their own budgets and will do well in managing the "bottom line" again this year.

The Board is now starting to look at other projects to be done under the Capital Spending Budget. The Capital Spending Budget consists of \$25,000 each year. These are items that are considered a Capital Asset under accounting rules, and are not considered an expense of normal upkeep. If any of you would like to see any particular projects accomplished, please talk with the respective Board Director or with myself. The Board will always take your ideas under consideration. I would like for all of you to remember that when we can get more members helping out on any project, it results in a lower cost of labor. In turn, we can use our hard earned money on Assets for all of the Membership to enjoy.

Hope to see many of you down at the "Best Club on the Lake" soon.

Chairman of the Board Steve Boettner
saboettner@hotmail.com

THANK YOU, PAST COMMODORES!

***A special thank you to all of the
FYC Past Commodores
for donating the new HD flat screen TV
located in the bar area.***

From the Commodore. . .

In most cases we have to write our articles for the Signal Hoist in advance of our events due to the timing required to get the Club bills mailed out to the membership in a timely manner. This is why you will not hear me talk much about the Ford Yacht Club's 2008 Commodore's Ball in this article. I cannot predict how this spectacular event will turn out, so we all will have to wait in anticipation one more month for that report! I will say this, with the economic times as they are today, I am very impressed with the amount of people who have decided to not only attend, but spend the weekend. Some attendees are Members (a number I would like to see higher in the future) and many are dignitaries from various clubs around the Great Lakes. Most are friends, many of whom I have met representing FYC over the past 4 years and even a few co-workers. Yes I do work for Ford, and still have a job.

One of the roles of the Commodores is to represent Ford Yacht Club and its membership outside the gates of our great club. I can say that the 2008 Bridge already has done nothing but make me proud in their tireless efforts to promote FYC to the rest of the boating community.

V/C Rob Rankin has been doing an incredible job representing FYC. There are weekends where there are more than one Commodore's Ball event to attend which Rob has stepped up and filled the commitment, all of this along with his normal roles and responsibilities as the Entertainment Director. For those who attended the Super Bowl party, you know what I am talking about.

Rear Commodore Dan Thomas and Lady Nancy once again showed all of those who attended the AYC Ball in Perrysburg, Ohio not to mess with Ford Yacht Club when it comes to building and decorating the hospitality room. This year I am proud to say we placed second, although I would argue we were a FIRST place contender! Together with a group of dedicated members they put their heads together and came up with designs, decorations and even fish aquariums! The room was built to the theme of the 007 James Bond movie, "For your Eyes Only". Please read Dan's Rear Commodore's article where he will provide more details on this event and those who participated.

Dan and Nancy also on a few occasions have had to step up and represent FYC at Ball events too. Many may not be aware of this but some of these events require a long drive or an overnight stay.

Please, when you see the Vice or Rear Commodore and his Lady, take time to say thank you for their commitment to our great club, they deserve it.

I now know another reason we are the Greatest Club on the Great Lakes. Thanks again, guys and Lady, you make Kathy and me proud to be a part of the 2008 Bridge.

Fleet Captains Ron Peterson and Mark Saunders are once again working to "bridge the gap" between Power and Sail; they need your participation to make this happen. Please take time to read their articles, watch for the fliers and mark your calendars when these group events take place. Be a part of the fun and get the most out of your Membership, I know I will.

Commodore Tom MacDonald
"Where Land Ends The Party Begins"

From the Vice Commodore...

Welcome back. For those who were present at Annual Commodores' Spaghetti Dinner, you were the first to see the freshly re-done Clubhouse. What a change. The House Committee and painting Crew did an awesome job this year. If you haven't been down to your Club yet this year, "What ya waiting for", a party? Ok, I'll throw you one.

On Saturday, March 15th, the annual St. Patrick's Party will take place. The kitchen will have dinner specials and the bar drink specials to help set a festive mood for the weekend. Entertainment will be provided by The Drew Crew. These guys played last Halloween and were a great hit. Band starts at 9 pm.

I want to thank Rear Commodore Dan Thomas and Lady Nancy for putting on a great party at the Annual AYC Commodore's Ball. Ford Yacht Club was once again a shining example for other clubs to follow. Dan along with his Crew, did a excellent job. Thanks Dan and Nancy for the great weekend. You made FYC proud.

Vice Commodore Rob Rankin
Rankinrr@comcast.net

Membership Report Feb. 2008

Membership	New	Current	Authorized	Open
Basic	0	46	75	29
Regular	0	15	60	45
Equity	0	335	340	5
Senior		153		
Life		30		
Total*		396	475	79

*Total current does not include senior/life membership
Membership Committee: Linda Hinzmann, Bruce Book, Jerry Murray, Dave & Cindy Firlik

Membership Chair Mark Hinzmann

From the Rear...

The annual AYC Commodore's Ball Weekend has come and gone and what a great party it was. All of the clubs that participated in hosting the hospitality rooms really stepped up and the competition was fierce. Our great club took second place being beat out by Ottawa River Yacht Club.



The theme of our room was the James Bond movie "For Your Eyes Only". We transformed the room into a detailed replica of the sunken ship in the movie. We even had fabulous portholes that had live fish swimming outside of the ship thanks to the creativity and hard work of Chris Hancock and Mark Saunders. The room was so impressive that people from everywhere were coming in to take pictures. This great room was accomplished through the hard work of the committee chairpersons and their committees. Nancy and I want to thank Barb Takacs for being Food Chairman, Todd Sharp for being Bar Chairman, Nancy Peterson for chairing the Decoration committee, and Chris Hancock for chairing the Construction committee. Also, big thanks go out to Tim and Peg Cote for the awesome shirts they designed in honor of our own "James Bond" Commodore – Tom MacDonald. We would also like to thank Beth Armstrong, Mary Gray, Ellen Borsenik and Diana Ennis for helping out with the food; Mark Saunders, Ron Peterson, Derek Williams, Scott Gray and Keith Armstrong for working on the construction; Brian Ennis for helping out with handling the bar; Ted & Denise Wagner, Peg Cote, Steve & Wendy Gravlin, and Randy Rankin for helping with decorations; and George Takacs for being our financial advisor. We also want to thank Sandy and Jerry Gatt, Jeannie Saunders, Cindy Herman, Charlie Varney, Dave Hall, Dale Borsenik, Mark Yoder, V/C Rob Rankin and Mark Hinzmann for all of their hard work and endless hours helping out. Also, thanks to Tom Priest for loaning his computer and great program and Bruce Lampton – where would we be without Northfield Trucking! And last but not least, thanks to Commodore Tom MacDonald and Lady Kathy for their much needed guidance and support. Additionally, we want to thank all of our members for their generosity in donations of food and beverages that helped make our room top notch. We know we probably have forgotten someone and we apologize. As always, Nancy and I were honored to be representatives of our great club.

Rear Commodore Dan Thomas

Fleet Captain Power...

Wow! March is here and I can see light at the end of the tunnel on this thing called winter. Thank goodness. We all have more important things to do than the continual shoveling of snow. **LIKE BOATING!** Remember that? We keep them at the Club under plastic or tarps and in the summer we actually can use them. With that being said, it gives me great pleasure to announce the 2008 Bus Trip and Rendezvous schedule.

On April, 5th the annual Bus Trip kicks off the summer season with a fun-filled day of travel to area clubs. This year we will be visiting Toledo Sailing Club, Detroit Beach Boat Club and Swan Boat Club. This is an FYC tradition that you won't want to miss. Check this issue of the Signal Hoist for the enclosed flyer with all of the details.

Outbound Rendezvous and dockside events are as follows:

- May 25th Boat Crawl on FYC grounds 3:30pm till dusk
- May 30th to June 1st Kelley's Island Seaway Marina
- June 27th to 29th Put-in-Bay
- July 18th to 20th Algonac Harbor
- August 29th to September 1st MacRay Harbor
- September 12th to 14th Leamington

Jeannie and I are looking forward to the up-and-coming summer season. Together, with Sail Fleet Captain Ron and Lady Nancy, we encourage your participation and welcome the opportunity to assist in making all outbound events a memorable experience. Bus Trips, Dock Crawls, Golf Cart Trivia and things we haven't thought of yet, they will all be there. Will You? Remember, Where Land Ends The Party Begins. It's not just a saying.....It's how we roll at FYC.

"Where Land Ends The Party Begins"

Mark Saunders, Power Fleet Captain

Marksaunders18@gmail.com

Texas Holdem at FYC

We have received a State License to hold another Texas Holdem at FYC on **April 13**. The flyer is included in this newsletter.

Earlier, I had asked for anyone who would like to help by dealing, and needed to learn how, to let me know so we could schedule a training session. I'm restating that request here. Please contact me at Editor25@peoplepc.com or 313-770-4769. We have a fun game, very friendly, and everyone involved has had a good time. The "but" to this is, "But we really do need more help". Please let me know if you are available and interested in helping.

Thanks, all!

P/C Ed Payne

Dock Bidding

February 2008 Bid Results			
Member	Equity Seniority	Perm. Assign	Move From
Ashley, Susan	Jul-04	81	
Diehl, Cary	Jan-08	80	

This ends the dock bidding for the 2008 season. Docks not assigned will be available for temporary assignments for equity and regular members based on compatibility and seniority.

All members that have new permanent assignments will receive contracts during March. If contracts are not returned by the date specified, they are subject to the loss of the assignment.

Lew Williams, Dock Assignment Chairman
(313) 336-4236 - celcon@comcast.net

Marina Matters

MARINA COMMITTEE:

The Marina Committee met on February 14th.

While three of our key members were not in attendance, we continued brainstorming the dredging and seawall issues concerning the East Basin. The subject of trespassing and illegal parking on our property by ice fishermen was discussed at length without resolution.

We also discussed the possibility of physically mowing the weeds in both harbor entrances as they appear in the summer.

HARBORMASTER:

Power Fleet Captain Mark Saunders and Sail Fleet Captain, Ron Peterson, have been busy already this year scheduling Outgoing Rendezvous and taking reservations from incoming groups.

As you know, PC's Ed Payne and George Voulemenous are very active on the regional level. Ed is now Vice Commodore of the I-LYA, and George is Rear Commodore of the DRYA.

I anticipate that this should bring a great influx of people and boats from both of their organizations to our 2008 Regatta. Once again, the Harbor Crew will be ready and eager to accommodate all who come to our Regatta.

Fred Devantier
Marina Director - Harbormaster

Forward Planning

The Forward Planning Committee is now in place. It consists of Ron Peterson, Martin Jones, Denise Wagner, Johnnie Johnson, Kathy MacDonald, and Ken Durbal. As publicized in the past, the Committee is moving ahead with its mission to discern and publish where the Club is at right now and our direction for the future.

To accomplish this in a truly meaningful way, I have asked for the cooperation of the Board and various committee chairmen. We also need input from each of you in the form of demographic information as well as your concerns and ideas. Armed with this data and comparing it with information garnered in the past, we should be able to recognize changing trends in the Club's demographics, desires and issues. We will then be able to inform you as to what the Board is doing concerning the Club's present and future state.

Currently members of the Committee have volunteered to act as liaisons with various sectors of the Club. We are putting together surveys/questionnaires for various groups and members of the Club.

We will try to keep the surveys short and to the point. We hope to make the membership aware of all the various committees' immediate as well as future plans. We believe that it is extremely important at this time, when many of our members are concerned about their personal finances, that the Club has maximum communication between the leadership and the members as to how the Club is meeting their expectations and needs. **WE NEED THE INPUT OF EVERY COMMITTEE AND MEMBER.** For the chairmen, please work with the liaison from our committee and furnish us with as much information as you can. For the members, please fill out and turn in the questionnaire when it is presented but also feel free to approach any of the members of this committee during this process with your ideas and concerns.

All of us not only want to maintain FYC as the best Club on the Great Lakes, but we want it to be constantly improving. By improving, I mean getting closer to a 100% satisfaction rating from the membership! I thank you in advance for your help.

Dale Borsenik
Director Forward planning

New E-mail address for Work Hours

Please send work hour related e-mails to:

workhours@fordyachtclub.com

Or call my Cell 734-673-6407

Thanks.

Sheri Soloway, Work Hours Chairman FYC

E-mail Update

The Ford Yacht Club uses three e-mail lists to serve the various needs and requirements to get information to the members. These Lists are the *All Members*, the *Bar and Dining Room* and the *Travel and Entertainment* lists. Each of these lists is designed to give the member different types of information.

The *All Members* e-mail list is used to pass on critical and immediate information. Information may be special Club, Harbor or member passing notices that require immediate action. No event advertising will be sent out using the *All Members* list. Club members with e-mail should be on this list.

The *Bar and Dining Room* list is used to pass on Dining Room dinner specials and events. Special promotions in the Bar area are also sent out using this list.. Follow up notices are usually sent out a week before the special events as a reminder. Dinner specials are sent mid-week for the weekend menu specials. This list is optional to the member.

The *Travel and Entertainment* e-mail list is used by the Commodores and the various Club committees to pass on special events and clubhouse entertainment schedules. Other event notices include things like rendezvous runs and bus tours. This list is optional to the member.

All members should be on the *All Members* list. If you are not receiving Club e-mail or wish to be added to the *Bar and Dining Room* and/or *the Travel and Entertainment* lists, please send your request to the sitemgr@fordyachtclub.com.

If you change your e-mail address, please send your update information to the Site Manager so we can keep the lists current.

Bob Maierle, Site Manager.

House Committee

Your House Committee has taken spring cleanup to a new level. As promised, we installed new carpet throughout the main floor and painted most walls with vibrant colors. Gone is the real estate beige, and powder blue. In is a royal blue, a warm yellow, a burgundy red and a deep gold...all complimented and coordinated with a rich blue-and-gold-patterned carpet. Hope you like it.

The club was evacuated of furniture and fixtures, walls repaired and 20 gallons of premium paint applied by the hard working team of: Mark Lindsey, Mark Zaya, Joe Toth, Steve Boettner, Donna Denson, Brian Loftus, Gene Swift, Dave Hall, Jim Stanko, Joe Franchini, Ken and Stephanie Durbal, Mick Mehaw, Mas Miyazki, Jared, Dan Decker, Lin Hendricks, Kevin Crohn, Bill Mott and Bob Vanvulkenburg (a guest).

Special thanks to Bill Branson who removed the hallway wall paper, and to Peter Thornton for renovation and addition to the Commodore picture wall frame.

Many of the members will remember the shelf in the old bar area...installed circa 1963. The shelf has re-appeared as a mantel above the fireplace thanks to Dan Mills who rehabbed and reconfigured it into a beautiful accent piece.

Interior designer and new member Karen Olinek helped coordinate the colors and project logistics, supervised the work, and ordered and installed the carpet to an aggressive schedule.

Thanks to all for a great job.

Looking ahead even further, the House Committee will work on new art work, perhaps new lighting in the dining room, wall paper and fabrics, and other changes to improve the ambience of the best club on the lakes. We will keep you informed.

Bob Pettry, House Committee Chair

First Mates

Well, we have almost made it through another winter! Hopefully March will bring us spring-like weather. I would like to thank everyone that signed up to be a First Mate or a booster, your membership is greatly appreciated and important in the support of our children's programs.

The children's Easter party is right around the corner on March 16. Lunch buffet is scheduled to start at noon and the Easter bunny will arrive at 1:00pm, with the Easter Egg Hunt to follow. If First Mate members could please donate a bag of candy ahead of time for this event, donations can be left in the Ship's Store or with the bar staff. We will be stuffing the Easter eggs at the March 12 meeting at 7:00pm.

We are looking for any donations of old jewelry, purses, belts, scarves or any other accessory for the Trashy Treasure table that we will have at the Wine, Women and Shopping evening on May 7th. Any donations can be left in the Ship's Store.

I hope to see everyone at the Easter Party.

Jackie Morabito – First Mates President
morabitorich@sbcglobal.net

News From the DRYA...

Sailing Seminars

Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm through the winter, the **Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association (DRYA)** sponsors Sailing Seminars at various member clubs. They are free and open to the public. The intended audience is not only experienced sailors, but also specifically those of you who are brand new to sailing and/or would like to know more about it. Many of the topics covered, such as first aid, navigation and weather are of great interest to power boaters as well as sailors. These are the topics and locations of the March Seminars. They are quite interesting and you're likely to run into people you know! ...especially at the March 12th Seminar!

March 05 at 7:00 pm, Great Lakes Yacht Club, 23900 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, 586-778-9510

"Racing Rules of Sailing" The Racing Rules of Sailing governs sailboat racing. These rules apply to the sport worldwide, and some can be quite baffling. This seminar concentrates on only those rules that the newer sailor needs to know to enjoy sailboat racing safely. Ted Everingham again will lead this informative and entertaining seminar. Ted is Past Commodore of Bayview Yacht Club, a *US SAILING*-certified Umpire and Senior Judge, an International Judge and the immediate past chair of the *US SAILING* Judges Committee.

March 12 at 7:00 pm, Ford Yacht Club, 29500 South Pointe Road, Grosse Ile 734-676-8422

"Dark Secrets of the Race Committee" (*Sailing Instructions & The Rest of the Rule Book*) True, the first time you see a sailboat race, you may think it's too complicated and chaotic (it can be both). Here again, the organization and running of a sailboat race follows a strict formula that all racers – skippers and crew – need to understand. Join us for an evening with Jim Rodgers, from whose wealth of experience we will learn about the other side of racing – the Race Committee's – with its list of officials and rules that make it all happen.

March 19 at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm, Detroit Yacht Club, 1 Riverbank Road, Belle Isle, Detroit 313-824-1200

Special Guest Speaker: Gary Jobson!

In the American sailing world, probably no voice is better known than that of Gary Jobson. Gary Jobson is a world-class sailor, television commentator and author based in Annapolis, Maryland. He has won many championships in one-design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. In college he was an All American

sailor three times and was twice named College Sailor of the Year (1972, 1973).

In October 2003 Gary was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame by the Herreshoff Marine Museum. In 1999 Gary won the Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy, US Sailing's most prestigious award. This trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in the United States.

Gary has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. In 1988 Gary won an Emmy for his coverage of yachting at the Olympic Games in South Korea. He has authored 15 sailing books and is Editor at Large of *Sailing World* and *Cruising World* magazines.

The 5:00 session is aimed at Junior and Senior High school student and is FREE to everyone 18 and under. The 7:30 session is open to everyone and will cost only \$12 at the door. There will be a reception immediately following to welcome Mr. Jobson.

P/C George Voulemenous

2008 Rear Commodore, DRYA

2003 Commodore, FYC

Comments? Send to OldTeak@aol.com

Sail Fleet and Race Committee

Ford Yacht Club is proud to welcome the DRYA (Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association) "Dark Secrets of the Race Committee" on Wednesday, March 12th. Bar food will be available. Please come down and join us.

Please mark your calendar for the annual Bus Trip. We are scheduled for April 5th at 1:00 PM. This is a day you won't want to miss.

2007 Trivia Question: How many people does it take to push a bus out of the mud? Sign up sheets are available in the Club. Remember what your mom always said, "Don't miss the bus!"

There will be a program the evening of April 11. Bill Boyke presenting information on SSB and Ham radio and Boating. We plan to follow this with a presentation from a local sailmaker."

I hope everyone has been down to see our new and improved Club. What a beautiful job the paint crew has done! I'll see you all soon at FYC.

Be sure to check the FYC website for the latest and greatest updates.

Where land ends the party begins!

Ron Peterson, Sail Fleet Captain

rpeterson26@comcast.net

Doug Howe, Race Committee Chair

dlhowe@wowway.com

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Signal Hoist Deadline

The deadline for the April 2008 issue of the Signal Hoist will be **Thursday, March 20th**. Please submit your articles on time! Articles can be submitted on disk or emailed to signalhoist@fordyachtclub.com. Please also send a copy to both signalhoist@hotmail.com, and pbco@comcast.net. Pictures are welcome; please include some details.

The Signal Hoist Team:

*Deb Gable Roberta Holl Amy Kohair
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From the DRYA...

Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association, Executive Committee Meeting Summary, Bayview Yacht Club February 7, 2008

Handicapping

- Handicap Review Board met with the nine boat owners requesting a ratings review.
- The Appeals due date is February 15, 2008.
- The Appeals Meeting will be scheduled for February 25, 2008 7:00 PM at BYC. It is anticipated that the class splits will be the same as last year.

US Sailing

- Their Spring Meeting is next month in Newport.
- The new rulebooks are expected to be out before the first of the year.

Junior Sailing

- The JuniorSailing Committee Chairman position needs to be filled.

Communications/Publicity

- The DRYA and Mount Gay Rum Event with Gary Jobson will be March 19, 2008. Gary has offered to do a free presentation for Junior Sailors from 5:00 until 6:00 PM. The regular presentation will begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$12 at the door for the evening session. All are welcome.

Bay Week Dates

- August 2, 2008 Downriver Race
- August 3, 2008 Deep Water Race
- August 4 – 8, 2008 Bay Week
- August 9, 2008 Ford Yacht Club Regatta

Hot Stove Meeting

- The Meeting will be at NSSC on February 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM.
- The Race Chair Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM prior to the Hot Stove Meeting.

P/C George Voulemenous

*2008 Rear Commodore, DRYA
2003 Commodore, FYC*

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I-LYA Delegate	F/C Ron Peterson
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2008 Commodore's Ball Committee

Lady Dori Loomer
P/C Tom Ketelhut and Lady Dawn
V/C Rob Rankin
Tom and Kathy Kaul
Mark and Linda Hinzmann
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2008 Entertainment Committee

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Rear Commodore Dan Thomas and Lady Nancy
Sail Fleet Captain Ron Peterson and Lady Nancy
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