



The Signal Hoist

Ford Yacht Club,
Grosse Ile, Michigan

From the Bridge...

Welcome to the month of July!

The **Firecracker Fiesta** on **July 1** starts our FYC events for the month. For the July 4th weekend, this could be a real "blast".

Next, we have our outbound rendezvous to **Toledo Yacht Club**, commencing on Friday, **July 7**. **Toledo Yacht Club** is a great destination for us, and we thank them for hosting. See the signup sheet in the Club, to secure your participation.

We also have the **Inter-Club Sail Race**, leaving FYC bound for Monroe Boat Club on **July 8**. Whether on the TYC outing or not, let us all wish our racers well!!

Speaking of sail events, we have the **Dumb Luck Regatta** on **July 15**, which is also the day for our **Pig Roast and Beach Party**. The Pig Roast, which will consist of: roast pig, pork ribs, pork roast and pork sausage (do you notice some continuity here?) along with assorted salads, will be served from **3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** It is an all you can eat affair priced at \$16 for adults, \$12 for kids 7 to 12, kids 6 and under are free. Entertainment for the Beach Party will begin at 9:00 p.m. under the tent and continue until 1:00 a.m.

On **July 23**, we welcome **Indian Hills Boat Club** to FYC, and will be having entertainment in the Clubhouse from 9pm to 1am. Ending the month, we have the **AYC Poker Run** at **Riverview Yacht Club** on the weekend of **July 28, 29, and 30**.

A busy summer month and plenty of possibilities to take the late start out of our minds. Let's get to summer partying, in a responsible fashion of course!

Commodore Jason Pearson

Vice Commodore Tom Corradi

Rear Commodore Ed Payne

2000 and Beyond...

It is July and the harbor is finally beginning to resemble a normal summer at FYC. The month of June went by like a whirlwind. Things started off with our **first outbound rendezvous to Put-In-Bay on June 2nd**. Everyone had a great time even though the weather could have been a bit more cooperative. The **Saturday steak roast** arranged through the **PIB Yacht Club** was enjoyed by all. We are planning a return visit next year.

The following weekend, **June 9, 10 and 11** was our annual **Opening of the Island and Blessing of the Fleet**. Things started out with a **Fish Fry at Elba Mar Boat Club** Friday evening. Must have been really good because by the time we got there they were out of fish! **Saturday** was a beautiful day for the **Blessing of the Fleet**. Sunny with a bit of (what else) West wind, the ceremony went off very well followed by the **parade of boats** from **FYC** to the county bridge and back. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. **Saturday evening**, there was a **steak dinner** special at **FYC** followed by live entertainment from 9:00 until 1:00. Not to be outdone by EMBC, Chef Tim ran out of food by about 8:00 p.m. **Sunday** morning we traveled to **GIYC** for a tremendous **brunch**.

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Signal Hoist Deadline

The **deadline** for the May issue of the Signal Hoist will be **Thursday, July 20th**. Please submit your **articles on time!** Articles can be submitted on disk or e-mailed to us at ldouglass@bignet.net or randr@ili.net. Pictures are also welcome; include some detail about the subject.

(2000 and beyond... continued)

Everyone looked a little worn but we managed to hang in there. Finally, the weekend came to a close at **Seaway Boat Club** where everyone relaxed at the **afterglow**. All in all it was a busy, but enjoyable, weekend. On **Father's Day**, June 18th, we all enjoyed a tasty **luncheon** served by Chef Tim accompanied by the pleasing sounds of classical guitar, **Happy Father's Day gentlemen**. The **Beach Bums Party** is scheduled for **June 24rd** to be held, (where else?), on our new beach. Details to follow next month.

Until the August issue, smooth seas for the power boaters and fair winds for the sailors.

V/C Tom Corradi and Lady Caren

P.S. Don't forget the Pig Roast, July 15th.

2001 Commodore's Ball News

Just a moment for a quick update on the drawing results.

25 WEEK RAFFLE:

Drawings commenced on 06/02.

1st Week Winner; Mike Watkins

2nd Week Winner; Don Shelly

3rd Week Winner; Bruce Butler

There are 22 weeks left. Good Luck and thank you to all of you who bought tickets.

Summer Dock Fee Raffle:

By the time you receive this, we should have pulled the winner. Results will follow in the August Signal Hoist.

V/C Tom Corradi and Lady Caren

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Ford Yacht Club**

when you purchase Bottled Artesian Spring Water with the Ford Yacht Club logo...now available through the kitchen at \$1/bottle or \$21/case. Each bottle has a \$1 off coupon for breakfast or lunch. So, show your support for FYC...have some on hand for family/friends and visitors!

Comments from the Chairperson

I don't think I will ever say, "when you read this, some event will have happened." Last month I was half right. The Smokeeters were installed but the dredging (first phase) was not complete. Maybe I should be playing baseball; a .500 average isn't all bad.

It seems that getting members to put in their work hours on projects is getting very difficult. There are many jobs that go wanting for lack of member help. If you are looking for work, to put in your hours or fill your time, contact the work hour chairperson. If you are unable to get a hold of him, please give me a call. We allow members to put in as many hours as they want. It is your Club and it only looks as good as you want it to. I hear members say, "When is the Club going to do this or that?" Remember, *you* are the Club.

As I write this, (notice I didn't say "when you read this,") the dredging is done for the season in the harbors. They are digging their way from the east harbor entrance to the main channel. I wish to thank all the people who have made this dredging happen. First, thank you to the members who supported the effort with a vote for the project. Second, I would like to give a few people a big hand for all the hours and aggravation they put in and put up with during this period. A special thanks to Dick O who watched every shovel full and every truckload of dredging materials being moved. Take a trip to the North end of the Club property and look at all the dirt that was removed. Thanks again to all that helped.

Dan Mills, Chairperson

Quote of the Month:

*Everyone has a photographic memory.
Some just don't have film!*



House Committee Report

Activity around the club has really increased and "business" in the bar and dining room is running well. July will be another busy month and things will return to normal now that the dredging is complete... 'til the Fall.

We continue to work to make the club experience even better. We have ordered a bench for the front hall near the lobby for those waiting for the car or (dread the thought) putting on boots or getting out of inclement weather. Soon we will have some nice centerpieces on the dining tables. A replacement table top for the bar ships wheel table is on order. This will be one inch thick Acrylic...and screwed into position.

Apologies for the sewer back up on Father's Day...problem was corrected by Roto Rooter the next day.

A bar cooler and a kitchen cooler went down...but repairs have been made. We have seen quite a bit of refrigeration issues this year to date. The Club is aging so perhaps we need to expect and anticipate some of these things.

There have been several occurrences of people coming into the dining room at 5 minutes after the published closing time. This is very disruptive to a kitchen trying to close down for the night...they must start up again for the latecomers. To avoid this, we will be announcing last call for food at 15 min to the closing time. This will allow people in the bar to move into the dining area and get their order in before closing. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The carpet has been cleaned again...can't seem to keep it clean for very long this year.

Once again we remind parents to keep their children from running in the club and from playing on the south balcony.

Let us know how we are doing...put your thoughts in the comment box.

Bob Pettry, Chairman, House Committee



From the Rear...

Thanking everyone by name for the efforts put forth during the **Opening of the Island** weekend would take more space than allowable for the newsletter. Let all who assisted be aware those names do not escape me, and I do appreciate your commitment to our Club!

Please take notice of some things I would like to do that may be a little different than has been done in the past. I would like to call a meeting for **Thursday, August 24, 2000**, for those wishing to participate on the **Entertainment Committee for 2001** and the **Commodore's Ball Committee for 2002**. This will be a joint meeting to lay the foundation for the events. The meeting will convene at **8:00 p.m.** and is not expected to last more than an hour. Anyone is welcome to attend. Some may decide to volunteer, while others in attendance may decide otherwise. All is fine, but the meeting will be the start of the preparations for these committees.

This message will be restated in the **Signal Hoist** next month, but I want to get the information out as early as possible so someone with questions will be able to discuss them with me at the Club beforehand.

Thank you, all, for your support!

R/C Ed Payne

Kitchen Corner

Coming Soon...Tim's New Menu!

Due to House Committee demands, we are required to issue a new menu each season. In order to include new items, some items must be omitted. We are not able to provide items from multiple menus on a daily basis; however, we will run old favorites on Special to please our members. Hope you enjoy our new menu.

Thank you for your support.

Chef Tim



From the Harbormaster

At this time, everybody should know that the dredging has come to a halt until fall. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during all this. It's been hard on all of you as well as myself but everything is going well, with everyone able to go in to their own wells.

Now, to help me out even more, when departing from the club either for a few days or longer, could you drop a float plan in my mailbox? This helps me out tremendously. It will also give you a chance to win one of the prizes in the Float Plan Contest being held Sept. 2nd. Float Plan forms are available in the vestibule by the bulletin board. Completed plans can be turned in to whoever is on duty at the bar or at the Harbormaster mailbox location indicated on the form.

Thanks again for everyone's patience and understanding.

Howard Keller, Harbormaster



Marina Corner

Our delayed launch has gone well, with only a few problems. Remember to clean up around your boat after launching. By now, the dredging will be finished until fall and I would like to thank you for your patience. This has been a tough spring but the results will last for years. The mess has been greater than anyone could have imagined but we're working on it. I hope anyone needing the 2 x 2' pavers to build a temporary walkway to their dock has got the ones the club supplied. This will make do until a permanent repair is made. Remember, there is no rule that says a member can't do some work on his dock approach on his own time.

Please take advantage of our rendezvous and club parties this summer and make the most of this summer season.

Rich Schwochow, Marina Director



3rd Annual Big Fish Contest a “Sheep-Fish” Affair!

Despite Mother Nature sending rain, winds and high temperatures – and despite the trucks, mud and earth movers! – the Big Fish contest was great fun again this year. The kids in the 12-and-under class caught a total of 19 fish, including perch, rock bass, sunfish, largemouth bass and sheephead, while the 13-and-over group caught two.

The most unusual catch of the day was made by four year old Grant Hudson, who was reeling in a seven inch yellow perch when he saw something following his fish. He began reeling in more slowly, only to see his perch swallowed by a 16 ¾ inch largemouth bass. When he hauled his catch in, the bass had about two inches of perch hanging out of it’s mouth! Unfortunately, bass is out of season, so it could not be counted as the biggest fish. But, Grant certainly has a great fish tale to tell!

Of course, this turn of events made Chris Leone very happy because it meant that his 14 inch sheephead became the winning fish for the 12-and-under group. Katie Fisher won in the 13-and-over group, giving some competition to her sister, Allison, who was a previous winner.

All contestants went home with medals for participating and beautiful glass fish provided by Linda Kostof, owner of Bouquet’s floral shop of Grosse Ile. The winners also split the entry fees and, judging by their smiles, that really made their day!



Grant Hudson with his double catch!

*Written by Marie Ferstle
Submitted by Mark Russell*

Put North Cape Race ad here

FIRST MATES- NEWS!

Aug. 5th: Bake Sale to raise money for the Children's Halloween Party and Christmas Celebration. Turn in store bought treats, breakfast bars, muffins, fruit, or homemade goodies to Jeanne or the Ships Store any day prior to the bake sale. The bake sale will be from 7:30 AM until noon. Coffee will be available most of the day for our guests.

Sept. 10th: First Mates Meeting -- Tupperware Party!!! (1:00 PM in the Conference Room)

Oct. 10th: First Mates Meeting – Discuss Halloween Party, new officers and Christmas gifts.

Sometime during September and November, we will be having a Candle Party in the Lounge. This will be a fundraiser for the children's parties and the fashion show door prizes. It will be a great time to buy gifts and candles for the holiday season.

That's all for now,

Sharon Gratz, First Mates President

FIRST MATES– SHIP'S STORE!

Now that summer is here... we need First Mates to work in the Ship's Store on weekends. I have posted sign-up sheets on the door of the Ship's Store for each 3-day weekend through July.

Working in the Ship's Store counts towards your work hours and is an extremely pleasant way to fulfill your required hours. I realize that many of the First Mates cannot commit to an entire evening or afternoon. I have, therefore indicated each hour I hope to keep the store open. Please feel free to sign up for just an hour, if that's all you are available.

I have provided space for your name only as displaying phone numbers is not always the wisest approach. If I need to reach you, I can check the member roster for your number.

August sign-up sheets will be posted as we get closer to August and REGATTA weekend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 734-397-3309 (we have an answering machine.) Also, my e-mail address is: e_taro@hotmail.com (note that it is e with an underline taro: e_taro)

Elaine Taro, Ship's Store

SHIPS STORE HOURS

For store hours, please refer to the sign-up sheets which are hanging on the store door. The sheets list the day, date, and each hour of expected operation AND space for the name of the First Mate who will be "manning" the store. IF NO FIRST MATE'S NAME APPEARS NEXT THE HOUR(S) LISTED, THE STORE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE OPEN!

Membership Report

The Membership Committee would like to introduce the following new members. Please join us in welcoming:

John & Jeanne Kirkpatrick
Rick & Brigitte McClain
Robert & Betty Floyd
Nancy Phee
John & Michelle Miller
Mark & Linda Hinzmann
Robert & Diane Baden
Paul & Rhonda Tuomisto
Tom & Carolyn Kolka
Charles & Pamela Metea
Bob & Marge Taylor

The Next new member orientation will be held July 14, 2000, at 8 PM.

We currently have 98 members on the equity waiting list and 18 on the Regular waiting list. The following members accepted equity this month:

Michael Fras
Robert & Maggie King
Robert & Linda Nicolai
Dennis & Carolyn Woods
Howard & Wendy Keller

The current FYC membership is as follows:

Basic	66
Regular	60
Equity	340
Basic Authorized	75
Balance open	9

Membership Committee:

Bob Maierle
Bruce Book
Dave & Cindy Firlik

Sue Okopny - Membership Chairman

EQUITY WAITING LIST – JUNE 2000

Member Name	Date
1 Aston, Scott	03/99
2 Gawlowski, William & Jeri	03/99
3 Wahl, Ronald & Sheila	10/97
4 Karshneski, Richard	12/96
5 Yoder, Mark	10/97
6 Krause, Susan	04/99
7 Anderson, Scott & Margaret	01/97
8 Donaldson, Kevin & Michelle	05/99
9 Janette, Michael & Marcella	05/99
10 Gore, Jeff & Elene	05/99
11 Kline, Jeffrey & Kathie	05/99
12 King, Tom & Cathryn	11/97
13 Barber, Patrick	04/97
14 Medwid, Dennis & Yolanda	04/91
15 LaLonde, Gerald & Linda	11/98
16 Knapp, Wayne & Diana	06/99
17 Blevins, Roger & Beverly	06/99
18 Brown, Joel & Elizabeth	06/99
19 Vaughn, Charles	07/99
20 Morse, Michael and Donna	07/99
21 Imlach, Daniel and Victoria	07/99
22 Horton, David and Brandy	07/99
23 Will, Donald and Katherine	07/99
24 Burkulas, Alex and Rochelle	07/99
25 Ennis, Lori	06/98
26 Sacker, Ramond & Marilyn	08/99
27 MacDonald, Thomas & Barb	08/99
28 Phee, Robert & Tina	08/99
29 Lampton, Bruce & Carlla	08/99
30 Saleski, Lawrence & Vera	08/99
31 Coates, Jeffrey & Patricia	06/98
32 Trimpe, George & Donna	09/99
33 Wyngard, Steven	09/99
34 Henley, Richard & Patrica	09/99
35 Owsinski, Robert	09/99
36 Morrison, Robert & Bernice	09/99
37 Hughes, Richard & Carrie	09/99
38 Warchol, Macheal & Marilyn	09/99
39 Swap, Roger & Pam	09/99
40 Anderson, Warren & Terri	09/99
41 Stump, Doulas & Stella	09/99
42 Donahey, William & Nancy	07/98
43 Jenson, James	10/99
44 Branson, William & Yolonda	10/99
45 Sears, Ron & Joann	10/99
46 Cote, Tim & Peggy	10/99
47 Lewandowski, John & Joyce	10/99
48 Westfall, Dion & Elizebeth	10/99
49 Penland, Phyllis	5/96
50 Shaffer, Russell & Rosemary	7/98
51 Moody, Daniel & Elaine	12/97
52 Crossley, William & Janine	11/99
53 Rodriguez, Terry & Linda	11/99
54 Cesta, Ken & Kathleen	11/99
55 Meldrum, Gary & Linda	12/99
56 Diegel, Kirk & Mary	12/99
57 Sigler, John & Erica	05/98
58 Marschner, Bryan & Dawn	03/98
59 Soloniewicz, Chris & Lisbeth	01/00
60 Doyle, Kevin	01/00
61 Hall, David & Mary	01/00
62 Herman, Scott & Cindy	04/96
63 Oben, D.	06/97
64 Martyka, Daniel & Jill	02/00
65 Ybarra, Henry & Virginia	02/00
66 Walsh, Carol & Robert Wolas	03/00

67 Basile, Donald & Karen	03/00
68 Church, Jerry & Sue	03/00
69 Gilroy, Mark & Sarah	03/00
70 Grosse, Josh & Luann	03/00
71 Whitaker, Gregory & Lori	03/00
72 Purdy, Gary	03/00
73 Charnock, Paul	03/00
74 Seligman, George & Kathleen	03/00
75 Marusak, Thomas & Donna	03/00
76 Garas, Stanley & Nadia	04/00
77 Stoll, Robert & Anna	04/00
78 Lowery, Glen and Tina	04/00
79 Hozworth, David and Deborah	04/00
80 Larson, Todd & Leslie	04/00
81 Kaufman, James & Gail	05/00
82 Roth, Marty & Lynn	05/00
83 Gherardini, Joseph & Melanie	05/00
84 Bagwell, David & Diane	05/00
85 Sherrill, Richard & Norma	07/98
86 Zito, Leonard	11/98
87 Kolka, Tom & Carolyn	06/00
88 Tuomisto, Paul & Rhonda	6/00
89 Mc Clain, George & Brigette	6/00
90 Phee, Nancy	6/00
92 Hinzmann, Mark & Linda	6/00
93 Floyd, Robert & Betty	6/00
94 Miller, John & Michelle	6/00
95 Taylor, Bob & Marge	6/00
96 Baden, Robert & Diane	6/00
97 Kirkpatrick, John & Jeanne	6/00
98 Saywer, Richard	08/98

BASIC TO REGULAR WAITING LIST

1 Marusak, Thomas & Donna	03/00
2 Garas, Stanley & Nadia	04/00
3 Hozworth, David and Deborah	04/00
4 Larson, Todd & Leslie	04/00
5 Kaufman, James & Gail	05/00
6 Roth, Marty & Lynn	05/00
7 Gherardini, Joseph & Melanie	05/00
8 Bagwell, David & Diane	05/00
9 Kolka, Tom & Carolyn	06/00
10 Tuomisto, Paul & Rhonda	6/00
11 Mc Clain, George & Brigette	6/00
12 Phee, Nancy	6/00
13 Hinzmann, Mark & Linda	6/00
14 Floyd, Robert & Betty	6/00
15 Miller, John & Michelle	6/00
16 Taylor, Bob & Marge	6/00
17 Baden, Robert & Diane	6/00
18 Kirkpatrick, John & Jeanne	6/00



*A day without sunshine is like...
night!*

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Commodore	Jason E. Pearson
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Associated Yacht Clubs	Com. Jason Pearson P/C Russell Vaughn Todd Sharp
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PHRF-LE	Dick Synowiec
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Blue Gavel	P/C Bruce Book
FERA	Joe Fabry

2001 Commodore's Ball Committee

P/C Russ Vaughn & Lady Donna
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2000 Entertainment Committee

Chairman – V/C Tom Corradi & Lady Caren
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Doug & Liz Malkowski
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