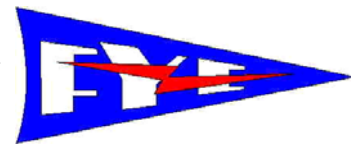


The Signal Hoist



Ford Yacht Club
Grosse Ile, Michigan

Year 61.09

September 2008

Penalty Box

Key Dates to Remember

MEMBER'S JOB	Deadline Date	Comments Penalty
Failure to Register/Maintain Trailer Identification	Anytime	\$50 fine
Remove Dock Poles	Nov. 1 st	Charge will be \$15/pole if Club has to remove
Failure to Place Identification Visible from Road on Stored Boats	When Stored	\$50 fine
Failure to Place Name on Cradles and Detached Masts	When Stored	\$50 fine
Move Small Trailer Boats and Trailers from North of "G" Dock	Oct 15 th	Move to the middle islands. Charge will be \$150 if Club moves.
Failure of Lift Operator to Log Lifts in Travel Lift Book	Anytime	\$50 fine

Meet the Candidates Friday Sept. 26th

Haul-Out Ends Sunday October 26st

Annual Meeting Thurs November 6th

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From the Bridge. . .

The equipment has been tuned up and the Haul-Out Team is ready to go... On September 20th through October 26th the annual haul-out process will be underway. It is something we all have to start thinking about even though the weather is still beautiful. However, don't despair.... There is plenty of boating season left and several fun events planned. Please take a look and join in the fun.

The month of September starts out with the Outbound Rendezvous to MacRay Harbor on Labor Day Weekend. This is a beautiful marina and it looks like it is going to be well attended. Thanks to our Power Fleet Captain Mark Saunders and Lady Jeannie, a great weekend is planned surely to be enjoyed by all.

For those of you staying close to home for the holiday, LEOPA will be roaring into the Club for their annual Fall Poker Run. The entertainment committee has Madison Avenue scheduled to play on Saturday, September 6th. This band really brought down the house at Regatta! And we are sure they will do it again.

The annual FYC Car & Motorcycle Show will be held on Sunday, September 7th. P/C Rob Bergman is hosting this event again this year and has put a lot of time and effort into making this one of the best events of the year. Please come down and support him and enjoy the great vehicles displayed on the lawn.

On the very next weekend the International Fall Classic Sail Race to Leamington will be on September 13th & 14th which wraps up the racing season. The sign-up sheets and Race Applications are in the Clubhouse now. Also, this is a good opportunity to get to know some of this year's candidates for Board of Directors and Commodores better.

On September 20th and 21st, the Jet Express will be taking all Party Animals to Put-in-Bay for the annual Jet Express PIB trip. This trip is sure to be a great success and raises a lot of money for the Opening of the Island Ceremonies in the spring.

Bringing up the end of the month is the Meet the Candidates event on Friday, September 26th. Come on down to the Club and talk to all the candidates.

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From the Commodore. . .

I believe our boat just does not like going to Bay View Yacht Club (South)! This time it was visiting them for their Homecoming (AKA Regatta). For the second time this year we had issues on the Maumee River, this time trying to leave on Sunday the darn boat just did not want to start! With the Help of Fleet Captain Mark Saunders and a few hours of scratching our heads we had those engines purring again. I could not thank Mark and Jeannie enough for giving up their Sunday to make sure we were ok, when I told them I owed them dinner their response was nope that is what friends do for friends.

I stop and think if I did not belong to Ford Yacht Club I would be missing the opportunity to meet such real friends, and establish the extended family type relationships we now have with several FYC members. This is what great clubs and friends are all about! Please remember stories like this when you might think there is a better club than FYC out there. Remember if you see someone in distress please lend them a hand; remember that could be you. I know it is easy to think they can call for a tow boat, I am too busy, but remember lending a hand goes much farther than lending a cell phone (easy to forget these days).

Regatta is behind us now but the memories are not. I cannot thank those enough who volunteered their skills and time to help make this event such a success. There are so many people to thank when you do an event of this size; it is amazing how much goes on behind the scenes to pull it all together. Thank you Chris Hancock for all your hard work running around making sure the tokens and wristbands were handled properly and for handling the checks and balances of it all. Thanks to the bar chairpersons Brian Ennis, Doug MacDonald along with Dennis MacDonald who trained the new guys! Dan the Luge man Taylor and all those who served up the drinks. Food chairman Randy Rankin thanks again for another successful food year and all his volunteers! Gary Meldrum and crew for Security did another great job to keep the party and area under control. Set-up and Clean-up crews did a fabulous job of getting everything set up to make all of this happen and cleaned up so it looked like nothing happened! Also, thanks to the First Mates for furnishing the kids activities and taking care of them.

Finally, how about the Gatt's and Cote's (very familiar names when it comes to helping) for all the work on the cocktail party decorations, invitations set up and everything else I am forgetting Thanks millions!! V/C Rob Rankin and R/C Dan Thomas for taking 3 vacation days and Fleet Captain Ron Peterson who took 3 retirement days to help me get this all set up and sticking it out until the end, yes I already have 3 days of vacation

planned for the next two years! Robbie Tucker and her staff great job, I know everyone slept well on Sunday and Monday! David, Kimberly and your staff thank you for the great effort you put into the cocktail party, much appreciated.

I will say that there was a lack of volunteers for this event which does disturb me some, but I can only assume with the double income households we have today only makes giving up more time from family the reason we had the shortages ?? Right??

Check out the Calendars for many great things to come yet this year at FYC!

See you there!!

Commodore Tom MacDonald

"Where Land Ends The Party Begins"

Ford Yacht Club 2008

From the Bridge continued

Get their views and plans on making this an even better club. On Saturday, September 27th, V/C Rob Rankin is setting up teams for the ILYA Bowling Event in support of our very own P/C Ed Payne. Please contact Rob to provide you team names and get the specific times.

Looking back into August, the 51st Regatta was a huge success in spite of the couple of hours of rain. Fortunately, it stopped and dried off in time for the party to rock-on. The Entertainment Committee provided great bands and musical entertainment for our enjoyment. On Friday, the event opened to the great music of member Mike Foran followed by Madison Avenue. Saturday entertainment began with Andy Stec in the afternoon and then Trilogy came in and rounded out the evening. A great time was had by all. One item of concern was the low participation of our members to volunteer for all of the many tasks that are necessary to pull off a huge event like the Regatta. The Bridge Officers filled in many of the gaps which hindered them performing their regular duties of welcoming visitors and other club dignitaries along with representing the Club. The Regatta is Ford Yacht Club's time to shine but without membership participation, it is very difficult. We need EVERYONE's help to continue to make this a great club and this is also a fun way to get your work hours in for the year.

Just remember. .

Where Land Ends the Party Begins

Commodore Tom MacDonald

Vice Commodore Rob Rankin

Rear Commodore Dan Thomas

Chairman's Comments

Here we are the summer is winding down. I have had a great summer enjoying the water and the company of family and friends at Ford Yacht Club. I hope that you have also.

Regatta seemed to be a good time had by all. Preliminary numbers are suggesting that we will have a surplus of revenue over expenses, which is always a good thing. I would like to point out that this year we were short on volunteers to help with this event, the biggest of the year for FYC. It would be nice if we could have more members get involved in helping out next year to reduce the number of hours each volunteer has to work. This would give more time to for every person to enjoy the Regatta. For those who did step up and help out, a many thanks for going above and beyond and providing the enjoyment of other club members and guests.

It's approaching Club election time, I'm sure that we will have an eventful election. I urge you to ask questions of all the nominees to find out about their vision for the Club in the near and far future. Please compare their opinions with your own, and also express your opinions. Remember, all members are invited to get involve by attending monthly board meetings and other standing committee meeting. It is important for us to know how you would like to see your club develop into the future. Those members that are running are running for a position that will require many lengthy hours of their time. They want, as you do, to make Ford Yacht Club be the best possible recreational experience year round. We are a Club of the Members, for the Members, by the Members. We will be holding a "Meet the Candidate" night on Friday September 26, see you there.

Enjoy your club and get involved as much as your time will allow.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Boettner

Nominating Committee Open Meeting

In accordance with Ford Yacht Club By-Laws, Article X, Section 2: An open meeting has been scheduled for FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M., in the Board of Directors Meeting Room. The purpose of this meeting is to allow members to suggest candidates for the several offices to be filled, for consideration by the committee. This is the last chance to bring in names. The committee will be presenting its' recommendations to the Board for approval on the following Tuesday night. I would like to thank the committee for volunteering their time to assist in this important task. Committee Dan Mills, Jack Knutson, Denise Wagner, Keith Walker and alternates Brian Street and Mark Hinzmann.

P/C Terri Derfjny

From the Vice Commodore. . .

September is here already and the 51st Annual Regatta is now just a memory. September promises to be another busy month. LEOPA's Fall Poker Run will return Friday the 5th to Sunday the 7th. Madison Avenue returns Saturday night. For those that missed Regatta, Madison Ave rocked the tent on Friday night, they are a new band to FYC and this is your last chance to see this wonderful band. That Sunday, the 7th, will bring the Annual Car Show. P/C Rob Bergman and his crew have been working endless hours promoting the event. Come on down and see all the wonderful cars. This event gets bigger every year.

The following weekend is the Bob McKenzie International Fall Classic to Leamington. There is a sign up sheet in the Club to reserve the number of steaks you and your crew needs. Bring a dish to pass for the Steak Roast.

The following weekend is the Annual Jet Express Fundraiser for Opening of the Island on the 20th. However, I have heard the event is a sell out, but there are always tickets available the day of the event as some can't go for whatever reason. So, if you want to go, show up and we may be able to get you a ticket or two for the day boat. If that is not enough, we have more events going on at FYC.

On Friday the 26th, will be the Annual Meet the Candidates Night. Then on Saturday, there is a fundraiser for the 2009 I-LYA Commodore Ed Payne. Remember Ed and Lady Donna, yes Ed was Commodore at FYC in 2002.

The bowling event will be held at Monroe Sports Center, in Monroe. See the flyer in Signal Hoist and get your teams ready. Four to six bowlers per team. Teams can be mixed. The team forms are down at the Club at the entertainment showcase. Give me a call if you have any questions. (734) 306-4466. Those that have participated in the AYC bowling event know how much fun this is. It is important to your current Bridge and FYC that we have a good turn out for this event and show your support for all the hard work Commodore Ed Payne and Lady Donna have done for FYC and now the I-LYA.

Rob Rankin Vice Commodore



From the Rear. . .

Based on comments from Club Members, visiting Commodores and other visitors, 2008 Regatta was a great success!!! This is all due to our Commodore Tom MacDonald and Lady Kathy along with the Committee Chairpersons' tireless efforts. Most of these people along with their committee members were at the Club for the entire week prior to the weekend to prepare for this event. We also have to thank all of the wives, husbands and significant others who were left at home while all of this work was being done. A big thank you goes out to Vice Commodore Rob Rankin and his entertainment committee for providing great musical entertainment. All of the bands were incredible this year.

For this event, I was chairman of Set-Up and Clean-Up. I want to thank each of the members that volunteered to be on the committee and all of those who walked up during the weekend and asked if we needed help. The support I received from the membership was amazing. I am just sorry that my article space is not large enough to list all of you by name. Hopefully, I have made contact with you in person to give my heartfelt thanks.

Another task I had was to find Captains to volunteer their boats to take the club officers out to the start of the race on Saturday. I want to give a special thanks to Bud & Paula Allen and Les & Jean Beatty for volunteering to be these host boats. I also want to thank Charlie Parkinson for providing his boat to be the Committee Boat for the judges. You did a Great Job mounting the cannon on your bow pulpit! It looked really intimidating leaving the harbor. Last but not least, THANK YOU Jim & Linda Stanko for being the patrol boat this year! How many fish were you able to catch in the rough water????

Looking ahead to next year, we are gathering names to join the entertainment committee. Both Nancy and I have been pleased with how many calls we have received volunteering their time and ideas. ANYONE that wants to participate is welcome, so please do not hesitate to volunteer. We are looking for new ideas to make the club a great place to be throughout the year. Our first meeting to get the ball rolling will be held at the Club on Sunday, September 28th at 4:00 p.m. Even if you haven't called yet, please come and let's share ideas and thoughts on what ALL of us want for next year.

Switching to the subject of Security I unfortunately have to report that there have been a couple of instances where gas has been stolen from members' boats. I cannot emphasize enough that all members are the eyes and ears of FYC, so if you see anything or anyone that seems to be suspicious please notify me immediately to contact the Grosse Ile Police. They will respond and investigate all incidents that are reported. I have contacted the Police

Department and they are increasing their surveillance of the club grounds, especially where the incidents have been taking place.

Rear Commodore Dan Thomas

House Committee

August was fantastic, lots of events and a very successful Regatta. Thanks to all of the volunteers that made this a great month, and thanks to our staffs that worked hard to make everything right.

Haul-Out has been announced, but that doesn't mean the boating season is over...far from it. September and October are beautiful months with lots of events planned, and much to do at the Club.

Food and Beverage sales to date are up vs. 2007...and September promises to be even better. Watch for our Football Specials on Sundays...our Lions have given us some hope for the upcoming season. Come to the Club and enjoy the games.

The House Committee received Board approval to reupholster all 194 of our 19-year-old dining room chairs. The frames are in excellent shape and the fabric will be the same material as the bar chairs except in a deep burgundy color. It will take some time to re-do all of the chairs so bear with us as we have a mix of the old and the new.

The House Committee's next effort will be to replace the dining room overhead lighting. We will keep you posted on developments.

Please continue to use the comment box for suggestions and comments.

House Committee Chair Bob Petry

Membership Committee Report –August 2008

Please join us in welcoming new members:

Kevin & Trish O'Hare

Current membership totals:

Membership	New	Current	Authorized	Open
Basic	1	50	75	25
Regular	0	14	60	46
Equity	0	328	340	12
Senior		155		
Life		29		
Total		576		83

Membership Committee:

Linda Hinzmann,
Jerry Murray,

Bruce Book,
Dave & Cindy Firlik

Membership Chair Mark Hinzmann

FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE

A couple of unforeseeable events have occurred during the past month that has delayed the timetable that we had set for ourselves earlier in the year. We were hoping to have some results and insights that we could share with you this month. We plan to be able to do that in next month's report. An example of some of the ideas we are dealing with recently are; 1) putting a covered pavilion on the water's edge where G and H docks meet has been suggested to the grounds committee, 2) the pool is an issue that is going to be further researched, 3) better use of the "beach area" should be investigated, 4) more family events are being put to several committees, 5) "more of a restaurant" is being passed over to the house committee, and 6) dissatisfaction with hours of operation/staff members has also been raised and passed on for various issues.

I want to thank all of you who have submitted your questionnaires for the ideas and criticisms they have brought to our attention. We continue to review and analyze these responses. Many of your concerns have been brought to the attention of the relevant committees. We will let you know what the committees' responses are as we get the information. There are some ideas that are widely supported that we will continue to press and investigate. Every idea and concern raised will be brought to the attention of the appropriate committee. It would be difficult to get back to every one of you as to the disposition of your ideas/concerns. If you specifically request it, I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

When we first got this assignment, we accepted it with the understanding that this was going to be an exhaustive and reliable undertaking. Initially I felt to do this right, we needed an overwhelming response from the members and time and expertise to analyze a great deal of information that would be important in guiding the future plans of the club. Garnering an "overwhelming" response from the membership is a continuing ongoing process. We are not there yet! If you haven't submitted your response yet, please do so as soon as you can. If you have not received feedback to your response, give us and the committee dealing with it a little more time, but feel free to ask me about it any time you see me. If you have additional ideas or concerns, fill out another response and get it in. As planned, this is going to take awhile and requires everyone's continued involvement. Some of your ideas are fantastic and innovative. Some of your concerns have been startlingly informative. We need more of both!

At the last board meeting issues came up concerning the restaurant. Soon, important decisions have to be made concerning the marina. The Club leadership looks to

your responses in making these important decisions. We need YOUR response to the questionnaire and we need it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to call me!

Thanks for your help!

Dale Borsenik
Director of Forward Planning

Sail Fleet and Race Committee

It's been a busy month of racing for our Ford Yacht Club sailors. Congratulations to Harvey Spriggs and his crew on Vagrant on taking a first in the Huron Double Challenge. Thank you to all of the participants in the Nite Race. What a great night and beautiful moon to light the way. We had a good size group for the Lighthouse Rally. We shared a potluck/cookout after the event. Be sure to come to the race awards in November for a surprise.

So what does September have to offer? More racing! The annual trip to Leamington is scheduled for September 13th & 14th. I hope to see everyone there. Don't forget to sign up in the bar – remember it's a potluck! There is also the end of the fall series of the WNATR and Grosse Ile Yacht Club's Bluenose Race Series. We all want to use those boats and race as long as we can.

Don't forget to do your Forward Planning questionnaire. Copies are available online, and in the lobby. Your input is our greatest resource.

I don't know about you, but I'm not quite ready to let go of summer. Enjoy all the beautiful days ahead.

Where land ends the party begins!

Ron Peterson, Sail Fleet Captain
rpeterson26@comcast.net
Doug Howe, Race Committee Chair
d1howe@wowway.com

FYC Trivia



Do you know where the lightning bolt on the burgee came from? You can find the answer in the photos hung in the bar or in next months Signal Hoist.

First Mates

Fall is here and it's time to start up our First Mates regular meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month from now until May 2009 at 7:00pm in the Board Room. Please come and join us to plan the children's parties and ladies activities for the Club. All input and help is appreciated to make these events successful. Get involved, have fun.

At the upcoming meeting on September 10th, we will be discussing the Children's Halloween Party, the First Mates 50th Anniversary and the "Ladies Fall Get Away".

I would like to thank everyone who supported the First Mates by volunteering time to work the Ship's Store and Children's Area during Regatta. Couldn't have done it without you.

Please contact Teresa Pettry to sign-up for the Ladies Fall Get Away to Saugatuck on October 3 and 4. See the flyer for further details.

First Mates President Marilyn Mott

From the Grounds UP!

We are winding down summer but not boating. Lots of action is still present on the Grounds of FYC.

If you were on the property last month you would have seen Ed Young – weedwacking his eyes out along the East and West Basin just prior to the regatta. And of course Dave Gardener is the ever-present face who cleans up the dining deck each weekend. Thanks for your hard work guys.

If you see Lynn Bemer, tell her how nice the gardens look after she weeded them. With all of the sun and some rain lately we have had a lot of weeds and they need to come out! Thanks Lynn!

And thank you Jared and the guys for patching the entrance road. It sure made it smoother.

Haul-Out is about ready to start. Please go to the back of the Pole Barn and look over your jack-stands, chains, and storage equipment and make sure everything is in good order. You don't want to be finding out too late that your cradle is broken and needs repair!

I noticed many drivers are pulling into the dirt parking lots at a pretty good rate of speed. While you may not be actually speeding, you may be throwing a lot of dust! Please watch your speed and your dust!

As always, if you have an idea for improvement of the Grounds, please tell me. If you need work hours – tell me and I will find you a job. I need more weedwackers and pullers. The weeds have to come out!

Grounds Director Dick Synowiec

Power Fleet Captain

Just when you thought that it was ok to start using your boat it seems that summer has a way of slipping quietly away. That's right September is upon us. If you have not gotten away from the dock yet, it's time to do so now. There is only one more outbound rendezvous on the calendar and with or without you we are setting course for Leamington marina. The Leamington rendezvous is an ideal opportunity to mix and mingle dockside with your fellow club members and take in the fading sights and sounds of summer. Did I mention there was a sail boat race too?

The Leamington fall classic sail event will be "screaming" into the municipal harbor on the afternoon of Saturday September, 13th. In true Ford Yacht Club fashion the Saturday evening steak roast and pot luck dinner will begin at 6pm. So don't forget to bring your favorite dish to pass and get ready to enjoy the evening.

The Algonac harbor rendezvous was another high point in the season's outbound events. Great attendance, good weather and best friends all added up to make a spectacular weekend. The Saturday shore lunch was a great deal of fun too. Jeannie and I would like to especially thank V/C Rob Rankin along with Dale and Deltha Irving for transporting supplies and equipment for this event. The Luncheon would not have been the same without the assistance of our "picnic table" friends Tim and Laura Fitzwilliams, Mike and Sharon Gratz, Les and Jean Beatty, Frank and Barb Hojnowski. If you get a chance ask Frank for the recipe on the Brats. Wow!

There is not much that can be done to dampen the pace of the years' activities. It seems that only weeks ago I was going like mad to prep the boat for another summer's usage. Jeannie and I have traveled many miles and spent more nights aboard than I ever could have imagined. I think my head is pointed from sleeping in the V berth so much. Yes, It has been a busy summer and I can honestly say thatTHERE IS STILL SOME LEFT SO GET GOING AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON THE WATER!

"Where Land Ends the Party Begins"

Power Fleet Captain Mark Saunders

marksanders18@gmail.com

Marina Matters

FROM THE MARINA DIRECTOR

Haul-Out begins this year on September 20th.

No boats are allowed in the main parking lot until this date!

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL: Haul out crews are not responsible for the preparation of your winter storage site – you are! So please have a crew of two or more available to assist you.

TO ALL OPERATORS: Your Chairmen, Scott Boettner and John Shea want you to pay careful attention to the lines painted on the lot. In order for the bow of the boat you are spotting not to infringe on or into the bow of the boat in the opposing row, they want you to line-up its stern with the painted line. Thanks in advance for your attention and care in this matter.

Again this year, Larry McDermott (734-675-5780) and Lyn Jackson (313-562-5327) will have a haul out crew available for you on Wednesday mornings from 10AM to 3PM and Jack Knutson (313-303-4237) will have a crew there from 3PM to 6PM. John Canevet (734-676-1517) and Bob Floyd (734-808-9099) will have his crew ready for you on Thursdays all day.

You may call any one of them ahead to make an appointment with them. But if you make that commitment and can't keep it, please offer them the courtesy of a canceling phone call as soon as you know that you won't be there.

Hats off to Sandy Cheatham who did an excellent job handling the Winter Bids this year! She will be doing the Second Boat Bids as well as Winter Bids again next year!

FROM THE HARBORMASTER

There were 92 guest boats in the Harbor Saturday night during Regatta... Another great job well done by the following crew members: Ken Anderson, Ken Crassweller, Werner Diersch, Jamie Gee, Gene Hamlin, Bob Hanna, Bob King, Jerry LaLonde, Al Lord, Tom Marusak, Scot Westerbeek, Bob Williams, and Dave Zaya --- All of you take a bow because you are the ones that made it work flawlessly! My boys have got the system "down pat" now!

***Fred Devantier,
Marina Director/Harbormaster***

2008 Winter Haul-Out

Weekend Haul-Out begins the weekend of Sept. 20th & 21st and will run through Oct. 25th & 26th. We also have Wednesday & Thursday crews; starting Sept. 24th through Oct. 25th. Please call ahead for weekday appointments.

Wednesday's operators

Larry McDermott	734-675-5780	10am – 3pm
Jack Knutson	734-722-0281	3pm – 6pm

Thursday's operators

John Canevet	734-676-1517	10am – 3pm
OR		
Robert Floyd	734-818-9099	10am – 3pm

Attention operators, I'll be posting the proposed 2008 Haul-Out schedule based on the 2007 schedule in the entranceway bulletin board at the club. Those of you who have been scheduled in the past, please take a moment to review the schedule and contact me if you are not available for the date(s) you are scheduled for. Any operators who would like to get some work hours please let me know and I will try to work you into the schedule. [Editors Note: the schedule is printed on the back page of the Minutes in this issue].

DO NOT Haul out any member whose name is on the "DO NOT Haul-Out/Launch" list in the front of the logbook. No Exceptions!

If you have a question, call Controller Mary Ann Owens (734) 675-1323 or Amy/Donna in the office (734) 676-8422. This list is updated weekly; make it a habit to check the list every time before you lift a boat!

Please remember that the Haul-Out binder on the travel lift will contain a copy of the 2008 Fall Schedule, the active operators list along with the rules to which all operators and members must adhere. Your cooperation, as always, is appreciated.

***Scott Boettner, Haul-Out / Launch
Chairperson
(H) 734-676-5540 (C) 734-883-6142
betner@wowway.com.***

It's Dock Bidding Time Again

The summer isn't nearly over yet and it's already time for some members to start thinking about where you can possibly dock your boat next year. Dock bidding will take place monthly from now until February. If you are thinking about a new boat or possibly a different location within the harbors, you have the opportunity to do that if your boat is compatible with a dock space that has been vacated this year. The rules that apply to this process are very specific and are described completely in the FYC Bylaws.

The accompanying list shows the dimensions of all dock spaces that are available for September bids. Dock spaces are awarded based on member equity seniority. There are no exceptions to boat size compatibility and there is no point in a member bidding on a dock that does not allow his boat to fit within the space or is too small for the minimum length specification.

For your convenience, we now have an on-line Dock Assignment Bid Form. Access to this form is available at the FYC Website www.fordyachtclub.com. Click on the forms link – lower left corner, or on the Dock and Storage Bidding Results page of the Members Only section.

Of course, the yellow bid forms located in the lobby, outside the club office door are still accepted if you wish to use that method.

As a Reminder:

All members that have been temporarily assigned to space along the inner sea wall of Banana Island (referred to as "H" Dock) please keep the following in mind:

The spaces located along the sea wall inside Banana Island (referred to as "H Dock") are not available for permanent assignment. These spaces are held for temporary "floater" docks to accommodate members who are not able to get a permanent assignment for a space on the bid list using the normal bid process.

It is Club policy that if a member does not participate in the dock bidding process, they will not be eligible for a temporary assignment along the H Dock for 2008. Utilization of all other docks in both harbors is first priority.

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

Docks Available For September Bidding			
Well Number	Minimum Length	Maximum Length	Maximum Beam
West Harbor			
B-2	None	26	9' 0
B-4	11	26	9' 0
B-8	11	26	10' 2
B-12	11	26	10' 2
C-17	28	34	Open
D-1	22	28	10' 9
D-3	22	28	10' 9
D-4	26	31	12' 6
D-7	22	28	11'
D-11	22	28	10' 10
D-22	26	31	14'
D-29	None	22	7'
E-16	30	36	12' 10
E-29	29	35	None
F-3	26	32	12'
F-15	26	32	12'
F-23	26	32	12' 1
F-24	31	37	12' 4
G-16	37	41	14' 5
East Harbor			
58	30	36	11' 4
73	25	31	9' 11
75	25	31	9' 9
76	25	31	9' 9
92	25	31	9' 9
110	29	35	10' 2
112	29	35	9' 11

All Bids are due on Close of Business on Thursday September 18, 2008

All bids must be submitted on the printed bid form from the FYC office lobby or by using the electronic bid form on the FYC Website.

Copies of boat registration and insurance documents must be on file at FYC Office for valid bids.

Boats For Sale

Wellcraft 270 Coastal (2000)

- Sport Fisher/Express
 - Full camper canvas with zip in screens
 - Dock C-10
 - Twin 200 Evinrudes
 - \$52,500
- Call Joe, 734-282-4432 or email joe@acalprecision.com

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I-LYA News

In case you haven't heard, Anna Tunnicliffe won the Gold Medal for Women's Laser Radial. Anna grew into this as a member of North Cape Yacht Club's Junior Sail program. Congratulations, Anna!

We've completed the 3 Regattas this year. Junior Sail had over 160 participants. Power had over 90 boats, as did Sail.

The Juniors are amazing!! Not only can they truly handle a boat, they all demonstrate such amazing composure, maturity, and CLASS!! They truly are the motivation for us to do all the work all year long.

Sail is going to get some major rework for next year, if approved. I'm working on sweeping changes, but they will have to be approved by the Trustees.

This year, we had mooring balls to relieve the stress on C-Dock, and it was well-received. We hope to build on that for next year.

We also initiated electronic registration. The jury is out on this right now. The website wasn't properly setup, so there was a lot of confusion. We'll get that addressed, and move forward.

This year, we had professional photographers for each Regatta. Check the I-LYA website at <http://www.i-lya.com> for links to each set of pictures. They tell an amazing story, to be sure.

The Fall Meeting will be December 5 & 6 at the Holiday Inn on Crocker Rd, in Westlake, Ohio.

We are currently expecting the Regatta dates for next year to be: Junior Sail - July 19 to 24, Power July 29 - August 2, Senior Sail from August 2 - 5, with Deepwaters from July 31 - August 2. This is not yet confirmed though, so consider these dates only preliminary at this time.

In the meantime, we will be having a Texas Holdem at FYC on Sunday, **November 9**. And before that, we're doing a Bowling fundraiser Saturday, **September 27**. I'm submitting a flyer for the bowling, for advance registration, which is requested to get the lanes setup.

*Thanks, all!!
Ed Payne*

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