



# The Bridge Traffic



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Bouvier Bay Yacht Club's Monthly Newsletter

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## From the Helm

*Commodore Lou Fleming*

Here we go and it's a new year! Well there is a little bit of snow falling-hey it's Michigan. All we need now is to wait for spring!!

We are planning a rendezvous to St. Clair the weekend of the art fair, a trip to Metro Beach and a poker run around our area of the lake

We are also planning parties at the Marina which include one in June and the cardboard boat race in July. We will keep you updated on all the events.

The Commodores Ball will be held at Zuccaro's Banquet center on Gratiot Ave. on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express at the Marketplace in Chesterfield which is right down the road from the banquet center. The rooms have either 2 queen size beds or a king bed. They have given us a group rate of around \$99.00 plus tax. I encourage you to invite your friends, family and members of other boat clubs to join in. We plan on having a great time.

For those of you I have not seen since the holidays, I wish you a happy and healthy new year to you and your families.



## Advice from the Vice

*Vice Commodore Wayne Carver*

No Report





## **Rear View**

*Rear Commodore Gary Manthei*

Happy New Year,

We hope that all had a good holiday season and are ready to start the new year. The weather has been spring like but we know that will not last. It is time to hunker down and dream of the next boating season.

To help pass the winter we are planning a euchre/activities party after the next yacht club meeting on the fourth of February. Thanks to Nancy and Mark Trombley for organizing that. We will take up a donation to buy pizza or chicken or salad or whatever the group would like. A flyer should be forth coming.

We are in the stage of planning our spring and summer events and a lot is still up in the air but just to give you some idea of what is being planned I will tell you what we are thinking. We would like to have a pre launch party and it will probably be on the same weekend as the flag raising in May. A theme party is being planned for June 30th at the marina. The cardboard boat race should be on July 21st. Nothing yet is set, but we will keep you informed as we make more definite plans.

We hope that your winter passes quickly whether you spend it in the warmer climates or going to boat shows or working on your winter boating projects or enjoying the great Michigan out of doors.



## **Fleet Matters**

*Fleet Captain Ken Boyk*

Hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season with family and friends.

Now is the time to plan for the busy upcoming boating season.

Our first event will be BBYC's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Raising and Blessing of the Fleet, Saturday, May 19, 2012 held at Bouvier Bridge Marina.

Plans are underway for a shakedown cruise to Harsens Island, Idle Hour Yacht Club, on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details to follow.

Art Fair weekend rendezvous at St. Clair City Marina. June 22-23, 2012.

To book reservation at St. Clair-Charles F. Moore Harbor, call Michigan DNR at 1-866-561-9703 or 1-800-447-2757 or go online using the following link: ([www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com)). When booking reservation mention you are with BBYC.

**Book reservations as soon as possible, this is Art Fair Week End.**





## Quill Notes

*Secretary Paul Schmude*

Cynde and I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. On to 2012, and a little closer to the boating season!

Here's a list of January Birthdays:

Donna Slabbinck, Bev Buszka, Dale Ferguson, Dave Santoro, Kathy Carver, Cynthia Bartlett, Frank DeArmas, Mike Barnes and Julie Amrhein. Happy Birthday to all of you.  
No anniversaries this month.

And now, for the quote of the month:

"There is nothing like lying flat on your back on the deck, alone except for the helmsman aft at the wheel, silence except for the lapping of the sea against the side of the ship. At that time you can be equal to Ulysses and brother to him."

--Errol Flynn

See you in February!



## A View from the Past

*Past Commodore/ABYA Delegate Mike Gleason*

The January ABYA meeting was held at the Huron Pointe Yacht Club. Past Commodore Mike Gleason was on hand to introduce the new 2012 BBYC delegate Phil Gayda to the ABYA board and other delegates. Also representing BBYC was our present Commodore Lou Fleming.

ABYA will be 46 years young this year. BBYC is proud to have been part of this organization for 19 years.

ABYA board invites everyone to join in on the fun at all their planned events.

First event on the calendar for 2012 is the Spring Rendezvous Reunion at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland, Michigan, March 23-24-25. This is real bargain at \$325.00 per couple all inclusive.

In June, ABYA has Celebrate the Lake at MacRay Harbor, June 8-9-10. Wells will be available so plan ahead and come watch our rubber band boat race team in action.

ABYA plans on having a Rendezvous at St Clair Harbor during the month of August. Details will be published with times and dates soon.

And for those that plan well ahead, keep December 1<sup>st</sup> open for ABYA Christmas Ball which will be held this year at MacRay's Banquet Facility.



Keep checking BBYC's web site for any updates and fliers for all upcoming events and parties.

See you soon.



## **Membership Update**

*Membership Committee Chairperson Debby York*

Just a reminder that January 31, 2012 is the deadline for BBYC Membership Dues. Again, the price to rejoin is \$75.00.

If you wish to attend the Commodore's Ball the price is \$70.00 for members. You can pay for both dues and tickets at the same time with a check for \$145.00. Additional tickets for members and tickets for non-members cost \$120.00 per couple (\$60.00 for a single person).

I will mail you your ball ticket or if I know you will be at the next meeting I will bring your ticket to the next meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me at [bbycmembershipcommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:bbycmembershipcommittee@yahoo.com)



## **Safety First**

*Safety Officer Chuck Claerhout*

Safety begins at home and not just on the water. Winter months fill the emergency rooms with a huge influx of broken bones. The recent rain fall and the latest cold snap, make a perfect recipe for ice. Add a dusting of snow on top and you have the potential for disaster.

During the winter months we all should be vigilant and aware of our surroundings when walking. A good way to walk on slippery surfaces is to avoid them altogether. However, since this isn't always an option, try using the "Penguin Shuffle". The Penguin shuffle is achieved by leaning forward slightly and then shuffle your feet while moving across slippery surfaces. It works well and I highly recommend it.

Now for all you snow birds that head south in the winter months.....Wear plenty of sun screen!





## January Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Donna Slabbinck	January 04
Bev Buszka	January 04
Dale Ferguson	January 16
Dave Santoro	January 17
Kathy Carver	January 20
Cynthia Bartlett	January 21
Frank DeArmas	January 24
Mike Barnes	January 30
Julie Amrhein	January 31



## January Anniversaries

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
No Anniversaries	



## Upcoming Events for 2012

### January

Sun.	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ HPYC	7:30 p.m.
Sun	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Past Commodore's Brunch @ MacRay's	12:30 p.m.

### February

Sat.	Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting/Euchre Party	5:00 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ Brownies	7:30 p.m.

### March

Sun.	Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ JYC	7:30 p.m.
Fri. - Sun.	Mar 23 - 25	ABYA Spring Rendezvous – Midland	N/A



**April**

Sun.	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ NSSC/SPYC	7:30 p.m.
Sat	Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Commodore's Ball	6:30 p.m.

**May**

Sun.	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ BBYC	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Pre Launch Party @ BBM	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Flag Raising and Blessing of the Fleet	11:00 a.m.

**June**

Fri.	Jun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jun. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BBYC Shakedown Cruise to IHYC	N/A
Fri.- Sun.	Jun. 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Celebrate the Lake Event at MacRay's	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jun. 9 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Spring Charity Dinner Dance	8:00 p.m.
Sun.	Jun. 10 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Rubber Band Boat Race	9:00 a.m.
Fri.- Sun.	Jun. 22-24	St. Clair Art Fair Rendezvous	N/A
Sat.	Jun. 30 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Theme Party (TBA)	TBA

**July**

Fri.	Jul. 6 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jul. 9 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ BBC	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jul. 21 <sup>st</sup>	BBYC Cardboard (Shoebox) Boat Race	TBA

**August**

Fri.	Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ CBBC	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA September Meeting @ NCYC	7:30 p.m.

**September**

Fri.	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting/Officer Election	7:30 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Oct. Meeting @ IHYC	1:00 p.m.

**October**

Sat.	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting/Officer Installation	6:00 p.m.
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**November**

Sun.	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	BBYC Membership Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	ABYA Meeting @ WPYC	7:30 p.m.

**December**

Sat.	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	ABYA Christmas Charity Ball (Location TBD)	5:00 p.m.
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## ***NEED A PAINTER??***

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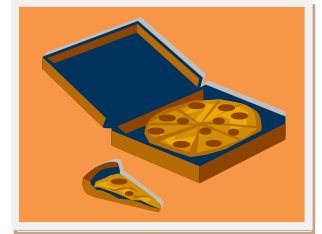
## **BBYC Membership Meeting/Game Night Saturday, February 4th.**

Meeting to start at 5:00 p.m.

Games to start after the meeting featuring:

- Euchre Tournament
- Right – Left - Center
- Music

The club will be ordering pizza \$2.50 per person donation.



Bring your own refreshments.

