



BAY BREEZE

JUNE/JULY 2010

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

Wow! It's that time of year in which we collectively realize that, although it seems like summer just started, the 4th of July is upon us. Up here in the true north, this is really the start of our fabulous weather season.

What's been happening at the club?

Since the last newsletter, the opening party was held in conjunction with the Fun Run car parade. A huge contingent of members showed up to enjoy the food prepared by Caterer Loretta Albert and have some fun watching the parade. The weather cooperated, and it was a great start to our season. Our sincere gratitude to Chip Cipolla for coordinating this event.

The June racing series has started, and an average of about eight boats have been racing each Wednesday. John Anthony has coordinated this effort and deserves much praise for such a well-organized program.

On June 26, the historic Stoll race was held in hazy but favorable conditions. That evening, Commodore Don Pfothenauer and "First Lady" Barb Pfothenauer presided over the Commodore's Dinner. The event was well attended, and more than 50 people enjoyed a great lasagna meal. Thanks Don and Barb for putting this all together for us, to Chip for making calls to encourage reservations, and to the volunteer clean-up crew.

You'll notice that the Yacht Club sign on top the building was repainted. Sudy Gravatt scrambled onto the roof to do that, so we thank her for that effort.

On several occasions, the clubhouse has been used by members for informal get-togethers, and at least one rental occurred which brought some money into the coffers.

What's on the horizon?

Unfortunately, **the 4th of July Brunch is cancelled for this year.** Those couples who have put out so much time and effort over the years are tied up this year, and no one else was willing to step up.

July is typically cruising month, and, therefore, there is a gap in the formal activities at EYC until the EYC/GYC party on Friday, August 13 and the EYC Regatta and pig roast on Saturday August 28. Also, the August racing series begins August 4.

Cruising has begun in earnest with a group of club members having traveled to Fayette recently, and various individual members heading off to Door County and points beyond over the past few weeks. Several transient boats are expected into our marina over the 4th.

Two of our members, Paul Carne & Dan Branson, took part in the Queen's Cup race from Milwaukee to Grand Haven on two different boats, both of which did very well, due in part to the sailing knowledge, honed in Little Bay de Noc, that these two were able to bring to the vessels on which they sailed.

Update on the harbor: Again, our thanks to club member Larry Gravatt for his tutelage over the harbor. As Harbor Master, he has overseen a clean-up and repair of the docks and, despite the inability to use chemical treatments, has tackled the weed problem head on with the harvester and a couple of unique inventions that Larry himself came up with to move the weed debris out from between boats and gather it up to be removed. We appreciate the hard work of the entire harbor staff. Also, take a walk at the harbor some night soon and check out the ambiance provided by the new underwater lighting on the service dock provided by Hurley Marine!

Send in your stories -

If you have any interesting stories or just want to update the membership on your boating activities this summer, feel free to send an e-mail to the editor.