



BAY BREEZE

HOLIDAYS 2010

Holiday greetings to all. Sorry for the lapse in communication, but fall was as busy for you as it was for me, I'm sure. In the year-end tradition, we will discuss events in the past, present and future in this Bay Breeze.

The final social event of the year was the pasta dinner hosted by Roxanne Branson. We're lucky to have Roxanne who is willing to step up each and every year to do far more than her share of work for the club. Once again the dinner was fantastic. Roxanne wishes to thank her helpers who, again, are regulars: Greg & Sarah Gardner, Tom & Karen Dubow, and John & Mary Anthony. If we forgot you on this list, please forgive me.

2011 Officers and Directors: The officers and directors of the club have been somewhat static over the past few years, but the Board wants you to know that others are encouraged and invited to become more actively involved. **If there are any members at large who wish to be involved in either an officer or director position, please contact any Board member by December 22nd.** Your wish may be able to be accomplished with a reshuffling of positions or the addition of a position which is possible. As it stands, 2011 officers and directors are:

Commodore: Don Pfothauer
VC Sail: John T. Anthony
VC Power/Cruise: Open
Treasurer: Gail Rice
Secretary: Mike Manning
Social Director: Open
Directors: Dan Branson Chip Cipolla
Larry Gravatt Kris Pfothauer
Club Rentals: Roxanne Branson

The directors have put together the 2011 calendar already, primarily because rentals of the club are popular, and it's important that we have our dates squared away. This is also your chance to put these dates on your new 2011 calendars for early planning purposes:

Calendar for 2011:

June 3	Opening Party	Wed. Night Races: June 8, 15,
June 25	Commodore's Dinner	22, 29, July 6, 27, Aug. 3,
July 3	4th of July Brunch	10, 17, 24
Aug. 27	Pig Roast	C.W. Stoll - June 25
Sept. 10	Pasta Dinner	Gladstone Race - Aug. 13
Oct. 15	Closing Party	Regatta - Aug. 27
		Frostbite - Sept. 10

The Boater's Night Before Christmas

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS and all through the boat,
The bilge pumps were hustling to keep us afloat,
The children were nestled all snug in their berths,
(We sleep here most nights to get our money's worth)

As Ma read Jackie Collins and I guzzled beer,
She said "You've had enough, now come to bed dear."
Then out on the dock there arose an uproar
As I reached in the Igloo to get just one more.

So up went my head out of the hatch.
(Though I should have thought first to undo the latch.)
I saw stars for a moment, and as quick as a blink
My wife yelled, "See, you've had too much to drink!"

The moon on the water lit the marina up bright
(Which was good, since the kids had lost my flashlight.)
Then what with my wondering eyes should I see,
But a fat, fuzzy old guy in a Bayliner Capri.

Instead of an outboard hung on the rear,
Tied to the bow were eight tiny reindeer.
More rapid than Reggie, these coursers they flew,
And on each of their hoofs was a Topsider shoe.

With crashing and bashing and banging and knocking,
I knew in an instant they must be docking,
"No Dasher! Hold it, Dancer! Damn you Prancer and Vixen.
Stop, Come! Grab a line, Cupid! Get fenders, Donner and Blitzen!
Look out for that boat! Watch that seawall!
Now fend off, fend off, fend off all!"

He was dressed in a red cap ringed with fur trim
Along with a Speedo that covered just a fraction of him.
I was shocked and astonished. What could I say?
I also go boating dressed exactly that way.

He then grabbed a bag, a bulging huge sack,
And hoisted it up onto his back,
He also had sponges and a mop in his grip,
As he waddled his way o'er to my slip.

He said "My name's Nick, and my friend, I can tell
That your gel coat needs buffing and your teak looks like hell.
Your vinyl needs cleaning, your lockers arranging,
Your holding tank pumping, and your oil a-changing,
You've put these jobs off for too long and you know it.
So here's all that you need. This time don't blow it."

Then as quick as he came, he was back on his boat,
His reindeer revving and eager to tote.
"Merry Christmas!" he called as they cruised through the night.
"And regarding the beer Joe, your wife she is right."

THE END

This next item really needs to be on your calendars. **The Annual Banquet will be held January 22, 2011, at the House of Ludington.** We had a great turnout last year, and the venue was very conducive to a good party as was the food. This year, we hope to have the back bar open as well as the front bar to avoid "beverage jams."

Club member Marilyn Kinsey also wears the hat of “Port Captain for Escanaba” in the Great Lakes Cruising Club. The club is proud to announce an exciting new internet-based learning initiative for Great Lakes boaters known as the Great Lakes Cruising Club School. The school is a program of “webinar” tutorials conducted by knowledgeable boaters discussing a particular subject in live on-screen presentations with the ability for students to interact with the instructors – a virtual classroom setting. Sessions run about 60-90 minutes, and no special hardware is needed other than a computer with speakers, an internet connection, and a desire to learn. Subjects will include understanding Great Lakes weather systems, cruising various locations in the Great Lakes, and other topics. Please check this out at the website, www.glccschool.com.

Since it's fall once again, former harbor rat Mark Meyer is moving the current Oyster 62 sailboat that he captains. Club members Dan Branson and Bob Johnson are along, with their years of nautical experience, to lend a hand. The boat just left Newport, Rhode Island, and is headed for the Panama Canal by way of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Although Mark's final destination is unknown at this point, possible future stops include the Galapagos Islands; Vancouver, British Columbia; the South Pacific, and, perhaps, Hong Kong. Tough life, Marky!

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