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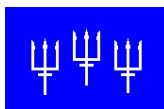
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Danny Woody, AP



Do you believe it is May already? Each year we look forward to spring and summer boating, well it's here. Looks like Nancy has a lot of help with the Cruise line up, she would like to thank all of you for your help, now we need to show our support by going to as many as we can, I have a great dill of fun at everyone of them I've been to. Some are not very well planed, these are sometimes the most fun, you never known what to expect.

The Geocaching will take place May 9th , more details to come.

Our annual boat inspections at the BBYC is on May 16th, we need all the inspectors we can get for this, we do between 18-22 boats here.

Program schedule for May 16th,

9:00A M Continental Breakfast

10:45 A M Gather around Flag Pole

11:00 A M Ceremony Starts

12:00 P M Individual Boat Blessings

12:00 P M Boat Safety Inspections

2:00 P M Hot Dog Lunch

I think Windmill Point is having there annual Steak out that evening, I went last year, great food and fun.

I think this is the last Article for the summer; I will keep in touch by email or phone, if you have ideals for the summer, and it's not too late to plan them.

Enjoy the open road and open air! Make your plans for the upcoming spring and summer 2009. Creating memories with your family and friends, and exploring new destinations; that is what boating is all about! Go boating and enjoy it.

Share the knowledge, Share the fun!

Cdr Woody

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Calendar

May 2009

16	VSC at BBYC
20	Membership Meeting, McRae's Big River Grille (page 4)

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Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



The boating class in Algonac will finish mid May. The class was move to the city offices due to a schedule conflict at the community center. We have seven students registered. The class is progressing well.

The Idle Hour Yacht Club has asked if we would like to hold a boating class there. I will look into the possibility and let you know the decision.

I have include a page with more information about the *Boating Operator Certification* program. See page 5 & 6 of this publication.

This is your squadron. Let us make it the best that it can be.

Mike Rachuk

Recipe

Penne with Creamy Vodka Sauce

5 1/2 cups Prego Chunky Garden Tomato, Onion & Garlic Italian Sauce
1/4 cup vodka
1/3 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 package (16 ounces) medium tube-shaped pasta (penne), cooked and drained
Grated Parmesan Cheese

Directions:

Heat the sauce, vodka, basil and pepper in a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat until the mixture comes to a boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the cream.

Put the pasta in a large serving bowl. Pour the sauce mixture over the pasta. Toss to coat.

Sprinkle with the cheese.

Rendezvous Schedule

Thanks so much for those of you who came forward with suggestions on rendezvous and will be helping me. Following is a listing of the planned rendezvous – there will be more details provided as I/we have more information.

May 22nd – 25th (Holiday Weekend)

Bell River Marina (Ontario, Canada)

Dudek and Radjewski's are going here the holiday weekend and anyone who wants to join in on the fun are more than welcomed. There is really no agenda for this event, just show up and enjoy yourselves. You might want to make reservations as this is a holiday weekend.

Marina information: <http://www.townoflakeshore.on.ca/discoverlakeshore/marina.asp>

You will need to make your own reservations for this event. The above website has pictures of the marina and contact information.

May 29th – 31 Metro

Carol Gawal is going to be developing the agenda/activities for this event. More information will be sent out later.

June – TBD

Algonac Harbor Club

John and Jill will be picking a date for this. Once I have more information this will be passed along to all of you.

June 20th - Picnic at Weber's

Right now we just have the date and more details will be sent out later.

July 4th – MACRAY's RAFT OFF

Nancy and Gary Kowalczyk – Host/Hostess

We will be rafting off by Mac Ray's Marina and enjoying the fireworks. If you have never gone to this display it is really nice and Gary and I have a really nice rafting spot. Please contact us (me) if you are interested in joining us for this event. We will actually be docking the boat at metro earlier in the week – and motoring out Saturday afternoon to our spot. (So if you want to start early – meet us at metro Thurs or Friday of this weekend).

I am going to get a headcount of people interested in rafting and thinking of getting pita sandwiches, pop, snacks...etc...doing a bag supper that can be passed out at the raft off. Let me know if you are interested.

July 24th – July 26th

Markley Marina – Clinton River – Festival of Lights

I am playing phone tag with the marina trying to get reservations. Please let me know if you are interested in this event, the more boats I can get to commit, I might be able to get a good (or better) deal. Looks like it will be \$35 a night, and I might rent the pavilion – just have to wait and see if we have enough interest? Also if I can get a host/hostess that could help with this event. Gary and I maybe putting the boat in the parade and with my work schedule, I could use all the help that I can get.

July 31 – August 2nd (Metro – Save the Date)(Kowalczyk Boating Plans/Party)

Gary and Nancy will be having their Jimmy Buffet Party/Weekend so if you want to come on out by boat or car you are welcome too. We did this last year and decided to make this an annual event, you are all welcome to join us.

Saturday – August 1

We will have "Cheeseburger in Paradise" – Gary and Nancy will provide the burgers and all the fixings, everyone bring a dish to pass. Come by car or boat. Just let me know so that I can get a head count for the food.

Since we will all ready be here for festival of lights, we will be taking the boat to Metro on Monday – July 27th, and staying all week long. (Cheaper than the gas to drive the boat back home). During the week you can catch "Grumpy" napping...while his sponsor (wife) is commuting from the boat to work. If anyone is interested in joining us – just come on by or let us know.

August 14 – 16 Bouvier Bridge Marina

Alice and John Whittemore will be the host/hostess.

I am trying to get reservations, and I called the number listed on their website. I also sent them an email. The phone number on the web site is out of service. If anyone knows someone in the marina that I can contact – please send me contact information. I know a lot of our members have connections here, so any help is appreciated. If you want to attend this event – please let me know so that I can get the correct amount of slips reserved.

Sept 11 – 13 Windsor Marina

Host and Hostess: Gary and Nancy

If you would like to attend this event, please let me know. I will be getting reservations once I have the boats that are interested in joining us.

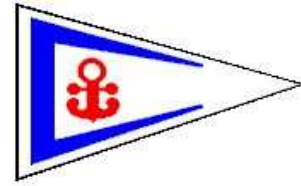
This is a really fun event, with no agenda, other than we will be eating at the Lizzy restaurant (next to marina) and going to the casino (and hopefully winning)

September – Frost Bite – Metro

Not sure of the dates, but I will find out when/what the agenda is and send out details later.

If you have any more ideas for rendezvous, or want to help out – just let me know.

Thanks! Nancy Jo



Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Place:

McRae's Big River Grille

Address:

9715 St. Clair River Road – Algonac

Agenda:

Executive Board Meeting
Fellowship and Cocktails
Dinner

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
6:30 pm (Cash Bar)
7:00 pm

After Dinner Speaker

Jerry Rome, Site Mgr., Lightship HURON

General Membership Meeting to follow Speaker

Please join us for A Fun and Entertaining Evening

Choice of Entrée

BAKED BUTTER CRUMB COD*

BAKED HERB CHICKEN*, lightly coated and seasoned w/bread crumbs

SPAGHETTI AND MEAT BALLS w/garden salad

***served with garden salad and almond cranberry wild rice**

\$14 PER PERSON

INCLUDES SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE AND TEA, TAX AND GRATUITY

IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

We look forward to seeing you!

Good Times, Good Food, Good Friends!

Please RSVP w/entrée choice to Rita Browne,

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