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One Hell of a Good Time

“Go To Howell” Party Is a Huge Howl!

Over 100 people descended upon Howell Shelter House the first Saturday night in March as Inland Yacht Club presented it's third annual winter party.

Dubbed the “Go to Howell” party by a Board member, the party featured the regular karaoke and covered dish features, the party also presented some new and different raffles with some excel-

ent prizes. Sharon Hicks was a big winner, picking up a raffle prize and two door prizes.

The raffles and the party itself were largely the effort of Board of Directors Events Chair Robin Sumner, who worked tirelessly to make the arrangements and who served as the club's chief scrounger, coming up with most of the excellent raffle and door prizes given away to patrons of the party.

After a miscommunication concerning the availability of the shelter house — and a literally last-minute effort on the part of your Board to change things around after the newsletter's



Some of the Go To Howell Prizes

publication, the party continued to be a well-attended and favorite winter venue for boaters all over the

area. As always, the party was open to all clubs. Jim Hall of Nu Plaza Yacht Club offered his club's participation in the evening's event, and his members turned out well as did Ski Club and OBC members, even though an OBC event was scheduled for the same night.

Please see the Picture Page for more scenes of Howell.

New in this issue, any website address in the newsletter can be clicked on (ad's & website links), and will open your internet browser to that page.

Kick-Off

Breakfast April 25

Inland Yacht Club's annual Kick-Off Breakfast is scheduled for:

Sunday April 25 beginning at 9AM at the American Legion Hall 711 State St. Newburgh, begins at 9AM, breakfast served and bar opens 10AM

New and returning members are encouraged to attend the breakfast and pay club dues for the year, which have not changed — for returning members the dues are \$50 for a family and \$25 for a single person. New members will pay a \$10 initiation fee plus the dues stated above. Once again you WILL be able to pay your dues ONLINE by going to the website and signing up there.

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There will be several raffles of very good prizes available at the Kick-Off Breakfast, and members can expect the annual club premium

The usual breakfast fare will be available, at 10AM following a Social Hour, and the bar will open at 10AM for your eye-opening pleasure.

Be sure Membership Chair Linzey Davis gets your email address so you don't miss a single issue of the club's emailed newsletter.

Great Change It Is A-Comin'!

From the



This is an election year for Dear Old Inland Yacht Club. And I do not think it inappropriate at this time to put to rest a burning question on the minds of some members, particularly and especially members of the Board of Directors.

To paraphrase President Lyndon Johnson...

"I shall not seek — and I will not accept — the nomination of our membership for another term as your Commodore."

Even though the by-laws do allow me to seek another term on the Board, I have decided — after great deliberation — to cede this honorable office to another Member whose vision for this club eclipses mine. In other words, I'm done.

In fact, I've already ordered my "Past Commodore" flag, and will give to my successor the blue starred standard that has flown on the bow of *Ship Happens* and *Theophilus* so proudly and for so long.

For the last three years I have worked diligently in an effort to make the club better, and more responsive to the needs and wants of its members, and to place before the boating community and the public at large a positive image of our organization. While I have not always been successful, I believe I have succeeded more than I have not. Club history will make its own judgment of this Administration, and I can but hope it will be a positive one.

I have been proud to serve. I have made many friends who will remain after the dust from this Administration settles. So it's not by any means a Good-bye — just a changing of the guard.

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Safety First

BOAT U.S. Encourages Battery Inspections

By Scott Mohler, Safety Chair

Boat US reports that over 65,000 requests for non-emergency assistance were received by its Tow-BoatU.S. and Vessel Assist towing fleet in 2009 -- an 8% increase over the previous year. "The economy has led many boaters to skimp on routine maintenance, which always means more on-the-water breakdowns," said BoatU.S. Vice President of Towing Services Jerry Cardarelli.

Formerly ranked fourth out of the top five reasons why boaters needed a tow, battery problems jumped to the #2 spot last year and totaled over 10,000 individual requests. The top five reasons why boaters called for on-the-water assistance in 2009 were:

- 1 General engine failures
- 2 Battery problems
- 3 Groundings
- 4 Out of fuel or fuel related problems
- 5 Propulsion system failures

"Boaters told us that they forgot to monitor their battery's charge level, delayed replacing a poorly-performing battery, or substituted a less expensive starting battery when a deep-cycle was needed," said Cardarelli. "And some boaters simply drained their batteries by running sound systems, refrigerators, and fans," he added.

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A Worst Guest On The Boat tale

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Ever had one of those days on the boat when you automatically knew you were in for a bad day? Well I have. Heading down to launch the boat with all the girls (Girls day out) sounded like so much fun! At least it did before that certain someone (I'll call Lucy) got way too drunk

We got the boat in the water with enough alcohol for us all. Through out the day it seemed we all drank the same amount but somehow Lucy was way more drunk then the rest of us.. The slurring of the words and falling around was just the beginning of this ride. Soon enough, I look over and see her jump into the river. If you think thats not crazy wait until you find out she wasn't wearing a life jacket!!!!. She's in the water laughing as if we all thought it was funny. Making her get into the boat seemed to be the solution until later getting into the boat and believe it or not, she was sitting on the top of the cooler with bikini bottoms down as if she was on her own toilet at home. I yell "What are you doing?" She just looks up with an innocent face as if nothing was wrong.

We knew now it was time to go home. Lucy had crossed the line. We started heading in and I looked back to see if everything was ok. Well, It wasn't. All of our empty beer cans were being thrown out of the boat!!!! Unfortunately she had to stay at our house for the night, and as we throw her on to the bed I'm thinkin. "I really hope you had a good time today. Love you. Good friends, but Don't think you'll be back on the boat for awhile. Good thing I guess for her. The season was about over.

Send Us Your WORST!

For the next edition, our topic will be:

The Worst DAY Ever On Your Boat

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Coming Soon:

A New, More Efficient Way To Summon Help from Boat US towing services

It's a boater's nightmare. After a long day at the family's favorite fishing hole, the engine won't start. You need to get the kids back home, but with dead batteries killing the VHF radio and the cell phone out of range, how will you make the call for a tow? A new service from Spot LLC and BoatUS Towing Services could have you safely back home much sooner than you think.

The new SPOT Assist Maritime service combines satellite messaging communications and GPS technology with the nation's largest fleet of towboats for recreational boaters, BoatUS Towing Services. SPOT Assist Maritime gives recreational boaters the ability to summon a towboat for non-emergency assistance by pressing the "Help" button on their handheld SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger™ or SPOT Satellite Personal Tracker™.

By pressing the Help button on the SPOT unit, an automatic communication containing the disabled vessel's latitude and longitude along with its make, length, color, home marina, owner and family contact information is sent via satellite to the BoatUS 24-hour nationwide dispatch centers, alerting them to the request for urgent on-the-water towing. This GPS location information is critical for a timely towboat response, as the biggest challenge for responding towboat captains is getting accurate location information from a disabled vessel.

In addition, boaters enjoy the suite of features SPOT offers, including a "SOS/911" function that notifies an emergency rescue coordination center of your GPS location, "Check-in/OK" that tells family and friends where you are and that you are okay, a "Track Progress" feature to send and save your boat's location and allow others to track and plot a real-time course with Google Maps™. Additionally, a "Custom Message" feature for secondary communications is offered with the newer SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger unit.

The BoatUS towing fleet offers North American boaters the largest network of US, Canadian, and Bahamian towing ports with over 290 locations and over 600 TowBoatUS and Vessel Assist towing assistance vessels. Services include on-the-water towing, soft ungrounding, fuel delivery and battery jumpstarts.

SPOT units start at \$99.99 plus a \$99.99 annual basic SPOT service plan. To add SPOT Assist Maritime costs just \$24 for the required BoatUS membership and a \$10 SPOT Link connection fee.

With the national average on-the-water boat towing bill costing about \$600, boaters can keep their wallets intact by adding a BoatUS Towing Services "Unlimited" towing plan for freshwater lakes and rivers for \$34 annually. An "Unlimited" on-the-water towing plan for saltwater is just \$125.

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4 Easter Sunday	5	6 IYC Board Meeting 6:30 Deer's Head	7	8	9	10
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May 2010

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30 Blessing Of Boats (Tent)	31					

IYC BOARD ELECTION

Election of Board Members takes place at the August General Membership meeting.

The following are the present board members and their status:

Commodore: Jay Zimmer. Term expires 2010. Eligible for a second term but has declined.

Vice-Commodore: Joe Mohler. Second term expires 2010. Not eligible for re-election

Secretary: Rhonda Brinkley. Term expires 2010. Eligible for re-election.

Treasurer: Cindi Rauth. Term expires 2010. Not eligible for re-election.

Membership Chair: Linzey Davis. Term expires 2010. Not eligible for re-election.

Safety Chair: Scott Mohler. Term expires 2012

IT/Publicity Chair: Brandon Rauth. Term expires 2012

Events Chair: Robin Sumner. Term expires 2012

Acting Materials Chair: Kyle Davis. Not eligible for re-election.

Season 2010?

YOU tell US!!!!

So what does your club had in store for you during the upcoming 2010 boating season?

Actually, YOU tell US!

Your Board of Directors has put a questionnaire up on the club web site asking you specific questions about the activities you might like to see the club put on for your benefit during the coming Boating Season.

The Board has come up with a few untried or heretofore unsuccessful ideas that we wanted to pitch or re-pitch to give you some lead time to think them over. We've also put in some of the old tried and true things that the club has done since time immortal.

The upshot of it is, the Board has as its mission to be responsible to the needs and wants of the membership. Thus, we're asking you what you would be inclined to respond to favorably. Your input will carry heavy weight as to what activities the club will subscribe to this coming summer.

There are several proposed cruises on the list. The Board reasons that we are, after all, a BOAT club, so there should be something we do throughout the summer with out Boats. There are short overnight cruises and multi-night long cruises. We've also postulated some overnight anchor-outs and some island parties

The list also includes the usual kick-off breakfast, the Buffett Party and the always well-attended 4th of July Parade of Boats.

Please take a few moments and go to the Club web site at www.inlandyachtclub.com and click on the Member Questionnaire icon. The survey takes only a few minutes. What you say will have a material effect on what your Board plans for this coming boating season to help you enjoy boating, the Ohio River, and especially your Club during the summer of 2010.

We thank you in advance for your interest and your participation in the planning your Board does on behalf of you, the members of Inland Yacht Club.

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Five Reasons Why Boats Sink in the Spring

It's a sad fact: Every spring, shortly after being launched and commissioned for the season, boats sink while safely tied up at the dock, turning what should be a good time of the year into a real mess. Boat U.S. Seaworthy Magazine, which combs through the BoatU.S. marine insurance claims files for important accident trends or lessons to learn, has identified the top five reasons for springtime sinkings, and created a Spring Commissioning checklist to help you get into the water safely.

1. Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
2. Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamping hose connections with marine-rated stainless hose clamps, or keeping seacocks closed when you are away, are wise moves.
3. Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
4. Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes.
5. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft - if it's loose, the cutlass bearing (on inboard drive systems) may need to be replaced.
6. Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
7. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
8. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is not cracked or bent from ice, is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.x
9. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning, and needs to be inspected routinely.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
12. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all through-hulls for leaks.

So before you get her wet — or fire those engines — for the first time this spring and summer, it's best to spend a day or two aboard with your tool box and a good flashlight checking and rechecking all your systems, especially those that can cause you the most problems

Here's a pre-commissioning checklist that may be of value to IYC members and friends this spring.

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Engine Outdrives and Outboards:

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds), and replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
4. Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.



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