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## “Best Yet,” Bus Riders Say

Water Problems in Nashville — but NOT for us!

(Nashville TN) About 40 IYC members and guests headed to Tennessee’s capital, driven by Tony Kluck of United Coaches, the second year the club has used that company — and the second straight year the club has enjoyed the bus itself.

The trip down to Nashville was the most enjoyable, uncompromising, unstressful time we’ve ever had. There were a few raffles of some very decent



*The Gang upon returning to Inland*

prizes, and Marcy Mohler outdid herself on her annual music-and-pictures presentation of the previous boating season. The gang wanted to see it twice.

Our rooms were ready on arrival and nearly everyone got checked in easily. And it should be noted that most of those traveling on the bus actually went to the boat show. There were some club members and former members who chose to go to Nashville the same weekend, completely divorced from the club and its amenities.

Instead of staying at the Double Tree, as the club does, they elected to find quarters at the nearby Renaissance Hotel. Unfortunately, there was a major water main break in downtown Nashville, and

many businesses, including the Renaissance, were without water.

As before, most of those of the revelers wound up at Coyote Ugly (See picture page) for bar dancing, and no one was more enthusiastic about that than Treasurer Cindi Rauth.

The Club thanks Board Members Brandon Rauth, Robin Sumner, Kyle Davis, Cindi Rauth and Scott Mohler.

Board members have received numerous emails and calls from members and guests saying this year’s trip was the best yet.

## TELL US What You Want This Season

If you’ve never gone to your club’s web site, please do. If you have, please go again. There you will find a survey. Surveys are fun. This one will have a lot to do with how you and your club enjoy the 2010 Boating Season.

As always, your Board of Directors is full of ideas on things we can do this summer. Among them are a couple of potential cruises — hey, we’re a yacht club, why not do some river sailing as a group???

The Board is also resurrecting the idea of the River Olympics — a cool weekend on a river island with games and songs and food and — of course — plenty to drink. The Board is also looking at picnics, anchor-outs (Rafts) and major parties including the always s-popular Buffet Party.

That’s the Board’s ideas. We want yours. What do YOU want out of your club this Boating Season. What activities interest you and what ones do not? Please take the survey and let the Board know how to serve you in 2010.

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# You Can Almost Feel The Warmth



Let's face it — the 2009 Boating Season was almost a total bust. Fuel prices remained high and the economy was in the dumpster, and everyone was worried about a lot more than their boats. We didn't get a pump-out until very late in the season and it wasn't nearly as large as they have been in the past — to say nothing of it's being upstream of its usual location. Even pier parties at Inland were not so much last season, and I, who was one of the victims of the economy, didn't stay down on the water nearly as much as I wanted to or even needed to. The season was just a dud for a lot of reasons.

And there are too many boats for sale. I couldn't believe my eyes when I noted that *Skara Brae* is up on the block. There are other boats whose owners are in the process of pulling out of our sport, and that's a bummer. But that also means there are bargains aplenty to be had.

On October 13, *Theophilus* was pulled out of the water to replace a blown Port Engine. That work has now been completed, and we anticipate launching *Theophilus* and returning her to B-House on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, river and weather permitting. For me, that's when the season actually starts, and I will spend my first long weekend aboard this year — the second season I have owned the *Marinette*. My hope is that others will join me there that weekend, and I'll have my gas grill back there with food for as many as I can afford to cook for.

Shortly, the Club will have an announcement for the coming Kickoff Breakfast. Please make an effort to attend and renew your membership. It's a whole new club — and it's yours. Join us.

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## Check Your FLARES

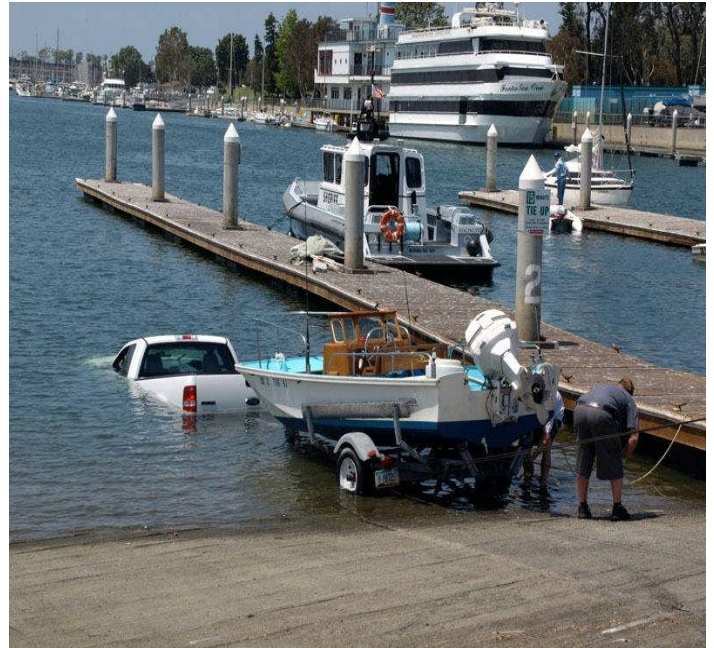
Out of sight, out of mind? Unfortunately for a lot of recreational boaters, that's the reality when it comes to hand-held signal flares. Stored aboard in some dark corner of the boat, most boaters don't think twice about their condition until they really need them. However, a feature in the latest issue of Boat Owners Association of The United States' Seaworthy Magazine reveals that failing to periodically inspect flares could have serious consequences.

This past summer a Boat US. employee opened a sealed orange storage canister that was located in his own 34-foot sailboat's cabin and found that three hand-held flares inside were ruined. Long cracks along their length had developed, and the flare's combustive ingredients were exposed and spilling out, rendering them useless. There were no signs of moisture inside or outside the canister. In an unexplained twist, three flares with older manufacturing dates -- stored in the same sealed orange canister - were found undamaged.

Boat US. first learned of this issue three years ago when a Boat US. member in Washington State reported a similar problem. In that case an O-ring sealed the flare container tightly, along with a band of duct tape in an attempt to further prevent any moisture from entering, yet three unexpired flares inside were destroyed.

## Important Note for the New Season:

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## IYC — Join or Renew Now and SAVE

It's coming up on that time again. Time to renew your IYC membership — or rejoin, if you're a lamb gone astray, or join for the first time.

You can do it now while Membership Dues are half-price — just \$25 per family or \$12.50 for individual single-memberships. There are 3 ways to join:

1. Go to [www.inlandyachtclub.com](http://www.inlandyachtclub.com) and join online
2. Contact any Board member for an application
3. Attend the Kick-Off Breakfast in April.

Be sure to give your email address(s) on your club application so you receive the club newsletter via email — and you receive the mass emails that announce and remind you of upcoming club events.

## 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](http://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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# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 IYC Board Meeting 6:30PM Deerhead	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day	16 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)	17 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins	18	19	20
21	22 Washington Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
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# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 IYC Board Meeting 6:30PM Deerhead	4	5	6 Go to Howell Party 7pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# Board Plans All-Club Winter Party

It'll be a fun-filled final Saturday night in February as Inland Yacht Club sponsors the annual all-club **Big Thaw** party. Plans now call for the festivities to take place at the Howell Shelter House as they have for the previous two consecutive years.

Plans are still in progress, but as it stands now, the Club will not be applying for a one-day beer permit and supplying beer from kegs. This year will more closely mirror the "Take a Flying Leap" party of two years ago, in that it is planned to be a BYO situation. In fact, several Board members pointed out that it will be a better situation because people will be able to bring their favorite setups to the party with them. Last year, while the Club was under a temporary liquor license, we had to prohibit members and guests from bringing their own set-ups, which created a bit of rumbling among the ranks. Doing it this way eliminates that.

Many of the things that have marked previous parties will be in full view this time around. Some will be present with far greater emphasis.

As an example of the latter, the Membership Chair is slated to have a special table that will allow members to re-up on the spot — and guests to join the club with full benefits, also on the spot. There will be statements of membership benefits set forth more clearly than ever before.

That same membership table will provide opportunities for Club members to join Boat US for half the normal cost, since IYC is a Cooperating Group member of the nationwide boater's organization. Membership benefits include low-cost, comprehensive boat insurance, towing benefits, discounts and West Marine, frequent information that improves the boating experience and the organization's massive lobbying power in Washington, among others.

There will also be a preview of the coming Kickoff Breakfast in April and some very special things going on for that which are new to the Club.

The Board is planning several half-pots and some raffles with very good prizes available to all and sundry attending.

Music has already been hired in, and Karaoke will be available too for all those of genuine and dubious warbling



talent.

As in years past, all area boat clubs are receiving invitations to this annual party. Last year, more than 200 people jammed the Shelter House for the annual event, and we are looking at a similar turnout this year.

Final plans should be firmed up at the February meeting of the Board of Directors on February 3 at 6:30 at Roca Bar. All members are invited to the Board meetings at any time.

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## EIGHT Ideas for the Savvy Boat Buyer (From Boat US)

With over half a million members, Boat Owners Association of The United States (Boat US) knows how to help prospective boaters find and purchase the right boat or trade up to another model. Here are eight - mostly free - ways Boat US can help you find your dreamboat:

Make sure you review the online *Boat US Guide to Buying and Selling a Boat* at [BoatUS.com/guide](http://BoatUS.com/guide). This comprehensive guide explains the buying process including pricing, sales contracts and sea trials.

Sign Up: For the bimonthly online BoatUS Classified Ads E-Newsletter at [BoatUS.com/classifiedsnewsletter](http://BoatUS.com/classifiedsnewsletter). Get a sense of what powerboats, sailboats, fishing boats and trailer boats are for sale at what prices.

Get free advice: Ask others about their experience with a particular boat model by posting a question on the message boards at [BoatUS.com/forum](http://BoatUS.com/forum). You can also post a question at the new Boat Group forums at [BoatUS.com/boatgroups](http://BoatUS.com/boatgroups).

Once you have your eye on a particular boat and before you start negotiating, get a "Value Check" from the BoatUS Value Check service at [BoatUS.com/buyer/valueform](http://BoatUS.com/buyer/valueform). Unlike "Blue Books," we'll share with you the actual recent prices BoatUS members paid for the same model.

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If you plan on insuring your boat you can learn about BoatUS policy options and terms, its one-of-a-kind damage avoidance program or get a free online quote at [BoatUS.com/insurance](http://BoatUS.com/insurance).



*Two good reasons for extra-long life jackets.*

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Safety First

## THE DANGERS OF ‘B.U.I.

By Scott Mohler, Safety Chair

Alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination. These impairments increase the likelihood of accidents afloat – for both passengers and boat operators. U.S. Coast Guard data shows that in boating deaths involving alcohol use, over half the victims capsized their boats and/or fell overboard.

Alcohol is even more hazardous on the water than on land. The marine environment – motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray – accelerates a drinker's impairment. These stressors cause fatigue that makes a boat operator's coordination, judgment and reaction time decline even faster when using alcohol.

Alcohol can also be more dangerous to boaters because boat operators are often less experienced and less confident on the water than on the highway. Recreational boaters don't have the benefit of experiencing daily boat operation. In fact, boaters average only 110 hours on the water per year.

The logo for the Inland Yacht Club (IYC) features the letters 'IYC' in a bold, stylized font. The letters are filled with a horizontal striped pattern.

The Inland Yacht Club Board of Directors encourages all members to take advantage of half-price Boat US Membership. It will cost you \$15 per year. Among the perks of IYC/Boat US membership are:

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*On The Road Again....*



*The IYC Chorus at Coyote Ugly  
L-R Karen Goodwin, Sunni Zimmer, Jennifer Jones*



*Cindi waited soooo long for this!*



*The IYC Chaperone*



*Downtown Nashville*



*The dinner crowd at Merchants*

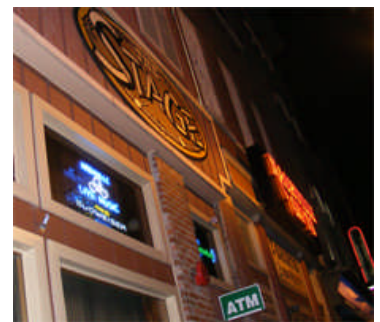


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