

June/July
2010



Poker On The River

And A Beach Bash To Boot

The annual Buffet party is no more! Now we've got something better. Led by Kyle Davis, Inland Yacht Club launches the first annual IYC Poker Run and Beach Bash — and it looks to be a bash all the way around!

On Saturday, July 10, the poker run will begin with five locations on the river for you to pick up your hands. Those locations will include OV Water sports and Grill at Inland Marina, and various locations on the river itself, covered by anchored boats. The anchor location for the festivities is SIGECO Beach. That's where the music plays later and huge fun takes place all night long.

The Poker Run will feature a \$1,000 prize, provided by several sponsors of the event including OV Water Sports, Liquor Locker as well as S&S Marine, who is also supplying a door prize.

It's after the poker run that the extra fun begins, as three bands will perform on

SIGECO Beach as long as anyone is still standing. There will be half-pots and raffles galore as well.

Board member Kyle Davis says the festivities July 10 will replace the annual Buffet Party whose attendance had waned in recent years. Aside from raising money for the club, Davis hopes the Poker Run will become an annual event for Inland Yacht Club.



IYC Heats Your Meat No Butts About It

Inland Yacht Club raised a considerable amount of money — and it all went up in smoke.

It was the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend when a crew headed by Scott and Robin Sumner, Cindi Rauth, Jay Zimmer and organizers Kyle and Linzey Davis got down to some serious cooking.

For several weeks prior to the Memorial Day weekend, Board members have taken orders for 7 to 8 pound pork butts. Supplied by Farm Boy, the meat was smoked for hours before those who purchased the butts came to the Inland Marina parking lot to pick them up. A small percentage were to be delivered by Club members after the holiday weekend.

In addition, an IYC crew which included Cindi Rauth, Sunni Zimmer and Jay Zimmer served meals to touring visitors to LST 325 — the profits of which went to the club. A large number of meals were sold as tours of the ship were free over the holiday weekend.

The profit to the club was about \$1,300.00

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It's time

From the



This is my eighteenth and last column as your Commodore. It's actually hard for me to believe that three long years have gone by since that dinner in August at the Roca Bar where I took the reins from Dave Horn. Now I know how HE felt when he handed over the keys. It will be my pleasure to do that in August of this year. To whom will I hand them? Well that's up to you, the members, but I have a few ideas to bounce off you.

I think my term was a success; we have done many good things. Mainly, we put IYC on line thanks to Brandon Rauth, whose work as the club's IT man has been exemplary. Our newsletter has gone to email and is archived on the web site, which saves the club about \$1,000 a year in ink, paper and other materials. And the newsletter's look has improved quite a bit during these years.

Our annual Nashville bus trip is bigger and better than it's ever been, thanks to the diligent work of our Board of Directors.

We've inaugurated summer cruises and we expect those to take off this year.

And we've replaced the waning Buffet Party with a Poker Run and Beach Bash.

In addition, we have numerous new members, and our roster grows all the time. For that, I couldn't be more pleased.

I couldn't have had the successes I've had without Brandon and Cindi Rauth, Joe Mohler, Scott Mohler, Robin Sumner, Kyle and Linzey Davis, Rhonda Brinkley, and many others who have served on the Board and who, as ordinary members, have risen above and beyond the call.

I remain a club member — and I expect big things from the next watch. Thanks for everything.

Jay Zimmer



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A Story of the WORST in Boating Experiences

This happened to me in San Francisco Bay back about 1978, shortly after I got out of the Navy. I had bought a plywood-hull 21-foot Trojan express with the midships engine. It was a great little single-engine inboard, peppy and fun to sail. I lived in Vallejo and would often sail between there and the Martinez marina I bought it from, a distance of about 30 miles one-way.

One Saturday I hooked up with a friend of mine from work who was taking his Albin cruiser into the bay and he asked me if I wanted to tag along in my boat for a day-long outing. I was delighted. We sailed under the Oakland Bay Bridge and that was a thrill but then, to guide my own vessel under the famous Golden Gate Bridge was a special feeling.

Just on the other side of the bay we encountered a tug. It's not like the barge tow boats on the Ohio River; this was a huge, ocean-going tugboat that could tow an aircraft carrier through a swamp.

The water in San Fran bay is always choppy anyway, by virtue of so many boats and ships using it. This giant tug set up an eight-foot wave as its wake!

All I could do was turn the bow directly into the wave and "floor" that little 200 hp Ford Interceptor and hope it was enough power to get us over that wave. We went almost straight up, hoping the wave wouldn't crest and break while we were in it. Fortunately it didn't, we became airborne as we went over the top and slapped down on the other side. Miraculously, none of the wooden joints opened and we were able to finish the day with my friend and his boat — who had somehow missed not only being in the wave, but seeing us conquer it. It was a very long thirty seconds that I will never forget!

Send Us Your WORST!

For the next edition, our topic will be:

The Worst "Day After" from a boating weekend



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Six Safety Tips for the 2010 Season Now In Progress

On waterways across the country, boating season begins this week. To help boaters and anglers brush up on their boating safety, the BoatUS Foundation has these six tips:

Life jackets: Ensure that you have enough life jackets to fit everyone aboard - including the kids. Next, ensure all are in good condition and easy to reach. Inflatable life jackets need to be opened, inspected, inflated manually and have their CO2 cartridge checked.

VHF radio: If you don't have one you may be taking an unnecessary risk. A cell phone won't summon the closest potential rescuers -- your fellow boaters or anglers, and today a VHF radio can be purchased for as little as \$100. If you have a handheld VHF ensure the battery is charged. "Digital Selective Calling" VHF radios need to be registered and an MMSI number issued to the boat in order to gain all of their superior safety benefits such as a one-button mayday feature.

The anchor: Unlike a car, a boat never stops moving, even in an emergency. Having an anchor and rode in good condition with the bitter end firmly secured to the boat will prevent drifting and give you time to think things through and make it easier for others to find you.

Inventory and review all safety gear: Double-check to ensure you have all of the mandated safety gear such as signaling devices and fire extinguishers, as well as other safety gear, such as GPS and updated charts. It's also a good idea to brief your guests and crew on where the important items are located -- such as fire extinguishers -- and how to use the VHF radio.

Get a Vessel Safety Check: A free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons is easy to arrange and can help you identify potential safety issues aboard your boat.

File a float plan: Before you leave home, tell someone where you are going and what time you are expected to return. This person should be able to go to the authorities if you fail to check back in by a certain time. Plus you may file a float plan on the IYC website and it will also be kept on file until your return when an email will be sent to the email on file to ensure your safe homecoming.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 IYC Board Meeting 6:30PM Inland Tiki Bar	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Blessing of The Boats 11:00AM Dress Plaza
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July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Parade of Boats 7:330PM Inland Marina	5	6 IYC Board Meeting 6:30PM Inland Tiki Bar	7	8	9	10 IYC Poker Run & Beach Bash
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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.

Blessing of the Boats

Saturday June 26, Dress Plaza

It may be a bit late in the season for a fleet blessing, but this one promises to be a real doozie.

It was organized by the Board of Directors of the OBC, with cooperation from the hierarchies of all the other River Bend boat clubs, including Inland Yacht Club, which was represented by Kyle Davis and Jay Zimmer.

On Saturday, June 26, all boaters, from all clubs, and all nonaligned boaters are invited to queue up on the Ohio River just off Dress Plaza. Father Jay Davidson, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, also an avid boater, will be ferried from Inland Marina aboard the IYC flagship *Theophilus* to a pontoon boat out on the river. There, the boats will pass by him two-by-two — just like Noah — as Father Davidson pronounces the Blessing of the Fleet.

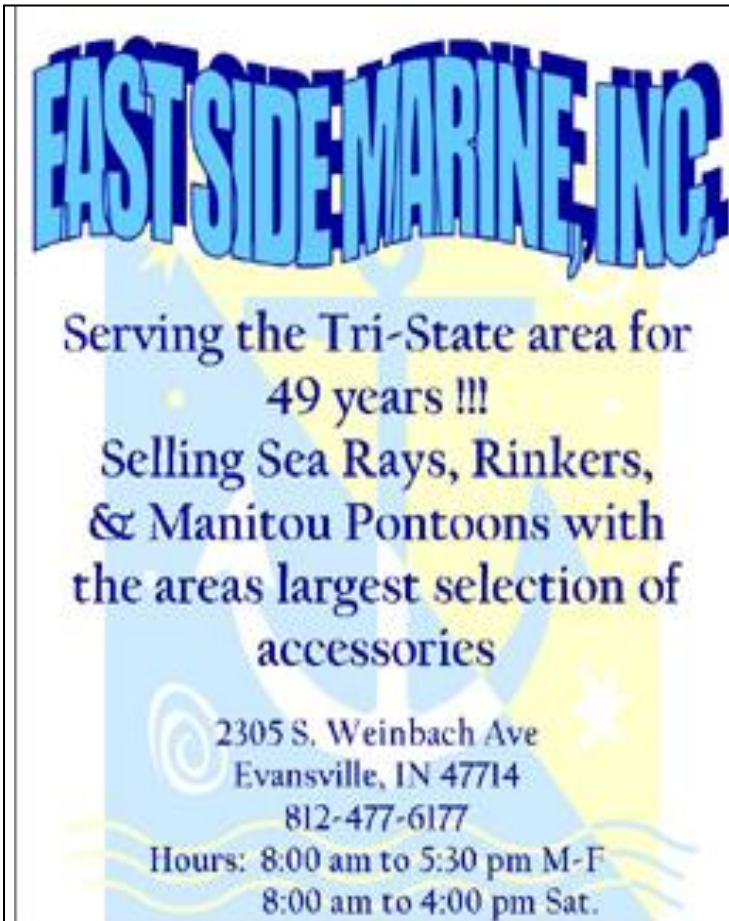
Tee shirts commemorating the occasion are available from your individual club management.

After the blessing, all boaters are invited to the OBC property just around Horse Shoe Bend for a celebration that will include food, music and games, with much more in the offing.

“It’s a bit different from what we usually do,” said IYC Commodore Jay Zimmer. “But we were delighted to be involved in an all-club event that fosters cooperation and enjoyment among the boating community.”

Heretofore, IYC has held a Blessing of the Boats and Commodore’s Galley at Inland Marina on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Before the blessing, the Commodore provided breakfast of pancakes and sausage to all and sundry who came to the marina, and then a local cleric would pronounce the blessing from the Commons pier or off the edge of the fuel dock..

Already more than 200 boats have responded and are expected to participate in the new, expanded event.



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How to Keep the “Green” In Your Wallet Where It Belongs

Boat US

Despite how boating is portrayed in Hollywood movies, most boaters are not rich. Statistics show they are more likely to own a small trailerable boat than a mega-yacht, and prefer T-shirts and shorts over blue blazers. They also watch how they spend, and to help boating families stretch their dollars, BoatUS has five ways to save on boating expenses this summer:

Borrow a kid's life jacket free of charge: If you're expecting young guests aboard and have a temporary need for a right-sized lifejacket, don't buy one. The BoatUS Foundation has over 500 [Kids Life Jacket Loaner Program](#) locations across the country — at marinas, clubs, and fire houses — where you can borrow one free of charge for the day, afternoon or weekend. You do not have to be a BoatUS member to use this program.

Take a boater safety course free of charge: Boating safety courses can set you back almost \$45 if taken online, or as much as \$100 for a classroom-based course. Or, you can take the BoatU.S. Foundation's free [Online Boating Safety Course](#) which is recognized as boater certification in 32 states. BoatUS membership is not required.

Join BoatUS and save at marinas on fuel, overnight slips and repairs: Save money on fuel by getting up to 10 cents per-gallon off at select [BoatUS Cooperating Marinas](#). Other discounts may include up to 25% on transient slips and 15% on repairs.

Get discounts on bait, tackle and guides: BoatUS members can also get discounts of up to 20% at bait and tackle shops as well as up to 30% off fishing guide services. Go to [BoatUS Angler](#) to check them out.

Try adjusting your boat insurance: Increasing your deductibles will save you some dollars. If you have had your boat for a period of time, consider reviewing the total value of your policy with your agent; even consider purchasing a liability-only insurance policy thus saving premium dollars. You can also investigate some lower-cost options with [BoatUS Marine Insurance](#).

CRUISING BOATERS MAY FIND TAX BILLS UNDER THE WELCOME MAT

Staying too long in one place can ruin a good thing. At least that's the case with boaters making lengthy journeys, who are finding themselves targets of cash-hungry states looking to balance their budgets.

In most states, a privately owned recreational boat must be registered in the state where it is principally used, and any taxes paid to that state. A problem arises when the boat leaves this principal-use state and enters a new one, either for a long visit, extended cruise or lengthy repairs.

Boaters may be subject to various sales, use, excise, or property taxes when they remain in one location for a consecutive number of days, or over-stay their visit for a certain number of aggregate days per year. This “grace period” is often 60 to 90 days but as little as 30 days in two states (CO, NH). Also, if the principal state's tax is not comparable to the tax in the state the boat is visiting, the second state can levy the tax making the boat owner liable for the difference.

In several recent cases, tax authorities walking the docks, inspecting marina records and aggressively enforcing tax codes. “States are strapped for money, and they are increasingly looking at these visiting boats,” said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. “We urge cruising boaters to be aware of potential tax liabilities when traveling, plan accordingly, and be ready with documentation in case disagreements arise with tax authorities,” she added.

“We believe boaters should pay their fair share of taxes,” Podlich continued. “However, our concern is that some boaters are being unfairly targeted for this tax levy. Some tax agencies have made it difficult to dispute the tax, even with accurate owner recordkeeping such as log entries, marina and fuel receipts or repair contracts. These documents are critical for boaters to keep, and are often the only way to fight an unjust tax bill,” said Podlich.

The logo for the International Yacht Club (IYC) is displayed in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The letters 'I', 'Y', and 'C' are stacked vertically, with the 'I' and 'C' being significantly larger than the 'Y' in the middle. The logo is rendered in a dark, textured grey color.

For the first time

Captain's License Courses Available On Line

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has teamed up with Mariners Learning System to offer BoatUS members a way to enhance their boating knowledge or start a career in the marine industry. The new partnership offers a suite of six US Coast Guard-approved online captain's licensing courses, from "six pack" to master 25/50/100 ton licenses, that can be taken online in the comfort of home or on the road and at your own pace.

The Mariners Learning System incorporates broadcast quality, on-demand audio lectures, professionally produced training videos and online computer-based training. Included is access to online instructors, each a Coast Guard-licensed master who has gone through a rigorous Coast Guard approval process to become an instructor. In addition, toll-free telephone support and access to staff instructors is provided.

Upon completion of a course, taking a proctored exam, and meeting other requirements such as documenting sea time and passing a physical examination, BoatUS members simply submit, within one year, the application package to the nearest Coast Guard Regional Exam Center and upon review and approval, they will issue the license. To date the system has trained more than 15,000 students with a 98.7% exam pass rate.

"These courses are also available on MP3 players, Blackberries, iPhones, and other smart phones, so you can learn anywhere, anytime," said David Mann, BoatUS membership programs manager.

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