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# The Bay Views Newsletter



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## Report from the Commodore

As I sit and write my article, so many things come to mind, but the top one is that boating season will be in full swing and boats will be uncovered and in the water before we know it. The year is passing by very quickly so enjoy each and every day to the fullest.

Mike and I attended a couple Commodore's Ball, the first one was Seaway Boat Club honoring Commodore Russ Skitch and Lady Sharon. What a great time, and then the next night at the same hotel we attended Wyandotte's honoring Commodore Arlene LaFehr and Lady Greg Lowe. This was a fun filled weekend with a lot of good friends and new ones that we met.

Next in line was the South of the Border party held at MRYC with the proceeds going to the Opening of the Port in May. It was a very good turnout, in fact it was so good we had just enough food to feed everyone.

If you need work hours please contact Steve Cummerow (work hours coordinator). Even if you don't need them you can come out and lend a helping hand, there is always something that needs to be done around the club.

Please check the calendar or your newsletter for upcoming events. This is your club so come out and support and enjoy.

If you have any suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to come to one of the officers or to the board, we are always welcome to ideas and concerns.

As I sign off here remember life is what you make it—so with that in mind have some fun this summer.

Commodore  
Colleen Cashman



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Colleen Cashman**



### Up Coming Events

**Margaritaville  
Party**

**Opening of the  
Port Cookout**



## Report from the Vice Commodore



Vice Commodore  
Douglas LaLonde

## No Report

### Fire Extinguisher Recall

Fire extinguisher manufacturer, Kidde, is recalling nearly 5 million fire extinguishers in the U.S. and Canada. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a faulty valve component can cause the disposable fire extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury. Kidde has received 11 reports of fire extinguishers that failed to discharge, but thankfully no injuries have been reported.

Thirty-one models of the disposable fire extinguishers are affected. The extinguishers are red, white, or silver with black plastic valves and ABC or BC rated. [Click here](#) to check if your fire extinguisher has been recalled.



## Report from the Rear Commodore



Rear Commodore  
Anthony Blank

Time is flying by! It will not be long before boats start to go into the water, summer almost here! I would first like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for all the help with the kids Easter party, it was a big successes and I think all the kids and parents had a good time. Second I would like to say thank you to Marcia Mayer and her crew for all their hard work with cooking and serving the Chicken Paprikash dinner. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed enjoyed the meal.

Coming up events at the club... On Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Memorial Day weekend) we will be having a cook out on the grill. Possible choices to grill: Chicken, Steak, Pork chops, or Salmon. That Saturday is also Opening of the port down at MRYC.

Until next time,

Tony Blank

R/C

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### **Environmental Reminders from BVYC General Meeting, 3-11-15**

Topics covered at the meeting:

Proper disposal of used oil/filters

Containment of conventional antifreeze from boat engines that have been winterized.

Allowing paint cans to air dry before discarding.

Use sanding collection systems.

Use drop cloths when scraping and/or painting.

Pre-approval is required for any bottom blasting.

Questions – contact Al Bremer

## *Special Announcements*

The dock pole deadline has been extended one week. The final day to have the dock poles in will be May 7th. On May 8th you will be fined if your dock poles are not secured to the dock.

### Things you should Know

The travel lift needs a certified operator and two(2) spotters when being used in the yard.

Members are responsible for their shrink wrap, **DO NOT** put in BVYC dumpsters.

Dock rule #18 All dock boxes shall be no more than 60" long, 30" high, and 30" wide

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**Membership cards... BLUE door key cards will no longer work** as of April 1st. You will need to use your YELLOW cards after April 1st. If you still need to pick up membership cards and door cards here are the times they will be available to pick up... March 28th 5-7, regular meeting nights (hour before and after meeting), Friday nights 5-7, April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3.

### Help Needed

The dock water committee is looking for a couple of good members to help keep water lines repaired. Duties include, but not limited to, installation and removal of back flow devices and valves, and repair leaks in lines. Soldering and brazing skills helpful. May require more than the 20 work hours required by club. If interested please contact Ralph Debbe 419-382-9654

# May Birthdays

02 Forest Ulrich  
04 Dennis Czesak  
04 Mary Schmelz  
05 Steve Porch  
06 Charles Shanteau  
06 Gregory Snyir  
11 Paul Monachino  
12 John Melvin  
12 James Staebell  
13 Kelly Enneper  
14 Wendy McAdams  
14 Brandon McGilvary  
15 Richard Crosley  
15 Julie Dierker  
17 David Leffler  
18 Michael Mathias  
19 Richard Scott  
20 Douglas Berry  
20 Keith Hymore  
27 Ennio Braida  
27 Jason Kervin  
27 William Seyfried  
28 Charles Wilson  
29 Noel Graham Jr  
31 Bob Poiry

## Bay View Yacht Club Bar Hours Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 pm – 1 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12 pm – 1 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12 pm - 11pm</b>

**During the week the bar may close early if no members are present. Please call ahead if arriving late during the week.**

### Gas Dock Hours -

The Gas Dock will open weekends beginning May 16th. The gas dock may close at their discretion due to inclement weather.

### The Deadline for the Bay Views

Is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles submitted after the 20<sup>th</sup> may be omitted from that months issue. If possible send all reports, notices, flyers, etc. to: [nemo@bex.net](mailto:nemo@bex.net) and/or [rogerjhoffman@outlook.com](mailto:rogerjhoffman@outlook.com)

As another season starts, let's remember to be safe out there!

### Boat Explosion

During the late afternoon of June 18, 1983, a 30 foot boat "Bobby's Dream", belonging to Robert Baldwin, was taking on 115 gallons of fuel at BVYC gas dock. After fueling he departed and headed out towards the Maumee River. The engine stalled several times and as Mr. Baldwin attempted to restart it the boat exploded as it was passing TYC. Five people were aboard. Three were blown into the water and a fourth jumped in soon after. The owners' wife Barbara was below and was killed in the accident. Mr. Baldwin was burned severely and admitted to St Vincent's burn unit in critical condition.

**BVYC Past Commodore Bud Rowe** ('79) and his wife Diane were out for a row in their dingy at the time and witnessed the explosion from about 50 yards away. Bud rowed over to the several victims in the water and had three of them hang on to his dingy while he rowed to a TYC dock where bystanders helped pull them from the water. The burning boat drifted into the TYC dock area and one other boat was damaged. Coast Guard vessels finally towed the boat over to the USCG station dock where it sank before station and fire personnel could attempt a rescue of Mrs. Baldwin.



A historical moment from Jim Byrne, BVYC Historian.



Pictured above is Sarah Orlando, Ohio Clean Marinas Program Coordinator, presenting the new Clean Marinas flag to BVYC Board Chairman, Woody Wlodarczk and BVYC Clean Marina Program Facilitator, Al Bremer.

On March 18, 2015 Sarah Orlando and Susan Bixler from the Clean Marinas Program met with Al Bremer and reviewed a recertification survey of BVYC that he had prepared. They found that items that were satisfactory in the original survey were still satisfactory. The most significant new items were that we had submitted a storm water runoff plan in October of 2012 and an EPA permit that was issued recognizing the completion of this plan.

The Goal of the Clean Marina Program is as stated below:

The basic goal of the Program is environmental stewardship by making marinas and boaters more aware of environmental laws, rules and jurisdictions, and to get as many marinas as possible to follow best management practices and to be designated as “Clean Marinas.”



## ValvTect Technical Bulletin "Use of Ethanol Gasoline in Marine Engines"



As you may know, refiners are expanding the distribution of ethanol blended gasoline to meet recent federal requirements. This includes gasoline sold at marinas.

ValvTect Marine Gasoline is the only gasoline specially formulated to prevent problems caused by ethanol. However, due to higher moisture in the marine environment and due to certain incompatible fuel system components used in some older boats, you must also properly prepare your fuel system before switching to fuel containing ethanol or you may experience problems even when using ValvTect Marine Gasoline.

Because of these concerns about ethanol, ValvTect wants to provide important information to help make the transition smoother and help prevent ethanol related problems.

### **Phase Separation**

Ethanol attracts water. Gasoline tanks containing more than 0.35% water are at risk of having ethanol phase separate into an alcohol and water layer at the bottom of the tank. When this happens, the fuel's top layer contains reduced level of high octane ethanol and a substantially reduced octane gasoline. Engines are not able to effectively burn the lower octane fuel efficiently or the alcohol and water mixture. Do not attempt to "fix" this fuel! the fuel must be properly discarded.

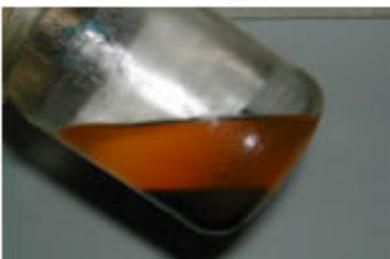


Fig 1. Phase separated fuel from boat tank.

In order to avoid phase separation, make certain there is no water in the boat's gasoline tank before

fueling with ethanol blends. Refuel only when the gasoline level is less than 1/4 tank, especially during the first and second fill after transition.

### **Storage of Ethanol Gasoline.**

If a boat is to be stored for more than 60 days, it is recommended the tank be filled to 7/8<sup>th</sup> capacity with ValvTect Marine Gasoline which is specially formulated to keep the fuel stable and provide moisture control. This will also help avoid moisture build-up and allow for expansion. Non ValvTect Gasoline should be treated with ValvTect Marine Fuel Stabilizer or ValvTect Ethanol Gasoline Treatment.

### **Fiberglass Fuel Tanks**

Gasoline containing 10% ethanol has been documented to cause a chemical reaction with certain resins used in some fiberglass fuel tanks. This can result in a deterioration of tank walls and, in extreme cases, leakage with the risk of causing an explosion. In addition, the resin absorbed in the fuel can plate on intake valves. This may result in engine failure.

It is STRONGLY recommended that boaters contact their boat manufacturer to make sure their fuel tank is compatible with ethanol fuel. Older Bertram, Tripp Angler, and Hatteras are some of the boat manufacturers that used these fiberglass fuel tanks and have had tank failure problems.

### **Solvent Characteristics of Ethanol**

Ethanol acts as a solvent which will breakdown any deposits and sediment buildup in your fuel tank or fuel system. All Certified ValvTect Marinas were advised to pump out all water and/or sediment in their gasoline storage tanks and install special ethanol compatible fuel filters prior to taking delivery of ethanol gasoline.

We recommend that boaters carry additional ethanol compatible fuel filters and tools needed to replace fuel filters in the event a filter becomes clogged. In addition, it is advised that boaters check with their marine dealer or engine manufacturer to be sure the fuel filter being used is suitable for 10% ethanol gasoline.

### **Rubber Components**

Older engines and their fuel systems components may be susceptible to ethanol damage.

We suggest that all rubber components exposed to fuel on both new and older boats be inspected on a yearly basis and replaced immediately if necessary by an experienced mechanic.

### **Fuel Quality**

Follow your marine engine manufacturer's recommendations for minimum octane levels. Use ValvTect Marine Gasoline, sold only at Certified ValvTect Marinas, to provide the best possible performance and protection against ethanol related problems. Non-ValvTect marine gasoline should be treated with ValvTect Ethanol Gasoline Treatment available in aftermarket containers.

We encourage you to further research this topic through your marinas, marine engine builders, boat/tank manufacturers, Boat U.S., boating magazines, marine associations, and websites.

For a list of Certified ValvTect Marine Fuel Marinas please visit: [www.valvtect.com](http://www.valvtect.com), click on the ValvTect Marine Fuel Logo and then on the State to narrow your search or call 1-800-728-8258.

Have a happy and safe boating season!!

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## **One-Button Assistance for Boat Breakdowns Just Got Better**

### ***BoatUS Towing App Adds Weather, Tides and More***

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 22, 2015 – When you respond to over 70,000 requests a year from anxious boaters calling for help to get home, speed wins the day. The BoatUS [Towing App](#) gives the on water and roadside towing service's 24/7 Dispatch Centers instant boat location information that greatly reduces towboat response times. Now the app offers upgrades including weather provided by Weather Underground and tide information, making it even more valuable to boat owners. The no cost app is available at the App Store and on Google Play, and BoatUS membership is not required.

“If you need a boat tow, fuel, a gentle pull off the bottom, or your trailer has a mishap, the BoatUS Towing App is your friend,” said BoatUS Vice President of Towing Services Adam Wheeler. “All it takes is one touch on the app's ‘Call for a Tow’ button and we'll have assistance on its way. The new weather information and tide predictions helps plan a boating and fishing trip, giving forecasts up to five days out.”

The second generation app includes a tool to locate discounts available to BoatUS members, including price breaks on boat fuel at marina gas docks, transient dockage, repairs and many others. And there isn't a boater who doesn't want their picture taken aboard, so the app has added a fun “Take a Picture” feature that allows you to share a photo on Facebook, Twitter or with your boating friends at Boat Owners Association of The United States. Go to [BoatUS.com/app](http://BoatUS.com/app) for more information.

## Bay View Yacht Club's 2015 Cruise schedule.

The sign up sheet for the Maumee Bay State Park is on the Fleet Captains Board. We have the date for Middle Bass Island, waiting on dock Deposit details. I have been in contact with Fremont Yacht Club, they are looking forward for us to come visit them, this is a good opportunity for smaller Trailer boats and jet skis. They have a very nice club house with bar, swimming pool, boat ramp and some docks, there are many hotels close buy. If interested please contact me. Also working on a few day trips, if you have any suggestions let me know.

F/C Mark Gensler

5 CLUB POKER RUN	JUNE 6	
TOLEDO SAIL CLUB	JUNE 19-21	AYC Poker Run
SWAN BOAT CLUB	JULY 3-5	AYC Poker Run
FREMONT YACHT CLUB	JULY 17-18	
MAUMEE RIVER YACHT CLUB	JULY 31-AUG 2	AYC Poker Run
I-LYA POWER WEEK	AUG 5-9	
BAY VIEW YACHT CULB	AUG 21-23	AYC Poker Run
MIDDLE BASS ISLAND	AUG 28 -29	
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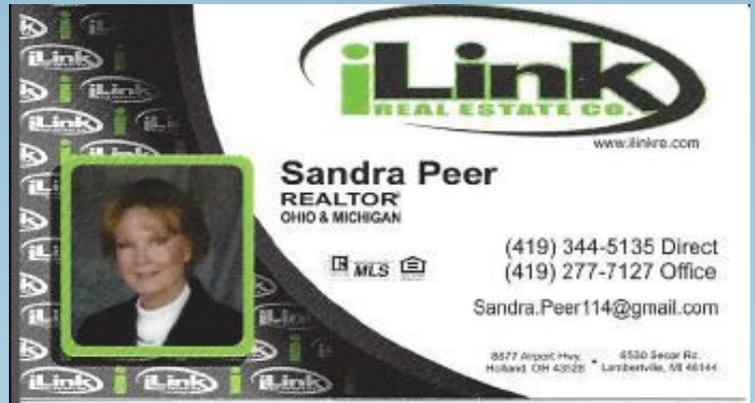
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