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# The Bay Views

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## December Report from the '23 Commodore

Welcome to the end of the year, and my three-year journey running the chairs here at Bay View. As I'm sure the many Commodores before me have experienced, this as a bittersweet report to submit. Bitter: I'm still learning how things run and wanted to do so much more. Sweet: I'm getting my calendar back to include the next boating season. Lisa and I will once again be able to fill it mostly with what we want to do.

I convinced Lisa to buy a boat back in the summer of 2012. Back then, I thought a week's long sailing trip would be great to do once and while for a summer vacation. Things happened that summer. Shortly after which, we found ourselves being accepted as Bay View members in January of 2013. Being new to boating, with a SAILBOAT and not knowing anyone at BV, meant Lisa and I had a slow start meeting many of you. As the years progressed that changed, and running the chairs increased that list exponentially. So many Bay View members are now a part of our extended family. As promised by the past Commodores, we now have an additional AYC group of people making this family even larger. I told Lisa getting a boat would get us into a different (additional) social circle allowing us to meet new people and have a reason to get out and have some fun once and awhile. I may have surpassed that mission, but we're the better for it. Now this whole Yacht Club experience has given us a retirement goal of completing The American Great Loop. That's largely because of you, here at Bay View. So, to finish this thought; the membership of Bay View Yacht Club has truly changed our lives. Lisa and I thank all of you for this.

I'd like to thank the entire club for tolerating me. A special thanks for the patience and support of the board and bridge this year. I wear my emotions on my sleeve and have a coarse filter. Many of you might argue, no filter. For the few of you who don't know, I can rub people's nerves a little raw at times. Speaking of rubbing nerves raw, I would not have been able to complete all three years if it weren't for Lady Lisa. Lady Lisa put in many hours planning and then working, all these events with the ball committee members by our side. Because of me, these were not stress-free environments. You can relax now hun. Thank you so much.

I leave the club in good hands with our current bridge. All of them, to include their significant others, have already been heavily involved with the day-to-day operations. To the Bridge of 2024: Nate, Gary, Gretchann, Eric, Scott, John, and Tom; I know you'll enjoy next year. We'll be an AYC Poker Run stop and I believe we're also the host club for the opening of the Port. Those two things alone will bring a lot of buzz to our club in '24. I anticipate Nate's year will be one to remember! Gang, go out and have a great time "back to the future".

Next year, look for us "Still on Hiatus" and feel welcome any time to come aboard for a coffee, beer or select beverage and a "relaxed" (reference earlier paragraph) chat about whatever strikes you. In 2025 both Lisa and I will truly be on Hiatus as our retirements from work will begin. In the spring of 2026, we'll pull out of the BVYC lagoon returning in '27. Surely increasing our boating family size yet again.

**May everyone have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year with safe travels to all your holiday destinations.**

**Farewell,**  
BVYC, '23 Commodore  
Tom Berkebile

*"Did everyone see that? Because I will not be doing it again."*



**Commodore**  
Tom Berkebile



Up Coming

Events

Birthday Bash/

Winter Olympics

Kids Christmas

Party

New Years Eve

Party



# Report from the Vice Commodore



**Vice Commodore  
Nathan Edmunds**

Season's greetings, Bay View. Wow, what a year has 2023 been. As I sit here and reflect on all 2023 has had to offer, we had a great year. So many fun times spent at the club and on the water with our boating friends and family. We truly had a great year and are already planning more fun and adventures for next year.

The 2024 bridge is gearing up for the coming year. As we did in 2023, we will publish a one-page calendar that will give you an overview of all we have planned. While this calendar only has dates and basic details, we will post flyers with details and times for each specific event. With each new year come new changes, with, our Bay Views Newsletter will be getting a much-needed facelift. I'd like to thank Paul Whitworth for being our Newsletter editor this year, most people never think about the behind the scenes work that goes into making our newsletter, monthly. Paul is hanging up his hat at the end of the year, we wish you all the best in your next adventure. Amy Petro has volunteered to be our new Bay Views editor, thank you for stepping up to take

on a new challenge.

As I wrap up my fundraising year, I want to thank the 2024 Ball Committee for their tireless efforts in helping me raise money for my ball. They are an amazing group and deserve so much credit for a year full of events and dinners. I truly couldn't have done it without them or the support of the Bay View membership. The 2024 Commodore's ball is right around the corner. It is scheduled for Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg/Levis Commons. I hope all of you can make it as it is shaping up to be a great evening. Invitations will be going out in early January.

I'd like to invite anyone who is interested in coming to the Change of Watch that is scheduled for **January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm**. The 2024 Ball Committee will be providing appetizers after the change of watch is finished. Help us welcome aboard newly elected officers and board members and help celebrate Commodore Tom and Lady Lisa on a successful three years. **Upcoming Vice Commodore Events:**

December 1<sup>st</sup>: Build Your Own Pasta Bar @ 6pm

December 29<sup>th</sup>: Soup, Salad, and Breadsticks @ 6pm

## **Other BVYC/AYC Events:**

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting @ 7:30pm

December 13<sup>th</sup>: General Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm

December 15<sup>th</sup>: RC December Birthday Bash & Winter Olympics

December 17<sup>th</sup>: RC Kids Christmas Party 12pm-2pm

December 31s: NYE Party \*Sign-Up at Bar\*

As a reminder, all guests (Non-AYC/ILYA) MUST have a sponsor. Children of members who are of age must have a sponsor while at the bar. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. The goal of the membership committee is to make sure each new member feels welcome at Bay View. We will do our best to introduce them to several committees in hopes they will find a way to contribute that works for them and the club. If you have any new potential members, please have them fill out an application.

Your Vice Commodore,

Nate Edmunds 734.646.3436 [bvyc24@gmail.com](mailto:bvyc24@gmail.com)

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## Report from the Rear Commodore



Rear Commodore  
Gary Ruffier

Happy Holidays Bay View,  
This is my last newsletter as Rear Commodore. It has been a blast planning parties, thank you for all your support.

Friendsgiving was a hit, thanks to our members and all the wonderful dishes.

A huge thank you to Joline and everyone else that made the Holiday parade a successful event.

As I'm writing this before the Michigan/Ohio State game and Chili cook-off, I'm sure it was a hit.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

December 15th Birthday Bash/Winter Olympics \$5.00 a person 4 per team (sign-up sheet at the bar)

December 17th Kids Christmas party starts at 12pm \$10.00 per kid (sign-up sheet at the bar)

December 31st New Years Eve party (sign-up sheet at the bar for the dinner)

I will oversee reservations and booking parties at the club. If you have any questions, please contact me or Lady Khristina.

Your Rear Commodore,

R/C Gary Ruffier

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## Special Announcements

### AYC REPORT

Tickets for the February AYC weekend are now available.

Damian will have them at the club most meetings nights and most Friday evenings, call or text to confirm 419 944 7277.

Keep up on AYC events and info at: [associatedyachtclubs.com](http://associatedyachtclubs.com)

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**Friday December 15th @ 6pm**

Celebrate December Birthday's and share your competitive side. Team style games to compete in.

\$5 per Person ( Teams of 4)

Dinner: Pulled Pork Provided.  
Please bring a dish to pass

# BVYC Members

Bay View Yacht Club Members participated in in the Toledo Blade Holiday Parade on November 11, 2023. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of participating in this event.

The Parade is by invitation only, and we are one of over 70 organizations included in the annual festivities and one of the only 2 parade units given the opportunity to hand anything out during the parade. Being a crowd favorite we are fortunate enough to be in the top 15 in the line-up. In 2013, we passed out Dr. Seuss bookmarks, erasers and pencils, a few years later we began handing out age-appropriate books to children along the parade route. Since then, each year we have added more Dr. Seuss & Whoville characters. In 2019 Bay View Yacht Club handed out over 1,600 books, and in 2021 that number grew to 1,000+. In 2022, we handed out 2,250 books—bringing our total number of gifted books to over 5,000. The community service is a wonderful reflection of our club and a great way to give back to our community, and all Bay View Members should all be very proud of this! There is no way of knowing if our participation in the parade brings us new members, but it certainly reflects positively on our great club!

And this year, drum roll please... Bay View Yacht Club distributed over 3,500 books. Bringing our 10 years of giving to an amazing +9,000 books. Thank you very much to all those who invested their personal time and money to make this happen. Thank you to all the parade participants, for their time and money collecting books, it is such a joy to see the kids so excited to see us in the parade!

A very special thank you to these generous donors!!!

Bob & Jane Kervin, Carol & Chuck Shanteau, Joan Verhoff, Carrie Heabler, Marsha & Al Ashley, Jim & Cynthia Knechtges, Jay Kelly, Bud & Diane Rowe, Keri Schoen, Amy & Dennis Kazmierczak, Gina & Aaron Skolmowski, Charlie & Pat Gallagher, Amy Knopper, Connie Taylor, Greg & Lisa Doriot, Amy Dunn, Dave & Bobbie Spalding, Becky Henderly, Don Griffen & Vicky Orłowski, Cathy Fondren, Karla Reamsnyder, Ken Campbell, Jackie Dean and to anyone who dropped off books anonymously.

These people deserve a special shout out, Tony Blank for all his graphic work, Tim & David Krell for use of the firetruck and Walt & Michelle Van Drome, an incredible donation of 510 Dr. Seuss books, all of you have our sincere thanks!

You can see parade photo's here [BVYC Holiday Parade | Facebook](#)

Kind regards,



Jolene Wagner  
2023 Parade Chair



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# PASTA BAR



\$15

Friday December 1st @ 6pm

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## December Birthdays

01 James Eck  
04 Robert Dean  
04 Ryan Waters  
05 Kenneth Campbell  
08 Donald Rogers  
08 Donald Rogers  
10 George Keune  
10 Bruce Beaudry  
12 Kenneth Reil  
12 Marcia Mayer  
14 Michael Collins  
16 W. Todd Hammitt  
17 Mark Murray  
18 Kenneth Trowbridge  
21 Chris Sackett  
22 Randall S. Lee  
24 Noel Wendt  
24 Lynn W. Kossow  
25 Garrett Lee  
26 Tim Chambers  
26 James Nowak  
26 Steve Schuldt



### Bay View Yacht Club

#### Bar Hours

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

<b>Monday</b>	<b>3 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3 pm - 11pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 pm - 11 pm</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

Closed for the season.  
See you next year!

### The Deadline for the Bay Views

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