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Commodore

Frank Soltesz

I would like to thank all the members, family, and guests who attended the Commodore's Ball. It was a tribute to the outstanding job Scott Mannion did as Commodore and a very nice welcome to me as your new leader.

Your attendance at this event and those planned for the year is what makes us a YACHT CLUB and not a marina. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year, as I encourage a similar participation for all events throughout the year.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jane Bacha and Dorene Mannion for greeting people and accepting tickets at the door. Thanks also to PC Greg Sattler for making arrangements for the flowers, his help with the plaques and his job as MC.

As we progress into the boating year 2013 we will be looking for opportunities to improve our club facilities. The bridge and trustees will be looking for ways to encourage the transfer of operations of Wildwood Park from the State of Ohio, to the control of The Metro Park Service. I hope to also encourage greater participation with events offered by I-LYA, GCBA, and yacht clubs close to our home base like NEYC.

Frank Soltesz

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Speaking of Northeast Yacht Club (NEYC) we are planning a combined Halfway to Launch Party with them at their facility on March 2, 2013. Rear Commodore Kern Swope will have all the details. I will see you there unless I should see you sooner at the monthly meeting on February 11th at the Paradise Island.

Rear Commodore

Kern Swope

Well looks like the cold weather has set in. We are finally past the half way mark. Our next event to look forward to is the Halfway to Launch party.

This year we are combining the Halfway to Launch party with our sister club Northeast Yacht Club.

It will be held at NEYC on Saturday, March 2, 2013. See the attached flyer for all the details.

Hope to see you all there.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monthly Meeting

Paradise Island Saloon
Monday, 2/11, 7:00PM

Halfway to Launch Party

Saturday, 2/3
Northeast Yacht Club
See attached flyer

Congratulations Frank!



Financial Secretary

P/C Greg Sattler

If you are reading this article and have NOT yet paid your 2013 membership bill, it is past due and you will be charged a late fee!

All bills were sent out by the first of January. If I receive full payment by February 18, you will receive your membership cards, activity tickets and Commodore Ball ticket, ALONG with your dock bill if you are a docking member.

If I have NOT received your full dues payment by February 18th I will still send you your dock bill. However, you will NOT receive your membership cards etc. until all bills have been paid.

Dock bills are due no later than April 1st. Any dock not paid for by the end of the meeting on April 8th will be put up for bid.

Remember, there will be a late charge of \$25.00 per month for each past due bill. Membership is due January 31st and dockage is due April 1st.

I will be out of town from February 20th until April 2nd. All checks received will be deposited upon my return. If you have any questions please call me.



Fleet Captain

Doug Mekinda

Old Man Winter is trying to show his might these past couple weeks, but don't give in to him - we are on the downhill side and well on our way to the 2013 Boating Season.

Congratulations and Good Luck to incoming Commodore Frank Soltesz, and thank you to now P/C Scott Mannion for all of his efforts the past two years. Thanks also to all who helped with this year's Commodores Ball/Change of Watch - a great time was had by all.

Speaking of the 2013 season, remember to send in your dues. Renew your BoatUS membership (WWYC is a designated BoatUS Cooperating Yacht Club, so you get your discount using Group ID# GA80534Y). Also start taking a look at your dock lines, springs, shackles etc. to see what may need to be replaced (we all witnessed the devastation that can happen on Lake Erie). Take a look at your boat - here is a link to a good article that will remind you of what to look for as a mid-winter checklist:

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2013/February/seaworthy-doing-hard-time.asp>

I will also start emailing the State and ODNR regarding the growing pile of sediment at the entrance of the Wildwood harbor. I will keep the membership informed and may ask for assistance if needed.

Many of our members may think of this as a "sailors" issue, but if it continues the way it has been it will affect the majority of our members. If you have any questions please let me know at fleetcaptainwwyc@yahoo.com.

Goodwill & Sunshine

P/C Joe Ferrara

As I'm sure you are all aware by now, we have lost one of the corner stones in the foundation of our Club, Art Schultz.

Art was always one of the guys I looked up to during the "learning years" as a young officer in the club. His toughness and determination seemed to be a recollection to a simpler time.

I still recall vividly his quick temper and stern demeanor. It was real men like Art who throughout my life helped to sculpt who I am as a man and I hope he touched you in a similar way.

Always serving the club in some fashion whether it be Commodore, Trustee or Life Member, it was no matter, Art was a daunting presence at any meeting.

We all knew exactly where Art was in the room at any given time! Art's dedication to the club may be unmatched at the moment but I truly believe he planted the seeds to a whole new generation of young dedicated members.

The young (if you can call us that) Turks of this fine organization owe it to guys like Art to carry on the fine traditions and step in as the keepers of the history of what was built by them. They are to be held in high regard and we will always know them as the greatest generation.

Art will certainly be missed but let's all try to remember him and all the great men that preceded him by keeping those club traditions alive and well. The Schultz Family will always be part of our family at Wildwood Yacht Club.

