



**February 19, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

**2008 Club
Officers**

Commodore
Dale Hardy

**Vice
Commodore**
Wayne Johnson

**Rear
Commodore**
Paul Tabor

Treasurer
Rod Erwin

Secretary
Lisa Colombo

**Fleet
Captain**
Dan Zowada

Delegate
Pat Meraw

**Sergeant
at Arms**
Kim Colombo

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dale Hardy at 7:30 p.m. Original Meeting on February 12th cancelled due to inclement weather.

Roll call of officers present: **Commodore – Dale Hardy, Vice Commodore – Wayne Johnson, Rear Commodore – Paul Tabor , Treasurer – Vacancy, Secretary - Lisa Colombo, Fleet Captain – Dan Zowada, Delegate P/C Pat Meraw, Newsletter Chairperson – P/C Sharon Cisco (excused), Clothing Chairperson -Sandy Hardy (excused) Sergeant at Arms – Kim Colombo, Paul Jankowski (Harbor Club North Marina) (absent), Webmaster – Dan Zowada. Also present: Members: Theresa Johnson, P/C Jim Jones, and P/C Lee Jones GUESTS: John Viviano, Commodore, Shriner’s Yacht Club, and Nat Pullizi, ABYA Fleet Captain.**

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Previous minutes approved as published in the newsletter.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer’s Report given by Commodore Hardy due to Treasurer’s vacancy. Balance as of 1-31-08: \$2,270.01. An Outstanding Deposit from Changing of the Watch - \$1,150 which will give a total of \$3,920.01. Checks to be written: Turning Point (MSYC) \$150, Turning Point (HCNSYC) \$150, Dale & Sandy Hardy \$721.56 (reimbursement for expenses for Board & Changing of the Watch, as well as funeral flowers.)

DELEGATE’S REPORT:

- P/C Pat Meraw gave the report.
- **ABYA Meeting** was held on February 11, 2008. The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2008 @ JYC. Steve Constadine was the Guest Speaker from NOAH, which is a weather watcher’s group. He explained the kinds of weather we could see on the water and how to report threatening conditions. If you are interested in taking free Sky Warn classes, they will be held on March 26th, March 29th and May 10th. Call NOAA at 248-620-9804.
- **ABYA Caribbean Cruise** was well attended with 43 couples on board. This will be planned every other year. By booking early a discounted rate is given.
- **Grey Water Act:** Literature has been distributed

before by Gerry Lesmeister concerning a Sept 08 tax the EPA is trying to put on all vessels on the Great Lakes of \$1,000 per boat. Sounds like it will be an Annual permit. Also referred to as a Discharge Permit. Please log onto the ABYA website to sign a petition to support House Bill #2550 and Senate Bill #2067 to EXEMPT recreational boats from this tax.

- **ABYA Safety Book** will be updated this year. They do this bi-annually. They are selling ads to supplement the costs (approx \$5,000). In the past they took donations from Clubs, but this year they will sell ads. They never have enough copies and always run out. A ¼ page ad is \$200.
- **Clinton River Clean-Up** will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008.
- **ABYA Bay City Spring Rendezvous** - Attendance is down. If we want a new location for next year, the contract with Bay City has to be voided by March 9, 2008. So far no other locations have been offered.
- **ABYA Spring Dinner Dance** will be held at the North Channel Yacht Club, Saturday, June 7th. If you arrive on Friday, there is a docking fee, but not on Saturday.
- **Clinton River Watershed & ABYA** are now distributing Press Releases of upcoming events and information. These will be e-mailed to our club.
- **CRWS Clean Boating Workshop** will be held at Mac Ray’s on March 29th from 9am until 1:30pm. The workshop and the lunch following is free to attendees. This is the kick-off for the Dock Walkers.
- **Idle Hour St. Patrick’s Party** Saturday, March 15th.
- **Bouvier Bay Commodore’s Ball** on April 5, 2008. \$150 per couple includes an open bar
- **The next ABYA Meeting will be on March 3rd at Jefferson Yacht Club.** Dinner at 6:30pm and meeting at 8pm. Call Pat Meraw to reserve dinner at 586-215-7340.

OFFICER’S REPORT:

Commodore: Dale Hardy – Nothing to report.

Vice Commodore: Wayne Johnson –Nothing to report.

Rear Commodore: Paul Tabor – Nothing to report.

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OFFICER'S REPORT: (cont')

Fleet Captain: Dan Zowada –

Blessing of the Fleet: Sunday, May 18th @ South w/ a BBQ to follow. **TENTATIVE**

Jimmy Buffet @ Cove: (2008 Calendar of Events on their Web) June 6-7, 2008 I reserved 30 wells and the Gazebo for our Sip & Dip.

Shriner's Pig Roast: July 18-20, 2008 @ Metro Beach. A complete finger dock is reserved.

HCNSYC Steak Dinner: Saturday, August 23, 2008 @ Harbor Club South.

Shriner's Rendezvous in Sarnia: TENTATIVE in August.

COMMITTEES:

Newsletter: Sharon Cisco – Excused.

Clothing: Sandy Hardy - Excused. Oral Report given by Commodore Hardy: No orders have been received. Sandy would like to have samples for sale at each of our Club's scheduled events.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Banking for Club** Rod has resigned after many years of appreciated service to the Club. We are in the process of having multiple officers names added to the account besides Commodore Hardy's.
- **Shriner's Steak Dinner**, held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, was attended by several of our board members as well as members of HCNSYC. It was a fantastic night and a good time was had by all!
- **Changing of the Watch:** Was held at JYC on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Nat Pullizi swore in the new officers at this event. It was very well attended! Thank you to Vice Commodore Hardy and his Lady Sandy for working on this event and making it the success it was!
- **Turning Point Donations:** The Shriner's Yacht Club generously donated \$150 which will be deposited into our account and sent in. At the last meeting a motion was made and carried for HCNSYC to match the personal donations made by members (\$150) to Turning Point. A check will be written tonight. Commodore Hardy did not want to issue any monies during the transition period between Treasurers, prior to disclosure at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **HCNSYC 2008 Events: TENTATIVE,**
- **Blessing of the Fleet: Sunday May 18th @ Harbor Club South Clubhouse w/ a BBQ to follow.**
- **Steak Dinner: Saturday, August 23, 2008 @ Harbor Club South Clubhouse.**

NEW BUSINESS: (cont')

- **HCNSYC Fundraiser:** We will continue to do the bucket of booze via raffle ticket sales. **Paul:** Shriner's YC offered us the use of their BBQ trailer so perhaps we could do some cook-outs together this summer. We can also check with the Lodge to see what they would charge us to rent their hall which has a full kitchen. Possibly a White Elephant Auction where you bring a one pound package of whatever. You bid on the package you want; some had rocks, some had potatoes, it was fun.
- **Nomination for Treasurer:** Lee Jones nominated **Jim Jones** for Treasurer. Jim expressed his desire to see someone in the Club who hasn't held office to come in. He gladly accepted the nomination on a temporary basis with the understanding that if someone else has an interest he will step down. A motion was made to vote **Jim Jones in as Temporary Treasurer**, a vote taken, and motion unanimously passed. Jim Jones and Commodore Hardy will do a beginning audit. The IRS requires at least 2 signatures on the account, but you can have as many names on the account as you want. A suggestion was made that all of the line officers names be placed on the account and that way the Treasurer and any other officer can sign the check.
- **Membership Cards** a discussion was held on how to handle the distribution in a more efficient manner. **All Members & Social Members must pick up their cards at the April 8, 2008,** membership meeting (location to be announced). Due to an increase in printing costs, all members (both North & South harbors) will pay \$5 for their card. All Social Members will continue to pay \$25. (A motion was made on these fees and unanimously passed.) Checks should be made payable to "HCNSYC". Remember to check for your discounts offered on the ILYA and ABYA websites. You simply present your membership card to the vendor and tell them you have an "account" with them. They have a list of participating clubs and will honor your discount upon presentation of your membership card. (i.e. Bentley's Road House, gas discounts, marine stores, etc.)
- **Newsletter** will continue to be e-mailed to the members.
- **Shriner's Past Commodore Dinner: February 23, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.** at Louie's Chop House, (586) 949-9566 located on the West side of Gratiot, South of 23 Mile Road. **\$30 per person.** Dress is business casual. Past Commodores Chuck Noris and Nat Pullizi. Please participate in this event as they were very generous in having many of their members at ours.
- **Mt. Clemens Lodge Feather Bowling** on Sunday, February 24th 4pm – 6pm for \$5 per person, at Bath City Bistro.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @ 9:30 p.m. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed...

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, 2008, @ 7:30 PM at the **Harbor Club South Clubhouse.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Colombo
Secretary
Harbor Club North & South Yacht Club

International Upper Great Lakes Study Board

The International Joint Commission appointed the International Upper Great Lakes Study Board in February 2007 to examine whether the regulation of Lake Superior outflows can be improved to address the evolving needs of the upper Great Lakes. The study area includes lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie, and their interconnecting channels (St. Mary's River, St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, Detroit River and Niagara River), up to Niagara Falls.

Major topics for investigation include determining the factors that affect water levels and flows, developing and testing potential new regulation plans and assessing the impacts of these potential plans on the ecosystem and human interests.

Physical changes in the St. Clair River will be investigated early in the study as one factor that might be affecting water levels and flows. Depending on the nature and extent of the physical changes, and their potential impact on water levels and flows, the study may also explore potential remediation options.

Representatives of the International Upper Great Lakes Study presented a Study overview and answered questions regarding low Great Lakes water levels during three public meetings held in Michigan and Ontario February 19-21. Visit the Study website at www.iugls.org or call John Nevin at 202-256-1368.

HCNSYC Membership Cards &

ABYA Discount Program

The ABYA Discount Program will continue again this year. You will need the club's Membership Card to qualify for the discounts offered. HCNSYC 2008 Membership Cards will be available at the Membership Meeting on April 8th. This year there will be a \$5 charge for the membership card. (See the minutes above) There are several restaurants that have also joined the program. For a complete list of discounts offered to go to www.abya.org.

Upcoming Activities!

- March 1st, Saturday, Ray Fogg Show, Jefferson Yacht Club, Door opens 6:30pm, Show 8pm, Call Bill Hollister 586-774-4813
- March 3rd, Monday, ABYA Monthly Meeting, Jefferson Yacht Club, See flyer, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 8pm Call Pat Meraw 586-215-7340.
- March 7-9th, ABYA Spring Rendezvous, Bay City Double Tree, \$425/ couple, Call Lois Conti 586-463-5952.
- March 8th, Saturday, Shores Harbor Commodores Ball, \$55pp, Call Joe Rustoni 586-296-6095
- **March 18th, Tuesday, Harbor Club N&S Yacht Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm, Harbor Club South Clubhouse.**

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



- March 15th, Saturday, St. Patty's Day Party, Jefferson Yacht Club, Noon +, Irish Band and Dinner, No Cover Charge, Call Bill Hollister 586-774-4813
- March 15th, Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Party, Mariner's Boat Club, 6pm-Mid, \$20pp, Call Sam Bileti 586-979-0725.
- March 15th, Saturday, St. Pat's Party, Idle Hour Yacht Club, 7pm, \$10pp, Call Ron D'Angelo 810-748-3701
- March 29th, Saturday, CRWS Clean Boating Workshop and Lunch, Mac Rays, 9am, No Charge, Call Jill Hollowell 248-601-0606.
- April 5th, Saturday, Bouvier Bay Commodore's Ball, \$150/couple includes an open bar, Call Colleen Gill 810-765-9518

Grey Water Act:

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Clean Boating Workshop

Presented By
Anchor Bay Yachting Association
&
Clinton River Watershed Council

WHEN: Saturday, March 29, 2008

TIME: 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Complimentary Lunch Provided By Huntington Bank & MacRay Harbor

PLACE: MacRay's Banquet Center

(Directions on the back)

COST: NO CHARGE - For Reservations Contact
Jill Hollowell at jill@crwc.org or 248-601-0606

All Boaters and Non Boaters are Welcome to Attend

What is a Clean Boating Workshop?

- Learn About the Current State of Lake St. Clair
- Share and Learn Clean Boating Practices
- Encourage the Boating Community to Take Action

