



**May 8, 2007  
Meeting Minutes**

**2007 Club  
Officers**

**Commodore**  
Pat Meraw  
586-215-7340

**Vice  
Commodore**  
Dale Hardy

**Rear  
Commodore**  
Curt Stafford

**Treasurer**  
Rod Erwin

**Secretary**  
Kirk Stefanski

**Fleet  
Captain**  
Wayne Johnson

**Delegate**  
Gerry  
Lesmeister

**Sergeant  
at Arms**  
Paul Tabor

Meeting called to order by Commodore Pat Meraw at 7:30 PM

Roll call of officers present: **Commodore – Pat Meraw, Vice Commodore – Dale Hardy, Rear Commodore – Curt Stafford (excused), Treasurer - Rod Erwin, Secretary - Kirk Stefanski, (excused), Temporary Secretary – Lisa Colombo, Fleet Captain – Wayne Johnson, Delegate - P/C Gerry Lesmeister, Newsletter Chairperson – P/C Sharon Cisco, Clothing Chairperson– Viki Tabor (resigned), New Clothing Chairperson -Sandy Hardy and Sergeant at Arms – Paul Tabor. P/C Lee Jones, and P/C Jim Jones GUESTS: Theresa Johnson, Wendy Zundel, Gerald Zundel, Kathy Schwach, Clayton Schwach, Todd Colombo, Dan Zowada, and Sandy Hardy  
Special Guest: Art Brooks, P/C ABYA**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Pat Meraw to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Gerry Lesmeister and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the resignation of Secretary Kirk Stefanski. Sharon Cisco reported that she had not received any further communication from Kirk regarding returning to his position. Lisa Colombo indicated she was present & would take the notes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Rod Erwin reviewed the current checkbook balance (\$3,838.81), no major changes to report.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DELEGATE’S REPORT:**

Gerry Lesmeister gave the report. The ABYA meeting was held at the Bouvier Bay YC. Topics discussed were as follows:

- **Clinton River Watershed** will meet at the Pride of Michigan on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- Joe St. John of the Lake St. Clair Waterfront Advisory Committee recommended that everyone use water friendly fertilizers on their lawn. There is a

website [www.healthlandscape.com](http://www.healthlandscape.com) for product information. They have even marked some of their sewers with paint to indicate that they do not flow into our waterways. They are hosting a Clean-up of Lake St. Clair on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Please volunteer by calling 586-779-8777.

- **Pride of Michigan** hosted an Open House on May 5, 2007. They only had 3 clubs showed up to tour the boat... The ABYA donated \$1,000
- **The North Channel Yacht Club is hosting the Spring Dance on Saturday, June 2, 2007.** A shuttle is available from next to Decker’s. All wells have been reserved however; you can call the day of the event for cancellations. Call Gerry Lesmeister for tickets at 586-949-4075. Four tickets are left.
- **Land’s End Marina** is giving our members a 5% discount on gas and 10% discount on clothes **Wednesday & Thursdays only.**
- There will be a vacancy for Secretary of the ABYA Board in September. Any P/C interested should write a letter of interest to the ABYA Board.
- **Parade of Lights will be held August 4, 2007.** This year is an “open theme”. We did not have any boat clubs enter last year.
- **Bouvier Bay Yacht Club 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Raising & Blessing of Fleet, Sat., May 19, 2007 @ 9 a.m.**
- **Windmill Pointe will host their Steak Out on May 19, 2007.**
- **Benefit Fundraiser for Chris Barnum, who has Burkett’s Lymphoma cancer. August 24, 2007 @ 6 p.m. \$125 admits 2 for dinner & open bar at the Athena Hall. Only 200 tickets will be sold & 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$10,000. (Congrats to Gerry Lesmeister who recently won \$10,000 on a previous raffle for Chris!) Call Gerry for info 586-949-4075.**
- **Mt. Clemens Lodge #6 is having a Chili Cook-Off on May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2p.m. in conjunction with a Bake Sale.**
- **Mariner’s Boat Club Flag Raising, Sunday, May 20, 2007.**

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### DELEGATE'S REPORT: *continued*

- **Past Commodores** will be having a luncheon @ Mac Ray's – Date to be announced.

### OFFICER'S REPORT:

**Commodore:** Pat Meraw - Nothing to report at this time.

**Vice Commodore:** Dale Hardy –The ILYA & ABYA listings were given to Jackie. The ILYA web had incorrect info for Harbor Club. I inadvertently gave them an incorrect number for Pat Merraw so I will try and get that corrected. ILYA Yearbook will be sent out May 26<sup>th</sup>. They also only showed us with one marina so I had them add South as reciprocal and North as \$1.50 per foot.

Sandy & I spent about 2 ½ hours at Cheeseburger in Paradise listening to the band, Caribbean Blue for our 2008 Jimmy Buffet Weekend. They are a 4 piece band and we can hire them for \$600 for 4 hours. I do not believe we can book them this far out, but unless someone else has another band to look at, we thought they would be great.

**Rear Commodore:** Curt Stafford – Excused

**Fleet Captain:** Wayne Johnson – Jimmy Buffet @ Cove Marina, June 8-9<sup>th</sup> \$50 deposit required. **4 slips open.** Sip & Dip @ 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @ Gazebo. Bring a sip or dip to pass please. (Best Caribbean boat décor contest too!)

Algonac Harbor Marina – June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Annual Pickerel Festival in town with fireworks. Short walk to town. Has 2 pools, playground, bar & restaurant. \$50 deposit required.

Moslem's Shriners Annual Pig Roast – July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Well price to be determined at Metro Beach. Friday steak/chicken \$10. Saturday Pig Roast \$10. Every year gets a larger turn-out. Last year there were 250 people with games for the kids.

Belle River Rendezvous August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – 15 wells available - \$50 Deposit Required. We do a bar-b-que on Friday night & make your own wine on Saturday. The marina has a nice restaurant and will even cater for us privately if we choose. It is a short walk to wine making & town. You wash your own bottles, make your labels, add the yeast yourself (it is illegal for them to add the yeast), and cork them. It is fun and makes great gifts.

**(Any deposit checks should be made out to Wayne Johnson, 2515 Litchfield Drive, Waterford, MI 48329. His phone is 248-674-0509)**

### COMMITTEES:

**Newsletter:** Sharon Cisco has had some difficulty in getting the required information needed to send out the Yacht Club newsletter. Mailing of the newsletter continues to be a cost burden. Sharon will continue with her endeavor of e-mailing as many as possible. Some people are not receiving their e-mails due to the format being so large. Dan Zowada has offered to assist Sharon in formatting.

**Clothing:** Viki Tabor resigned. Sandy Hardy has volunteered to assume this position. Sharon Cisco has taken an inventory of the stock. Sandy will decide on vendor.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership Cards have been prepared and will be distributed.

Marina Members should pick up their cards at their respective Harbor Office. All Social Members need to attend a HCNYC Meeting to receive their membership cards. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m. at Harbor Club North Clubhouse. The Board will receive theirs cards at the Pancake Breakfast.

- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast & Blessing of the Fleet will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – Noon at North. Sandy & Lee will cook. Gerry & Nellie will be on clean-up. We need a volunteer for clothing sales and the 50/50 raffle. Wayne & Theresa will work the door and Jackie will assist with the juice bar. Sharon will double check with Art Brooks of ABYA to see if he is still available to perform the blessing of the fleet. Commodore Meraw will not be available to attend, however, Vice Commodore Hardy will officiate.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Commodore Meraw introduced Dan Zowada who is a member and has volunteered his services to help the Club get a website up and running. Dan expressed his interested to help and said since this is his Club too, he is not looking to make a profit, but that there are some costs that would have to be covered. The Domain fee would be \$10-15 a year. Web hosting would be \$7-8 per month. The design of the website and the maintenance of the website have to be considered. However, we will be saving over \$100 per month in not mailing the minutes as they will be posted on the website. Commodore Meraw stated this is how we want to proceed. Dan Zowada has some ideas of what we should include on the site. P/C Lee Jones mentioned about allowing advertisers on our site which would offset these costs. A Committee was formed (Pat Meraw, Dan Zowada, Sharon Cisco, Dale Hardy & Jim Jones) and this Committee will decide our web name and make the decisions on lay-out. Commodore Meraw asked if anyone had any objections to the Committee heading this up. None were voiced. This Committee will meet separately on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The target date to get the site up and running is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **The Great Lakes Scrips Program** will begin in 2007, program details to follow in the coming weeks. This program is designed as a "gift certificate" program which allows you to purchase certificates for businesses you frequent, and HCNSYC gets a percentage (1%) of the sale as well as ABYA (1%). The order forms are available at [www.abya.org](http://www.abya.org). **Please be sure to indicate HCNSYC or our Club will not get credit. We will get our credit annually. . This is a great fundraiser for our Club without a lot of effort.**
- Gerry Lesmeister invited Art Brooks, P/C of ABYA to this month's meeting. He is a representative from the ABYA Scrips Program & was very informative in his explanation of this Program. Info will be given out to each Club member with the membership cards providing Scrip's order information as well as program rules & guidelines and the listing of participating vendors.

A motion was made by Commodore Pat Meraw to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Colombo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, adjourning the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2007, @ 7:30 PM at the **North Clubhouse.**

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

# Upcoming Activities!

- Thursdays, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> SAFE BOATING CLASSES Mariners Boat Club, 7-9pm \$25, Receive Power Squadron and DNR Safe Boating Certificates., Call Mike Fonk 586-907-2063
- Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jefferson Yacht Club Annual Blessing at Jack's Dock with BBQ at JYC to follow.
- Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, River Day 2007, Noon -4pm, 32041 S. River Rd., Take a free ride on the Pride of Michigan and learn about clean boating practices. Pre-registration required to ride on boat. 248-601-0606 or e-mail [contact@crwc.org](mailto:contact@crwc.org).
- Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Harbor Club YC Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm, Harbor Club North Clubhouse. Everyone is Welcome!
- Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, SUMMER DANCE AND CHICKEN DINNER at Metro Pavilion by Y-Knot Boat Club, 6pm-Mid, \$12, Chicken Dinner, 6-7pm BYOB
- Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Mariner's Boat Club Golf Outing, Selfridge Golf Course, \$80 per person, Tee off 1pm, SHOTGUN Start! 18holes of golf with cart, steak dinner and beer. Reservations: Chuck Fowler (586-954-1297)
- Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, ABYA Monthly Meeting, Hosted by Belvidere Boat Club, Island Meeting, Hamburger picnic dinner \$8.00. BYOB. 6:30pm. Contact: Gerry Lesmeister for reservations and travel information 586-949-4075.
- Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Metro Beach Pig Roast and Rendezvous by Moslem Shrine YC, \$10 per person, Kids under 10 free. Come by Car or Boat. Kids games are free. Noon. Call Gerry Lesmeister (586-949-4075).

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## Membership Cards

Membership cards are available for the 2007 season. The cards with important information about our yacht club are waiting for each boater at their marina office. Social members can pick up their membership cards at regular monthly Yacht Club meetings. Anyone who did not receive a card for their First Mate please contact Sharon Cisco at [cisco.s@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cisco.s@sbcglobal.net).

## Discount Program

Many business' associated with boating in the area are offering ABYA member clubs (that's us folks) discounts for their merchandise or services. You have received information about this with your membership cards. The newest discount comes from Lands End Marina on the Clinton River. They are offering a 5% off on fuel and 10% off on other items on Wednesday and Thursdays only. Just show your membership cards when purchasing to obtain the discount.

## Scrip Program

Just a reminder that our Scrip program is a great new way for you to help our club raise money. It works while you shop at your regular retailers. You just put your normal shopping dollars to work raising money without spending an

additional penny. Information on this program is enclosed with your membership cards and also can be reviewed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). (to register use code 9B8D3CB914269) You are able to download the forms from the [abva.org](http://abva.org) website. When you fill out a form, please, be sure to write Harbor Club N/S Yacht Club, so they know which club to send our percentage to.

## **Metro Beach Musical Events**

- June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies Band, 50s and 60s "fun rock"
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Street Corner, Oldies and Motown
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, Jax Appeal, soft rock and oldies
- June 10<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Brothers, country music
- June 16<sup>th</sup>, Danceland Band, 60s and 70s "fun rock"
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, Johnny Trudell Orchestra, big band music
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Satin Sounds, ballroom dance music
- June 24<sup>th</sup>, Rhythm Society Orchestra, big band and swing music

The concerts run 6:30-10pm. All are free. For more information call (800) 477-3172 or visit [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

## **Metro Beach America Appreciation Day**

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Metro Beach employees will distribute 1,000 American flags and visitors can access the swimming pool and waterslide for free.

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### **Jacki's Corner**

#### **NEWS FROM HARBOR CLUB NORTH**

The repairs to the clubhouse roof have been completed and we are looking forward to other renovations this season. The Pancake Breakfast at the clubhouse was a great beginning to the boating season. For those who missed the event, you did not have a chance to savor the tasty treats donated by "Pastries by Chuck". These delicious sweets will be featured at a new monthly event for Harbor Club Marina on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning of each month during the boating season. We hope all the boaters at Harbor Club North will come and get to know each other. Questions? Call her at 586-469-BOAT.

At this writing Jacki has been hospitalized with pneumonia. I am sure we all wish her a quick recovery. -Sharon

## **Rendezvous Schedule and Update!**

For boaters who love an adventure several weekend trips have been arranged this season by our Fleet Captain





# Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast And Blessing of the Fleet



The Cook, P/C Lee Jones



Beautiful roses for the ladies.



Nellie Lesmeister is greeted



The Boss,



The team gets a good word  
By Wayne 'n Theresa Johnson. Sandy Hardy from ABYA P/C Art Brooks.



As the bell tolls, flowered wreaths are tossed onto the water to remember those lost at sea and a prayer is offered for travelers on our waterways this season.



## "Jimmy Buffet Margaretaville Weekend" *Update!*

On Friday June 8-Sat. June 9, 2007 at Cove Marina (Tilbury, Canada)  
**Here's the scoop** -7 wells still open to all. We will meet there at the firepit around 10pm on Friday. The Sip'nDip on Saturday will be at the gazebo by the office at 1:30pm. Bring your favorite drink, hors-d'œuvre, jello shots or chip'n dip. Music and cheeseburgers will start at 5pm 'til 9pm. Questions-call Fleet Captain, Wayne Johnson -248-674-0509. **See you in Margaretaville!!!**