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COMMODORE'S CORNER

A "Night to Remember" best describes this year's CTYC Ice Breaker at Pere Marquette, March 24, 2007. The weather was most accommodating and this year's Spring Forward, time change provided spectacular sunset views for all to enjoy during Saturday's cocktail hour.

The event this year was skillfully condensed from 2 nights, 3 days to 1 night, 2 days without missing a beat. The turnout was great; attendees enjoyed tradition, combined with a few new surprises, and we are proud to report that 13 New Members were inducted and presented with roses for the ladies and CTYC burgees for their lucky guys. . . Good Food, Good Fun, Good Friends! Many thanks go to our Fleet Captain Gary and Judy Meinershagen for their planning, preparation and hard work. Great job, Gary and Judy, on a huge success, and you made it look easy.

At the Ice Breaker, I mentioned that the success of CTYC depends a lot on us helping one another. The Board of Directors and Officers of CTYC work hard for the benefit of the membership in support of the Fleet Captain. Now, I'll ask for your help . . . The season has just begun; this year make every effort to support your club; attend the wonderful events and get involved. Like Lynn and I, you will be glad you did.

Tim Tighe
Commodore

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Greetings from the Fleet Captain

Greetings all, and Happy Spring.

We had our first Con Trios Event, and what a great time we had. We received a lot of "kudos" from a lot of people, and really appreciate your support. From my prospective, it was a great success. The food was great, the band was excellent and we received compliments from the Maintenance Staff on how well maintained everything was. Again, thanks to Debbie Harper and Mary Tiemann for helping Judy with set-up and registration, to Linda Stevens for saying the Blessing, and for all the members who helped clean up the pool area.

We had 117 people in attendance, with 8 of those being Present and Past Commodores. Our Commodore, Tim Tighe introduced 13 new members. Congratulations to First Lady Lynn Tighe and new member, Linda Handley on winning the 50/50 raffle.

Con Trios next event will be the Past Commodore Party, to be held at Aeries Winery on May 5th. Should you want to go by boat, Grafton Marina will provide a shuttle to the Winery. If you are interested in spending the night at Grafton Marina, I would suggest you book your slip early.

Our next BIG party will be the Champagne Brunch at the Yacht Club of St. Louis on Sunday, June 10th.

Until then, happy boating and be safe out on the water.

"I Love this Country" and "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler" (Let the Good Times Roll)

Gary Meinershagen

Fleet Captain

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

We inducted 13 new members at the Ice Breaker. They were as follows:

Dave & Carrie Ash
Bob & Melissa Bales
Steve & Liz Carey
Marsha Gross
Mike & Karen Halley
Linda Handley
Charles & Cathy Hicks
Mike & Rosie Holaus
Jim Holland & Andrea McEwen
John & Debra Huffman
Ernie & Sue Moretti
Stephen & Kelly Schlottman
Denny & Sharon Vermilye

For those of you who were not present at the Ice Breaker, your Con Trios Burgee will be included in your Membership Packet.

Congratulations all!



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**“What do we live for, if not to make life less difficult for
each other?.”**

George Elliot





You've got mail coming

PAST COMMODORES PARTY

Hosted by Past Commodores
Jim Svoboda and Carl Tiemann

Saturday, May 5th

Aeries Winery in Grafton, Illinois

Look for details in your flyer, which will
be in the mail soon!

CPR CLASS

Joan Shamel is offering a CPR Class, to be held at the Duck Club
(Starboard Room) on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00am-3:00pm

If any members are interested in attending, please contact Joan at
314-503-1637 or, you can e-mail her at jshamel1@aol.com



STILL LOOKING



HAILER EDITOR WANTED

The present Editor, that being ME, Judy Meinershagen, would be willing to give up this most honored position to an able-bodied member, willing to take on this challenge. All qualified applicants will be carefully scrutinized and background checks will be performed. College degree desirable, but not necessary, (just kidding)!

All kidding aside, I have decided that November 2007 will be my last newsletter. Please, someone, help out your Club and take over the editing of this fun and informative newsletter.

If anyone is interested in becoming the Editor of our very popular and sought after Hailer newsletter, please contact Judy Meinershagen at 636-949-2693, or e-mail her at judybeads@sbcglobal.net

**CONGRESSIONAL EXTENSION OF SALES TAX DEDUCTION
INCLUDES BOATS**

Captain Alan Deutschmann recently sent me the article below. Thank you Alan for your input.

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NEWS From BoatUS

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Congressional Extension Of SalesTax Deduction Includes Boats

Thanks to action taken by Congress in December, tax filers who made a large purchase in 2006, such as a boat, may deduct state and local sales taxes paid if the tax rate applied to the boat was the same as the state's general sales tax.

"Some taxpayers may be confused because the usual extension of these provisions was not approved by Congress until after the IRS had already printed its forms in November for the 2006 tax year," said Elaine Dickinson, assistant vice president of BoatUS Government Affairs.

"We've been hearing from our members that even their own accountants are unaware of the extension since it did not appear on the printed 2006 Schedule A (Form 1040)," said Dickinson. A notice on the IRS Web site, <http://www.irs.gov>, outlines the so-called "extender provisions." It also lets taxpayers know that returns with these deductions will not be processed until Feb. 3 to give the agency time to incorporate the latest legislation into its processing systems for '06 returns. To get the deduction, filers must itemize their deductions.

"Taxpayers may deduct either sales taxes or state income taxes, but not both," said Dickinson. The deduction for state and local general sales taxes may be claimed on Schedule A (Form 1040), line 5, "State and local income taxes." Enter "ST" on the dotted line to the left of line 5 to indicate you are claiming the general sales tax deduction instead of the deduction for state and local income tax, according to the IRS.

For more on state tax deductions, you can download IRS Publication 600, which includes state-by-state tax tables, by going to <http://www.irs.gov> or by calling 1-800-829-1040, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays.

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