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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Greetings and Happy New Year
Fellow Boaters:



To begin with, Mary and I would like to Thank all of the people who helped us out last year and all the people who supported our events. Although at times things got a little hectic, all we had to do was pick up the phone and help or answers were there. We sure did have a lot of fun hosting all the events last year.

I am looking forward to another great season. Our Fleet Captain, Jim Svoboda, has been busy getting his events all planned out for the coming year. Let us all get out and support our events. For it's the membership who make our events the great time that they are. It is the time to renew old friendships and create new ones.

If anyone would like to get more involved, just ask a board member. I would not have gotten to know so many people so well and so quickly had I not volunteered. Help is always appreciated.

Carl Tiemann
Commodore

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR By Judy Meinershagen

Hello all, it was announced at the January meeting that I would be your new Editor of the Hailer for 2005. I am very excited about this new venture and look forward to producing a fun, informative newsletter.

My husband, Gary, is the Rear Commodore for 2005, and we have been members of Con Trios Yacht Club since 1997. We enjoy the club, and over the years have missed very few events. We encourage all members to attend as many events as they can, as this is YOUR club, and your attendance helps to make this club a success.

If any members have taken any recent boat trips, or are planning on taking any in the future, please take the time to jot down a few exciting details about your venture and submit to me so I can include an article in the Hailer. My e-mail address is as follows: judybeads@sbcglobal.net, or you can reach me at 636-949-2693.



Please remember friends and loved ones who have passed and friends and loved ones who are serving in our Armed Forces to protect our Country.

INTRODUCING JIM AND BARBARA SVOBODA

MR. & MRS. FLEET CAPTAIN 2005



Greetings from the Fleet Captain

It's hard to believe the 2005 Boating Season is almost here! Barbara and I have planned a fun 2005 schedule of Social Events and look forward to your participation and enjoyment.

We start with our traditional pool party/ice breaker at Pere Marquette on March 18th and 19th. If you have not made your reservations it would be a good idea to do so now as space is limited. For reservations, call Pere Marquette Lodge, (618) 786-2331, and be sure to mention that you are a Con Trios member.

Our Past Commodores Party will be on May 7th at Polestar and is hosted by Tom Anderson and the Past Commodores. Think Kentucky Derby!

We have a new location for the Champagne Brunch on June 12th - the Duck Club. Chef Mark has planned an outstanding menu. We all look forward to this wonderful Sunday event - good weather, food and friends.

The full moon cruise has become a favorite event and will be included again this year on July 23rd. The river at night is truly spectacular and cruising on the Grafton Ferry saves our props!

August 13th is our sand bar party. The location will depend on Mother Nature and details will follow closer to the event.

Something new for 2005 is our Alton Get Away on September 10th. Reservations should be made as soon as possible for this event as the Alton Marina fills up fast in the Fall. We have already made ours and in fact are arriving Friday September 9th to enjoy the events of Alton. For reservations call The Alton Marina, (618) 462-9860, and be sure to tell them you are with the Con Trios Yacht Club party.

The ghouls and goblins arrive at Sharky's Cove on October 29th for the Halloween/Membership Party. Wear your favorite costume as there will be prizes!

Our last event will be the Holiday Party on December 3rd at Crowne Plaza. Their festive atmosphere and hospitality, as well as reasonable room rates, truly make this a special, joyous and safe event.

Here's to Sunshine and Blue Skies!

Jim & Barbara Svoboda
Spindrift



POOL PARTY/ICE BREAKER
March 18 & 19, 2005



PERE MARQUETTE LODGE

The first two events of the 2005 season are fast approaching, and not to be missed. The Pere Marquette venture has been one of the most popular and fun events, and we expect nothing less this season.

The Pool Party will be held on Friday, March 18, and, in my opinion, is one of the most fun events we offer. The Ice Breaker will be held on Saturday, March 19. These are two separate events and it is not mandatory to attend both.

If you have not already done so, be sure to call Pere Marquette at (618) 786-2331 and reserve your room. Be sure to mention you are a member of Con Trios Yacht Club to receive the room discount.

2005 EVENTS



- March 18—Pool Party @ Pere Marquette Lodge
- March 19—Ice Breaker @Pere Marquette Lodge
- May 7—Past Commodore’s Party @ Polestar Marina
- June 12—Champayne Brunch @ Duck Club

- July 23—Full Moon Cruise on the Grafton Ferry
- August 13—Sand Party—Location TBA
- September 10—Alton Get Away @ Alton Marina
- October 29—Halloween/Membership Party @ Sharky’s Cove
- December 3—Holiday Party @ Crowne Plaza

Mark these dates on your calendar and look for the upcoming flyers.



Remember: Con Trios Members must attend at least two events per year to maintain their membership status.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Pere Marquette March 18 & 19:

We have reserved all 50 rooms at Pere Marquette for the Pool Party and Ice Breaker. Pere Marquette will hold these rooms until February 15 and will then release open rooms to the general public.

If you are thinking of attending, please reserve your room **NOW**. If your plans change, Pere Marquette’s cancellation policy is notification seven days prior to your stay. For reservations please call (618) 786-2331 and mention that you are with Con Trios.

Also, Pere Marquette is entirely no smoking. They advise smokers may want to request a cabin as one can smoke outside the front door.

Alton Get Away September 10:

The Alton Marina takes reservations on a first come basis. Thus, if you are considering attending this event you should make your reservation now as they are usually fully booked in the Fall. Again, if plans change you should be able to cancel your reservation.

For reservations, please call (618) 462-9860 and be sure to tell them you are with Con Trios.

Did you know



Jefferson City - Missouri legislators, in conjunction with the Missouri State Water Patrol, passed a Mandatory Boater Education Law in August of 2003. The date this new boating law went into effect January 1, 2005.

Beginning January 1, 2005, every person born after January 1, 1984, who operates a vessel on Missouri lakes **shall** possess, on the vessel, a boating safety identification card issued by the Missouri State Water Patrol (along with a valid photo ID). If you fall into the required age range and are a resident of Missouri, you will need to obtain a Missouri certification card. If you are a resident of Missouri but do not fall into the age range, you are not required to have the Missouri card. Remember, a vessel is every motorboat and motorized watercraft including a Personal Watercraft.

Any person convicted of Boating While Intoxicated, Reckless and Negligent Operation, Failing to Stop on Signal of Water Patrol, or Leaving the Scene of a Vessel Accident **shall** enroll in and successfully complete, at his or her own expense, a boating safety education course. They must then file with the court proof of successful completion of such course and submit a certified copy to the Water Patrol. The convicted person cannot operate a vessel until such filing is made.

You may ask, "Where can I get certified?" You have several options. Register locally in a class offered by the Missouri State Water Patrol, take the online course or order the home study course. If you choose to take the course offered by the Water Patrol, you may either call the Water Patrol at 573-751-3333 or register online at: <http://www.mswp.dps.mo.gov/>. Call 1-800-830-2268 for ordering the home study course. The course given by the Water Patrol is free of charge, but a \$15 fee will be charged for processing and printing of the certification card.

Watch the Missouri State Water Patrol homepage at <http://www.mswp.dps.mo.gov/> for updates on Boating Safety Courses in your area.

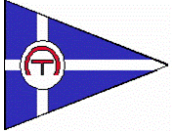
PROPERTIES

Director #1, Denny Galkowski is in charge of our Properties for 2005. If anyone has any new ideas for items you would like to see for sale, please contact him at (636) 566-6767.

WEBSITES

Below are interesting websites you can visit which offer a lot of good information. You can retrieve information about river flood stages, navigational charts, weather, upcoming boating events, as well as numerous links to other useful sites. Please check out:

riverbills.com
whatsupontheriver.com



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