



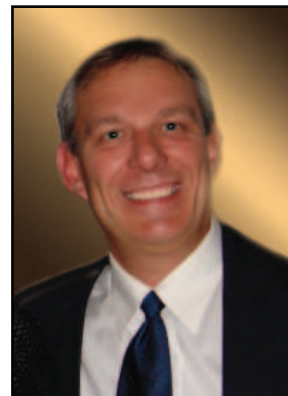
Commonwealth Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

The Commodore's Message

- Mark Sunderman, Commodore

LIVING UNDER OUR FLAG

As many of you, I grew up in the 60's and 70's listening to rock and roll but occasionally I would hear the lyrics of a country song that just stuck in my mind. John Rich has a song titled "The good Lord and the Man" that is one of those songs. He tells a story about his grandfather going to war during WWII. The refrain is the part I like, it goes, "If it wasn't for the good Lord and the man, wouldn't be a breath of freedom in this land. I see people on my TV taking shots at Uncle Sam, I hope they always remember why they can 'cause if wasn't for the good Lord and the man, we'd be speaking German and living under a flag of Japan."



The Stars and Stripes, Old Glory, The Red, White and Blue, our American flag, whatever we choose to call it, as children in school we all faithfully stood and pledged our allegiance to the flag, but we probably didn't understand its semblance until we had experienced a bit more life. In the Marine Corps all activity stopped as our colors were either raised or lowered and we all saluted the flag. I believe that a majority of Americans have a deep patriotic pride for their country and its standard, the flag. Even though this love for our flag isn't the topic of normal dinner conversation, it is just ready to push its way to the surface whenever we feel the need. It is our symbol of our history, our strength and our determination to overcome. We all remember how we felt when our country was attacked on 9-11. This was one of those times during our lifetime just as was December 7, 1941 was to our parents and grandparents when Pearl Harbor was attacked. We came together as a country, as a people, united in our resolve to defeat our enemies and preserve our republic.

The Commonwealth Yacht club will be having a Flag retirement ceremony on the 4th of July. Please bring your old and tattered flags to this ceremony so that they can be retired with dignity and respect. You can find all the details on our website www.cycgtb.com or contact Vice Commodore Butch Jones. Thank you and God Bless America.



From the Vice Commodore...

- Butch Jones, Vice Commodore

If you have not been down to the beach at GTB yet to see our new Sunfish Sailing Fleet, you are missing a fun time. Both adults and youth are enjoying sailing this fabulous boat which is the most popular and largest production sailing boat of all time. This is considered a "wet" sailboat as you are likely to flip the boat on its side from time to time, but it also sails fast and can turn fast. Novice sailors will have no problem learning to sail this vessel and experienced Sunfish pros can make it zip through the water at amazing speeds. Check out the program at www.cycsunfish.com or come by the GTB beach on your next trip to the lake and try one out.

On July 4th, the CYC Officers and Board will conduct a flag retirement ceremony. We need your worn or tattered US flag which will be disposed of in a dignified and respectful manner. You can drop your flags off for disposal at the GTB Chandlery or I will make arrangements with you to pick up your old flags and prepare them for disposal. Contact me at (573) 979-0441 or message me at v@vjones.us. You can also contact me through our website or social networks, www.cycgtb.com, www.cycforum.ning.com, or www.cycsunfish.com.

From the Fleet Captain...

- Dave Rittenhouse, Fleet Captain

The cruise season is off to a quick start. It seems like yesterday we announced the cruise schedule and the Blessing of the Fleet is already history. It was wonderful to see those that paraded and those that received the blessing at the piers. A total thirty-seven vessels made this another event to remember. As the vessels and captains were announced, cheers of support brought smiles of pride. You can view this special event at cycgtb.com or go to <http://cycforum.ning.com> and select the Cruise Club. If you have not yet joined the cycforum.ning.com please do and we will keep you informed as this wonderful 2009 boating season unfolds.



What is next?

THIRD ANNUAL SMITH BAY BBQ

JUNE 6, 2009

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THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL BOATERS AND VESSELS

It is a beach party with entertainment so come early. We will set up by 1PM for beach volleyball or you can just swim, relax and enjoy the music. The location provides the opportunity to come by land or water. Our fleet taxi (Richard Ketter) will assist in transporting you from vessel to shore.

BBQ ribs and pulled pork served at 5PM. Please make your reservations early so we can purchase enough meat, paper plates, and plastic ware. Bring your favorite side dish to share and your drinks. To help cover the cost we will accept a \$15 person donation at the BBQ. Stay all night or as long as you want. Most of all, please join us.

For your pleasure, we will set up a music system to provide the opportunity for you to play your favorite CD.

Form a group from your pier, with friends, family, or your beloved pets and compete to win the first ever...

BEACH PARTY TROPHY

What you will need:	Points
1. Bring a CD to which you will sing along	(Best sing a along) 20 Points
2. Dress to represent the song	20 Points
3. Create an entertaining dance or skit to use with your song	20 Points

Judging begins at 6PM

Help me assure enough BBQ

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 1ST

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Should weather conditions require, Pier 11 will serve as an alternate location