

All Ports Yacht Club

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Sept. 25, 1997

It seems as it was just yesterday I was writing a newsletter to all of you wishing you a great '97 boating season, and here it is already the end of September!

Seems that the summer never really got started yet it's time already for us to put the boats away for the winter and dream of the '98 season and all that we're going to do in the way of maintenance, cruising, fishing, etc, etc. that we somehow didn't get around to this summer.

Anyway, as this will probably be our last newsletter for a couple of months we want to get you up-to-date on what's been happening in the last month or so.

Also, we want you all to know that although short as it was, our '97 boating season was made all the more enjoyable because of all of you, the members of All Ports Yacht Club and we hope to see all of you at our upcoming gatherings as we look forward to once again being on the water in 1998!

So, let's get on with the news...

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1998 ELECTED AT AUG. 30 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING---

At the Aug. 30 general membership meeting held at Venetian the following members were unanimously elected APYC officers for the 1998 boating season:

Commodore--- Bob Babik (D-5)

Vice Comm.--- Tom Hancock (D-59)

Rear Comm.--- Bob Sowa (D-70)

Sec'y.--- Frank Ritzinger (D-54)

Treas.--- Kermit Ruegamer (D-7)

Fleet Cap't--- Chuck Ruggles (D-58)

In addition, Commodore BABIK has appointed Tom Stieber (D-61) as the APYC delegate to the Associated Yacht Club organization and BABIK will announce APYC's delegates to both the Inter-Lakes Yachting Association and the Cleveland Boating Association soon.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WELL ATTENDED AS MEMBERS GET INVOLVED IN CLUB'S ACTIVITIES.

DIRECTION--- Also during the late August meeting club members discussed and acted on a number of important items of concern that will have an impact on the entire club in 1998 and beyond.

In what was perhaps the largest member turnout in several years, club members, after long and detailed discussion, voted without dissent to change the club's annual ticket-selling raffle to a less costly amount in the hopes of raising additional funding for the club's varied activities.

Beginning with the 1998 tickets (which we hope to have to all of you far earlier than ever before) the price per ticket will be \$1 and six tickets for \$5.

Also, because of the 6 for \$5 feature, club members will receive 30 tickets to buy or sell this year instead of the

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traditional five \$5 tickets.

Although the membership discussed at length increasing and/or offering alternative prizes, it was decided that for 1998 at least the prizes will remain the same, even though the prices of the tickets will be just \$1 each.

In addition, the membership received copies of a letter from member Kris Truthan which contained many excellent suggestions for improving AYPC and its activities, heard and accepted reports of various officers and received very preliminary briefings on the club's cruising plans for '98.

LABOR DAY APYC-SPONSORED DJ DANCE MOST SUCCESSFUL SO FAR---

Under a clear sky with warm temperatures our end-of-the-summer DJ dance was the most successful yet as several hundred marina residents took advantage of the APYC-sponsored music and fun and enjoyed themselves from 8 p.m. until just after midnight.

Also, raffle drawings were held during the festivities and many positive comments were heard from the audience about how much they were enjoying themselves...even if they weren't winners of the raffles!

A special "medicinal spiritous libation" raffle was conducted by Commodore BABIK'S wife, Judy, that netted the club nearly \$75. Although the winner was there to claim his prize, he disappeared back into the night almost instantly and we never got his name. In any case, we hope the prize helped clear up whatever medical problem he had!

On the regular ticket raffle drawings (and we know they were on the up-and-up as my 3-year-old granddaughter pulled the winning tickets) the lucky winners were:

\$50--- Christy Simo

\$100--- Mike Ruggles

\$250--- Kermit Ruegamer and Liz Knauer.

A word of explanation is due here in that the normal top prize is \$500, but it was agreed before the drawings by the club's officers (both the outgoing '97 officers and the incoming '98 officers) that if any of them won any of the prizes they would turn back half and have another drawing. Ruegamer was elected APYC treasurer for 1998 earlier in the day.

'98 BRIDGE HOLDS FIRST MEETING ON SEPT. 13 TO PLAN CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT BOATING SEASON---

The new APYC officers wasted no time in planning for a great '98 boating season as they met at length in the Clubhouse on Sept. 13.

COMMODORE BABIK outlined a set of ambitious plans for next year with more cruises, more membership meetings, more club-sponsored food events and generally more involvement and more fun for all members of the club and their families.

High on the Commodore's agenda is the renewal of club memberships with Dec. 31 as the target date from now on for renewing memberships. "It will help greatly to have a handle on our membership before we go into our January Installation of Officers meeting/banquet," he said, "and it will make it a lot easier on everyone if we can have a more complete roster of members at the beginning of the year rather than the somewhat scattered system that seems to have evolved that we've been using in the past."

BABIK said that membership renewal forms, new member applications, etc. will be mailed out shortly after Thanksgiving.

In addition, the Commodore said it is his intention to try and have general

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membership meetings year-round to be held every other month. The meetings would be held in various cities convenient to most members. Right now, it is anticipated that meetings will be held in November, January (in conjunction with the Officers Installation dinner/dance), March, May, July and September. More on this will follow.

In addition, the Bridge discussed some different approaches to things the club has been doing for several years now, but with a slightly different twist.

For instance, instead of having potluck dinners all the time, potluck breakfasts are under consideration. Instead of just going on a cruise to a different location or marina, a combination of cruise and outing for families is being considered. As an example, a cruise to the Maumee Bay Yacht Club combined with a picnic outing to the Toledo Zoo.

Other new and exciting ways to make the club more responsive to the needs and wants of the membership are being considered and your Bridge officers are actively seeking your input.

If you have any ideas on how the club can better service you and yours, drop any of us a line, give us a call or simply just tell any of us when you see us. We're really anxious to know what you're thinking!

Also, your Bridge has put together a very preliminary schedule for 1998, although everything is still tentative at this time.

But to give everyone an idea of what's in store for next year, here's that tentative schedule:

JANUARY '98—Annual Winter Meeting, Installation of Officers Banquet, somewhere in the Cleveland area at a time to tie in with the annual Cleveland Boat Show.

MAY '98—Annual APYC Flag-raising

ceremony and day trip "shakedown cruise" to Kelley's Island.

JUNE '98—Annual APYC charity event—Christie Lane Day.

Cruise to Maumee Bay Yacht Club with Outing/Picnic at Toledo Zoo.

JULY '98—Venetian Marina Annual Regatta.

Sand Bar party and DJ dance.

Ottawa River Regatta/Cruise.

AUGUST '98—Leamington, Ontario Tomato Festival cruise. (This is already confirmed and we have been allotted space for only 20 boats. so reservations will be strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. **MORE ON HOW TO GET ON THE LIST WILL BE FORTHCOMING**).

SEPTEMBER '98—APYC Annual DJ Dance/Raffle Drawings.

Election of '99 Officers.

All Points Yacht Club Day at Cedar Point.

Needless to say, events may be added or subtracted as time goes by, but rest assured we'll keep you all informed.

AND FINALLY, APYC CASH POSITION STATEMENTS ARE ENCLOSED ---

Following up on one of Kris Truthan's suggestions, enclosed you will find a copy of APYC's financial position as of Sept. 5, 1997. If there are any questions, please bring them to the attention of the Bridge or ask them at the next membership meeting.

Be well and stay well,
Your APYC Bridge
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