



The Rendezvous

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Member Help Needed

by Treasurer Tammy Webster

It has been great seeing so many of you enjoying the club and activities already this year, and we've only just begun! We have added many new members that we would like to introduce to you, and if we forgot to list your name, or made a spelling error, we apologize and please let us know.

Gary Manikowski, John and Laverne Dawe, Adrienne Rogers, Dan and Karla Scanlan, Greg and Marianne Bellono, Jill and Dan Martyka, Steve and Jackie Hadwin, Orlando Curry. And our newest Canadian Members: Gary and Sue Spratt, Dana and Jaime Vermette, Susan Williams and Richard Kriza

We also would like to welcome Kean's

Marina's new owners Mike Litt and Jim Cummins as honorary members of the club. They have plans for improvements in the marina and some exciting ideas that may include SCYC in the future. We will be informing you of upcoming events via the website and mailings. Volunteers to assist with these events are desperately needed. The more volunteers we have, the less time spent for each involved. A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the club approximately 2 weeks prior to each event, indicating what types of duties we need help with. Many of you have voiced a desire to help, and we hope to see those of you volunteering!

Rumblings from the Rear

by R/C Patrick Wilks

Greetings to all our friends at the **SCYC**. It has been a while since our last newsletter so we have some catching up to do.

I would like to thank our members who have made our last few events a tremendous success. The bus trip in March was a great time and did well for the club. We stopped at Wyandotte Yacht Club, Elba-Mar Yacht Club, Seaway Boat Club, and Edison Boat Club. We had a warm reception at all of them had a great time.

The Kean's open house was the best we have seen in some time. The club was full and we had to extend our hours to accommodate everyone!

Our first game night, which was held on April 4, the first Friday the marina was open 24 hours, was a hit. We began with an orientation for our newly

approved members and began relaxing with card games and beer pong. Yes you read that right; beer pong. Everybody had fun with this new craze! Thank you to Ashley Kingston for suggesting this idea, teaching it to us old folks, and bringing your friends to help introduce us to this fun game. The cigar and martini party was a bit slow, but for a first introduction went relatively well. Several items came from this experience. First, we have a proposal for an exhaust fan that will completely change the air in the club within two minutes. We expect to implement this before the boat race party. Second, we will have a greater variety of cigars to choose from next time. Otherwise, the club did well and all in attendance had a great time. A big thanks to the Kingston women for

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Boat Care Tips

Servicing Your Stuffing Box by Don Casey

If your boat has inboard power, odds are it is fitted with a stuffing box to provide a watertight seal for the propeller shaft. Stuffing boxes are also used to seal rudder stocks that penetrate the hull below the waterline.

Adjusting - Water is required to lubricate conventional packing, so a properly adjusted stuffing box can be watertight when the shaft is stopped, but it must drip when the shaft is turning. Two or

three drops per minute are adequate. It is not uncommon to see stuffing boxes leak at a much higher rate. This doesn't harm the shaft or the stuffing box, but the spinning shaft will sling this excess flow all over the engine compartment, leading to rampant corrosion of the shaft coupling, the transmission housing, and everything else getting sprayed. Even more disastrous, it puts an unattended boat at risk of sinking. If your stuffing box leaks more than 8 or 10 drops a minute, it needs servicing. [Please click here](#) for the remainder of this article.

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coming up with the martini menu. Most recently, we have held two impromptu parties for the Red Wings games that have been held on Saturday. The most recent of these coincided with the Red Bull air race. Both of these parties had great attendance and were a great opportunity to see old friends as well as meet some of our newest members. Thank you to one of our newest members, Steve and Jackie Hadwin, for

making the ever-popular jell-o shots! I also would like to thank Charlie Alexander for donating a new TV to the club. It is on the right end of the bar and is much bigger than the one previously there.

We have big plans for the summer, the next event being the Blessing of the fleet on June 21. The blessing will take place at 11:00 am with the Venetian party at 7 pm the same evening. More details will follow.

New bar Pricing

Tammy Webster, SCYC Treasurer has informed us that there is a price change at the bar.

Please note that effective immediately, draft beer pricing has changed, and is reflected on the new chits: A shell is \$1.50 and a pitcher is \$5.00.

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