



St. Mary's Boat Club Newsletter: THE WIND AND WAVES

December 2013

From the Commodores Desk

I am an engineer by trade so I automatically think in terms of numbers to quantify things. Looking back on the 2013 season I think of the 10 new members that joined SMBC. I think of the water depth which was about 10" higher on our gauge September 1st 2013 than it was the same time in 2012 during the drought. I think of our financials which we projected would run a \$2,000 deficit but now we project a surplus for 2013.

SMBC started three different projects this year that are funded primarily by donations. Several members in total donated \$2,064 toward the Linear Aerator which was installed over memorial weekend. So far \$1,030 has been donated toward new furniture for the TV area. Elsie Lainhart made a \$500 donation to SMBC in memory of her husband Charlie which will be to put toward making repairs to the committee boat.

In 2013 the participation in our racing events, both weekly and the regattas, almost doubled! Several of our newer members joined in as well as a couple old hands came out of retirement. Notably, Bob Wilkins returned to racing to crew for several races. Bob and his wife Joann have been members of SMBC for 50 year in 2013.

Last spring, the south wall was repaired by the park department and during the summer, members finished reworking the rub rail on the seawall at the bulkhead. I won't bore you with how many linear feet were repaired but here is a really big number: Brian Miller reported last week that 302,226 cubic yards of material was dredged from Grand Lake during the 2013 season.

Jay Schafer and I have had a little competition this year on who sails the most. Jay sailed 45 times this year. I sailed 32 times this year. Jay wins! I still managed to be at the club for 41 days, stayed over night 26 times and sailed on Grand Lake 19 different days (the other sails were in Florida (10) and Michigan (3)). I would have sailed more but my commodore duties some times got in the way of sailing. 12 times I sailed on other peoples boats. So even if I did not own a boat, I would have sailed more times than average for most sailors! Also most of time I sailed on my boat we had SMBC guests aboard.

Whether you sailed 45 times or nearer the normal average of 10 times, does not matter. The numbers don't begin to describe the joys we have had spending time on our boats and around the club at SMBC this year. The times we sat relaxing on the patio, looking at the lake and talking to fellow club members. Time spent watching TV or sitting in the conversation area discussing sailing or of course sailing with SMBC members on our or their boat. Even the times spent cleaning, and waxing the boat and doing chores around the club were enjoyable. This reminds me of the famous quote from the children's book Wind in the Willows "Believe me, my young friend, there is NOTHING--absolute nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats".

See you on the water

John Myers

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Richard Siebenthaler



Rick & Mary Jane Fellers



Stephen & Joyce Nudge



**Phil (green shirt) & Sue Fuerst
W/ Don & Maggie Wehri**



Mike & Ann Cecil



Steve & Cindy Badders



Bill & Ty Baumann



Dave Sorg



Galen Urick, Becca & Rich Deforde



Matt Niekamp

Welcome to all the new members and associates of 2013.

Christmas Dinner

At Romers'

Saturday Dec. 14, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Rt. 127 or 1101 W. Bank Rd.

Celina, OH.

Hope to see all of our

*St. Marys' Boat Club family and
friends there for our annual Dinner!*

Meeting on Nov. 3, 2013

- * **Elected new members Matt Niekamp and Dave Sorg.**
- * **There is currently \$1300 in the furniture fund.**
- * **Kate thanked all who raced this year and said that this was one of the busiest years in recent history. She also gave a very detailed report on their trip to the Americas Cup.**
- * **Election of Officers were completed. Your 2014 Officers and BOG members will be introduced in the January Newsletter. Congratulations to all of the new Officers.**
- * **Jim Hepp gave the state of the Boat Club address:**
 - Take stuff home with you after today's meeting as everything will be turned off.**
 - If there are any magazines you want on the table please take them with you.**
 - Chairs and tables must come inside after meeting. (need help)**
 - Water will be off and building winterized as of Nov. 4th.**
- * **Motion was made and seconded to have a professional to service hoist.**
- * **And a Thank you for your donations to Call Ministries, all you do is appreciated.**

Message from the Editor:

I would like to say Thank you for allowing me to do the newsletter. I strive with every issue to bring to all members what is happening at the club and what is coming up. I have a few new ideas for 2014 but please remember this is NOT my newsletter IT IS YOURS. If there is ever anything you want in the newsletter please e-mail me, write it down on a paper and give it to me, or text me. I want to make this a newsletter that all are proud of. I want to make it a newsletter that if you are unable to come to the club you know what is happening and know how much you are missed. I'm pretty easy to contact e-mail smbcnl@aol.com, phone or text 765-661-0126 (if I don't answer right away I will ASAP). My working hours are 6am to 2 pm or 2am to 2pm, sometimes 5 days a week, sometimes 7 days a week but I will get back to you ASAP.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances Randy, Cindy and I will not be able to join you for the Christmas Dinner but please know that from Our Home to Yours we want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see you in the Spring.