



## St. Mary's Boat Club Newsletter

### SOME NAUTICAL HUMOR

The state of Florida is a navigational anomaly...  
The further north you go, the more southern it gets.

Recently, I've been suffering from seizures.  
First it was the car, then the house, then the boat.

And, if those weren't bad enough:

Q: What do a dead person and a boat have in common?  
A: The wake comes after they pass.

Q: What do you call a journey south east, planned out on a map?  
A: Some good downright navigation.

Q: What's the difference between a homeless man and a boat captain?  
A: One has a boat.

Q: What do you call a package of documents, sent via boat?  
A: Pier to pier file transfer!

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### Up Coming Events for SMBC

- August 26th "Too Groovy" 60/70's Theme Dinner more details coming soon!
- September 2nd Labor Day Weekend Sailing Regatta Triangle Races at 11:00 A.M.
- September 3rd Rock Pile Race at 11:00 A.M.
- September 3rd General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. Carry in meal to immediately follow, Chinese theme
- September 4th Labor Day Extravaganza at noon, Mexican food. Small boat regatta in channel.
- September 23rd Annual Grand Lake Marathon SMBC passes out water to passing runners
- October 1st General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. Carry in meal to immediately following, German Theme

## Commodore's Comments

Well the season continues and has been hot, cold, too windy, not windy enough but otherwise pretty good. Lots to go on at the Club. We have up next our 60's and 70's Party with Band "Too Groovy" on August 26<sup>th</sup> 7-10PM – this is open to all members and guests you'd like to invite. Good opportunity to highlight the club and your ability to dance. Also coming up will be the Craft Show on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the Grand Lake Marathon and our water station. We have had a decent racing season but July is always spotty. Would like to see some folks come up with some inspired racing options to add some excitement – could be hula hoops on the buoys (or boys), Man Overboard drill, or whatever you may think of. Just organize it, even if on the spur of the moment.

As to projects, we haven't really yet moved on some. Painting will probably be held off, we do want to add to the seawall decking (Doug Coon, Vince DeLuca in charge) and Stephen Nudge is leading the new sign planter area (he will need strong backs, he provides the brains).

From the Grand Lake Visitor Center just this week as part of their regular newsletter! (check them out at [www.seemore.org](http://www.seemore.org))

**Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!**

The St. Marys Boat Club (SMBC) has been a fixture on Grand Lake for generations.

Originally constituted in 1948, it has stayed true to its mission to "further the sport of boating, boat racing and to promote fellowship of the sport through club sponsored and recreational events". In the early years, the club was exclusively into power boating, often the type that was more motor than boat. Racing was the focus on the water. Off the water, SMBC also focused on recreational and social events with many parties, dances and community betterment projects.

Today SMBC remains a "boat" club, although sailboats predominate, originally the club began with strictly power boats. Today, at 75, members want to stress the important thing to remember is they are a BOAT Club. Meaning all boat enthusiasts are welcome no matter if your interest is sailboats, power boats, pontoon boats, canoes, kayaks, even R/C boats. If you love boating, the St. Marys Boat Club is for you! They still host social events for members, work for betterment of the lake and host racing events throughout the summer.

SMBC's clubhouse is located at 973 Edgewater Drive, St. Marys. It was constructed in the late 50's and has been expanded and upgraded many times over the years. The patio & rocking chairs offer a great view of the lake. On the water they offer 40+ slips for all sizes of craft, a seawall with a hoist for launching small boats or raising a sail and a convenient boat ramp operated by ODNR. A large gantry crane can hoist about 4 tons or more. There is also a small boat rack for kayaks and canoes and they offer several small sailboats for member use. Onshore, the clubhouse can host 75 or more people for club functions or rental. It has a full kitchen, full locker/shower rooms and WIFI stretching out into the lake. Out back There is space for camping for members and guests with utilities and a pump out station for trailers. Boats can be stored in the rear of the Club year-round. SMBC can be contacted by simply stopping by, you can check out their website [www.StMarysBoatClub.com](http://www.StMarysBoatClub.com) or email them at [StMarysBoatClub@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysBoatClub@gmail.com).

**Thank You SMBC for supporting, promoting and enjoying boating on the Grand these past 75 years!**

## Please Welcome These New Folks to SMBC



Vince and Amanda Deluca are from Lima, Ohio. They own several boats, either kayaks or canoes. While launching their kayaks at the ramp next to SMBC they discovered SMBC. When Vince was given a Rebel 16' sailboat by his neighbor, he decided to check out SMBC. They are hoping SMBC will help them gain experience in Sailing. Please invite them sailing if you meet them at SMBC. Doug Coons helped them set up their boat the first time. Thanks Doug!



Steve Robison and his significant other Jody Lambert are new to SMBC and also fairly new to sailing. Jody ask to not have her picture taken. They live near Dayton, Oh. Steve purchased a Snipe about 2 years ago. Steve has been racing it on Acton Lake in South West Ohio, but decided to look for a bigger boat and a bigger lake to use it on. He found Lake St. Marys, SMBC and hopes with the help of SMBC to find a bigger boat. He still plans to continue racing the Snipe on Lake Acton.



# July 4th Weekend Photos



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# Current SMBC SOCIAL ACTIVITIES For 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Theme if Any</u>	<u>Exciting Reason to Attend</u>
August 26th	Live 60's and 70's Music	7:00	Dancing Fools	Dress up in tiedyes & bellbottoms
September 3rd	Regular Monthly Meeting	4:00	Chinese	What else would you do in September
September 4th	Labor Day Extravaganza	Noon	Mexican Food	Small Boat Regatta in the Channel
September 23rd	Grand Lake Marathon	7:30 ish	Sweating	Throw water at people running by, dress up
October 1st	Regular Monthly Meeting	4:00	German Food or Beer	German Beer
November 5th	Regular Monthly Meeting	4:00	Club Turkey Day	Carbohydrates
December 2nd	End of Year Party 1	1:00	Catered dinner	Holding earlier in the day for travelers

## Current Off Shore Activities For 2023

### 2023 Rock Pile Series

The following dates are scheduled for the Monthly Rock Pile Series Races.

Sunday, June 4, June 18, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, September 10, September 24, October 8

*All Rock Pile Races will include a Captains' Meeting at 10:00am with the race starting to 11:00 am.*

*All sailors welcome, burgee chasers must participate in at least ½ of the completed races*

### 2023 Saturday Morning Series Races

*The following dates are scheduled for the Saturday Morning Series Races by each month. Races canceled due to weather will be sailed the following Saturday. There are a total of 20 Scheduled races. Burgee chasers must participate in at ½ of the completed races*

May 20, 27- Saturday Series Race

June 3, 10, 17, 24, - Saturday Series Race

July 8, 15, 22, 29 - Saturday Series Race

August 5, 12, 19, 26 - Saturday Series Race

September 9, 16, 23, 30 - Saturday Series Race

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## St. Mary's Boat Club

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Also if you have pictures you would like shared please feel free to forward them to the above e-mail address. Thank for your support.

If you have something for sale and would like it featured on the Classifieds page please e-mail the information to me and I will get it in the next month's edition.

### CLASSIFIEDS:

#### Sycamore Shores Boat Service

15312 Fox Ranch Road  
Wapakoneta OH 45895  
Cell (419) 203-5452

#### FIRE SALE:

Large selection of sailboat accessories & parts:

Some smoke and water damage but still functional. Very reasonable prices!

Large selection of pre-owned sailboats, ready for the water and used sails.

Outside space and large tarps for winter storage