



Wind and Waves Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner by John Myers

A Survey of Dock Fees

Yesterday I ran into a sailing friend who keeps their boat on Lake Maxinkuckee (size = 1 mile x 2 miles) in North Central Indiana. My friend expressed sadness that they had only used their O'day 25 a few times this summer and the \$1,100 dock fee made it not worth it. I kept my boat there for a month one fall several years ago. For the \$1,100 you get a dock, a shared picnic table and restrooms you can use when the marina is open, usually 8 AM—5 PM. There were no showers and the only boat ramp is on the opposite side of the lake. That conversation got me thinking about what I have paid in dock fees versus what amenities I got in return in the recent past.

As you know Cindi and I like to cruise and last winter we spent February in Florida on our Watkins 25 sailboat. We rented a slip for a month at Twin Dolphins Marina in Bradenton, Florida, about 8 miles or so up the Manatee River from the Gulf. The rate was \$666.25 per month. For that fee we did get very nice restrooms, a heated pool, hot tub, Wi-Fi, and electricity. During the month we sailed down to Punta Gorda and visited Bruce and Jean Allen and George and Fran Schumacher. On the way down and back we stopped for a single night four times at marinas. The prices varied from about \$50 to \$85 per night. Amenities included were electricity, Wi-Fi, and bathrooms with showers. Also in Punta Gorda, a friend allowed me to use his slip at Laishley Park Municipal Marina for free and we stayed five nights! Laishley would rent us a slip for 6 months, no electricity, no live aboard for a mere \$1,762.50 .

This July Cindi and I took our sail boat to Caseville Michigan on vacation. The daily slip rate was one dollar per foot per night with a 30 foot minimum, I.E. \$30 per night. If we agreed to purchase 5 days at a time we could get 2 days free. We purchased 10 days, got 4 free for a total of two weeks for \$300. During this trip we sailed across the bay to East Tawas and rented another slip for a night at \$30 while our paid for slip in Caseville sat empty. The Caseville marina did provide Wi-Fi, nice restrooms with showers and a community room with TV, couch and tables.

So far this year Cindi and I have paid over \$1,250 for dock fees for six weeks of dock time at places other than SMBC. That makes the SMBC dock seasonal rate of \$330 or half price this year of \$165 seem like a *screaming deal!* Throw in an SMBC membership with all its privileges for another \$175 and still a *wow deal.*

And Don't forget the free city docks at Celina and St. Mary's. Any where else in the world it would cost \$25-\$30 to dock your boat while you ate at a local restaurant. Examples: Put-In-Bay and Kelly's Island. Also you may need to rent a bicycle or golf cart to get from the dock to the venue!

See you on the water,

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New Members



Introducing Steven & Joyce Nudge. The Nudges were introduced in our July meeting and voted on as new members in August. They live in Kokomo, IN and have a Catalina 22. I have not been able to interview the Nudges but hope that our members have gotten to know more about them.



Introducing Phil (green shirt) & Sue Fuerst. The Fuerst's are from Kallida, they have 3 daughters all out of college. Phil is an Engineer and Sue takes care of babies. They have a Bayfield '23 of which they say they have not sunk yet but are trying. Associates of the Fuerst' are Don & Maggie (not pictured) Wehri. The Wehri's are also from Kallida.

They have 3 daughters and one son. Don is a carpenter and Maggie is a Social Worker @ the hospital. They are looking for something to do for their retirement.



Introducing Mike and Ann Cecil. The Cecils' are from Englewood. They have an O'day '25 named Annie Sue which they bought from Steve and Carol Shaffer. Mike has sailed for about 25 years but Ann on the other hand was a power boater. They have 2 grown daughters, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They also have Max which is their beloved Dachsand which is the love of their life.



Introducing Steve and Cindy Badders. The Badders are from Anderson, IN. They have a Catalina '22 Badd to the Bow. The only advice they can give to anyone coming toward them is steer clear of the red hull. They have 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way. They love to camp.



Introducing Bill and Ty Baumann. The Baumanns' are from Granville, OH. They have a O'day '23 which has not been named yet. They have 3 weeks sailing experience but have a long time interests in it. They have a daughter Jessica which lives in Cleveland.

Still yet to be introduced in our newsletter are Richard & Becca DeForde and Associate member Gayland. As soon as we can get a picture of these members we will it published.

September General Membership Meeting

- ⇒ Current lake level is about 6 inches below spillway.
- ⇒ Great Labor day weekend activities. The only time it rained was mainly in the evenings. The wind was all over the spectrum for racing. Overall fun was had by all.
- ⇒ There was a report in last meeting where there was monies owed the pop fund, that has been corrected. There were some funds that were for the kitchen that were inadvertently paid out of the pop fund.
- ⇒ There is an expectation that the year end finances will be in the black due in part to having received 9 perspective members.
- ⇒ The \$500 LIA matching grant has come in.
- ⇒ New SMBC member cards are on the counter so if you haven't picked yours up please do so.
- ⇒ The furniture fund needs you!!! If you would like to help purchase new furniture for the television area please see Brenda with your donation.
- ⇒ November elections are coming up. There are openings for Vice Commodore, 2 BOG members and Treasurer. The Treasurer position pays \$575 a year.
- ⇒ Pressure Washer Status: Karcher unit is repaired, Excell/Devibus unit has been been repaid and is back in operation. The Electric unit is ok.
- ⇒ The Aerator effects on the channel looks as though there is no big change but the boat club marina did not have the fish kill that was reported at other places in Grand Lake this summer.

October 6th Meeting

BOG 2:45 p m

General Membership 4:00

Meal 5:00 (Soup & Pumpkin contest)

Bring your special recipe of soup or pumpkin to enter the contest. Everyone please re-



member to bring something to share.

October Events

Thursday 3rd - Thursday Night Series Race 6:30 pm

Saturday 5th— Saturday Group Sail 11:00 am

Saturday 5th — Event Oktoberfest 6:00 pm

Sunday 6th—Race Rock Pile Series 11:00 am

Sunday 6th—BOG Meeting 2:45 pm

Sunday 6th—Membership Meeting 4:00 pm

Sunday 6th—Meal 5:00 pm

Soup and Pumpkin Contest on October 6th. Don't forget to bring something to share with everyone for the meal. Good luck to all our good cooks!!!



Labor Day Race Results

For the Labor Day Regatta there were 14 racers.

The winners are as follows:

1st Place Don Haller



2nd Place Bryan Ratterbush



3rd Place Brock Pitts



The winners of the Rock Pile were as follows:

1st Don Haller 2nd Bryan Ratterbush 3rd Jon Bergdall

The Rock pile series races have been averaging
7 to 9 racers per night. Races for this year are winding down
but come out and join us next year!!

Labor Day Weekend Fun!!!



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For Sale

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For Sale

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Good Condition. Asking \$6000
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I would like to take an opportunity to thank Donna Brenneman and John Myers for their contribution of pictures for this newsletter. If you have anything you want posted in the newsletter please let me know. This is your newsletter not mine.



Took this beauty last year out on Windy Point