

*Commodore*

Before we know it, it will be time to uncover boats and get ready for the up and coming season. A big thanks to V/C Bill Jankowski and his crew for a great New Years Eves party, a good time was had by all. Cindy and I would like to thank R/C Rich Vail and Lady Cathy, P/C Gary Ryan and Lady Carolyn, Linda May, Carol Lee, Diane E. and everyone who help make the commodores ball a fun filled evening, which we will always remember. Looking forward to all the great functions coming up in the future, hope to see more members getting involved in making our club the place you want it to be. Don't forget Toledo Ice YC and O.R.Y.C. ice boat regatta is January 31 through the first of February. The poker run starts at 11:00.

Thought of the month: *"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm."*

**Mike Myers**



*Vice Commodore*

I would like to start off by saying that it is an honor to be serving as vice commodore of the *greatest* yacht club on Lake Erie and I will do my utmost to be deserving of that honor.

We are starting a new year, with new officers, with new ideas for the betterment of the club and I hope that all the members will step up and be a part of this happening.

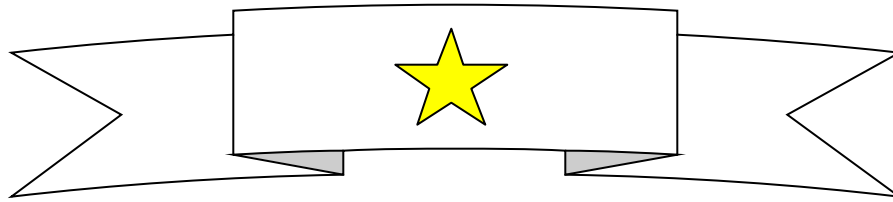
I will be setting up a date to have our first regatta meeting sometime in March and I welcome any and all ideas and suggestions that anyone may have. This is a large bill paying function and we need all the help we can get. So don't be afraid to get involved because it can be fun and I'm sure there are a lot of ideas out there.

I know the work hours are a little behind, but I'm going to be working on them and get them all up to date. There is one thing I would like to ask, all work chairman who have hours to turn them in and PLEASE use the form made for that purpose. It is easier on you and me if you use them. I don't want small scraps of paper with work hours on it for it is to easy to misplace and I want to make sure all the hours our members put in here at the club are credited to them.

Remember there is always something going on at the club so come down and be part of it. Check the board and mud hump for what's coming up and BE PART OF IT!

See you all at the club!

**Brain Jankowski**



### *Rear Commodore*

I would like to thank Bob “Boomer” McBride for running the Sunday Afternoon Drop In **Blind Draw** Dart Tournaments. If you’re at all interested come down and check out the action. However, just a word of caution, make sure you call in advance to see if they will be holding on that day. The heck with it, take a chance and come out anyway and see your old friends and make some new ones. Drinks are cold and the fellowship is good and besides it’s boosts the bar’s profits. Kathy and I hope to see you there.

**Mike DeAngelo**

### *Yardmaster*

I’d like to thank John Strick for heading up the work party that got the extension put back up on the patio across the street. John and his crew did an excellent job to get this finished before the cold temperatures set in. Thanks to all the men who helped out in this. I would also like to thank Jim Sabin for his expertise in the designing and fabrication of the snow plow blade that was made for our fork truck. This will sure come in handy around the club. As always, thanks to all who show up for the Saturday morning work parties. It sure makes things go a lot faster. The snowmobile ramp is in and ready for use. This is for our club members and guests use. If you see any locals on our property, don’t hesitate to let them know they are trespassing. Don’t forget Chet Sabin’s third annual poker run on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is always a good time. Till next month: **Think Ice and MORE SNOW!!!**

**Terry Trimmer**

### *Dock Master*

Boating season is sneaking up on us and there is some work to be done on our docks. If you notice a problem on the docks notify me and I’ll place it on my list of things to do.

Anyone needing work hours or if you just want to take part on our work parties see me or just stop out to the work building on Saturday’s 8:00 A.M. til ? every week. If you cannot make it on he weekends and you would still like to help out contact me and we’ll get together so you can work according to your schedule. Any and all help will be appreciated.

*“Think warm weather, blue skies and a calm lake.”*

Talk to you next month.

**Scott Warnka**

## *Fleet Captain*

The year 2002 was a great year for Cheryl and I. We met so many wonderful people, both at our club and other clubs. It's always nice to make new friend. I want to thank everyone who helped make my job easier and helped make it a great year.

I would like to congratulate all of the new 2003 men and lady officers. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make it a successful year. I would also like to thank everyone who elected me as your fleet captain again. I have a lot of new ideas for this year and I welcome any suggestions from any of our members.

I am also making plans for the mystery bus trip. We will be departing on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board, so sign up as soon as possible so that we know how many busses we will need. It's a great time, so you don't want to miss out.

**Gary Wilson**

## *Houseman*

The fireplace project is completed and working great! Please come into our club and enjoy it during the cold winter months. We should all thank the Ladies Auxiliary for funding this improvement project! I also want to personally thank everyone who supported the installation and repair work during the month of December.

I am starting to develop the CY 2003 O.R.Y.C. work projects for our club and will gladly accept your suggestions and feedback to ensure all necessary improvements are addressed this year. Please check the main board for the listing and status for all "Houseman Work Projects". Please feel free to write-in or sign-up to help with projects.

Please call me if you need work hours, our club needs *YOUR* help!

**Lou Haefner**

## *Beach Detecting*

I have read over the years about boat club members and their boating problems on the Lake and the response from other members to help them and what a good feeling they had to know that club members were there to lend a hand. I, like most people, never thought I would need to have that helping hand but on Friday, October 11, 2002 while my dad and I were traveling in heavy fog (won't do that again) and thinking I knew where I was going "found the bottom of the Lake," as Larry DeBagio later said to me, while driving my boat up onto the beach at Woodtick Peninsula. After a call to the club and giving my location on the radio, several club members were in motion to come to my assistance. My special thanks to Ron Shoop and his crew for making the trip out from the club to help and to Tom Pack, Ray Curetan and Scott Sanford for their assistance. Ultimately, a member from Outings Unlimited Boat Club "Roger" and his crew were able to get in close enough to pull my boat off the beach. Unfortunately Ron Shoop got hung up on the beach also and damaged his boat. Scott stayed with both of us to make sure we made it back to the dock. Once we were all back to the dock I tried to offer payment or compensation for Ron's boat and to Roger for getting me off the beach. Neither would

think of taking the money for their help. I don't get out to the club as much as I would like to, but that didn't matter to the members of the O.R.Y.C. who responded to help. It really is a terrific club and the members are the greatest. My most sincere thanks go out to everyone who helped me out of a very difficult situation.

**Gary Horn**

### *Entertainment*

Hello, I am the new entertainment kid on the block. We have several new events planned for the 2003 year, Soch Hop 50's & 60's & Disco Dance just to name a few. If anyone has any good ideas on an event or just fun, let me know. The Ice Boat Regatta is Jan. 31, Feb 1 & 2. We also have a 5 club poker run on Feb 1. Don't forget AYC in Romulus, Mi. Feb 14 & 15. Check the club for Sunday Dart Tournaments. Anyone that had helped, Bill for the last 4 years is still welcome to help me on any events that you would like.

**Tony Wolf**

### *Historian*

A yacht club is made up of a small body of boat owners who complain to anyone who will listen that they are tired of footing the bill for everything that happens to the docks. Just because they happen to be occupying one, doesn't bother them in the least. However, they make the mistake of complaining to the members who do not own a boat who just happen to be sitting in the club bar, (The Barstool Fleet). These non boat-owning members have their own problems, which include the cost of a drink, a happy hour that is too short and why should they pay for everything that happens to the docks when they don't even own a boat.

About twenty five percent of the yacht club members own a boat and hold a dock. Of that twenty five percent about ten percent actually take them out of their docks and use them. The rest of the dock holder's use their boats to increase the spider population in and around the docks, which in turn attracts birds that feed on them, which causes the birds to become full. In with the good and out with the bad so, droppings, guano, poop. This mess has to be cleaned up so out comes the soap and water. Water costs money so to cover the cost of water the dock fees are hiked again, just one more abuse for the dock holder to complain about at the bar.



All hell breaks loose when one of the adventuresome members decides to go for a boat ride. It's automatically assumed that he needs all the help he can get so everyone comes running. It takes fewer people to get a 1000-foot lake freighter under way than untying a thirty-foot boat at a yacht club. More than likely, in all the confusion the owner or one of his guests gets left behind. Oh well, up to the club bar to listen to the complaints of the

barstool fleet on the price of drinks. If two or more boats get underway at the same time and decide to go for a ride of at least five miles, it will be declared a club cruise.

The head of the club is it's commodore and he must own a boat that actually floats without the aid of outside assistance. This doesn't mean that he actually has to know how to run the boat all he has to do is own it. The commodore is responsible for holding up the traditions of the yacht club. These traditions are to include that he be able to drink from dawn till dusk without slurring his words, stumbling or falling down. Above all he must refrain from insulting anyone except the person who doesn't buy him a drink. He must be able to do this on regular basis and still be able to hold a full time job.

If that were not enough he still has to pry himself up from the club bar and attend the other club's Commodores Balls on a regular basis. Dressed in his tuxedo he must sit there through all the festivities and enjoy himself with other commodores, no matter how bad he feels. At these functions his wife must not be seen in the same gown twice. This allows his wife to do her part to keep the economy going. Between his wife spending and his buying drinks his bank account is pretty much shot, thereby requiring him to work seven twelve's just to keep his head above water.

Just when the commodore thinks he has a handle on things he finds out who really runs the club. Those old meddlesome Past Commodores (Barstool Fleet), but that's another story. The End.

**John H. Achinger**

### *ORKA 2003 Schedule and Dredging Update*

Happy New Years to all the members and congratulations to all the new officers of the O.R.Y.C. and the Ladies Auxiliary. We look forward to working with you on many important projects in the coming year. We would enjoy seeing you at our monthly meetings. Think environment and be a part of helping clean up our river. We have a number of exciting projects we are working on. See the schedule below, mark them on your calendar and join us. ALL MEETING WILL BE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF MAY, DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.

January 27	R.V.Y.C.	February 24	R.V.Y.C.
March 24	R.V.Y.C.	April 28	R.V.Y.C.
May 27	R.V.Y.C.	June 23	R.V.Y.C.
July 28	O.R.Y.C.	August 25	O.R.Y.C.
September 22	O.R.Y.C.	October 27	O.R.Y.C.
November 24	O.R.Y.C.	December	No Scheduled Meeting

### **ORKA 2003 Events**

Saturday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hoffman Road Nature Trail Clean Up
Saturday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Duck Race Fund Raiser
Saturday, Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	River Dance/Auction

**Dredging Update**

The core dredging project for the Ottawa River, from the Federal Channel to the Summit Street Bridge will cost \$4,000,000. The Federal Government will pay on half of that. We are working on securing the other 2 million. The city of Toledo has already paid \$200,000 and is pledging another \$400,000. We believe we will get \$300,000 grant from ODNR. Paul Hotz from Hull and Associates, the group that developed the dredging plan, Dale Rupert City of Toledo Street Bridges and Harbors and myself were asked to lobby the Ohio and Michigan elected officials to try and fill in the economic gaps. We have met twice with Representative Ms. Jeanine Perry, who is actively working on the Ohio side of the funding.

On December 20, 2002 we had a meeting with Rep. Matt Milosch the newly elected Michigan House District Representative, Monroe County Planning Officials, Erie Township Engineer, Lost Peninsula Home Owners Association and Morin Point Home Owners Representative as well as some of the marina owners along Summit Street north of the Ohio line. Dan Bonkowski from Erie Township believes the dredging plan is a positive project and will sponsor the project when applying for grants in Michigan. He also indicated that Erie Township most likely would contribute to the dredging fund. We are only less than \$500,000 short of our goal. We will see this through! In the next few months we plan to make presentations to The Lucas County Commissioners, The Monroe County Commissioners and The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. I will keep you informed about our progress.

ORKA and many others have worked very hard and have never been closer to having the Ottawa River dredged, than we are today. I believe the members need to focus more upon funding for the yacht club dock area. Tony Wolf and many others have dedicated numerous hours working on the Sunday Breakfast. The money they have collected for their hard work is going to the dredge fund. Show your support; get **YOUR @##** out of bed early on Sunday. They could use some help in the kitchen.

**Mike Cassidy**  
ORKA

### *Great Gift for the Boater*

A boating education course for sail and power boaters in the comfort of your home and around your busy schedule has arrived. Developed by the U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, this new course included interactive CD-Rom and 70 page manual. The Toledo Power Squadron offers a proctored test and certificate upon passing the test. Cost is \$35. To receive by mail, send check to Toledo Power Squadron, P.O. Box 498, Toledo Ohio 43697. For questions, leave a message at 419-470-2710.

**Joyce Mease**

*Thank you for all the support, calls, cards and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. Hope to see all of you soon.*

**Beth Albitz**

# Mexican Wednesdays

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## Get Your Pups Lined up for March 28<sup>th</sup>?

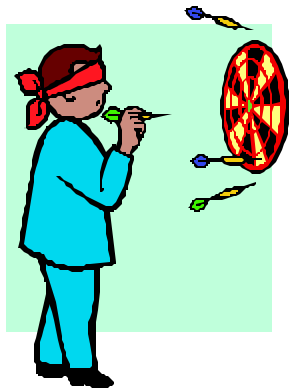
The kennel's been cleaned out and it's time for a new batch of puppies. The kennel will once again be opened on March 28<sup>th</sup> to greet these little fellows. Please join us with a pup or two. Pedigrees, mixed breeds as well as mongrels are accepted.

More information is in the up-coming  
Mud Humps.

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John Strick

# Dart Tournament



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# February 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> ICE BOAT REGETTA POKER RUN 1-5
<b>2</b> ICE BOAT REGETTA  GROUND HOG DAY	<b>3</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CCYC BALL
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> BOARD MEETING  LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> AYC BALL  VALENTINE'S 	<b>15</b> AYC BALL
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> REGULAR MEETING  PRESIDENT'S DAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> TOLEDO ICE BOAT  WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> PRESS NIGHT 6 P.M.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BOARD MEETING	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	