

From The Commodore



Well the warm weather is here and some boats are in the water. Water, boy that is a term we have not used lately around here. We have been told that the level is up over last year and that is some very good news. I spoke to Mike Cassidy last month and he tells me that the Corp of Engineers is set to start the dredging next summer and every thing is on tract.

I want to thank everyone that helped to put on dinner and dance for Linda Moy, it was a wonderful time and the dancing was great after the dinner. It reminded me of some of our old party days upstairs. Special thanks go out to Josh and Mark Surdell and Mike Mickens for coming in to bar tend the day of the Satin Gavel Lunch, fantastic jobs and thank you once again.

I hope most of you read the flyers that we sent out with your calendar, we hope this will get some more of our members out to club functions.

The Blue Gavel had a very nice chicken dinner and great fish fry in March. Thanks go out to Steve Gail for all his help in putting the fish fry on, it would not have been a success with out him. Remember when you need fish, go over to the Fish Market and patronize him along with going to other club members when you need their service. Lets patronize our own. District 9 is also holding a pig roast at Swan Boat Club on May 19 that is open to everyone as a fund-raiser for the district. District 9, which ORYC is a Part of and our own P/C Mike Myers is president elect of, is hosting a Hospitality room for next October when the International meets in Dearborn. They need your help so lets have a good showing for P/C Myers.

The Workers Party is coming up along with the Ladies Dinner, and the 25/50 Year Member and Past Commodores recognition; I know Bill will have more on these and other events in his article.

Thank you to Fritz Rogacki for another fine Dunkers Party. The Viet Nam Vets are doing a fund raiser at the club on May 11, they are giving the proceeds to charity and to name a couple, there is the Make A Wish Foundation and also to Fred (Crazy Fred) Armstrong's grandson. , if you get a chance come out and help with these worthy causes.

Thank you to all that have come out to support your club on Sunday breakfast and Mexican Night. Dave and Tony are still looking for volunteers.

Thank you to P/C Rich Vail and Lady Cathey for covering some events for Carolyn and me.

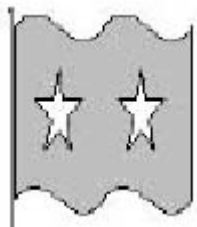
It was a great weekend in Sandusky for I-LYA and congratulations go out P/C Mike Myers again as he has stepped up to the plate and is now the Junior Power Boat Education officer. Thank you Mr. Two Years of College. Private joke.

I know there is a lot more I could write and many more people to thank, but I have been long winded enough.

Gary Ryan

How would you like to spend money on advertizing and find out that no one sees it? That happened to Tony Wolf owner of Rooter Pro. He advertises in our Mud Hump and could reasonably expect that he might get some business from our readers. As happens so often, your truly included, one of our members mentioned that he had a plugged sewer and called in a sewer cleaning outfit to unplug it. Tony informed him that he also clears clogged sewers and would have cut him a deal if he had been called. So the bottom line is, do yourself a favor and check our advertisers, who knows you might save a buck. Ed.

Vice Commodore



Well It's finally the time of year we have been waiting for, time to get the boats back into the water. I ever heard a rumor that we might even have water this year.

Welcome aboard our newest member, Roger Evans. The invitations are in the mail for the 40hour workers party if you do not get one and think that you should please see me. Also coming up May 11, is the Fred Armstrong Benefit, we are expecting a good crowd and can use some help on this . Anyone interested in helping please see Mike DeAngelo.

The 18th of May is the Launch Dance, at this event we will be honoring our new members, and out 50yr and 25yr members, and they are:

50 yr — P/C Bud Kesling
25 yr— William Berenchik
John Carone
Francis Reno
Tom Pack
Albert Schings
Bob Groth
Paul Martin
Michael Martin



Monday May 27, 2002 will be our Memorial Day service. May 19 will be another regatta meeting any one interested in helping with regatta please attend. One thing that makes us money at the regatta are the raffle tickets that every one gets with their dues. Please sell these and if every body would sell an extra book of tickets this would really make this years regatta a big success. See Roy Samons or Ray Deep to get more ticket books.

Larry DeBagio

Regatta Tickets

We are asking that every member of the Club and every member of the Ladies Auxiliary take an extra book of Raffle Tickets to sell. This is a huge moneymaker for our Club. We have 350 active members and 200 auxiliary members. If each member took just one book of tickets, the profit would be \$5,500.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three ticket sellers as follows: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75 and 3rd \$50 respectively. Also, for every book of tickets you sell your name will be entered for special drawings that will be held prior to Regatta. This is a great way to help support YOUR CLUB. For additional tickets please see or call the following:

Roy Samons	(734) 856-1448
Ray Deeb	(419) 726-5251
Gary Beilstein	(419) 729-4224



Rear Commodore

The Club Bar is doing fine thanks to all the help I receive. I want to remind everyone that the 1st annual Vietnam Vets Memorial run for Fred (Crazy Fred) Amrstrong is alive and well. You do not need a bike to participate in the Poker Run so feel free to do so by car. All monies well be donated to charities.

Also, Capt. John's Photos & Framing has another picture for raffle behind the Club Bar, 6 for Five or One for One. All proceeds will go into the Dredging Fund. Once Again Thanks For All The Help.

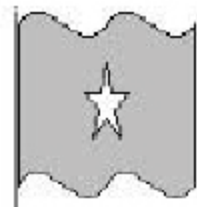


Mike DeAngelo



Fleet Captain

Don't forget the Memorial Day Services at the Club. They will be held on Monday the 27th of May. We will be asking that all members who are working on their boats in our yard to please refrain from doing so during our services. The service will start at 12 noon and will take about an hour. If you've never attended our service please do so for it is very impressive. Thank You.



Gary Wilson

Entertainment

Here we are sneaking up on May and everyone should be working on the boats to get them ready for the water. Hopefully we will have enough water to get from Point A to Point B. But even though we are all hard at work on our boats, don't forget some of the events coming up at the Club.

On May 4th the Club will be hosting the 40 Hours Worker Party and all those who have put in 40 work hours in the past year are invited to a dinner and party along with your better halves and those of you who don't have at least 40 hours, shame on you. It is so easy to get hours here at the Club and it can also be fun at the same time.

May 11th will be the Vietnam Vets Party in memory of Fred "Crazy Fred" Armstrong. It should be a quiet event? I hope to see all that are able to make it, please do so.

On May 18th will be our Launch Dance which is in honor of our 25 and 50 year members and also our new members, but everyone is invited to come out and enjoy their old friends and maybe meet some new ones. Watch the board for the times of these events.

The Ladies Appreciation Dinner and Dance will be over by the time the Mud Hump gets delivered so, I want to thank all the men for helping me out with the event. A lot of work goes into this event, for the ladies, and without all the help I get this would never happen. I hope all the ladies enjoyed their day and if there is anything I can do to make it better please let me know, because we all know how much you ladies contribute to the quality and class of this Club.

See you all at dockside and please stop by for a cocktail this summer.

Bill Jankowski

From the Yardmaster

Well it's finally looking a little like springtime outside. As we start working on our boats please don't forget to clean up your mess when you're through for the day. As you read this, I'm sure there already has been some of the boats put in the water. Just a reminder that it's the yard holder's responsibility to put all their own shoring away. If everyone pitches in and does their part it will make the clean up a lot easier. There has been a lot of cleaning done to the work building in the last month both inside & outside. We still have projects to be completed and your help is certainly appreciated. Work parties are every Saturday morning starting at 8:00am. If you can't make it down on the weekends and you would like something to do during the week, just give me a call and I'll set something up for you. Remember, **"ALL BOATS MUST BE OUT OF THE YARD BY JUNE 1, 2002."** We have a lot of work to do on the parking lot before the Regatta this year. I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for all the help they've given so far this year. If anyone has any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask

Terry Trimmer

(419)-693-3607 (home)

Wecome aboard four new advertisers they are: Professional Boat Services, (Carl Ralph Jr.), Music Plus (Gary Bielstien), Edinger Construction (Larry Edinger) and Dinner At The Dog House (Gary & Marty Speelman) Check Out Their Ads



Ladies Auxiliary President

I'd like to start by congratulating the new Satin Gavel President, Lind Moy, and her Board and Officers for the up coming year. All the Satin Gavel Ladies at ORYC did a wonderful job hosting the luncheon and dinner. The dance afterwards was a lot of fun.

Next year ladies, I think the belly dancing classes should start in January. **GOOD LUCK LINDA.**

On Good Friday the Blue Gavel put on one of the best Fish Fry dinners yet. Thanks Guys, it was delicious. I'd also want to thank Bill Jankowski and crew for putting on a wonderful surprise Ladies Appreciation Dinner. All the ladies and myself would like to thank each and every one of the men for all their hard work.

Regatta time is quickly approaching. We've already had two Regatta Meetings and everything is starting to fall into place. This year we are asking for help from the women on the sale of Regatta Tickets. By selling just one book would really help. The Ladies Auxiliary has plenty of booths and jobs for the Regatta and will need all the help they can get. Sign up sheets will be posted in June.

Donna Harbert

1st Vice



Congratulations to Linda Moy, the new International Satin Gavel President.

Thank You men for the great Ladies Appreciation Dinner, Bill Jankowski and his crew did a great job. Your surprise dinner was a great idea! The Bitch Party was fun and those of you who missed it, missed a great time.

Please come out and help support our Club Regatta this July, we could use your help. Thank You.

Linda DeBagio

2nd Vice



There are a lot of events coming up in May so please come out and join in. May 11th is the Vietnam Vet Party and Poker Run. May 18th the New, 25, 50 Member Party. May 27th is our Memorial Service. Don't forget the Regatta is coming up and we will need a lot of help. Remember all ladies do need to put in five (5) work hours this year, not three (3) as in the past. We hope to see you

soon.

Trish Groth & Cathy DeAngelo

Ottawa River Kleanup Association

ORKA

**Is Sponsoring the Annual
Spring Cleaning of The Ottawa
River**



**Come and join us to help cleanup the Ottawa
River on**



**May 4, 2002 at 9:00AM. Location is at
Hoffman Rd.**

**North of the landfill along the south side
of the river.**

**Lunch, gloves, plastic bags and a porta-
potty will be provided. Come and join us
and make a difference.**

Graduation Party For Andy Mulford

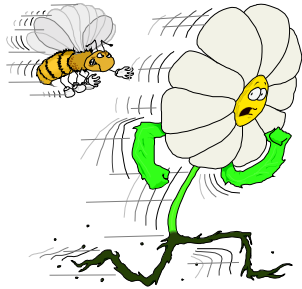
Class of 2002 St. Francis High School

Date: Sunday June 2nd 2002 From 2:00 PM Till ????

Place: ORYC Patio

You Are All Invited To Attend His Special Day

Flower person



Pat Cunningham
~ 419-726-1700

May ~ 2002

In Hospital: ~



Stanley Zmijewski
P/C Bob Johnston
Dave Morris

At Home:-



Pat Cunningham
Dick Craig
Sandee Dolt
Thelma Kachur
Chris Larnhart

Free
Blood Pressure
Checks



Every Thursday
Night 7 - 9 p.m.

With Sympathy To: ~
The Family of **Donna Bodi**, a 23-year
member of ORYC Ladies Auxiliary

Fred & Joan Lee on the death of his
Mother. Also, to **Tom & Donna Lee** on
the death of his Grandmother

Congratulations to:-

Larry & Beth Beaverson on the
birth of Baby Boy and to Grandparents
Joyce & David Morris.

Thanks - to everyone for all
the flowers, gifts get well cards, phone
calls and hospital visits during my illness.
And special thanks to **Diane Ehrsam** for
being the Flower Person for me.

Pat Cunningham

Memorial Plaques & Memorial Bricks
These are still on-going projects at our Club.

In lieu of flowers, as an expression of
sympathy, consider a \$50 donation to the
Building Fund for the Memorial Plaque or a
\$100 donation to the Building Fund for a
Memorial Brick in the new walkway.
Your loved one's name will be added and be-
come a permanent legacy in the
Ottawa River Yacht Club.

Please make checks payable to the ORYC
Building Fund and specify whether for a Me-
morial Brick or the Memorial Plaque.

Attention - Ladies!

Anyone wishing to donate
their time or a dish to serve at the
funeral wakes of our members, please
call Edna Clayton or any member of the
Satin Gavel

Just a Reminder -
Memorial Day Services
12 Noon May 27th
ORYC Patio



May Birthdays

- 1 Dick Schwamberger
Bob Kehn
Francis X. Tesorero
- 2 Robert Shively
Richard Perry
Steven Reineke
- 4 Donald Szymanski
- 5 Suzanne Gring
Bill Dietsch
- 7 Butch Osenbaugh
- 8 Edward Larnhart
- 10 Robert Meegan
Dorothy Abair
Vance Harrison
- 11 Ray Cureton
- 13 Sandra Ganzel
- 14. Robert Seiler
Janet Shadler
- 15 Vickie Coffman
Diane Ehrsam
Linda Samons
Julie Dierker
- 17 Bob Hepfinger
Adrienne Storey
- 18 Dave Wallace
- 20 Carl Groth
Donna Wietecki
- 21 Gary Krawetzke

- 24 Aldis Ozolins
- 25 Ken Baldwin
- 26 Liz Pollick
- 28 Bonnie Kubicki
- 29 Rose Darrow
Sue Piotrowski
Brian Hayden
Kristie Murphy

June Birthdays

(1st Week Only)

- 1 Doug Greenwood
- 2 Judy Surdell
Janis Pack
Susan Stoll
Tim Thornton
Shirley Mickens
- 3 John Piotrkowski
- 4 Mary Zylka
- 5 Richard Craig
- 6 Shirley Dragun
Ron Frear
- 7 Gary Hahn
Jennifer Driscoll

May Wedding

Anniversaries

- 1 Kim & Tony Wolf
- 2 Tom & Sandee Dolt
- 3 Kenny & Sue Thanasiu
Tim & Sue Thornton
- 6 Robert & Mary Sabin
- 8 Edward & Carol Larnhart
- 10 Jim & Pat Sabin
- 12 Steve & Connie Suffety
Mike & Shirley Kratzman

- 15 Tom & Marge Ferrari
- 16 Jay & Nancy Stoddard
Mike & Deanna Parks
- 18 Thomas & Cindy Wolfe
Ron & Maureen
Slomkowski
Scott & Tammy Martin
Mike & Shelly
Zmijewski
- 19 Dick & Barb Merrill
Ed & Rosemary
Hepfinger
- 21 Buzzy & Kim Achinger
Gary & Linda Hann
- 28 James & Martha
Plaskiewicz
Joe & Rannae
Jagodzinski
- 29 Fred & Joan Lee
- 30 William & Marjorie Gray
Robert & Irene
Walasinski
- 31 Dick & Zoe Wlodarski

June Anniversa- ries

(1st Week Only)

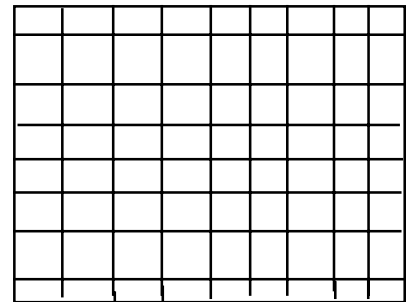
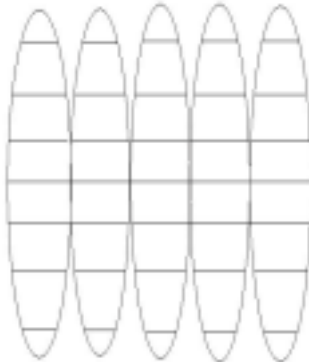
- 1 Scott & Penny Mueller
Mark & Jennifer Thielen
Thomas & Kimberly
Kempf
- 5 Dennis & Nichole Murphy
- 7 Bob & Mary Zylka
Rodney & Karen Berga

Notice!
**Please put your own
Birthdate and Wedding
Anniversary Date in
the Birthday Book.**

Historian Charts

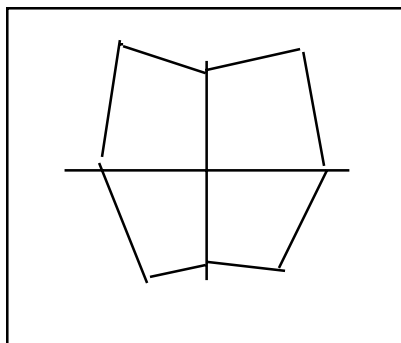
What good is a compass without a chart? Charts are simply overhead representations of the earth's rivers and oceans. Although they are more complicated than a road map they still serve the same purpose that is to get you from one place to another, or navigation. The first charts bear little resemblance to today's sophisticated masterpieces, which contain more than enough information to aid you in your journeys upon the bounding main. Old charts had very little information as to water depth, shoreline features or distances, but if you happen to have one, they're priceless. Mel Fisher, found his pot-of-gold through research on old charts and transferring that info to modern charts.

Bear with me for just a little technical babble that will help you understand charts. Because the earth is round a set of grids was placed on it. One set Running North and South, (Latitude) and another set East and West, (Longitude). As one can see here is where the difficulty begins, trying to make a nautical mile at the equator equal to a nautical mile at the poles. One degree of longitude at the equator is 60 miles but up at the North Pole or down at the South Pole the lines of longitude converge to a point and a degree is zero miles. If we were to cut the earth's surface at the longitude lines and spread them out flat we would have



something similar to what you see in the middle, unsuitable for navigation.

Charts are simply distorted pictures called projections to get them flat and square. There are three different projections that are used, Gnomonic, Mercator and Polyconic.



They all have drawbacks. The curved lines of Longitude and Latitude make Gnomonic Projected charts difficult to deal with. Do to the distortions of the Mercator projected chart Greenland is bigger than South American when in reality it is actually 8 times smaller. Polyconic Projected charts are used on the Great Lakes and are the least distorted of the three. The lines of Longitude actually lean towards each other. And the lines of Latitude are concave thereby giving a truer representation of the earth. However, it's still not perfect for if you were to navigate the length of Lake Superior you would have to make alterations to your course of 4 degrees sometime during your voyage if you are to arrive at your destination. Well its over, no more technical babble stuff. Looks like I'm out of time.

John H. Achinger



MAY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 Toco Night 6:00 to 8:30 PM	2	3	4 40 Hour Workers Party
5 Breakfast 9:00 to 11:00 AM	6	7	8 Toco Night Board Meeting Mud Hump Deadline	9	10	11 Vets Party & Poker Run
12 Mothers Day – Breakfast	13	14	15 Taco Night Board Meeting Mud Hump Deadline	16	17	18 Launch 25/50 Members Dinner & Dance
19 Breakfast Regatta Meeting 2:00 PM	20	21	22 Taco Night	23	24	25 Opening Of The Port
26 Breakfast	27 Memorial Day Service 12:00 AM	28	29 Taco Night Board Meeting	30	31	

