

The Binnacle

Charlevoix Yacht Club

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April/May.

From the Helm:



Greetings from Florida,

It's hard to believe that winter is finally over and the boating season is upon us. Welcome home to all the snowbirds and congratulations to all the hardy souls who made it through another Michigan winter. We're all looking forward to a great season at CYC. The board and committees are already planning a variety of events, races and get togethers to ensure something for every one. If you have any ideas for special events, contact the social committee or a board member.

Just a reminder that we're always looking for hosts for Friday nights at the club. All it takes is a few tasty treats to entice your friends to join you for an evening of lively conversation and camaraderie. Contact Carol Harold to set a date.

Peace, love & crew,

Commodore Beth Uehlein

Looking Ahead:



Island Night at CYC: Fri. April 1
Spring Fling at CYC: Fri. April 29
Commodore's Ball at Grey Gables:
Sat. May 14
Martini Night at CYC: Fri. May 20



CYC is now
on Facebook!

Search for "Charlevoix Yacht Club" on Facebook to find our page. Thank you to Perry Irish Hodgson for setting it up!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Casino Night!
A great time was had by all!



Dig into your summer clothes and find a tropical shirt for Island Night, Friday April 1.



Hosts needed!

It's always a little more fun to come down to the club on a Friday when you know there will be a host. So, if you haven't signed up for a weekend yet, please contact Carol Herald at rcherald@charter.net to pick a date. CYC will provide a bartender-- all you have to do is provide a few treats and encourage your fellow members to come on down for a fun evening. The bartender will have the building open a little before 6:00, but if you'd like more time to get set up, just contact Roy Herald (547-6445) or Doug Simpson (547-6045) for a key. Hosting a Friday night happy hour is the responsibility of all club members who do not pay the increased "sustaining membership" rate, and it's a great service to the club. We always have greater attendance when members know there's a little something to munch on. In addition to signing up for a weekend on your membership forms, you can also arrange to host by contacting Carol Herald (547-6445).

Help promote CYC to the public

It has been suggested one of our members that CYC could do a little more in our community, to improve our image with the public. However, many of our members are already extremely active within the community, and as a club, we sponsor families during the holidays, and have also made donations to the Mariner's Club, which promotes youth sailing.

If anyone is interested in planning events which benefit our community, please contact a board member with your ideas and plan.

One simple thing we can all do to promote the club is to wear our CYC gear when helping out around the community. So many of our members are already devoting substantial amounts of time doing volunteer work, and the public may not be aware that those civic minded folks are also members of CYC.

The club house is open every Friday from 6 p.m to 9 p.m.

Please check the web site at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org, for additional dates.

New Members and Members need to add info@charlevoixyachtclub.org to their contact list to receive CYC e-mails.

2011 Officers and Board

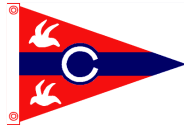
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2011 Committees

Bar Managers:	Bob & Beth Uehlein
Bar and Kitchen Supplies:	Karen Attee (231-547-0448)
Binnacle:	Jennifer Richardson
Building Committee:	Roy Herald/Doug Simpson/Roger Nesburg/Joe Wollam
Club Usage & Keys:	Doug Simpson (231-622-2359)
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E-mail:	Jerry Seymour (231-547-5490 jescscvxx@yahoo.com)
Facility Committee:	Mark Pirie/Doug Simpson/Roy Herald
Membership Committee:	Jack & Crissie Staats (231-347-9074)/Lynn Smolenyak (231-547-5616)
Power Fleet Captains:	Richard Hodgson II / Jerry Seymour
Race Committee:	Mike Miller (231-547-6167)/Joe Wollam (231-547-0727)
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Social Committee:	Gloria Barnes (231-547-4872)/Carol Herald (231-547-2863)
Store:	Annette Nesburg



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TO:



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Enjoy your last few weekends before boat work begins with some of these boating movie classics:



The African Queen
Captain Ron
Pirates of the Caribbean
Mutiny on the Bounty
Crimson Tide
The Caine Mutiny



Even though you've still got your mittens out, boating season is really and truly just around the corner. According to Boat US, these are the major tasks to address before your boat hits the water:

- ♦ Mechanical maintenance: Install and charge batteries. Inspect sea-cocks, hoses and clamps. Change the oil. Inspect the steering system and outdrive. Lubricate where necessary. Of great importance: Don't forget the transom plug!
- ♦ In the cabin: Flush the anti-freeze with fresh water, pump the bilge, check all electronics and lights. Check electrical connections for corrosion.
- ♦ On the trailer: Check the tires, lights and wiring. Lubricate wheel bearings.
- ♦ Cosmetic maintenance: Scrub topsides, clean and wax fiberglass, clean and polish isinglass.
- ♦ Safety equipment: Check number and condition of PFDs, flares for expiration dates, and communications equipment to be sure it's working.