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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The next board meeting will be held

Tuesday March 18, 2008

The Sanderson's Frankfort residence

Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00

Meeting to follow dinner



Commodore's Corner

Tim Harrington, Commodore



Happy Almost-Spring everyone!

Oh how I want to harbor to melt!

As your Commodore there is only

so much I can do, and weather

isn't one of them. Something I can do

is help you have fun this summer. You

joined this club for camaraderie, and we are going

to deliver big this year. The volunteers on the Board



of Directors has been working through the winter to make the club events a place you will want to bring your friends. Several events, both on water and off, are planned for the season. We will be starting the social calendar off in early May with the second annual BYC Car Show and BBQ; followed at the end of May with our Welcome Back Brunch; and June will see our Fleet Review. These are all great events that you can attend with your family and friends. But there is no reason for the volunteer event chair and others to put forth all the work required to make the events a success if no one attends. Please plan to take an afternoon or evening off from your busy schedule to spend some time with your BYC friends at the harbor. Members need members to be with or there's no reason to have a club. >And we also need the members to renew! Most members took advantage of the discount offered for early renewal, but for those missed it, we are making it even easier to renew. You can now pay your dues online through PayPal found in the member's only section of our website. We will be expanding this service soon to allow you to pay for other events throughout the year. >I am very proud to have been elected the leader of this club, please work with me to make it a great season. I hope to see you at the club often this year at the many fun events for us all to enjoy.

Commodore Tim Harrington

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, March 10

- Tim Harrington's Birthday 

Tuesday, March 17

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 19

- Scott Baumgartner's Birthday 
- Jill Garrett's Birthday 

Sunday, March 22

- Low's Anniversary

Thursday, March 26

- 5:45 pm -9:00 pm : CYA Meeting

Upcoming Events

- Sea Scout Fundraiser
- BYC Car Show

< **Details for all these BYC events are available on our website at www.BelmontYC.org** >

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be meeting at BYC's Immediate Past Commodore **Jim**



Sanderson's home in Frankfort on Tuesday, March 17. Louise has a great meal planned, and remember; **all club members are invited**. First item on the agenda will be why we are eating Italian on St. Patrick's Day. Please contact Jim or Louise if you will be attending the meeting so they may plan food accordingly. Social hour begins at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:00 and then the Board meeting to follow. All BYC members are invited to attend. Address and phone information can be found in your directory or on the

BYC website in the member's only section. www.belmontyc.org/members

Chicago Sea Scouts Need Your Support

By Tim Harrington, BYC's Sea Scout Representative

Save the date, April 23, 2009. The Chicago area Sea Scouts will be having our Spring Kick Off – 2009 party and silent auction. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while checking out the silent action items on display. For over one hundred years, young adults ages 14 to 21, from all walks of life, have benefited from Sea Scouts by providing hands-on experience, while teaching team work and leadership skills in our sailing program. As I have said before, I was a Sea Scout in high school and I attribute my experiences in the program for instilling my love of sailing on our beautiful lake. This party is the Chicago Sea Scouts **only major fundraiser of the year**, and the money donated is used to offset the high cost of mooring, maintaining, and storing three vessels for the youths to use during the season. We need your support through your participation or donation. Your gifts are tax deductible and go directly toward funding the Chicago Sea Scout program. So please reserve the hours between 6 and 9 PM on Thursday, April 23 and join us at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. We will have thousands of dollars worth of donated items available for bid. If you cannot join us that night, please consider making a donation to the Sea Scout program in BYC's "Ship #2006" name. We are also looking for auction items to add to our expanding list. The kids thank you for your support.



When to Touch Up Varnish

The look of your brightwork says a lot about the pride of ownership that a boater has for his/her boat. A rule of thumb that you can use to tell if you need a touch up or a major overhaul of your brightwork is as follows: Use a mild, soapy solution to wash thoroughly and get rid of all the grit and grime that has collected. (Hopefully, you do this more than once a season.) Rinse thoroughly with fresh water and dry. Take a towel and wet it thoroughly (make sure it is dripping). Drag the towel across the varnished surface. If the water that the towel leaves behind beads up the varnish is still in good condition. However, if the water that is left sheets or lies in flat streaks, you should plan on a light sanding and applying a couple of coats.

Car Show at Belmont Yacht Club in May

On Saturday May 9, from 10am-2pm, BYC will be kicking off the harbor season with a repeat of a very successful event from last year – a classic and collector car show and cook out! BYC will be hosting the Lambda Car Club International – Lake Michigan Region (LCCI-LMR) (www.lambdacarclub.net) for its annual “Spring Dust Off” car show. All BYC members are welcome to come over to the Club and join in the



fun (with or without a car)! For those of you that have a classic, collector, professional or otherwise interesting vehicle to you (moderners are welcome too!), give it a wash and wax and bring it down to the harbor to show. Members can even invite friends you know to show their cars! Burgers, dogs, brats, and chicken will be on the grill around Noon, and we will have the usual “honor bar” in full swing all day. If you would like, you may bring a side dish to

share that will compliment the barbeque. This event was a blast last year with lots of fun for all and plenty of opportunities for



socializing, some great photo opportunities and most importantly, and great exposure for our club (old cars have a way of drawing people in).



Please RSVP by Saturday May 2 to Eric Schuermann, LCCI-LMR Director and fellow BYC Board member at eric.schuermann@comcast.net or (773) 636-0303 so we can plan for the barbeque food and cars in the show. If possible, for those of you showing a car, it will be helpful if you arrive prior to 10am to allow for positioning of the cars. If you would be able to volunteer a couple of hours on the day of the event, please give Eric a

call. See you Saturday, May 9!

