

December 2007



# PROP WASH

## Jefferson Yacht Club

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### FROM THE HELM



After two years serving as your Commodore, all I can say is that it has been an interesting ride. It still amazes me how readily so many members would rather find fault and place blame on those few who volunteer to make this a better place. We become better and stronger when we take the time to work together. To all those who have helped and have volunteered, I can't thank you enough for all your hard work and support. You make it all worthwhile.

On a lighter note, we have a busy calendar of events planned for the remaining year. Make sure you check the calendar as well as the bulletin board for all the upcoming events. December brings lots of fundraising efforts and festive parties to help put you in the holiday spirit. As of this writing, there is only 140 days until launch. I hope that helps you survive what is about to come—you know, "WINTER".

I have written this article for two years, and I am running out of things to say. I will leave you with this thought. Please support your new Bridge and Board. Help them when you are called upon and volunteer even when not asked. No one should have to do this alone. Every member should put some time in to support the club and truly make it THE place to be! The volunteers elected for the Bridge and Board deserve your help and consideration, and I know that they will welcome whatever time you can offer.

Thanks again to all for your continued support these past few years. After six years serving on the Bridge/Board, it is time for me to move on. I will still see you around the Club. Suzi and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

John M. Furry  
Commodore

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

### **CLUBHOUSE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday, 4pm-Close  
Saturday, 12noon-Close  
Sunday, 12noon-Close\*

\*Last Sunday of each month, 10am-Close

### **BAR SERVICE HOURS:**

Monday thru Friday, 4pm-Close  
Saturday, 12noon-Close  
Sunday, 12noon-Close

### **FOOD SERVICE HOURS:**

Monday, 4pm-9pm, Bar Menu/Burger Special  
Tuesday, 5pm-7pm, Spaghetti Night  
Wednesday, 6pm-9pm, Full Dinner Menu  
Thursday, 6pm-8pm, Buffet Night  
Friday, 6pm-10pm, Full Dinner Menu  
Saturday, 4pm-9pm, Bar Menu  
Sunday, 5pm-9pm, Full Dinner Menu  
Last Sunday of each month, 10am-1pm,  
Breakfast Buffet

### **TIKI BAR SERVICE HOURS:**

Closed for the season

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Closed  
Tuesday thru Friday, 11am-4pm  
For security purposes, the entrance door is  
locked during office hours. Please ring bell for  
entrance. Thank you.

## JYC STAFF

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## NEWS FROM YOUR VICE

Wow, where does the time go? December is already here and Christmas is just around the corner! First of all, I hope that every one of you had a wonderful, safe, and Happy Thanksgiving and got to spend time with family and friends. The holidays are a great time for doing just that. So often we forget how important that time together really is.

As I said, December is now here and it brings us more upcoming parties at the JYC. The Children's Christmas Party is a GREAT one and is always one the kids look forward to. We adults also can look forward to the upcoming First Mates Christmas Cocktail Party. It's a great time to get dressed up and have some fun with other members and their guests. To close out the year, we will have a great New Year's Eve Party as well. See the PropWash flyers and the Club bulletin board for details on each of these events.

Our Club elections are now over, and I'd like to thank the members for their support in voting in your new Bridge and Board. I look forward to working with each and every one of them next year as your Commodore. There are a lot of new challenges that the New Year will bring all of us as a Bridge and Board, and I hope that you realize that changes cannot happen overnight. Please be patient and come enjoy the Club. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or ideas on your mind, please feel free to drop me a line either online, in my mailbox in the office, or at the Club in person.

I would also like to thank the members who came out in groves on the biggest bar night of the year (the night before Thanksgiving) to listen to the keyboard sounds of Rod Chism. The feedback I got was great, and Rod will be back on some Wednesday nights throughout the winter months as we try out new and different types of entertainment to bring to our members in the future.

In closing, I'd like to share a personal thanks to Commodore John Furry for all he has done over the past two years. He is leaving the Club to me in good financial shape, and I hope and pray that, despite the economy in the State of Michigan, you will continue to support and come out to see what the future holds for the JYC. I promise you this, I will proudly do my best to lead this GREAT Club into it's next 50 years.

Thanks for listening. Until next month, I hope all of you have a safe and wonderful Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays to all!

Bill Miller, Vice Commodore

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year has been a busy one for all. The most significant proposal from the Board was the changes in the By-Laws. The Board welcomes and encourages all to attend the discussion meeting scheduled on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. It is very important that all members attend and ask their questions and give feedback to the Board. The Board and members need to work together on all issues concerning the Club. Please attend and be open with your concerns.

Pat Cavacece, Secretary

## FIRST MATES NEWS

Our November meeting did not include an election this year, but everyone enjoyed themselves at our Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree. Thank you to Sue Furry, for organizing this event.

Our November Wine Tasting Party was a great success as well. Special thanks to Pat Cava-cece and Peg Cantrell and their Committee for their hard work in putting on this event.

The holiday season is upon us and the First Mates always close out the year in grand style! Please be sure to make your reservations for the Children's Christmas Party on December 8th and the ever-popular Christmas Cocktail Party on December 15th. We guarantee these events will put you in a festive holiday spirit! Please see the flyers in this edition of the PropWash for all the party details and how to get your tickets now.

A special thanks for the support and participation to our First Mates from this year's Board members—Peg Cantrell, Sue Furry, Carol Porzondek and myself. We have confidence that the new 2008 Board will lead us to another successful year!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Athena Fedenis, First Mates Vice President

## FLEET NEWS



The boats are wrapped and tucked away for the season. As the days grow shorter and colder, our thoughts are turning from boating to the Holiday Season. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and gave thanks for a safe boating season this year.

As Christmas quickly approaches and visions of a new chartplotter, radar or maybe a little larger boat dance in your head, take a little time out and come to the JYC for Lions Football fundraising on Sundays for the 1:00PM games. The Fleet is sponsoring this fundraiser and the proceeds go towards new high-top tables and bar stools for the cigar and martini area in the Club and 14 new chairs for the outside Tiki Bar. The Fleet will provide delectable treats during the game and Fleet Committee members will guest bartend and serve up your favorite cocktails along with surprise drink specials every week. Please come and support the club and watch the Lions win! You may even win a prize or two!

On behalf of the Fleet, I would like to congratulate and welcome aboard the new JYC Bridge and Board for 2008. I would also like to acknowledge the retiring Fleet Captains (Les, Lou, Willie, and Ron) and praise them for a job well done throughout the years of service they gave to the Fleet. On a sad note, the **Fin** at the top of the article will also be retiring after this month after a great ride this summer. (Thanks Shark and Mermaid)

In closing this month, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Fleet and attending the many rendezvous and functions throughout the year. Without your support, the JYC Fleet would not be the best on the lake. If anyone is interested in participating in the Fleet for next year, there will be a meeting at the JYC on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:01 PM.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Fleet!

## NEWS FROM THE CLUB DIRECTOR

Good news and bad news this month.

Good News: We were able to report to the First Mates that the fireproof area upstairs is almost complete. Commodore John installed the last lights, and we are waiting for doors and paint.

Bad News: Info from a Finance Committee member pointed out that our sales are way down from the same period last year, mainly due to Michigan's horrible economy. To react, Penny is planning to offer many more low price meals, drink specials and a cocktail hour.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT AS TO WHAT WOULD BRING MORE BUSINESS TO THE CLUB!

P/C D.J. Whelan, Club Director

## JYC ONE-LINERS

Eddie Lee is my pumpkin pie. -Marie Parks

Marie G is my Queen Bee. -Eddie Parks

Merry Christmas to the "T & T" Club! -LeRoy & Joyce

Commodore-Elect Bill Miller and future Commodorable Pattie,  
Best of luck to you in 2008! Love, John & Suzi

### **PROPWASH ADVERTISERS:**

**WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, BUT NO ADS WERE ABLE TO RUN IN THIS EDITION OF THE PROPWASH. ALL ADVERTISERS WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA MONTH AT NO CHARGE TO MAKE UP FOR THIS SKIPPED MONTH. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT SUE FURRY AT 586.212.0825. THANK YOU!**

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS

On November 12th, we had our General Membership meeting at the JYC. Those who attended this very important meeting witnessed some very outspoken opinions regarding the By-Laws recommended changes and the way they were being introduced. Mistakes were made. Errors in judgment can and do happen.

Lets's not forget that those serving on the Board and various committees are volunteers, many not professionals in their capacity. Each and every one of these officers, Board members, committee chairs and volunteers do their best to make and keep the JYC on a solid foundation. There was no "slight-of-hand" intended.

Early in 2007, I was asked to take on the project of a complete physical inventory of furniture and fixtures at the JYC—a monumental task of counting and assessing original and current values of the Club's assets. This task was necessary for several reasons. One, for insurance purposes, but mostly to establish a value that could be set on the Club's worth on the balance sheet, and subsequently the value of YOUR STOCK ownership in the Club. Four pleas for assistance in evaluating these assets were made in the March PropWash and another two in April. Not one single member responded. Not a Past Commodore, not a Fleet member, not a First Mate—NO ONE offered one iota of information to complete the project.

So the next time you criticize a Board member on their efforts to make the Club better, LOOK IN THE MIRROR FIRST!

Jerry Dillon, Finance Committee Member

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

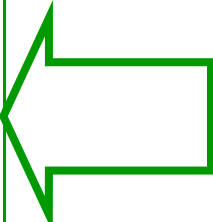
As the Holidays move closer, I can't help wondering if the year 2007 will stand out as an unforgettable one for many of you. For Bobbi and I, the year brought many things that will make 2007 one to remember. We lost a dear cousin, sold our boat, spent the month of August moving my aging aunt into an Assisted Living Apartment, and put our dog, Maxine, down. With all the things that didn't seem to go just right (except for the boat), we still feel blessed that we have each other, our families and so many wonderful friends, many of whom are members of the JYC. At this time of year, I hope that we can all reflect on our blessings and not dwell on those things that didn't quite go the way we thought they should.

Sadly, several of our members have lost loved ones this past month. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Judy Scott and family with the loss of Judy's mother, who at 92 was still living on her own; Charles Elderson and family with the loss of his daughter; Joanne Martin and Brenda Pasmanter and their families on the loss of their father, George Martin. Also, Madge Sands had cataract surgery and Mel Tozer had a heart attack, and both are home and doing well. Sandy Helsom's twin brother had some complications from surgery, but is now recuperating at home. Also, please keep Dennis and Wanda Ryan's granddaughter, Sam, in your prayers as she had surgery on her brain, hoping that this will help control her seizures.

P/C Gary Carless, Chaplain

# DECEMBER 2007

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Bar menu  
4-9p

2 Dinner 5-9p	3 Burgers & Bar Menu 4-9p	4 Spaghetti 5-7p	5 Dinner 6-9p	6 Chickn & Dumplngs Family Buffet 6-8p	7 Dinner 6-10p	8 Children's Christmas Party, 12n (tickets required)
9 Dinner 5-9p	10 Burgers & Bar Menu 4-9p Board Mtg 7p	11 Spaghetti 5-7p	12 Dinner 6-9p	13 Pot Roast Family Buffet 6-8p	14 Dinner 6-10p	15 Christmas Cocktail Party 6pm (RSVP required)
16 Dinner 5-9p	17 Burgers & Bar Menu 4-9p	18 Spaghetti 5-7p	19 Dinner 6-9p	20 Roast Turkey Family Buffet 6-8p	21 Dinner 6-10p	22 Bar menu available 4-9p
23 Dinner 5-9p	24 JYC Closed	25 Merry Christmas  JYC Closed	26 Dinner 6-9p	27 Bar Menu available 4-9p	28 Dinner 6-10p	29 Bar menu available 4-9p
30 No Breakfast Served  Dinner 5-9p	31 New Year's Eve Party 6:30p (tickets required)	JAN 1 BOWL DAY! Football at 12n & Buffet from 3-7p	 <p>January 1st Bowl Day! Wear your PJs or Sweats! Slipper Contest Too!</p>			



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## Here's What's On Tap!



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| January 1  | Bowl Day! Football starts at noon with Buffet from 3pm to 7pm. Wear PJs/sweats. Slipper contest! |
| January 7  | Board Meeting, 7pm   |
| January 21 | First Mates Meeting, 6:30pm  |

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**