

Commodore's Letter

The Best-Kept Secret

Ok, it is officially springtime. At least that is what the calendar says. This week's weather has had sun, clouds, rain, snow, hail, thunderstorms, and even a tornado warning. Yes, it is definitely springtime in northeast Ohio. I can only hope that the snow has melted off the tarp that covers my boat for the last time this year. We are only days away from when I plan to drag the boat out to the club while my son and I are on Spring Break. I plan to make the best of that day, no matter what the weather holds.

I plan to make the best of that day, and every other day that I am lucky enough to make it out to the club this year. I hope you do too. I could get caught up in all of the little inconveniences of life. You know, the things that need fixed or replaced, the things that don't go as planned, and trying to figure out how deal with the financial realities of life. I'm not going to dwell on these things, because they are just details that will get worked out.

I know that they will get worked out because of the incredible membership that we have at BYC. We are a "do it yourself" club, and we live up to that every year. Because we have such a diverse membership, there isn't any "inconvenience" that we can't handle. Whether it is a broken chase boat motor, a temperamental well pump, an incomplete race or kitchen committee, or a legal matter that needs addressed, our club members are always there to get-r-done!

One could argue that BYC is the best-kept secret in northeast Ohio. This could be said because the club has many opportunities to offer: a convenient place to keep your sail boat; a beautiful lake to enjoy; a comfortable clubhouse and grounds to treat like a second home; and many racing opportunities, with social events that go along with them.

However, I believe the best-kept secret in northeast Ohio is not our clubhouse or lake. It is our membership. Our love of sailing has brought us together and made us one big extended family that works together and plays together. Let's let the cat out of the bag this year and share this best kept secret with as many people as we can.

So, as I drag my boat out to the club for the first time this year, I'll be thinking of all the good times I'm going to have at the club: spending time with old friends and new, racing, day sailing, participating in regattas, helping out with junior sail camp, relaxing at the club, sharing a sailboat ride with someone who has never sailed before, and grabbing some rail meat while heading out in a perfect strong breeze to do battle on the racecourse. I plan to share the best-kept secret in northeast Ohio and make the best out of every trip to the club. I hope you do too.

See you at the lake.



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