



THE SUMMIT BRIDGE

The newsletter of the SNYC, PO Box 41, Kirkwood, DE 19708-0041
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Snowflake Luncheon February 8, 2015

Fortunately, there were no snowflakes in the air on Sunday, February 8, 2015 for the Snowflake Luncheon at Ristorante Marco, 1847 Pulaski Highway, Bear, DE. We had 26 guests, representing 14 boats, who enjoyed two courses of Italian food as well as desserts. We celebrated the birthdays of Sarge, the Captain of *Itty Yot*, as well as Jeannie, the Admiral of *Charisma*, with a birthday cake and rousing renditions of "Happy Birthday." There were two baskets raffled with wine, a candle, and snacks – just in time for Valentine's Day. The lucky winners were Antoinette of *Itty Yot* and Tom of *Good Time*.

If you have not visited Ristorante Marco, you need to make a point of visiting. The restaurant, which also has a full bar, is only 10 minutes from the marina. The food, service and atmosphere all are great, and you won't be disappointed!

Deb Nichols made a great video/photo montage of the event which you can view by using the following link. Thanks Deb for the great way to remember the day by!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EYzLWpjjDg&feature=youtu.be>



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**It is time to……
File your tax return
AND renew your Membership!**

Membership forms can be found on and downloaded from the SNYC website www.summitnorthyachtclub.org, from the bulletin board in the office, or from Tom Russell, the Membership Chairman. If you need one sent via e-mail, feel free to contact Tom at Terussell1@aol.com. If you are renewing, all of your information is the same, and you are too stressed from filling out your income tax forms to do another form, just mail your check, payable to SNYC to PO Box 41, Kirkwood, DE 19708-0041. Dues for 2015 are \$125 for boats 34' or more, and \$75 for boats under 34'.

Memberships renewed by opening day at the marina, Saturday, May 2, 2015 are eligible to win \$100 in fuel from the marina!

Fleet Activities.....

The following are the cruises planned for 2015. While the Board knows that every member can not attend every cruise, careful planning, including visiting each scheduled port-of-call, has gone into the cruise calendar. Our goal is to accommodate as many members as possible, in vessels of various sizes and types. Some of the locations are new to the SNYC, and some are old favorites. The Fleet Captain is planning some exciting activities at each cruise location, to add to the overall cruise experience. If you want to do things with a group when you get to the destination, there will be activities available. If you want to just do your own thing that works too!

Specific details will be forwarded shortly via e-mail for each cruise. Some of the activities will be determined by the members actually participating in the cruise, and all of the planned activities will be open to all members and guests.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE TO ST. MICHAELS HARBOUR INN MARINA

Friday, May 22 – Monday, May 25, 2015
(2 Night Minimum for Holiday Weekend)

WEEKEND CRUISE TO GREAT OAK LANDING MARINA, Fairlee Creek

Friday, June 12 – Sunday, June 14, 2015
(1 Night Minimum – come one night or two)

FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE TO SASSAFRAS HARBOR MARINA

Friday, July 3 – Sunday, July 5, 2015
(No Minimum – Come by boat, or by car!)

WEEKEND CRUISE TO HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA, Swan Creek, Rock Hall, MD

Friday, August 14 – Sunday, August 16, 2015
(1 Night Minimum – come one night or two)

WEEKEND CRUISE TO BALTIMORE, MD

Friday, September 18 – Monday, September 21, 2015
(Come for as many nights as you can!)

There is no Member Appreciation Cruise scheduled for 2015. There will be a land-based member appreciation event. We hope that this change will encourage more participation in the SNYC, and more participation of the members. We also hope that this change to a local venue will increase participation in all of the events and activities planned and scheduled throughout the boating season.

If you are interested in another cruise, another port-of-call, or in a raft-up, contact the Fleet Captain, Diane Russell, at i24klady@aol.com, or through her e-mail link on the SNYC website. She will be happy to get information, schedule a trip, and advertise it to all members. The goal of the SNYC is to promote safe boating practices and events for all of its members.



From *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*:



No, silly, not winter . . . it's time for our annual Best of the Bay survey--and the 25th anniversary survey at that! So grab your laptop and get cozy by the fire. We're waiting for you to wax nostalgic about summer memories and vote for your favorite moments of the 2014 boating season. The survey is a great opportunity to vote for your favorite marinas, restaurants, boating events, marine professionals and more! Head to www.ChesapeakeBoating.net and click on the Best of the Bay link to enter (voting is open until March 15th).

While you're reliving last summer's memories, make sure to dig into your summer photo albums and find the best photos you've got to enter into Chesapeake Bay Magazine's annual Best of the Bay Photo Contest! It's all digital this year, so a little uploading and you'll be all done . . . no need to print any this time around.

Thanks for voting and entering our contest. We look forward to sharing the winners of both contests in our June issue.

NEED SOMETHING TO DO BEFORE YOUR BOAT IS BACK IN THE WATER? ARRRGH!



Online Information:
fellspointmainstreet.org/privateerfestival



Empty Hangers in your Lockers?

SNYC Clothing Available for order! John Liss, the SNYC Sergeant-At-Arms, will have order forms available at Opening Day of the Marina, May 2, 2015 and Opening Weekend for the Yacht Club, May 16/17, 2015.

There will be a variety of items available. You can also order clothing with your boat name at the same time!

Also Available to Order..... The SNYC Official Burgee!

No SNYC vessel should be without one! It's a great way to identify our boats when we are cruising! Take a look at yours and see if it needs to be replaced. New members can order theirs in time for the first cruise!



REMEMBER.....

You must be a SNYC member to qualify for the \$100 fuel credit donated by the Marina, to be drawn on Marina Opening Day, May 2, 2015!



Product Safety Notice

Certain black plastic Zytel® nylon valve disposable fire extinguishers.

Not Affected:

- Professional Kidde and Badger Advantage models
- Fire Extinguishers Purchased Prior to

August 2013 or After November 2014

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Items affected are Kidde brand, black plastic Zytel® nylon valve disposable extinguishers both ABC and BC rated models manufactured between July 23, 2013 and October 15, 2014 and sold between August 2013 and November 2014. The affected fire extinguishers are white or red in color and are either ABC or BC-rated. The Kidde logo and serial number are located on the nameplate. The date code is an ink jet 10-digit number stamped on the side of the cylinder near the bottom. Digits 5-9 of this number convey the day and year of manufacture. Affected units will have the following five digits in a date code:

2013: XXXX20413X through XXXX36513X

2014: XXXX00114X through XXXX28814X

The models are as follows:

46-0066	FC5	KFH
46-0092	FH/ RESSP	M10G
AUTO FX11	FS10	M10GM
AUTO FX511	FS110	M110
BC5GD	FS5	M110G
E10	FULL HOME 110	M110GM
E10H	FX10	M5
E110	FX10BC	M5C
E5	FX10K	M5G
ELITE 10	FX210	M5GM
ELITE 10 HOME	FX210R	MARINER 10
FA10G	FX210W	MARINER 110
FA10T	FX340GW	MARINER 5
FA110	FX340SC	MARINER 5 G
FA110G	FX340SCGW	MG10GM
FA5	FX511	RESSP
FA5B	FX511	XL 5MR
FC10	H110G	
FC110	H5G	

Hazard: Kidde has identified a quality issue with black plastic Zytel® nylon valve disposable fire extinguishers. In a small number of instances, Kidde found that a supplier built a component that is out-of-specification. When the lever is pressed and released multiple times, the extinguisher may fail to fully discharge as designed. **Remedy:** Replace

The SNYC is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association. The CBYCA acts as in the interest of all Chesapeake Bay boaters. The following is a message from the Commodore of the CBYCA:

I am asking all Member Clubs and their individual members to get behind this Boat US effort by asking their Congressman to co-sponsor and support **The Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015**.

Sincerely,

Tom Kenavan

CBYCA Commodore Tom Kenavan (fussasan@comcast.net).

From: **BoatU.S. Government Affairs** <govtaffairs@boat.us>

February 4, 2015

Dear BoatU.S. Member,

For years, BoatU.S. has been battling in Washington to make sure you can buy gasoline that works in your boat engines. On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, U.S. Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) introduced **The Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015**. This bill, which has both Democrat and Republican support, will effectively remove mandates for higher blend ethanol fuels (more than 10%) and allow for investment in other more compatible biofuels. We believe it is a critical step and we are writing you to ask your Congressman to become a co-sponsor and support it.

Background:

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is the 2005 law that requires the blending of biofuels such as corn-ethanol into our gasoline. When written, it assumed that America's use of gasoline would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. Since 2005, gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily and now the law forces more ethanol into less gasoline.

To keep up with this mandate, in 2010 the EPA permitted E15 (fuel containing up to 15% ethanol) into the marketplace. Even though E15 is prohibited from being used in marine engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines like lawnmowers and leaf blowers, as well as any vehicle made before 2001, this fuel can now be found at over 100 stations in 16 states at the very same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline. (In fact, there is not a single marine engine warranted to run on any fuel with over 10% ethanol.)

Over 60% of BoatU.S. Members fill their boat's fuel tanks at roadside gas stations where the higher blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuel at the pump. This creates a huge potential for misfueling and puts boaters at risk.

Please contact your Congressman by going to www.boatus.com/gov and following the links. Ask them to co-sponsor the **Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015**. In the last Congress, this bill had 82 co-sponsors.

Go to www.boatus.com/gov for more information on E15 and the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Thank you for being a BoatU.S. Member!

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