



# Harbor One news

May 2014

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR

**MILAN A. KRUSZYNSKI**

On behalf of Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., the Hammond Port Authority Board Members and Marina Staff, thank you for choosing our marina and spending your boating season with us. We look forward to another summer filled with hot days and exciting weekends. The office staff is excited about the start of the season serving you, the slip holders, as we provide the best experience in boating here on the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan. The economy effects each one of us daily blending decisions and the choices we make as to how we spend our money. Thank you for your patience and to many of you I appreciate your support and kind words as we strive to provide you with time to relax and enjoy your stay with us. Your suggestions, discussions and thoughts are always welcome. Additional attention to detail and your experience here in Hammond will be the main focus of the Marina Director – Bill Hill and the Harbor Master Keith Carey. Extended ships store hours will remain in effect this boating season beginning May 23. The extended gas dock hours begin May 29th. The Harbor Master and assigned staff will be vigilant of the docks and slips with added enforcement of all the rules. So please prominently display the PWC Stickers and respect the “no carpet” rules and understand why there is no swimming in the marina or grilling on your boats. Expect to see staff more often as well as those docks and grounds kids dressed in purple shirts and sweatshirts.

If you observe any questionable activity do not hesitate in calling the office during normal business hours – 8:30am to 4:30pm 7 days per week during the season. Also the west gate security guardhouse contact telephone number remains 219-473-0591. You will find this telephone number posted throughout the marina. Save it to your cell phone contact list and place a call when necessary.

Enjoy the summer, your neighbors and boating. Our summer community is once again filling up with the people we love to see – OUR BOATERS. For a second year the Connector Shuttle Service for our boaters and guests will begin Memorial Day Weekend and run through Labor Day. For the most part, the shuttle will operate Friday’s and Saturday’s. A reminder that Lost Marsh Golf Course – located 2 miles south on Calumet Avenue and 129<sup>th</sup> Street is open for the season. Also, the Wolf Lake Memorial Pavilion will be host to numerous concerts, festivals and family oriented events this summer. In particular will be Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. Annual Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks Show as well as the mid-July Festival of the Lakes. The Wolf Lake Family Aquatic Play Center – affectionately known as the “Splash Pad” will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Come visit the office for more details. Additional details will be provided in future Harbor One Newsletters. I look forward to seeing you this summer.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS!

- 6/14 NATIONAL MARINA DAY**  
**8:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M.**  
**BOATER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**  
**12:00 NOON—3:00 P.M.**  
**SAIL-A-WAY OPEN HOUSE**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE CLIPPER ROOM—6:30 P.M.—10:30 P.M.**  
**RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!**
- 7/20 POLKA PARTY**  
**2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.**
- 8/09 VENETIAN NIGHT**  
**“UNDER THE SEA”**  
**NOON—3:00—KIDS GAMES**  
**3:00 - 6:00 CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT FOR ADULTS**  
**SPONSORED BY HYC**  
**6:00— CONCERT W/ 1540**  
**9:00—FIREWORKS**
- 8/16 7:00 P.M—11:00 P.M.**  
**TOMFOOLERY COMEDY CLUB**  
**CLIPPER ROOM**

### From Marina Director, Bill Hill, CMM

Welcome back to all of our boaters as well as the new slip holders who are joining our boating community. Everyone deserves some fun in the sun after this horrendous winter we have all endured. Hopefully Mother Nature will deliver for us.

The marina did suffer some damage as a result of the severe weather. The repairs are mostly complete thanks to the diligent efforts of our staff along with the outside contractors. The last of the work will be completed shortly and should have no impact on your enjoyment of the marina facilities.

We have made additional improvements to our WIFI system. Fiber optic cables were installed along with new signal antennae which should improve the strength and consistency of the signal. As was discussed last season internet gaming and streaming audio/video will not be available in order to provide basic internet access for more of our boaters. The site access is boaterwifi with a password of boaterwifi.

As you know we have been dealing with a vegetation growth issue in the marina for quite some time. Despite our efforts and in treating this problem we know that it remains a frustrating problem for our boaters.

Well, I have great news! We purchased a harvester which is being manufactured and will be delivered to the marina for use this season. This is a great addition to the marina and should make your experience even more enjoyable.

The first marina advisory committee will be Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30. Thank you again to all who participate.



### From the Harbormaster, Keith Carey

*From WLS, ABC 7 - There is an effort to regulate boating for those registered in Illinois. A new bill would require people to have a safety certificate in order to operate a boat in the state. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reported 65 boating accidents last year, and among them, 14 fatalities. There's been discussion for many years about ways to make boating safer, and now there may be action taken to ensure that boaters are more prepared.*

*Senate Bill 3433 proposes boaters have mandatory boating safety certification to operate a vessel on Illinois waterways. It passed the Senate and could come for a vote in the House this week. The legislation is on its third reading in the house and is expected to come up for a vote later this week. If it passes, a spokeswoman for Governor Pat Quinn says he is eager to sign this legislation into law.*

If this law passes, the Hammond Marina will be working closely with the USCG Auxiliary to ensure Illinois boaters who keep their boats here will have ample opportunities to take the Safety Certification Course. Stay tuned... we'll keep you posted.

Safety is and always will be a priority for us. We want to ensure our boaters and our visitors enjoy their time at the Hammond Marina. We applaud our boaters who follow the rules and regulations and are cognizant of their surroundings, every ready to help other boaters. If you see any behavior which could be problematic, please call the office at 219-659-7678 and the staff will act on it immediately. If it is after hours, call security at 219-473-0591.



## HAMMOND YACHT CLUB

**John Botich**  
Commodore



The weather is finally taking a turn for the better. The one good thing that came from our bout with Old Man Winter is that the lake levels have increased 13 inches. We really needed that. Some harbors were in need of water for navigation. Hopefully with the added water in the marina, the angle of the ramps is easier walk up and down on. You never want to start the day off losing a cart full of supplies for the weekend going down that ramp.

The Hammond Yacht Club was open a few days during the winter, due to the length of the bad weather we waited to open for a couple days in a row until the last weekend in March. HYC hosted parties in the winter and is ready to start opening for the 2014 season. The club has over 100 members including 8 new members. We welcome the new members and would like to see about 20 more new members from the marina. The club offers a great venue for your family parties as well as events the club puts on. Our new Entertainment Director Jim Harrod has some exciting new ideas. If you are interested in what the club has planned, visit our website at [www.Hammond yachtclub.org](http://www.Hammond yachtclub.org).

Our Board members have extended the "Boat Show Special" for new members. Our normal fees are a \$750.00 initiation fee and \$500.00 yearly dues. The Special requires that you only pay the \$750.00 initiation fee. I'm sure this special will expire soon. We are very affordable compared to other yacht clubs around the lake. Once you are a member of the Hammond Yacht Club, you are able to use most yacht clubs around the country. Stop in for a list of other clubs available or check Yachting Clubs of America. Hammond Yacht Club pays extra to be a part of that organization and is also a member of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association and the Chicago Yachting Association. Please notify us if you are interested or have any questions.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.**

### SHIP STORE HOURS

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.**

**FRIDAY AND SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.— 7:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.**

### FUEL DOCK HOURS

**MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M. 4:30 P.M.**

**Last boat at 4:15 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.— 7:00 P.M.**

**Last boat at 6:45 P.M.**

**SATURDAY 8:30 A.M.— 8:00 P.M.**

**Last boat at 7:45 P.M.**

### LOST MARSH GOLF COURSE

Lost Marsh Golf Course, Northwest Indiana's finest public golf course, is open for the season. Take advantage of our Spring Rates, \$35 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends (carts included). Hammond Marina boat slip holders have the option to become a "Residential Member" at the incredible price of \$1000 or the daily residential rate. Residential Membership privileges include: daily play on our Championship 18-hole course (with cart), Executive 9-hole course, and unlimited usage of the practice greens.

Golf club rental is available upon request. Reserve your tee-time today at 219-932-4653.

After a round of golf, meet your family and friends at our Frank Lloyd Wright inspired clubhouse for lunch or dinner. Diners have the option to eat inside our cozy restaurant or outside on our lovely veranda overlooking the golf course. Lunch is served daily 11am-3pm and Dinner 5pm-9pm. If entertainment is what you're looking for, look no further. We have live music every Friday 8pm-11pm. For more info or reservations, please call 219-228-2534.

**VENETIAN NIGHT**  
**"UNDER THE SEA"**  
**AUGUST 9, 2014**



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**NATIONAL MARINA DAY**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014**



**Hop on and Take a Ride**

The Southern Shores Connector begins again this weekend. The hours have changed a bit to better serve you!

Friday 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Don't forget, we also rent bikes! \$5.00 for 4 hours or \$10.00 for all day.



**WOLF LAKE PAVILION SCHEDULE**

<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>LEON'S TRIATHLON</b>
<b>JUNE 14</b>	<b>RUN THE WOLF 12K</b>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS</b>
<b>JULY 16</b>	<b>FESTIVAL OF THE LAKES BEGINS AND CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 20 (FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ACTS, GO TO www.gohammond.com)</b>
<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>FESTIVAL OF THE LAKES CONCLUDES</b>
<b>AUGUST 1</b>	<b>NORTHWEST INDIANA SYMPHONY</b>
<b>AUGUST 2</b>	<b>WHAM RIDE</b>
<b>AUGUST 29</b>	<b>SPECIAL NEEDS DANCE</b>
<b>AUGUST 30</b>	<b>DISNEY ROAD CREW AND FROZEN SING-A-LONG</b>
<b>SEPT. 7</b>	<b>COLOR ME 5KRAZY</b>

**LOOKING FOR THE PUMP OUT COUPON?**

√ **OUR WEBSITE.....www.hammondmarina.com**

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