



May, 2013

## PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR, Milan A. Kruszynski

### WELCOME BACK SLIP HOLDERS FOR THE 2013 BOATING SEASON

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 affects 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 will be paid to the spider concerns and over-all cleanliness of the floating boater bathrooms on main dock. Extended gas dock and the ships store hours will remain in effect this boating season. Additional parking lot patrols will be added ensuring properly hang-tagged and visitor pass vehicles only. The Harbormaster and assigned staff inspections of the docks and slips with added enforcement of all the rules will be enhanced. 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 red baseball pinstripe type shirts and red 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. A newly announced Connector Shuttle Service for our boaters and guests will begin Memorial Day Weekend and run through Labor Day. Final details are being worked out and will be available in the Marina Office by Memorial Day Weekend. 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. Summer Concert featuring Credence Clearwater Revisited on June 28, 2013 – at an affordable price. 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 as you return this spring and summer.



### EVENTS

- May 27** Beach Opens
- June 8** National Marina Day
- July 21** Festival of the Lakes Polka Party
- July 27** Karaoke Night
- August 10** Venetian Night
- August 24** Trivia Night



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## MARINA DIRECTOR Bill Hill, C.M.M.

The recent Spring weather has not made it feel like it's time for another boating season to start, but it really is here. That means all the fun we have with our family and friends at the marina and out on the lake is about to begin.

Although the lake levels remain low which has significantly impacted numerous marinas around the area we remain totally functional. The areas of the marina that were impacted have been dealt with and all the docks are floating. Hopefully the rainy spring we've experienced will help bring the lake level up, we will continue to monitor the situation.

Thank you to all of our returning boaters for their continued patronage and welcome to our new boaters.

We encourage both new and returning slip holders to check out our ships store. We have plenty of new clothing styles and colors available again this year and have added some new menu items to go with past favorites.

I would also like to thank the boaters that have represented all of you at the Marina Advisory Committee meetings. This has been a great asset for our boaters and staff to share ideas and improve communication. Please apply if you are interested in becoming a dock representative. These positions are open to selection each season so please don't hesitate to apply.

Believe it or not I am entering my fifth season here as Marina Director which I know still makes me a newcomer compared to a lot of you. That being said please accept my gratitude for the compliments and encouraging words regarding the marina, myself and the rest of the staff. **HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!**

## HARBORMASTER, Keith Carey

As we head into a new season, I wanted to bring you up to date on some marina issues.



I know that seaweed was a concern throughout the marina last year. We have tested and identified the most invasive plants from last year as a *Flowering Rush* and will begin the treatment. We are prepared to treat the marina twice if needed. We are also trying a new strategy by cutting the flow and containing the chemical by closing the culvert gates on the bin wall. It is our hope we will see a vast improvement in the seaweed problems.

The Marina has purchased 10 new Jet Ski Lifts. We do not yet have a date for delivery so if you are on the waiting list, please be patient. We will call you as soon as the lifts arrive and we begin to assign the lifts. The existing Jet Ski lifts are at their permanent location and we will not be moving them around as we did before.

As always, safety, safety, safety, is our goal. We want everyone at the Hammond Marina to have a safe and wonderful season!

## **NEW THIS YEAR.....THE WHITING/ROBERTSDALE TRANSPORT**

If you have errands to run, just want to go to downtown Whiting for a bite to eat or play a round of golf at Lost Marsh, you won't have to lose your parking place. Let us do the driving for you!

The one-hour route begins at the Hammond Marina, proceeds to Wal-Mart, then to downtown Whiting, Lost Marsh Golf Course, Wolf Lake Pavilion, The Splash Pad then back to the Marina. Our tentative schedule is:

**Friday—5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday and Sunday—10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**



## **HAMMOND YACHT CLUB, John Botich, Commodore**

Welcome back to the Hammond Marina and the 2013 season. The Hammond Yacht Club is looking forward to a great season here on the southern shores of Lake Michigan. The HYC is excited to plan some new events with the marina and hopefully pick up some new members. Stop in the club and ask about our latest membership special. We always have applications on our bulletin board to explain whatever new special we are running.

One of the biggest reasons to become a member of the Hammond Yacht Club is the reciprocity privileges we share with other yacht clubs around the globe. Stop in the club to see all of the burgees from different clubs that have stopped in. Hammond Yacht Club is a member of the Yachting Clubs of America, the Lake Michigan Yachting Association, and the Chicago Yachting Association. As a member of Hammond, you can visit just about any club using our membership card. We keep a register of American Yacht Clubs in the club at all times. You can check to see if there is a yacht club in the area you are traveling to and see what amenities they offer such as reciprocity, courtesy docking, facilities, or contact information. As a member of the HYC, you are allowed to use the Chicago Yachting Association's 12 clubs. You would be able to attend things such as the steak fries at Southern Shores YC every second Tuesday of the month, the events at Calumet YC, Museum Shores YC jazz nights, brunch at Jackson Park YC, dinner at any of the other clubs, or just visit Burnham Park YC before a concert at Northerly Island. These are just a few of the things offered at some of the clubs we have reciprocity with. Here at Hammond, we enjoy when visiting members stop in for lunch and a few drinks and their club in turn enjoys when we do the same when our members are in their harbor.

As a member of HYC, you will receive weekly updates regarding our club and other events that are being planned on the lake. One of our Board Members or myself attend the monthly meetings of the Chicago Yachting Association. These meetings are held each month at a different yacht club, November is HYC's month to host the meeting. These meetings are attended by the Commodores of each club where discussions are held regarding information from each of the harbors. Of course there is dinner involved and drinks where each club showcases their Chef and kitchen.

For more information, look at our website [www.Hammond yachtclub.org](http://www.Hammond yachtclub.org). If you have any questions, please send me an email which is located on the website or just stop in the club. We would be happy to see you. Enjoy our lakefront and have a safe 2013 boating season.

## Get Out, Get Active- Get to Wolf Lake



**Wolf Lake North** is now home to the **Aquatic Play Center at Wolf Lake**. This splash pad is open daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The hour and forty-five minute sessions begin at 10am and continue every two hours through 8 pm. **Hammond Marina slip holders** receive the resident rate of \$1 per child (Monday-Thursday) or \$2 per child on the weekend. Adults are free and must monitor their child at all times. Contact 219.937.7942 for more information. The new **Wolf Lake Conservatory** is scheduled to open the summer of 2013. This area will be home to formal gardens, along with community gardening opportunities.

**Wolf Lake South** is certainly exceeding expectations. The newest addition to Wolf Lake is the expansion of our trail system down to 129<sup>th</sup> Street. In the future, this trail will again be expanded to connect with existing trails, allowing patrons to experience nature on both sides of Wolf Lake.

If you're looking for a fun day on the lake, come rent one of our canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, or paddle boats. Rentals are just \$5 per rental per hour. Life jackets and paddle/oars are included in the rental price. Contact 219.655.5212 for availability. Not sure about paddle boards? Come out on Saturday, June 1 for Leon's Triathlon Active Living Demo Day. Paddle board experts from Body Glove will be offering interactive demonstrations.

After a wildly successful year in 2012, the **Pavilion at Wolf Lake** will again be home to a multitude of events. The season kicks off on May 11 with the Shively Benefit. Other big events for 2013 are the Joe B Memorial Motorcycle Ride and Party on the Lake (May 18), Leon's Triathlon Active Living Demo Day (June 1), Leon's Triathlon (June 2), Credence Clearwater Revisited Concert (June 28), Family Inclusion Festival and Concert featuring Signing Time Academy's Rachel Coleman and Hopkins (June 30), the annual Fourth of July festivities featuring the Bill Porter Orchestra and fireworks (July 4), Festival of the Lakes (July 17-21), Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra (Aug. 2), WHAM After Midnight Ride (Aug. 3), Special Needs Dance (Aug. 30), Radio Disney Road Crew Party and a showing of Toy Story (Aug 31), AND Sing Along Grease ( Sept. 7) PLUS MORE TO COME!! Keep up to date with all the Wolf Lake happenings by checking our new site: [www.wolflakepavilion.com](http://www.wolflakepavilion.com) or Facebook: The PAV (The Pavilion at Wolf Lake).

This summer choose to Get Out, Get Active- Get to Wolf Lake.

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*For 2013 Hammond Marina slip holders.*

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