

Battery Park Watch

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Public Boat Auction

On July 16th at 12:30 p.m. there will be a public boat auction held at Battery Park Marine Services, 1231 First Street, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870. The auction will be held in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 4585.31.

There are approximately 40 +/- boats and motors that were left without permission and **WILL be sold**. There is **NO MINIMUM** bid. Preview times for these boats and motors are: July 8 and 15 from 9:00 to Noon and July 16 from 10:30 to the start of the auction. All boats and motors listed are subject to change.

Look at the attached insert for a description of the boats and motors currently scheduled to be auctioned. **GREGORY A. BELHORN, AUCTIONEER**, www.belhorn.com.



Fuel Price Bulletin

“Our goal is to always offer the best price.” Check our current fuel prices on our sign along the break wall underneath our “ValvTect Marine Fuel” sign. As always, pump-outs are free with any fuel purchase. Our Fuel Pier is open every day from 8:00 am until 8:45 pm.

2006 Slipholders’ Party

Join us for our biggest party of the year, the annual Slipholders’ Party, on **Saturday, August 12th** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Battery Park Marina’s pavilion. Reservations will be needed as the caterer will need to prepare sufficient quantity for our “**Wild—n—Wacky BBQ**”. Ticket costs are as follows: 2 free tickets per slip rented, children 10 and under - no charge for children’s menu, additional tickets - \$7.50 each.

More details will be available soon in the Marina office. Reservations will be accepted starting Monday, June 26th through Sunday, August 6th. Please call (419) 625-6142 or stop in the marina office to make your reservations.



Longest Trip Award

Battery Park Marina is joining forces with ValvTect Marine Fuel to award the slipholder from Battery Park Marina a trophy for traveling the furthest distance from Battery Park Marina on their boat since August 13th, 2005. The award will be presented to the Battery Park Marina slipholder at the Slipholders’ Party on August 12th.

The only rules to the contest are: 1) you must be a slipholder at Battery Park Marina, 2) the travel was completed on your boat, 3) describe your trip and the distance traveled from Battery Park Marina, 4) you need to drop off, mail or fax the particulars of your trip to Nikki in the marina office no later than August 6th, 2006.

Electrical Lights on the Docks

Over the past year or so, we have noticed more and more lights being placed on the docks within the marina. As pretty as they are, we have to ask that the lights be removed and placed aboard the boats. Past problems at other marinas in the area and around the country include stray electrical current in the water and on the docks, electrolysis and electrocutions. Back in 1991, an employee at the Crews Nest at Put-in-Bay went in the water to retrieve some sunglasses and was electrocuted to death due to stray electrical current.

Water and electricity are hazardous ingredients when put together. The strings of lights hanging from the large pilings could chafe through and literally electrify portions of the dock section or the water to which it is attached. The palms trees present other problems, such as: falling into the water, the plug becoming wet from splashing water, and being an obstruction on the dock since the leaves are at eye level.

We have no problems with these lights being put aboard your boat as they do add color to the marina. Within the next week or so, Pete and Greg will be visiting owners who do have electrical items on the dock, asking you to remove them. Thank you for your help with this matter.



Ask First Before Installing Items on your Dock

For continuity, consistency and safety, we ask that all slipholders ask Pete and Greg before buying or installing anything on the docks such as dock boxes, rub rails, or fenders.

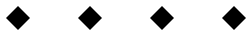
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Pool Rules

With the hot days of the summer heating us all, our pool is the way to cool down. We appreciate the manner in which most slipholders have adhered to the pool rules, and we hope this continues. Our rules are:

- 1) Warning: No Lifeguard on duty!
- 2) No diving, running or horseplay.
- 3) No alcohol, glass containers or gum permitted within the pool area.
- 4) An adult **MUST** accompany children under the age of 12.
- 5) Pool use is for Battery Park seasonal customers and **THEIR FAMILY** (family is defined as spouse, significant other, sons, daughters and grandparents only).
- 6) No smoking in pool area or restrooms.
- 7) No large toys or floating devices (the intent of this rule is for the enjoyment of all swimmers and to avoid problems with air mattresses, noodles, beach balls or other toys thrown or whisked through the air). Marina Management will determine acceptability if any item is in question.
- 8) All slipholders **must sign in** as they enter the pool area.
- 9) Nearest payphone is in the Northeast corner of the park.
- 10) Dial 911 for police, fire or first aid.

Please contact the marina office if you have questions concerning the pool use or have comments on the pool in general.



Those darn Barn Swallows

We realize the birds can be a nuisance (unnecessary droppings) during the mayfly and mufflehead bug season. We are all looking for the perfect solution to keep them off the boat. One method being used is plastic shopping bags. We are asking boaters not to use this method as the bags do fly off periodically during heavy winds. We have had a boater whose engine intake became clogged from a plastic bag. If you know of any other methods that may work, let us know and we **WILL** post them on the bulletin board in the laundry room as well as in future newsletters.



Farmer's Market

Visit Sandusky's "Farmer's Market", Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and enjoy all the local fresh fruit, vegetables and homemade foods available from growers and bakers around the Sandusky area.

The Farmer's Market is located at the corner of East Market Street and Hancock Street, only 4 short blocks away from the marina. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday, June 10th through October 28th.

This year there will also be a Flea Market with the Farmer's Market. The Flea Market hours will be the same as the Farmer's Market. Stop down and see what's going on! There is no charge to attend.

Service Work and Visiting Contractors

At some point in time every boat is going to need some sort of dockside service. We hope that you will choose to use our staff of fully trained, certified marine technicians to do your repairs. We are happy to assist you in contacting Battery Park Marine Services when the need arises. We have technicians on duty 7 days a week throughout the summer.

If you choose an outside contractor, they must be in compliance with our visiting contractor policies. Battery Park has established visiting contractor policies for the safety, security, and peaceful enjoyment of your boat. We limit the hours those contractors can work in the marina to avoid disturbing you as you relax and enjoy your boat. We have these requirements, not to inconvenience you or the contractor, but for the safety and security of each person and his/her property in the marina.

Please contact the marina office with any questions regarding the contractor rules or to verify that the contractor you have selected has met the proper requirements. We don't want you to be disappointed when we turn away a visiting contractor because they did not meet the requirements.

If your contractor has not sent in the appropriate information, have them call our office at (419) 625-6142 to receive a copy of our visiting contractor policies.



No Refueling at Your Slip

It is against the law to refuel any boat within the marina, except from the fuel dispensers at the fuel pier. Due to the potential fire hazard or a fuel spill either inside or outside of your boat, portable containers of fuel for refueling **WILL NOT** be allowed inside the marina. Again, this is not only a Battery Park Marina requirement, but a law as well!

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Safety Habits to be Noted:

Carpet on the Docks—Please do not affix any covering to the docks. We are finding that moisture is being trapped/retained on the wood, causing the wood to become soft and advancing rot. This becomes a safety issue and the life expectancy of the dock board is shortened considerably. The covering also hinders our periodic safety and maintenance inspections. We ask that all docks with carpet, mats, or rugs affixed to them be cleared promptly. Thank you.

Pier Lights - The pier lights on the docks are for your safety. Do not turn off, unscrew or trip the breakers controlling the pier lights.

Shore Power Cords – All shore power cords must be suspended, strung or placed in a way that they do not hang in the water.

Backflow Preventor Valves – All of the water faucets are fitted with a special device called a backflow preventor valve. By law, these devices MUST remain on at all times; please do not remove these devices!

Security Gates – Please help to make sure the security gates and doors to the marina facilities remain closed at all times. This is for the protection of the boaters and boats within the marina.

Pets – As always your pets are welcome at the marina. If you have not yet done so, please register your pet with the marina office—this is a new requirement from the Health Department. We ask that all pets are kept on a leash at all times, and are taken to the designated walk areas for their bathroom breaks. These measures are to ensure everyone’s health and safety. The designated areas are along the East end of the park where there are no picnic facilities and along the West side of the main parking lot. Please clean up after your pet. Pets are not allowed in the pool area or restrooms.



“The Big Splash”

The Maritime Museum of Sandusky will be holding “The Big Splash” again this fall on September 16. This event includes a full day of activities at the Sandusky Bay Pavilion next door to Battery Park Marina. All proceeds from “The Big Splash” raffle will benefit the Maritime Museum of Sandusky.

You can go to www.bigsplashraffle.com for a complete list of prizes and money to be given away. The website also has the rules, time the drawings will be held, who to contact and where to buy the tickets for the drawing.

This event was quite popular last year and it is anticipated to be even bigger this year! Only 5000 tickets will be sold, so don’t miss out on your chance to get in on the fun!

We’ve gone Wireless!

Now you can enjoy your boat and the marina even more. The marina is now equipped for wireless internet service. We’re trying to give you even more reason to get out of the office and come to the marina.

The provider of wireless service is Coastal Wave. They may be contacted at 866-825-3489 or at www.coastalwave.net or info@coastalwave.net. Coastal Wave has installed the necessary equipment and offers several subscription packages.

Coastal Wave specializes in marine high speed wireless internet access. They provide service to most marinas from Port Clinton to the west side of Cleveland, including Put-In-Bay. Coastal Wave also serves several marinas in Toledo and north into the Detroit River. Subscribers to Coastal Wave can use the wireless access at any facility which has Coastal Wave wireless service.

If you are planning some cruising, be sure to have your laptop on the boat. Do your work on your boat, be relaxed, more productive, and the boss will never know.



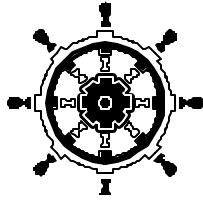
Securing Your Boat

You’ve docked your boat, what’s next? Securing it to the dock! Sounds simple, right? Each year, we have a number of boats that break loose from their slip due to poor knots, improper line positioning or lines that are inadequate in size or are worn out. A few tips to help you tie up your boat:

Make sure all dock lines are in good shape with no fraying, unnecessary knots, excessive stiffness, too small, or too large. The proper lines help to allow correct cleating with reduced worry about failure of the lines. Once in your slip, verify that the bow and stern lines are positioned at the proper angle to the cleat to hold the boat where you intend. To prevent excessive movement of the boat, install both fore and aft spring lines. All of the dock lines should be loose enough to allow a little boat movement. Then place one final line off your bow opposite of the dock to keep your boat off the dock in heavy winds. Be sure not to over-snug the dock lines since this can cause chafing of the lines, make untying the line impossible or possibly damage the boat. If you have any questions or concerns about how to tie your boat, ask Pete Zeiher, the Dockmaster of the marina, to help you. Pete was a merchant mariner and a sailor for many years.

Next, be considerate of your neighbors and secure the loose ends of the dock lines, hoses, and power cords out of the walkways. When installing your hoses and power cords, leave enough slack to allow for the movement of the boat. Make very sure that no part of any power cord hangs in the water. This will prevent electrocution hazards and lessen the chance of excessive electrolysis of underwater gear.

Battery Park Watch
701 East Water Street
Sandusky, OH 44870



2006 Hours of Operation

Battery Park Marina

Summer Hours (through August 20)

Store: Mon-Sat., 8am-9pm
Sundays, 8am-6pm
Fuel Pier: Sat-Sun., 7am-Sunset
Mon-Fri., 8am-Sunset

Fall Hours (after August 21)

Store: Mon-Sun., 8am-6pm
Fuel Pier: Mon-Sun., 8am-6pm

Battery Park Marine Services

8:00-4:30, Daily (7 days a week)

Cedar Point Yacht Services

8:00-4:30, Daily (7 days a week)

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Tuesday, June 20 Movies by the Bay – "*Hoodwinked*" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)
Tuesday, June 27 Movies by the Bay – "*The Curse of Were-Rabbit*" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)
July 1 – 4 "**Festival of Ships**" at Battery Park Marina & Maritime Museum
Tuesday, July 4 Viewing of Cedar Point Fireworks
Friday, July 7 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Slipholder Wine & Cheese Social
Saturday, July 8 "**Irish Festival**" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion – see flyer on bulletin board)
Tuesday, July 11 Movies by the Bay – "*Curious George*" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)
Tuesday, July 18 Movies by the Bay – "*Shark Tale*" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)
Saturday, July 22 "**Mardi-Gras Festival**" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion – see flyer on bulletin board)
Tuesday, July 25 Movies by the Bay – "*Racing Stripes*" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)
Saturday, August 5 "**Italian Festival**" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion – see flyer on bulletin board)
Saturday, August 12 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Battery Park Marina's Annual Slipholder Party
Saturday, Sept. 2 "**Mexican-Latino Festival**" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion – see flyer on bulletin board)
Sept. 13th – 17th Cedar Point Boat Show (hours to be announced)
Sept. 16th & 17th Bay Days at Battery Park Marina and Maritime Museum
Friday, Oct. 21 "**Pumpkin Festival**" (Sandusky Bay Pavilion)

(Schedule of Events is subject to change)

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Battery Park Marine Services, 1231 First Street, Sandusky, OH 44870, (419) 625-1666
Cedar Point Yacht Services, P.O. Box 578, Sandusky, OH 44870, (419) 609-2026