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LMYA's Lawsuit on Lake Pollution Spills is Settled

Tom Dogan, Commodore of the LMYA, has just gone to federal court and the judge has combined our suit with several others and issued a consent decree. Rather than try each suit separately, the combined consent decree resolves all of the issues that we raised on behalf of our plaintiffs. The steel mill which was responsible for dumping the dangerous pollutants into the Burns Waterway leading to Lake Michigan was Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. which bought the mill from ArcelorMittal USA. Under the consent decree, our individual plaintiffs will not be compensated for their losses because

there would have to be a massive amount of statements taken from expert witnesses, according to the judge.

The decree will, however, force the steel mill to deliver all of the environmental safeguards that we requested in our suit, namely, installing 24/7 monitoring for accidental spills for the next three years, immediate reporting of spills to all monitoring agencies, and a heavy 3 million dollar fine, (which goes to the federal government.) The waters of the lake will be safe once more from the effects of steel mill discharges.

As a result of this decree, Cleveland-Cliffs has decided to close down its coke battery in East Chicago which was the largest coke battery in the country. They will build somewhere else and convert from coal to natural gas which reduces their carbon footprint dramatically. They will then donate 127 acres of land near where the plant was located to Dunes National Park. It will be cleaned up by the Heinze Land Trust to turn it into park space. Also because of these suits being piled on, the other major steel

producer in the area, US Steel, has changed their plans to make a new coke battery on Lake Erie, and instead go to a natural gas fueled facility. Coke batteries leave a heavy carbon footprint and emit sulfuric acid into the air which poisons people and equipment, and potentially pollutes the waters in the process. Thus the suit which LMYA was the lead sponsor, has helped protect Lake Michigan and Lake Erie at the same time.

Many thanks to Tom Dogan and his legal staff for their many hours of work on this suit.

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Milwaukee Breakwater Project—Protecting South Shore Yacht Club

SSYC Commodore Pete Engel reports that last month the engineering firm, Baird, has presented preliminary designs for the repairs of the Milwaukee breakwater to the County. The contract includes the breakwater at SSYC, (the north section,) and also

the south section. The County will focus on the north section and move the design work on the south section to 2023. The 2023 budget requests will include the repair work to the north section and the engineering study for the south section.

Baird's deadline was April 30th to deliver the design and estimated costs to the County. The County is starting work on the permitting application with the various agencies that need to issue permits such as the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers.

New Rear Commodores for Indiana and Michigan

Barb Lusco from Portage Indiana will be the new Rear Commodore for the Indiana Region. Barb is a member of Marquette Yacht Club and Izaak Walton. She is harbormaster at the City of Portage Sammie Maletta Public Marina and a member of the Portage Port Authority. She also serves on the Board of Indiana Dunes Tourism.

Alison Gaye Blind from Baroda Michigan has been named Rear Commodore for Michigan Region. She grew up on the lake, and has worked for the Michigan DNR in fisheries, a trout hatchery, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Wolf's Marine, and Point Blue LLC. In the Coast Guard Auxiliary, she has been deployed three times for Hurricane Katrina, Caroli-

na floods, and the BP oil spill and some FEMA disaster response teams. She received the National Coast Guard Auxiliarist of the Year honors in 2018 for work with youth boating safety outreach education, marine safety, and environmental protection. She currently serves as ADSO-MS-E as the assistant to the 9th

Western District Marine Safety Officer for the East side of Lake Michigan. She regularly patrols the waters near St. Joseph, South Haven, Saugatuck, and Holland Michigan. She is a member of the Great Lakes Yacht club and South Haven USCG AUX Flotilla. Welcome to both of our new rear commodores.

LMYA Rendezvous Returns to Port Washington

The LMYA Rendezvous returns to Port Washington Yacht Club on June 18th this summer for a great day of activities, prizes, a cookout dinner, silent auction, and music from the band Five Foot Two in the evening. A full day of fun and feasting are on tap so be sure to join in the Return to Port.



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Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival

Join us for the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, July 29 through August 7, 2022. Parades, memorials, picnics, carnival rides, fireworks, car show, craft fair, and more. The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival is an annual celebration of all things Coast Guard. The downtown stretch of Washington Street is home to the carnival while the waterfront is

lined with places to eat. The boardwalk will be a bustle with foot traffic leading attendees to and from the lighthouse, beach, ship tours, and downtown. The waterfront stadium is host to a variety of musical entertainment acts as well as a fun water ski show. The community welcomes a mix of Coasties, residents, visitors, and local/state dignitar-

ies. You can boat from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. The Municipal marina is located at 101 N. Harbor Drive and has 57 slips. In running the coast enroute to Grand Haven, you can overnight in Michigan City, New Buffalo, St. Joseph, South Haven, Saugatuck, Holland and Port Sheldon. The Grand Haven Yacht

Club is within walking distance of Grand Haven's shops and eateries. And it's a great place to watch the spectacular Coast Guard Festival fireworks. Other local marinas besides the Municipal Marina include: Holiday Isle Marina on Spring Lake, Grand Isle Marina, and North Shore Marina. Come join the fun.

A Letter from Commodore Ray White of Indiana Harbor Yacht Club

Happy Spring 2022

It has been quite a while since I have written to you. These past two years have been very trying for all of us. Unfortunately, many of us have lost or known someone who was affected by Covid-19. My prayers go out to those still struggling with Covid and for those who made it through, myself included. Lets get back to a sense of normalcy, whatever

that looks like. I am so proud of "my" Board of Directors (Chris, Les, Darlene, Cathy, Dave, Mike, and Dean). They carried the weight of the club when I was hospitalized, and sent prayers and offered assistance while I recovered at home for two and a half months. I've said it before and I will say it again: If you haven't already joined a boat club, please do so, it is the best thing you will ever do!

Well, it's that time of year when we start doing our Spring boat chores (I prefer to call it "boat therapy". We all know what the chores entail. Just remember, once the chores are finished, it will be the beginning of a fun-filled summer with our dock families. Soaking up the sun, partaking in some ice-cold refreshments, potluck dinners dockside,

and boating with the wind in our faces. There are no more lockdowns and mask mandates, so let's get out and enjoy what we've missed for the last couple of years.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer on the water!

Raymond White,
Commodore, Indiana
Harbor Yacht Club

Harborfest, South Haven Michigan, June 17 & 18, 2022

The Port of South Haven is holding their 29th annual Harborfest on June 17 & 18th. The activities include a celebration of the area's maritime history,

live music, food, craft fairs, Dragon boat races, kids activities, a beer garden, and music along the river. There are

many places to moor your boat for the weekend including the municipal marina, Maritime Docks, Gull Lake Marina, Black River Park

Marina, Woodland Marina, J&B Landing, South Haven YC, River Noire YC, Black River YC, and Harbor Club Resort & Marina.