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## Last Chance to sign up IASYC Imperial in Minneapolis!

### International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs

Extend to you a warm invitation to join us in Minneapolis, Minnesota For the 140th Imperial Session this July 2014, and witness the 'Change of Watch', installation of new IASYC Bridge Officers for 2014.

Commodore Elect, Bob Feustel and First Lady Gail, will host your stay. We're excited to share the many experiences Minneapolis has to offer with our IASYC family.

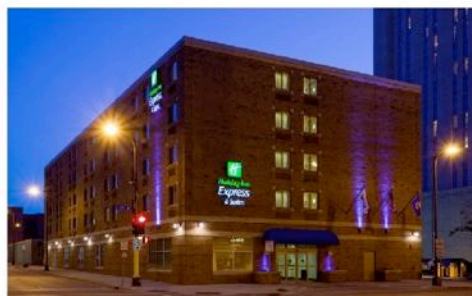


We will be staying at the **Holiday Inn Express Hotel Inn and Suites** in Downtown Minneapolis Convention Center located 225 South 11th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403

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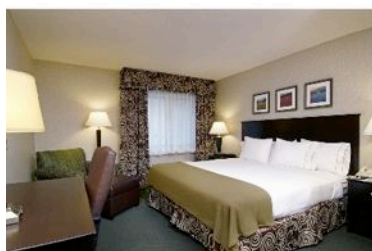
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## International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs IASYC Lake Minnetonka Luncheon Cruise and Visit to Excelsior

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 11:00 am – 3:00 pm



### Warm Sun, Cool Breeze, Beautiful Lake and Breathtaking Views!

First Mate, Lady Girl and I invite you to join us for what looks to be a great outing. What better way to enjoy a gorgeous summer day than aboard a yacht on a 14,528 acre lake! Sit back, relax, and bask in breeze while enjoying the breathtaking views and a delicious lunch. This is a traditional Minnesota summer experience!



A comfortable motor coach will pick us up from the Holiday Inn Express in the morning and whisk you away to the largest and one of the most beautiful lakes in the Twin Cities area. From there you will board **Her Excellency**, a 67' Skipper Liner that is loaded with amenities including two-level seated dining, full bar, spacious climate-controlled cabin, covered top deck, and much more. Order your favorite cruising drink at the cash bar and relax as you view

some of the luscious landscape and magnificent mansions located along the lake's 125 miles of shore line. 🏠🏠🏠



Tickle your taste buds with a delicious lunch buffet including:

- Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef Sandwiches served on Herbed Focaccia Bread with Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions & Cilantro Aioli.
- Caesar Salad
- Cold Italian Pasta Salad
- Homemade brownies and bars
- Homemade lemonade and soft drinks
- Cash bar available



### Explore Excelsior

After our 2 hour cruise, we will journey to the quaint town of **Excelsior** to explore their one of a kind locally-owned boutiques and shops. A fitting end to our adventure is a stop at Licks Unlimited Ice Cream – a local favorite for kids of all ages!

### TOUR DETAILS – Special pricing for IASYC!

- Deluxe motor coach pick-up and return to the Minneapolis Convention Center/Holiday Inn Express
- \$46.00 per person. Price is completely inclusive of all cruise charges, lunch, fees, taxes, motor coach fuel charges and gratuities.
- **This is what summer in Minnesota is all about!**

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**IASYC AGENDA**  
**July 6 – 10, 2014**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bob & Gail will arrive	Holiday Inn Express Greet Guests	3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

IASYC Guests Arrive	Holiday Inn Express	
IASYC Registration & Social	Hospitality Suite	12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Imperial Public Opening	MCC Auditorium	3:00 p.m.
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom A&B	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	8:30 a.m.
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom A&B	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
IASYC Bridge Officers Mtg	Hilton Hotel Marquette Rm	9:00 a.m.
General Meeting	Hilton Hotel Marquette Rm	10:30 a.m.
Ladies Breakfast	Hilton Hotel The Gallery RM	9:00 a.m.
Shopping Trip	Mall of America	1:00 p.m.
Dinner	On your own	-----
Hospitality	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Holiday Inn Light Snacks will be served	6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom A&B	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Minnetonka Cruise	Lake Minnetonka, Bus leaves 10:00 am	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Imperial Parade	See Map in your packet	7:30 p.m.
Dinner	On your own	-----
Hospitality Light Snacks will be served	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Holiday Inn	6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Imperial Session	MCC Auditorium	9:00 a.m.
Imperial Market Place	MCC Ballroom A&B	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Imp. Pote. elect Pagent	MCC Auditorium	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Installation	Hilton Hotel Salon E	11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Banquet Luncheon	Hilton Hotel Salon E	
Remarks		
Hospitality	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Holiday Inn	4:00 p.m.-----?

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Check out	Good byes	
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# Sign up Today for the 2014 Summer Imperial/IASYC Meeting! Three Glorious Days!

## Sign Up Form

Temple Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Title You Hold: \_\_\_\_\_

Noble's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Suite: \$ 30.00 p/person # of People \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Watch Banquet \$ 49.00 p/person # of People \_\_\_\_\_ X \$49.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Breakfast at Hilton \$ 29.00 p/person # of People \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Minnetonka Cruise \$ 48.00 p/person # of People \_\_\_\_\_ X \$48.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Bus Transportation, Cruise, Buffet Luncheon, Port of Excelsior trip)

Optional Shuttle to Mall of America \$ 8.00 p/person # of People \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Walking Tour of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Minneapolis/St. Paul City Highlights Tour

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

(There are many activities to experience in the Minneapolis area, we have listed some of the more popular Tours that you may wish to take during your stay. Optional tours are available to you on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, or Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> as time permits. We will arrange your optional Tours with proper notification. These offerings are available on an individual basis. Times of tours TBD.)

### Send Attendance and Checks to:

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## 2013-14 IASYC BRIDGE



# Letters

**Dear Editor:**

Time flies by! It has been three months since our delightful winter meeting sponsored by Commodore Don Gortowski and his mate Vera, but the pleasant memories prevail. The tour of the Imperial Headquarters, the Hospital in Tampa and the cruise were all incredible.

I am dumb founded by the lack of knowledge of how so many people know so little about the Shriners and their mission. They are known for their wonderful parades, but many do not realize what they are for – raising funds for the children's hospitals! I wish I were younger and could go on a tour to open the eyes of all to what the Shriner's have accomplished. I am trying in my small way to let everyone I'm acquainted with know about the Shriners mission and the hospitals. As President of our local Garden Club, I have been trying to get the word out to all and encourage our members to put the Shriners on their "giving list." The club members also have been asked to save the aluminum tabs from soda cans that are collected by the hospitals which are then compensated monetarily when they are turned in. I also am trying to start a campaign to collect from others I know as well. It may be a small contribution, but if we could encourage other ladies to start their own campaign, then it could add up to a significant contribution. We have our fun but it would be nice if we could add an additional donation for just a little work on our part.

Hope to see you in Minneapolis in July!

*Betty Kennedy*

Wife of Rear Commodore Bill Kennedy

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# In Memoriam



*William E. Claypool*  
Former Member of Afifi Yacht Club  
Died February, 2014

*Thomas Coram*  
Former Member of Murat  
Died March 17, 2014

*Eddie B Ellis*  
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*Dan Hemsworth*  
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*Donald L. Johnson*  
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*Elmer R. Strandquist*  
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Former Member of Al Kader  
Died 2012

## \* COMING ATTRACTIONS \*

July 6-10, 2014 Summer Meeting -  
**Minneapolis, MN. Call now for Reservations**  
(See Page 4)

March, 2015 Winter Meeting -  
Palm Beach, FL

July 5-9, 2015 Summer Meeting -  
Houston, TX

March, 2016 Winter Meeting -  
New Orleans, LA

March, 2017 Winter Meeting  
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

### Places We've Been:

**California:** San Diego, Martinez, Elk Grove

**Florida:** Key West, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale,  
Plantation Keys, Orlando, Bradenton, Marathon,  
Ft. Meyers, Punta Gorda, Sarasota,  
Singer Islands, Tampa,

**Other:** Scottsdale, AZ; Mobile, AL; Newburgh, IN;  
South Padre, TX; Charlotte, NC; Indianapolis, IN;  
Portland, OR; San Juan, PR.

**Foreign:** Cabo San Lucas, MEX.

## Welcome New Members!

We cordially Welcome Aboard the following NEW IASYC Members:

George Altemeier (Araba)  
Del P. Aman (Albedoo)  
Jeff Baker (Hadi)  
William Bradford (Bekdash)  
John Bustle (Bahia)  
Bob Cross (Asiya)  
Lee Frazier (Bahia)  
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Gordon Yahr (Bahia)  
Ross Zuest (Aahmes)

# COMMODORE S REPORT

## Ahoy Nobles

I would like to thank all our members for your support. We are a growing club thanks to the work of men like District Commodore Bill Davis (Hadi) and Port Captain David Horn (Hadi). As our membership increases we are looking for new bridge members from other regional to equalize IASYC's representation. Your input is very important. Please let us and others know of your events so we can post them on the IASYC.org website. Immediate Past Commodore Lonnie and Ann Ramos (Almas) are ready to post your info. Email them at: [lonramos@aol.com](mailto:lonramos@aol.com).

April 26 I attended Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association's meeting. Founded in 1957, one of its founders was Boumi Temple Yacht Club. In 1972 Commodore Elmer E Logan (Nur) and in 2008 Commodore Coles Marsh (Boumi) led the origination dedicated to boating safety and boaters interest. Please check [CBYCA.com](http://CBYCA.com) or

attachment on IASYC.org for more information.

Vera and I have been attending the Shrine Yacht Clubs Commodore Balls throughout the Mid-Atlantic. (Almas) Commodore-Elect Jay Witcomb, (Khedive) Commodore William J Hammett & his Lady Marlene. (LuLu) Commodore Dean Soderberg & his Lady Evelyn, and (Crescent) Commodore Skip Garlits & his Lady Susan had a joint ball. May 10 was the Kena Pirates Ball.

*Let us all support our new IASYC Commodore Elect Bob Feustel by Attending the Change of Watch in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 6 - 10, 2014.* On July 18, we will be attending Nur Shrine hospital cruise and picnic for the children treated at the in & out patient Philadelphia Hospital held at Chesapeake City, MD. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs 2014 SUMMER

RENDEZVOUS JULY 24 – 27, 2014 at Spring Cove Marina, Solomons , MD.

## 28th Annual Nur Yacht Cruise for Shriners Hospitals for Children Friday, July 18, 2014 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Pell Gardens Park 9 Bohemia Ave Chesapeake City, MD 21915

When: Friday, July 18, 2014  
Where: Chesapeake City, Maryland  
Who: Families of Shriners Hospitals for Children, including patients, siblings and parents  
What: Picnic lunch, parade and boat ride  
Schedule of events:  
10:00-10:30 a.m. - Arrive at Pell Gardens Park in Chesapeake City, MD  
11:00 a.m. - Mini Parade to welcome all guests  
11:30 a.m. - Board the boats for a cruise on the C & D canal and boat parade  
12:30 p.m. - picnic lunch provided  
1:30 p.m. - Ice cream  
RSVP: By Friday, July 12, 2014 to: George Jefferson, Nur Shriners 215-284-4685– cell phone [jeffmfg@dca.net](mailto:jeffmfg@dca.net) or Stephanie Byrwa, Shriners Hospitals for Children 215-430-4178 or [sbyrwa@shrinenet.org](mailto:sbyrwa@shrinenet.org)

## FIRST LADY VERA GORTOWSKI

Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter. We cooked for 28 people. Some were children so, yes, we also had the Easter egg hunt! Well, I cannot believe its May 2014. When they say "time flies", as I'm getting older, I understand it now. Tampa was a great trip. Glad we were away from all the snow. Don & I had a lot of fun at the mid-winter get away.

We did some of the balls back east. Now starts the yachting clubs opening week-ends. As District A Representative of CBYCA (they're on the Delaware River) It makes it hard to be on the Chesapeake Bay & River too for their openings, I'll do my best.

Minneapolis, Minnesota sounds like another great time with IASYC. Commodore Elect Bob Feustel & First Lady Gail have put together a great program for the Change of Watch stay at Minneapolis. Can't wait to see our IASYC friends, including you there!



**2013-2014 IASYC Commodore Don Gortowski And Lady Vera aboard Their 34 ft. Silverton, Vera Jean II .**

*Vera*

# Reports from the Bridge



## **IASYC Rear Commodore Bill Kennedy**

For many years I've been a member (and a Director) of the Tidewater Chapter of ACBS (Antique and Classic Boat Society) and receive copies of their annual research projects. This past year ACBS released the results of a national questionnaire and many of the questions and answers are not, perhaps, unlike what might be similar if duplicated by IASYC.

For example:

**Q: "What do you believe the overall "image" of the ACBS to be?"**

A: Positive, old boy's club, east coast snobs, elitist, not responsive, stodgy, not connected, stuffy, improving, too laid back, neutral image, needs to be reenergized, unknown to general public, favorable, fun, friendly, good image but perceived to be for older people.

**Q: What can ACBS and your chapter do to better attract and retain more members?"**

A. Recruit people who are interested even if they don't own boat, get new members involved immediately, address retention issues, give out free items (key chains), at shows, personal contacts, be friendlier, increase community presence, "bring a ray of sunshine", find local discounts/benefits, increase personnel contacts, make special invitations to families and retirees, focus on youth, "loan" an officer from a successful chapter, provide a manual on "How To".

**Q: What do you believe is the most important ACBS membership benefit offered?**

A: Insurance, camaraderie, learning about other chapters, database, Directory, Symposium, clearinghouse, community provide social structure, travel to unusual places, knowledge, workshops, videos, connections.

*The Survey was four pages long and loaded with ideas from their membership, ideas that we can certainly consider for our own organization. Over the next couple of years, as we fill out our table of organization, we would hope that we have not only the man power to successfully execute, but, also, the will power to follow through.*

## **IASYCTreasurer/Secretary Dave Harris**

While attending the recent Mid-Winter IASYC Meeting held in Tampa, FL (Headquarters of the Imperial Shriner Organization),

the rose colored glass cup and saucer that had originally been displayed as part of the SYRIA Temple (Pittsburgh, PA) glass collection at the 1907 Imperial held in Los Angeles, CA, was added to the Imperial Headquarters memorabilia collection. The story behind why the memento displayed at the 1907 Imperial held in Los Angeles, CA was dated 1906 was because the Imperial of 1906 was cancelled due to the Great CA. Earthquake. Thus, 1906 mementos were carried over to the next Imperial.

Shown below was IASYC Treasurer/Secretary Dave Harris (L) and Bob Feustel, IASYC Vice Commodore (R), as they presented the artifact to Imperial Sir Jack Jones, Imperial Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. **(Continued on Pg. 9)**





# Reports from the Bridge



## IASYC Fleet Captain Ray Desrochers

Wow, what a year! Enthusiasm is up and recruiting is up. Due to member enthusiasm, IASYC has had the best year ever in the recruiting of new members. Noble Don Shearer (Bahia FL), Noble Dave Horne (Hadi, IN), and Noble Bill Davis (Hadi IN) are the three top Nobles that made the best year in manpower development.

More enthusiasm for recruiting new members has been shown in 2014 than for the same period in 2013. Noble Bill Davis, District Commodore of Kentucky, is off to a great start by forming a new Club for the Rizpah Shrine Temple in Kentucky and leads IASYC in recruiting in 2014.

New appointments have also been on the rise. Ill. Sir Ted Dooley (Bektash, NH) was appointed as Port Captain in the Northeast Region; Ill. Sir Larry Tipton (Al Bedoo, MT) was appointed Ambassador of the Northwest Region; Noble Doug Hipsley (Aahmes, CA) was appointed District Commodore of the Southwest Region; Noble Patrick McCann (Aahmes, CA) was appointed Ambassador to the European Region; and Noble Darren Lawrence (Rizpah, KY) was appointed as Port Captain in the Southeast Region.

We can see there will be great accomplishments in manpower development in the European Region, Northwestern Region, Western Region and throughout the United States and Canada. Already Noble Doug Hipsley, District Commodore (Aahmes, CA) has recruited more new members this year than had been recruited in the State of California in the past few years. From his recruits, IASYC appointed three new Port Captains to assist him in the development of other new members for IASYC.

Noble Gerry Deacon of Florida was elected to the position of IASYC Fleet Captain. He and his Lady Dian have

a positive outlook and a lot of enthusiasm for the future of IASYC. The Bridge welcomes Jerry, and I know all Nobles will help and assist him in every way possible.

I personally want to thank all the Nobles and their Ladies for the support you have given Lady Betty and me during the year as Fleet Captain. You all have a special place in our hearts, and we look forward to our continued support as I progress up the Bridge line to the position of Commodore.

### LADY BETTY DESROCHERS

As I reminisce about the past year and the most recent Mid-Winter Meetings in Tampa, FL, "It has been quite the year". I really enjoyed meeting and spending time with the IASYC Ladies from around the US and Canada. Being involved with IASYC has given us both a fulfilling experience in our retirement.

My husband, Fleet Captain Ray Desrochers has been recruiting ambitious new IASYC members from around the Globe. He is having a wonderful time meeting new Shriners. Having them find enjoyment in becoming an IASYC participant is providing another reason to enjoy the great sport of boating. They may want to form a Yacht Club at their own Temple where they become commodore, or possibly become an appointed Officer on the Bridge for IASYC.

Ray and I are looking forward to being together with our Shrine Yacht Club friends once again at the Imperial Sessions in Minneapolis in July. A change of watch ceremony will take place during this Session. Ray will be installed as Rear Commodore for 2014-15.

The snow has left us here in NH and spring is bursting into bloom. We are setting our sights for Lake St. Clair in Michigan for the summer, where we will be on board the Touch of Class (our

40 ft. 1973 Pacemaker) until Mid-September. Already we have a few IASYC trips planned for the summer, some on the water and some by land and air. I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.

Best Wishes and Safe Boating!

First Mate, Betty Hovey-Desrochers



(Continued from Pg. 8)

Harris, a collector of vintage Shiner artifacts, had purchased the item from a private collection and, having noted that it was not currently part of the Imperial collection, presented it to Imperial. "I'm donating this to its permanent home", said Harris.

Syria is the second largest Shrine Center in America with over 5500 members and has an active Mariners Unit with a number of them also belonging to the IASYC organization. Syria's own glass collection, maintained in Philadelphia, is well known throughout the U.S. and attracts many tourists and collectors. Shown above was IASYC Treasurer/Secretary Dave Harris (L) and Bob Feustel, IASYC Vice Commodore (R), as they presented the artifact to Imperial Sir Jack Jones, Imperial Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.



## District Commodore Report

### “One and one make Four!”

On May 1-3 The Florida Shrine Association and the Florida Shrine Mariners & Yacht Club Association met concurrently for their respective Changes of Watch. The members of both organizations joined to take a group photo, during which four new men decided to join IASYC. “It was a great get together and a wonderful time was had by all,” said Don Shearer, IASYC District Comm.



Hadi Shrine  
Mariners  
2nd Annual

### Registered Trap Shoot

*Honoring Past Potentate and  
Past Commodore of the  
International Association of  
Shrine Yacht Clubs*

June 28/29, 2014

9:00 am Colors

9:30 am Shoot

Must be A.T.A. Registered

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\*54" standard size

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Same sizes as Sport Jacket

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IASYC Burgee

(12" x 18") - \$20

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(12" x 15") - \$20

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Holder - \$17

Stick-On Metal Emblem -

(2 7/8) \$3

Circular Sew-on Patch

(2 7/8") \$3

(8") - \$20



*We incorporate into each issue stories written by our members, who are among the most interesting people you will ever come to know. We now begin a three part series written by Dave Horn who traveled with Bill Davis in a 16 ft. Trophy from Evansville, IN on the Ohio River down the Mississippi to south of old New Orleans, LA. Both Dave and Bill are members of HADI Mariners Shrine Club, Ind., IN*



**“THE KAYLA LEE FROM BLUE GRASS TO GRAND BAYOU!”**

**(Dedicated to my father-George Horn)**

“My experiences on the river began at an early age. I remember our first wooden boat as being twelve foot long with a front deck and windshield. The maintenance of a boat back then was much different than today. The first winter, we turned that old wooden boat upside down and fiberglassed the bottom. I often wonder, was that our first fiberglass boat?”

“My father taught me the “River Book” at a young age. The “River Book” lies in the corner of father’s great mind. It is not a book to be read and discarded. This is a book to pass on from generation to generation. It is full of knowledge and each chapter has a new story to tell. Throughout my life, there has never been one mile on the river without interest. As you sit and enjoy the sunset, you will discover that each sunset is magnificent. Each sunset is as beautiful yet different than the day before.

“As you turn the pages of the book, you discover that the sun means that there will be wind tomorrow. A floating log means the river is rising and those tumbling boils show a changing bar or channel. My father passed the “River Book” to me. I will carry it around forever. It is part of me and I will pass the

Book to my son and friends adding new chapters of my own. Thanks Dad for your wisdom, an amazing trip of knowledge and a childhood that will not be forgotten.”

**Saturday, October 4, 2003**

Towing Ms. Kayla behind, Bill and I departed Evansville, IN, 190 miles north of the Mississippi River. We camped out that night by the Ohio River near Paducah, KY. and the next day slipped the boat into the Ohio River at a ramp at Cairo, IL. [ It seems the river dropped during the night leaving a crust of mud on the trailer. Also, it seemed like the truck was saddened not to be going with us as it was slowly sliding down the ramp. However, we put “twigs” under the tires so that we could get the truck back up to the top of the ramp.] Our wives then took command of the truck and trailer and returned home. We would not see them again until they drove down to Venice, LA to meet us at the end of the trip.

On our first day on the Ohio River at Hickman, KY, our anxiety level was high as we entered the river with full fuel tanks, plenty of water under the keel and so much water around us. Today marked the beginning of a trip that would take us down the Mississippi 964 miles to Memphis, TN; Helena, AK; Greenville, MS; Vicksburg, MS; Natchez, MS; Baton Rouge, LA; New Orleans, LA; Chalmette, LA, and ending at Venice, LA.

As we closed in on Cairo, IL, the world suddenly seems much different even though we are only a few hundred yards off shore. There is heavy barge traffic and the sounds of tows dominate while pushing their loads upstream. I noticed that Bill’s eyes are locked in on the shoreline. We are encountering strong cross currents leading into the Mississippi River. If you look closely you wonder, “Does the Ohio join the Mississippi, or does the Mississippi join the Ohio River?”

**“LimeStone Lady; a tri-screw, four deck tug boat, pushing 42 barges upstream, on the “Big Muddy”.**



**An exciting morning.** Up and going at 7:00 a.m. It is Cold, cold - slipping out of my warm sleeping bag and my one room condo (tent). The temperature dropped 20-45 degrees last night. I guess I should say it is “Fresh”? Coffee is perfect with the cool morning and I did not have a problem with Bill’s fire! Bill and I were asking ourselves over coffee, what will today bring? The water is great this morning, it’s cool, it’s rainy, but it’s still a great morning to start a new adventure on the River!

After arriving at the New Madrid, MO City front, I realize we have a problem with the ignition switch. I remove the switch to check the connections. I call Lynn, a friend who is a Mercury dealer at home. I followed his instructions and now we’re off and running again. I am very thankful for cell phones and most important that signal bar **(Noah should have had one).**

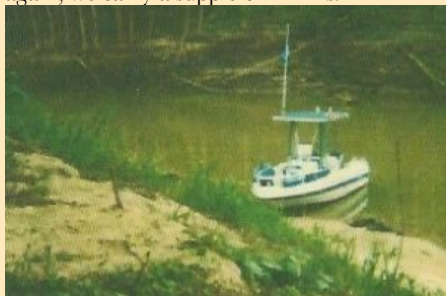
While transferring fuel from cans to our main fuel tank at the New Madrid city waterfront, a city police car is waiting for us on top of the hill. We asked if there is a gas station in the area. Officer Dale Hampton gives us a choice: walking two miles or he will give us a ride to a nearby station. We surely appreciated his assistance. I should mention, I start searching for fuel after we transfer fuel from our cans to our main tank. I prefer not to ask someone to make more than one trip for fuel.

For several hours the day is sunny with calm water and not many towboats. This changes late in the afternoon. We are back in rainy, windy conditions again. We are seeing a change in the currents. At mile 782, Chickasaw Bluff light the channel changers to the left descending bank and buoys. At this time I am starting to get concerned with a tri-screw which looks like an aircraft carrier fast approaching us in the turn.



**Chop water on the Mississippi.**

“One by one, it looks like the channel buoys are disappearing as the currents are pulling them under water. We do not have sea room outside the buoys to run in good water. The buoys are near the wing dams with not over a foot of water passing over them. It first startles me as the wind and rain swept over the deck and the boils are churning the water like nothing we have encountered before. We proceed with caution and pass the tows very close. The lower Mississippi river is much different than the upper Miss. Or the Ohio River. You’re always asking yourself what’s around the next bend? At mm 770 we turn into a creek to stay away from the driver current and tow boats for the night. With the threat of more bad weather, we make camp well within the trees for protection from the winds. Today we traveled in a lot of rain. Dinner is tasty; again, we carry a supply of MREs.



**Where are the Coyotes?**

**Monday, October 6, 2003...Where’s Memphis?**

*Another great morning!* We spent the night at the Hill Top Inn (I like to name our campsites). I could be wrong, but I think we were the first men to set foot on that hill.

In the middle of the night I was awakened by the sounds of Coyotes. As I lay there in the tent thinking, “I’m glad I have a pistol, which was, of course, in the boat!” I hear two Hoot Owls reminding me that we are just visiting the hill. After a very light breakfast we broke camp and loaded the gear in the Kayla Lee. We are back on the river again. After studying the state maps and charts, I found no place to locate fuel. I approached a Tri-screw pushing 42 barges up stream. I contacted him on the radio about a location for fuel. The Captain asked how many gallons we needed and if we have containers? He instructed me to pull on #2 and pass the cans to his deck hands. With great caution, we proceed along the side of the LimeStone Lady which the captain continued to push up stream. The waves are beginning to come up over the bow of the Kayla Lee at the time. I’m glad she’s self-bailing as Bill didn’t seem too much concerned until the water started passing over his ankles. I explained later that he should have taken advantage of the situation and used soap on his feet. If people inland were like people on the river, the world would be much different today. Thanks again to LimeStone Lady!

It’s a pleasure to cruise the river today as the water is like a piece of glass. The river is wide, lined with beautiful tall trees and it is remarkably quiet. We each agree that today, for the first time since the trip began we feel truly relaxed and in-tune with life on the river.

We arrive at the Memphis Yacht Club at Mud Island Marina at 3:00 p.m. And are greeted by harbormaster Roy Smith. We fuel up and Bill and I exchange river stories for several hours with the MYC members. I was presented with a MYC flag for the Kayla Lee

to fly to New Orleans. Lee, who also works at the club, gives us a ride off Mud Island on a pontoon boat to the downtown area. They call ahead and make reservations at the Bar M 870. We are setting up camp well before darkness. This gives us plenty of time to enjoy the sunset. Just before sunset, a flock of white pelicans passed by the island flying low over the water. In addition, a sternwheeler was slowly working its way up stream on the far side of the river. I should mention, food is not a problem. We have a supply of (MRE) meals ready to eat. This is a great ending for this day! It seems the river is dropping as I’ve changed the lines twice since pulling into the island. It’s much different on the lower Mississippi River because there are no damns to call for the river change. We traveled 125 miles today and saw one fishing boat at Hickman. You are very much alone on the lower Mississippi river. At this time, Bill’s long gone enjoying his river condo and the silent night. I have a fire to write by and it seems to be telling me something as it gets smaller. What a great night...until tomorrow.

*Kayla, what a good bye kiss yesterday!*



**Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

This would have been an excellent morning to sleep in. I’m sleeping on clean sheets and a comfortable mattress again, but not for long. Bill has me up at 5:00 a.m. He’s already thinking about the old Miss. I continue to remind Bill that Mississippi means “Father of the Waters”, since Bill is my senior. His enthusiasm may be because he misses our usual first mates and wives Kayla and Jean. They would prefer a trip aboard the senior Kayla Lee, our 3880 Bayliner.

The staff is not at the marina this time of morning. We call a taxi. It is an enjoyable trip to Mud Island and the marina. Our driver is an older gentleman born and raised in Memphis. After a short time, he is laughing and asks “Do you need a crew member?” If you think we can tell stories at the yacht club, you should have heard this conversation!

**(To Be Continued next issue.)**



# Just like You, Kids like Cars & Trucks too!



## It's Time to "Start Your Motors!"

Ed. Note: "I hope the highly active Lions Club of Whiting, IN will not mind me 'lifting' one of their photos of their "Kindy 500", a kindergarden level competition to prove a point: Lions love kids just like the Shriners. They develop programs that kids love. Considering how much our members like to fix up and "parade" cars and trucks, shouldn't we also begin to include our kids, and as early as possible?". Incidentally, the Whiting Lions Chapter is 84 years old and has a number of active members in their 80's!"

## Take a Pigeon on a Sail today!



## What a Blow Out!

There are lots of reasons Hadi is such a strong Temple, but one is that they are so strongly promotions oriented. Here's a good example...a 3 day Super Flea Market with the Mariners taking on the food chores and the "Highlanders Bag Pipe Marching Band" providing heart stopping music. The result: Lots of traffic, loads of money rolling in for our Children's Hospitals. How could a weekend be better spent than that? (Sent in By Bill Davis).



Here's a fantastic action photo of Doug Hipsley, District Commodore for N. California crashing through Pacific coastal waves. Just think how exciting it would be if he also had a prospect along to enjoy the ride! Wouldn't that guy really get a message about all the fun and excitement we IASYC sailors have? Don't you think he would seriously consider joining our happy Crew?

We have boats, we cruise, we love our hobby, we want others to have what we have. So, the next time you greet a Noble say: "Hi, Noble. How would you and your wife like to join us for a wonderful day on the water this Saturday. We love boating and we would love to have you join IASYC."



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