

# North by Northwest

Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Association

## Spring Launch 2011

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The clubhouse will open for the season on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dockside water will be available as soon as practical or no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Northwest Marine Yacht Basin spring launch is scheduled for Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. with a meeting of all participants in the

clubhouse and finishing Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. All Boats in the upper parking lot must be removed by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Spring Fling

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for the annual Spring Fling in the clubhouse. All owners, seasonal tenants, transient renters, and FBW owners and guests are invited to attend.

Everyone should bring a dish to pass and their own table service.

Call Eric if you would be interested in hosting this event. The festivities should kick off at 4:00 p.m. This is a great event and the perfect chance to meet your slip mates. We'll send you an email reminder with more information as the date gets closer. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



## 29th Annual Meeting of Co-owners

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of co-owners will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. once again at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Three board of director terms are open for election (Bruce Rohrer, Bob Uehlein, and Dan Fair). It is the intent of Bruce, Bob, and Dan to once more run for their seats. However, any member in good standing may stand for election. Any interested parties should notify Eric so that their names may be mentioned in any future mailings or articles. After the meeting there will once again be a picnic pool side. All owners, seasonal tenants, transient renters, and FBW owners and guests are invited to attend the picnic.

## Spring Boating Checklist

Here's a list of spring boat preparation tips to consider, courtesy of Discover Boating:

- **Fuel System:** Inspect the fuel system for leaks or damage, especially fuel hoses, connections and tank surfaces. Evidence of damaged fuel hoses could be softness, brittleness or cracking. Replace components when necessary and verify all fittings and clamps are appropriately secured. Ensure the engine, exhaust and ventilation systems are also all functioning properly.
- **Belts, Cables and Hoses:** Belts, cables and hoses are important to check, as they could become brittle and crack during winter storage. Belts should fit tightly around the pulleys to prevent slipping, while a worn belt may have a black substance near the pulley and will fit loosely. Cracks or swells on the outer jacket of control cables may be

a sign you should take immediate action.

- **Electrical System:** Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness - corrosion is often a sign the connection may not be safe. To prepare electrical connections for the summer season, remove the terminals and use a wire brush to clean them, along with all cable ends. Charge the battery and have it tested to ensure it holds a charge. Electrical systems should be routinely inspected by a qualified technician.
- **Fluid Levels:** Check all fluid levels including engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant. If not done prior to winterizing your boat, be sure to change the engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants.
- **Propellers and Hulls:** Inspect propellers for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion. Damaged propellers can cause unwanted vibration, poor performance and damage to the

propulsion system. Make sure the propeller is secured properly - be sure to replace bearings when needed. When inspecting the hull, look for blisters, distortions and cracks. Clean the hull, deck, and topsides using an environmentally-safe cleaning solution. And, make sure the drain plug is securely in place before every launch.

- **Safety Gear:** Inspect lifejackets to ensure all are in good condition and that there are enough on board for all passengers. It's important for passengers to have access to the correct size lifejacket for their body weight. Onboard fire extinguishers must be the correct class for your boat, fully charged and stowed in the proper place. Take advantage of vessel safety checks offered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) or USCG Auxiliary.

More information is also available at [www.discoverboating.com](http://www.discoverboating.com)

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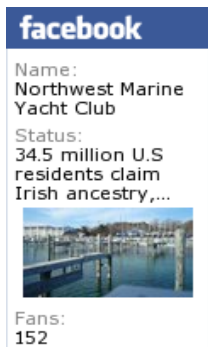
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## Your Annual Reminders

Parking at Northwest Marine and Foster Boat Works is very limited. Please use common courtesy and park in the North upper parking lot while cruising. If you have more than one vehicle or a large SUV or Truck please park in the North-upper lot. All transient dock rentals are to park in the North upper or lower lot. Please be courteous of our neighbors and do not park directly in front of the condos. The 57 spaces in front of the Condos are reserved for Condo owners only during the month of July (this is in accordance with the Master Deed of both Associations). Out of courtesy to our sprinklers do not park on the lawn. The spaces at the South end near the bike rack are for loading and unloading only.

I would like to remind everyone that the dumpsters are for garbage generated on your boat or at FBW, not from your home, condo, or cottage. We have over 60 local home-owners and if everyone brought down their household waste we would not be able to accommodate it. Also, it is against local, state, and federal law to leave hazardous waste and materials in or around any dumpster (oil, antifreeze, batteries, paint, etc.). If you are caught you will be reported to the authorities and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Please remember that the swimming pool and bathhouse are designated non smoking areas. Due to the close proximity of boats in slips we ask everyone to use common courtesy when smoking so that your neighbors are not affected by smoke.

Vessels in a 30 FT. slip may not extend more than 3 FT. past the end of the finger pier. Vessels in a 40 FT. slip may not extend more than 4 FT. past the end of the finger pier. Vessels in 55 FT. and 70 FT. slips may not extend past the outer pilings of their respective slips. Vessels in slips 92, 149, 194, and 195 may not extend more than 10 FT past the end of their respective slips. Owners and vessels that presently exceed this rule and do not present a hazard to navigation must come into compliance when a new vessel is purchased. Any new slip owner's vessel must be in compliance. Slip owners are responsible for the compliance of their lessees or the slip owner will be fined \$200.00 per calendar month or any portion thereof until lessee becomes compliant.

# 2011 Calendar of Events

May 6-8	NW Marine Launch (tentative)
May 14	Charlevoix Yacht Club Commodore's Ball
May 26	<b>Operation Petunia</b>
May 28	NW Marine Spring Fling: Bring a Dish to Pass and Your Own Table Service
May 30	Memorial Day Parade
June 10-12	26th Annual Charlevoix Trout Tournament <b>Fish Charlevoix</b>
June 18	NW Marine Annual Meeting of Co-owners 9:00 a.m.
June 18	NW Marine Annual Picnic Noon - 2:00 p.m. Bring A Dish To Pass
June 18	7th Annual Taste of Charlevoix
June 25	12th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show
July 9-10	42nd Annual Charlevoix Art & Craft Show
July 9-10	CYC Beaver Island Race
July 13	12th Annual Garden Walk - <b>The Charlevoix Area Garden Club</b>
16	Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Race
July 19	Charlevoix Yacht Club Venetian Cup
July 17-23	<b>Charlevoix Venetian Festival</b>
July 23	Chicago Yacht Club Chicago to Mackinac Race
July 23-24	Fiber Arts Festival at <b>Castle Farms</b>
July 27-28	Earl Young Home Tour with <b>The Charlevoix Historical Society</b>
Aug. 1-3	Michigan PGA Senior Championship
Aug. 6	Charlevoix Yacht Club No Boundaries Regatta
Aug. 7	Charlevoix Yacht Club Couples Race
Aug. 13	52nd Annual <b>Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair</b>
Aug. 13-14	Charlevoix Yacht Club Omena Bay Race
Aug. 18-20	Charlevoix Sidewalk Sales
Aug. 20-21	Charlevoix Yacht Club Charlevoix to Harbor Springs Race
Sept. 2	Nucore Triangle Race
Sept. 3-4	Red Fox Regatta
Sept. 3-4	<b>Castle Farms</b> Royal Craft Show
Sept. 10-11	Charlevoix Yacht Club Power and Sail Rendezvous at Beaver Island
Sept. 28-30	Tentative NW Marine Haulout
Oct. 7-9	31st Annual AppleFest
Oct. 16	<b>Castle Farms</b> Grand Bridal Expo
Nov. 15	Charlevoix Yacht Club Deer Hunter's Alternative