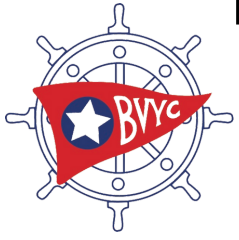


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## REPORT FROM THE COMMODORE



**COMMODORE  
NATE EDMUNDS**



### IMPORTANT DATES:

Dock & Seawall  
Assessment Due  
05/01

Dock Poles are to  
be in 05/01

Winter Storage  
ends 05/31

Hello, Bay View, I can't believe that it is already May. Boating season has begun and soon we will be spending our free time on the water. I am so excited for the summer season. Before we get into all that May will offer us, I want to do a quick recap for April.

P/C Tony and I have been busy representing Bay View at the I-LYA Spring Meeting, Seaway Boat Club, Toledo Yacht Club, South of the Border and Monroe Boat Club. It's been a fun-filled month. We had a GREAT turnout supporting I-LYA Vice Commodore Scott Kneisel at his Baset Raffle. Thank you to all of you that attended and donated baskets.

Tony and I were able to attend the Whiskey Light Ceremony at Roundhouse Bar on Put-In Bay. What a great day to open the 2024 Boating Season! Looking forward to a great month.

Speaking of boating season, friendly reminder to help out our Dock Committee, please make sure that you have updated boat insurance on file before attempting to launch or occupying your dock. You can add Bay View to your insurance as an additional rider at NO COST to you and we automatically get a copy of your insurance.

Registration for the 2024 I-LYA Powerboat Regatta will be opening on May 6th, please watch for additional information.

### Upcoming Events:

- Rear Commodore Splash Party: Friday May 3rd @ 6pm
- General Membership Meeting: Wednesday May 8th @ 7:30pm
- Bourbon Tasting: Saturday May 11th @ 6pm



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# COMMODORE REPORT - CONTINUED

- Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday May 12th @ 11am
- Board Meeting: Wednesday May 15th @ 7:30pm
- General Membership Meeting: Wednesday May 22nd @ 7:30pm
- Opening of the Port: Saturday May 25th
- Rear Commodore Steak Dinner: Saturday May 25th @ 6pm

Some housekeeping reminders:

- If you plug your boat in to charge your batteries, you are required to stay on the property and unplug before you leave. It is not only for safety but also a part of our constitution.
- As a general courtesy, please make sure you are cleaning up after yourselves in the bar. Throw away your trash and empties and grab a rag to wipe down your table. If you host an event at the club, please make sure that you are taking out excess garbage to the dumpsters.
- Additionally, we want to remind you that we offer a convenient Payment Portal on our website (bvyc.org) for paying club invoices. Simply visit the Members Section, select "Make a Payment," and follow the prompts. If you are not receiving texts from the club and would like to be added to the Remind Me text groups, please contact Lady Courtney Krell at 419.290.8751.

Your Commodore,  
Nate Edmunds  
Email: [bvyc24@gmail.com](mailto:bvyc24@gmail.com)  
Phone #: 734.646.3436



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Online Payment Portal available to all members via the MEMBERS ONLY section of the BVYC Website. Select Make a Payment & follow prompts.



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# REPORT FROM THE VICE COMMODORE



**VICE COMMODORE  
GARY RUFFIER**

Hello Bay View,

Summer has arrived and the marina is filling up. April was full of fun stuff. Getting boats prepped for the water and South of the Border party.

On April 14th Lady Khristina and I supported AYC Vice Commodore Mike Vaillant at his fundraiser at Riverview Yacht Club. We had a great turnout for our Chicken Alfredo Dinner. Thank you to all that came out to support us and thank you to our Ball Committee that was there to help. We also hosted I-LYA Vice Commodore Scott Kneisel basket raffle fundraiser.

## Upcoming Vice Commodore events:

- May 12th Mother's Day Brunch 11am (See flyer for details)

## Upcoming BVYC events:

- May 25th Opening of the port at TYC 10am
- May 25th Rear Commodore Steak dinner 6pm

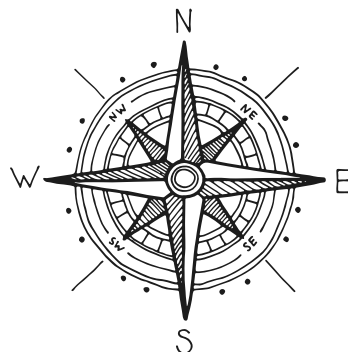
## New Members:

Daniel Wolfe  
Corey Taylor  
Jeff Zapiecki

Current membership: 196 Active and 104 Social

As a reminder, all guests (Non-AYC/ILYA) MUST have a sponsor. Children of members who are of age must have a sponsor while at the bar. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. The goal of the membership committee is to make sure each new member feels welcome at Bay View. We will do our best to introduce them to several committees in hopes they will find a way to contribute that works for them and the club. If you have any new potential members, please have them fill out an application.

Your Vice Commodore Gary Ruffier  
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## REPORT FROM THE REAR COMMODORE



**REAR COMMODORE  
GRETCHANN UTTERBACK**

Time to splash the boats so why not celebrate with a Splash Party? Friday, May 3rd, join us as we fire up the grill for a 6pm dinner followed by our first band of the year, NTO, starting at 8pm. Weather willing, we will party outdoors to celebrate the start of our 2024 boating season.

Opening of the Port weekend is also coming up, May 24th-26th. For those unfamiliar: our local boat clubs get together every year to celebrate the start of boating season with this weekend of events. Saturday morning, Toledo Yacht Club will host breakfast followed by the official Opening of the Port ceremony - if you haven't been, I

recommend attending. Representatives from boat clubs near and far, as well as local officials, come to bless the fleet. It is rather beautiful. Saturday evening, May 25th, Bay View will host a Steak Dinner with entertainment provided by musician Jeffrey Oliver. It's sure to be a fun day and evening!

If you are interested in attending, our northern counterparts then have a blessing of the fleet ceremony, Opening of the Islands, June 7th-9th. Many of us will represent Bay View during that ceremony as well but everyone is welcome to attend. Be on the lookout for more information to come.

Should you wish to reserve space at Bay View for your events, please contact me with any questions as I am responsible for reservations this year. Room rental forms are available for printing from our website, BVYC.org, or in the binder located at the bar. Please continue to submit 2 separate checks for room rental fees/cleaning fees - this simplifies the process for all. Rental events are confirmed when the date/time is on the BVYC online calendar @ BVYC.org. In entertainment news: If you have fun ideas or want to help with any of the planned Rear Commodore events, please let me know. Teamwork makes the dream work! Please refer to our website at BVYC.org for additional information. Please refer to the BVYC 2024 EVENTS page available now on our Bay View Yacht Club Facebook page for the entire year of scheduled events - over 60 BVYC Bridge-sponsored events are already planned (subject to change). To that end, back by popular demand is our 2nd Annual BVYC DOCK CRAWL. The Dock Crawl will be coordinated by your 2024 Bridge and is scheduled to occur on Saturday, August 24th. Please note: we do our best to keep the calendars updated - keep in mind that changes do occur for various reasons. Please use the 1-page calendar as a reference but refer to specific flyers and the BVYC calendar online for the most up-to-date information. Or speak directly to your bridge officers or fleet captain (specifically Nate Edmunds, Gary Ruffier, Eric Fritz, or me) for questions - we are all here and happy to help.

Please continue to return the club to good condition before leaving any events.

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# CONTINUED REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Placing garbage in the receptacles, returning tables/chairs to their positions, wiping down debris on tables, and returning the gaming areas to their prepared state are recommended. After all, it's our club so let's keep it nice for all to enjoy.

With respect,

Gretchann Utterback

Rear Commodore/Entertainment and Club Reservation Chair

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Phone (text is best): #419-349-0579

## Upcoming May Rear Commodore Events:

Friday, May 3rd: BVYC Splash Party

Food starting at 6pm: Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, tater tots, and dessert

Entertainment starting at 8pm: NTO Band

Saturday, May 25th: BVYC OOTP Steak Dinner

Food starting at 6pm: Steak dinner

Entertainment 7-11pm: Musician Jeffrey Oliver

## 2024 OFFICERS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commodore	Nate Edmunds	Chairman - P/C Tony Blank
Vice Commodore	Gary Ruffier	Vice Chairman - P/C David Krell
Rear Commodore	Gretchann Utterback	Recording Secretary - Jeff Utterback
Recording Secretary	Tom Kroma	Commodore - Nate Edmunds
Financial Secretary	P/C Scott Kneisel	P/C Doug LaLonde
Treasurer	John Schoen	P/C Dave Patlin
Fleet Captain	Eric Fritz	Dennis Czesak
		Scott Aldrich - Alternate

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Dock Holders:

Please help us update your records

Only 25% of dock holders have a current, completed form on file. Of those, over half are missing important information for accurate billing.

To decrease inspection time, we ask that all dock holders complete the below form so we can fully update our records. Paper copies are also available near the dock assignment board.

Dock Holder Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/233375846084060>

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – CONTINUED

*from the History Desk*

## Bay View Founding Member and First Commodore



### Victim of Early Piracy



In early June of 1905, Frank M. Underwood was one of seven founding members who signed the Articles of Incorporation bringing the Toledo Power Boat Club into existence. One week later at the club's first meeting, he was elected to the first of his two terms as Commodore. Within three months, the commodore's flagship vessel would be gone. Feared lost to the lake, the mystery remains.

The September 13, 1905 issue of the Toledo News Bee carried headlines reading "Boys Steal Naphtha Launch". It was the latest caper of a gang of river pirates that had plagued the Toledo waterfront for months. The perpetrators had been seen zigzagging the river in playful delight that evening aboard the stolen craft, before heading out towards the lake near dusk. Darkness and inexperience apparently swallowed the early power boat. It was the flagship of the Toledo Power Boat Club, owned by F. M. Underwood, stolen from the waterfront near his home and machine shop at 412 Front Street, just southwest of the modern MLK Bridge.

Either the young pirates survived the ordeal, or the gang was much larger than originally suspected, for the pirates struck again in six days. This time they targeted Noah Bowlus, Past-Commodore of Toledo Yacht Club, and his naphtha launch, *Delta*. The destruction caused in this second attack was so severe it prompted Underwood and the Power Boat Club to call an emergency meeting among all boat owners in the region for ferreting out the criminals and securing the vessels throughout Toledo and western Lake Erie.

The river pirates were indeed a recurring menace for the entire first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They began making headlines in 1901 but the ringleaders were quickly rounded up by authorities and the matter appeared to be closed. But the ugly troubles returned beginning in the fall of 1904. Now with attacks at Harrison Boatworks (modern Brenner 75) it seems the pirates were arming themselves with pistols, blackjacks, and other brutal weapons. For reasons still unknown, they seemed to heavily target the new breed of power boats becoming evermore present on the lakes. But skippers felt some relief for the coming season when two pirates were arrested on the east side docks in April 1905. It was false hope however as the terror only escalated in July of that year with the theft of the tug *Miller Brothers* which was smashed aground in the night off Grassy Point. The *Miller Brothers* docked at the foot of Monroe Street and was the supply ship that serviced all the freighters and lighthouse keepers with supplies and groceries. This now put a pinch on the economy of Toledo. The pirates seemed to have the knowledge of handling the intricacies of steam engines but not the navigational skills to avoid the various shoals of our lake front. The September attacks mentioned above were right in step with their nefarious activities.

Frank M. Underwood was an early designer and developer of gasoline engines, particularly for marine use. This author finds it difficult to believe that his stolen craft and flagship was a naphtha launch as the newspaper article made claim. Considering he had already built at least three gas powered marine engines for use in Sandusky and it was entirely his business once settled in Toledo. For motorheads and engine history enthusiasts, Underwood is quite a renowned and respected name. Though consistently employed, he led a roguish life moving constantly and never with any one company for more than a year, though usually the President or chief stockholder for each company founded. From Columbus to Union City, Indiana, to Bucyrus, Upper Sandusky, Sandusky, Elmore, Delta, and finally Toledo, where he founded the Toledo Machine and Motor Company. He left his mark and refined his designs everywhere he went. It is unclear whether it was frustration over his engines or a disagreeable personality that continually severed his companies. It is known that the constant re-settling took a toll on his personal life as his wife Laura and adult son William, both abandoned him. Having arrived in Toledo in the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, he lived alone in his machine shop on Front Street. (The building is still there just before the curving turn onto Oak St. by the East Side Cantina.) In the end, leading the Toledo Power Boat Club was probably all he had.

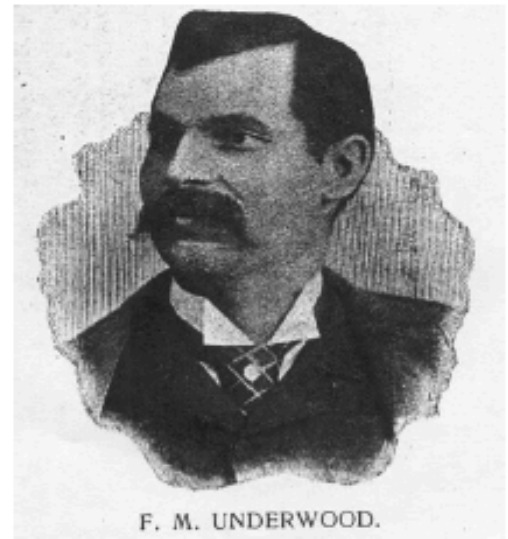
## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – CONTINUED

Underwood applied for many patents during his career, including one for the first carburetor, which he simply named a "mixer". Ultimately, he would only be granted 4 patents in his lifetime and he lost the bid for the carburetor to his former employer in Indiana. The first automobile ever to grace the streets of Sandusky ran on an Underwood engine and the Sandusky Motor Works manufactured and utilized his design for years. In his travels, Underwood could and would put a gas-powered engine on anything, from a bicycle to an oil rig. As mentioned above he outfitted at least three watercraft with low horsepower engines while moving through Sandusky.

In January of 1904 Underwood's car was a novel sight as the first to drive out on a frozen Maumee Bay. Nowadays we take vehicles traversing the ice as commonplace, but in 1904 with the automobile a new machine, someone had to be first to experience this bizarre undertaking. He had been setting markers for the iceboat races. Underwood was soon joined by fellow auto enthusiast Ray Lipe, and with no wind for an iceboat race, the two engaged in the triangular course themselves in perhaps Toledo's first auto race on ice. Underwood and fellow TPBC founder E.T. Affleck broke through the surface near shore and were thrown from the vehicle nearly drowning. Remarkably the automobile was completely undamaged. But the experience prompted Underwood to attempt development of a motor-powered ice boat. His first prototype featured a one cylinder, 3 horsepower engine and achieved speeds over 40 mph.

Information on the Toledo Motor and Machine Co. is difficult to come by. No examples of their work seem to remain in existence and the number of engines they built was likely small. The company made marine single-cylinder, two cycle engines. Though inventive at first, the speed of engine development at this time probably overwhelmed the aging machinist and he slowed to general repair work rather than manufacture.

During his second term as Commodore of the Power Boat Club (1907), Underwood was instrumental in getting the club moved into new accommodations at Bay View Park. Previously the club had used the Riverside Park Boathouse for their meetings and anchorage.



At that time the infant club had 90 members and boasted a fleet of 65 craft. Underwood personally invited the members of the Toledo Service Board and the Toledo City Council on a boat ride down to the Bayview lagoon to review the club's proposed lease of the land and investigate the condition of the harbor pilings and seawall. That winter the members of the club would indeed shore their boats on the property we currently enjoy.

F. M. Underwood was found unconscious in his machine shop on August 6<sup>th</sup> of 1912. He died on route to the hospital. Once before he had nearly succumbed to gas fume inhalation but was dragged to fresh air by an arriving customer. In his final year he was still serving the Toledo Power Boat Club as the membership committee chair. The organization he helped to found would, a decade later, be rechristened Bay View Yacht Club. Cmdr. Underwood would have lived long enough to see the first clubhouse erected in autumn of 1911. Some of his early engines can still be found in small regional museums. One is said to still be rusting somewhere in a field beside the oil drill it once powered. As of the writing of this article, the author has been unable to locate the Commodore's grave.

- *Bay View Club Historian, John HC Thompson*

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Dennis Czesak  
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6 Charles Shanteau  
6 Gregory Snyir  
7 Nathan Edmunds  
9 Charlie Darr  
11 Tim Wilson  
12 Eric Fritz  
13 Melissa Durfey  
14 Wendy McAdams  
14 Brandon McGilvray  
15 Julie Dierker  
17 John Thompson  
17 Timothy Langlois  
19 Loriann Czerniejewski  
19 Richard Scott  
20 Douglas Berry  
20 Keith Hymore  
27 Ennio Braida  
27 Robert Rudski  
31 Bob Poiry



## Bay View Yacht Club Bar Hours Starting May 1st 2024

Monday	1pm- 11pm
Tuesday	1pm- 11pm
Wednesday	1pm- 11pm
Thursday	1pm- 11pm
Friday	12pm- 1am
Saturday	12pm- 1am
Sunday	12pm- 11pm

During the week the bar may close early if no members are present or due to inclement weather. Please call ahead if arriving late during the week.



Gas Dock Hours:  
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See you next year!

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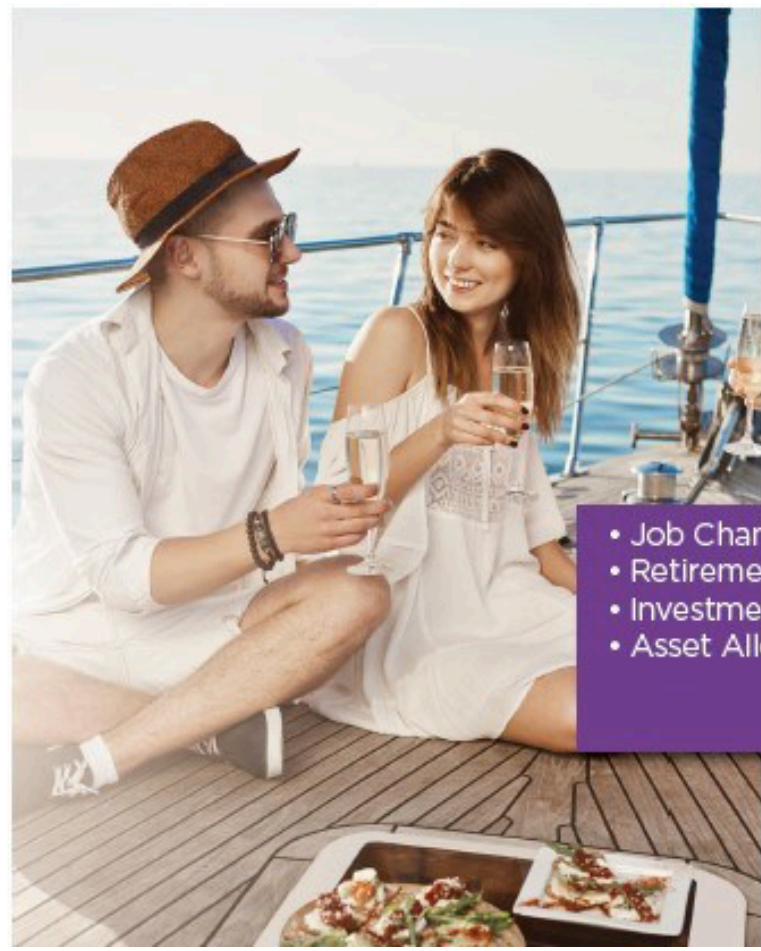


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# MONTHLY CALENDER

## MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1 DOCK & SEAWALL ASSESSMENT DUE - DOCK POLES ARE TO BE IN	2	3 R/C SPLASH PARTY	4
5	6 BLUE GAVEL MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	9	10	11 BOURBAN TASTING 6 PM
12 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 11 AM	13	14	15 BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE	21	22 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	23	24	25 OPENING OF THE PORT  RC STEAK DINNER 6 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 ALL BOATS STORED IN THE YARD ARE TO BE LAUNCHED

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