

Dear CIC Yachtsmen Association,

Happy New Season!

The ice on the lake will be gone before we know it and we are off and boating into a fun-filled season on our beautiful Lake Erie!

As we look forward to another fantastic year at CIC, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of safety, participation and giving back to our vibrant community. Safety should always be our top priority, whether we're out on the water or gathering for events. Let's continue to support each other in maintaining a safe environment by adhering to all guidelines and looking out for one another, ensuring that every member has a positive experience. Be sure to look after your neighbor, and make sure our boating and marina life is a safe one, please!

I encourage everyone to actively participate in our upcoming activities. We have a full slate of club cruises, dock parties, events and generally fun activities. The annual calendar is linked below. The success of our club relies on the engagement and enthusiasm of our members. Whether you're a seasoned boater or new to the club, your involvement in events, cruises and social gatherings enriches our collective experience. Together, we create lasting memories and forge stronger bonds within the club.

Your Flag Officers for this year are Mary and I in the Commodore seat, Paula Chesser (Vice Commodore), Jim and Diane Scott (Rear Commodore), George and Lorraine Slogik (Fleet Captain) and our Fleet Surgeon Dr. Karen Kelley with Chris Seiple. All are at your service for questions, along with our Dock Captain Team (Dock Captains can be found on each dock's placard and are likely to email you throughout the season with information and updates, along with the "WAYPOINTS" newsletter from CIC). Many thanks to the Dock Captains and the Flag Officers, along with Heather Stouffer and her team, for all the hard work they put in to make each year more fun than ever.

As we enjoy all the exciting opportunities ahead, it's also important to remember the value of giving back. Our club thrives because of the hard work and dedication of volunteers, and I hope each of you will consider ways to contribute your time and talents to enhance our community. Whether it's helping with event planning, organizing activities or lending a hand during cruises, your support makes a significant difference, so please let us know if you want to get more involved!

With the anticipation of good weather and the promise of thrilling cruises, I am excited for the adventures that await us this season. Here's to smooth sailing, unforgettable trips and the shared joy of being a part of such an incredible CIC community. Let's make the most of every opportunity to connect, celebrate and create new experiences and lifelong friendships together.

Best Regards,

Brian and Mary Gilbert  
Commodore