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From the Desk of the Port Authority Director

On behalf of Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., the Hammond Port Authority Board Members and Marina Staff, thank you for choosing our marina and spending your summer with us. We hope and pray for warm southerly breezes and weekends full of fun and relaxation for all the slip holders and guests.

The aqua shirted and gray sweat shirted docks and grounds staff as well as the office staff are excited about the start of the season. Thank you for your patience and to many of you I appreciate your support and kind words over the last 24 months. Your suggestions, discussions and thoughts are always welcome.

The return of the docks and slips east of Main Dock, including a brand new W-Dock are back this season. Additional security guards are also out and about the marina property. If you observe any questionable activity do not hesitate in calling the office during normal business hours - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7 days a week. As soon as the new entrance is completed the west gate guard house should be contacted during other hours at 219-473-0591. You may also consider using your marine band radio as Channel 9 is monitored.

Enjoy the summer, your neighbors and boating. Our summer community is once again filled with the people we love to see - OUR BOATERS

Watercraft registration

Effective July 1, 2006, the Indiana Code 6-6-11-13 is amended to read a boat owner shall pay: (1) the boat excise tax; (2) the department of natural resources fee; (3) the lake and river enhancement fee; and (4) **if: (A) the motorboat is legally registered in another state; and (B) the boat owner pays the excise tax and fees under (1), (2) and (3); the fee imposed by Indiana Code 9-29-15-9 (\$2.00) for a boat year to the bureau of motor vehicles.** When the boat owner pays the Indiana tax and fees, the owner is entitled to receive the excise tax decal.

A motorboat does not have to be registered and numbered in Indiana if any of the following conditions are met: (1) the motorboat is legally registered in another state and: (A) the motorboat has not been within Indiana for more than sixty consecutive days; or (B) the owner of the

motorboat has paid the excise tax and fees required. (2) The motorboat is from a country other than the U.S. and temporary using the waters of Indiana. (3) The motorboat is a ship's lifeboat. (4) The motorboat belongs to a class of boats that has been exempted by the bureau. Boats documented by the U.S.C.G. must also display the current excise decal.

Any questions concerning the Indiana requirements for taxes and fees may be addressed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the Griffith Branch 219-838-9155

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WELCOME BACK BOATER'S PARTY ON THE WEST PATIO

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

**ENTERTAINMENT BY
"RIPPLE"**



**FREE HOTDOGS,
BRATS AND POLISH SAUSAGE (WITH PROOF
OF SLIP RENTAL)**

\$1.00 BEER AND SODA

We are pleased to announce that Bill Hill, CMM is our new Marina Director.

Bill comes to us from the Harborage Yacht Club and Marina located on the St. Lucie River in Stuart, Florida. He was employed there for the past five years as Marina General Manager. Prior to Harborage he lived in Ft. Myers, Florida and was the Harbormaster at Gulf Harbor Yacht and Country Club.

In addition to his marina management experience he has also earned the International accreditation of Certified Marina Manager (CMM) and holds a U.S.C.G. Master License.

Please join us in welcoming Bill and stop in to say hello.

UPDATE FROM THE HARBORMASTER

You may have noticed there is a new boat cleaning bay located next to the fish cleaning station. This area was created to prevent any run off from chemicals ending up in the lake. This is also the final requirement to being designated a "Clean Marina." We hope to schedule the final inspection with IDEM shortly.

We will be adding 40 new pwc lifts this year. For your convenience, we're also adding 2 lifts at the fuel dock to help stabilize the pwc's when fueling. If interested in renting a pwc lift, please contact the office.

Enhanced security checks and daily audits will be done on the docks. Pirate boats will be cabled immediately and must meet with management staff.

For those of you that might want to play golf the Hammond Port Authority offers a championship 18-hole course and a 9-hole youth academy teaching course along with a driving range. The Lost Marsh Golf course is located a mile south of the Marina at 129th Street (off Calumet Avenue) and is open and in great condition despite the weather. If you haven't had the opportunity to play the course our staff looks forward to serving all your golf needs and continues to make subtle

improvements to make Lost Marsh one of the top courses in Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area. Hammond Marina slip holders are

eligible to golf at the Hammond resident rate.

A soon-to-open 28,200 square foot, two story, prairie style clubhouse that sits on one of the highest points in Hammond will have a panoramic view of the Chicago skyline, Wolf Lake and George Lake from the clubhouse's three-sided, wrap-around balcony. The primary goal of the clubhouse is to provide amenities to golfers, but banquet facilities will be open to the public for your special event. A grand opening is expected June 19th.

LOST MARSH GOLF COURSE



THE HAMMOND MARINA SAIL-A-WAY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

includes classroom and on-water instruction for the whole community. While we want to serve all people, participation in the instructional program requires:
A desire to attain sailing skills

- An ability to float calmly in the water for five minutes, while wearing a personal flotation device (PFD).

12 hours of instruction (six 2-hour lessons) plus books and materials are included for both adults and children age ten through sixteen years.

Lesson times can be reserved in advance and scheduled to your convenience. One-to-two instructor/student ratio is emphasized. Participants are eligible for U.S. Sailing Certification upon completion of course. Please call the office - 219-659-7678 for additional information.

Sail-A-Way lessons begin mid June. Six 2-hour sessions
Adults \$175.00

Children under 10 through 16 years old \$75.00



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