

Good Day Harbor Pointers. As another boating season winds down, let's remember to be thankful for all the blessings we've received thus far. We had summer like weather well into September, dodged the flooding, and enjoyed wonderful gatherings with family, friends, and feasting at our monthly parties. I'd like to thank Harbormaster Gary Kuncar for his dedication and hard work in keeping the harbor beautiful, safe, and the envy of other marinas. On top of all Gary's day to day responsibilities, he always finds time to go the extra mile when it comes to preparing for our parties as well as cooking and cleaning up afterward. I'd also like to thank Michelle Kuncar and all the other party volunteers who work the door, tend the bar, assist in cooking, and hang around to clean up. I'd also like to thank the Harbor Point Board of Directors for all their efforts this year. It is a difficult, thankless job to deal with everything from finances to maintenance, and preparing for the future of Harbor Point.

Congratulations to Tropical Drink Mix Contest Winners Jimmy, Matt, and Charlie, and thanks to the judges who took a bullet (and a drink) for the harbor. Jimmy, Matt, and Charlie can meet with Harbormaster Gary to receive their Harbor Point apparel prize. Get ready for one last Harbor shindig on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our last party traditionally has a Halloween theme, and it's no different this time. Or maybe it is. I'll spell out all the details in the email invitation, but be prepared for a Costume Contest with the following prizes: a stay at the Lodge in the Lake of the Ozarks, a \$25 restaurant gift card, and Harbor Point apparel. Watch your email for full details.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the members of Harbor Point. Membership is what keeps the props turning and the sails full. We wound up here because of shared interests. We all love boating, the river, and hopefully the people with whom we share the river. As our membership ages, we find that some of us just can't spend the time on the river we used to, and family and health issues take precedence over our leisure time. That means we're likely to see some new faces at Harbor Point, so let's welcome our new friends in the same way we did those that may be moving on. I salute and thank all our founding members, those who are retiring and moving on, and welcome the next generation of Harbor Point members. Hope to see you all on October 20<sup>th</sup>. May the waters be calm, the winds fair, and your coolers be full.

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