



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB  
July 2026 Edition

# Officer's Letters / Club News

## Letter from the Vice President



Who gives a F?

The Anchor Boat Club bylaws, Article II specify that "the Club shall be non-profit, non-political, non-partisan, non-sectarian and dedicated to the recreation of all members."

I feel this is one of the best outlines for the operations of our club and the bedrock on which our operations rely.

But as I think deeper about what defines our club, I think "who gives a F?" F to me stands for so many great things about our club that you hopefully know about.

Friendship? Fellowship? Fun? Family? Food?

I've made many lifelong friendships with many ABC members. Just ribbing one another around the bar and trading insults over a cocktail is one of the greatest gifts. There's always a friendly smile and a "buy you a drink" waiting at the bar.

I've been involved and witnessed so much fellowship by members of our club, be it working long shifts for an event, coming together to take on any task, helping one another with a problem, volunteering to assist another member, or simply lending an ear for somebody to talk to, our membership always proves to be there for one another and up to any task it takes to keep our club in top shape.

As for the "Fun"? If you've taken part in any of our events, such as the cardboard regatta, the frozen open, a queen of hearts night, a trivia night, or maybe just a small band on the patio, the Anchor is always a great time and "fun" had by all.

We can see that Family plays directly into the heart of the Anchor Boat Club. We see kids' parties, baby showers, wedding showers, kids coming and going from their family boat, families and parents building cardboard boats, and some of us old timers have seen kids that were babies at the club grow to be adults right before our eyes.

Food you ask? A good bunch of us truly enjoy NFL football, and if you've ever come watched with us on a Sunday, you know what I mean by "food". My buddy Norman and I also love to fire up the smoker out back occasionally and put on a feed, hopefully you've had a taste of some of our BBQ. Or what about the best chicken fry on the lake? This important event is coming up in just a few weeks and once again we will rely on friendship, fellowship, and family, to have a little fun, while serving some food.

I know I give a F when it comes to the Anchor Boat Club, and hopefully you do too, We're the best club on the lake for a reason, come enjoy what we have to offer if you haven't been in a while and find the F for you, I promise you won't regret it.

### OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Mike Covey
Vice-President	Damon Cozadd
Financial Secretary	Terri Smith
Treasurer	Eric Staley
Recording Secretary	Leza Long
Sargeant At Arms	Julie Lloyd
Board of Governors	Mike Broglin Rick Eubanks Bob Esposito Travis March
Bar	John Finnell
Building	Sam Cooper
Campground	SJ Martin
Chicken Fry	Joe Teer Jr.
Dock	Josh Hamlin
Entertainment	Norman Reeves Jr.
Fish Fry	Glenn Dillman/Anissa Weber
Frozen Open	Austin Evans
Grounds	Mike Neale
Kitchen	Bill Suiter
Lake Council	Chuck Finnell
Membership	Jim Cannamela
Newsletter/Social Media	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
Fall Festival	Tracy Tuxhorn & Julie Staley

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## 2026 Lake Springfield Events

### JUNE

- 6 Sat Anchor Boat Club - The Boat Dock Boat Show
- 13 Sat Aqua Sports Club - Aquafest
- 20 Sat Firefighters / Postal Club - Chicken Fry
- 21 Sun TRN Club - Father's Day Breakfast
- 27 Sat TRN Club - Chicken Fry

### JULY

- 3 Fri Marina Fireworks - Rock the Dock
- 11 Sat Prop Club - Mid-Summer Blast
- 18 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Cardboard Boat Regatta 11-5
- 18 Sat Lake Press Club - Summerfest
- 24-26 Anchor/Sangamo - Spooner Softball Tourn. (3 days)
- 25 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summer Bash

### AUGUST

- 1 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry
- 5 Wed Firefighters/Postal Club - Rumble Around the Lake
- 8 Sat KC Lake Club - Chicken Fry
- 15 Sat Blue Ridge Club - Patio Party
- 29 Sat Elks Lodge - End of Summer Party
- 30 Sun Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (last of year)
- 30 Sun Firefighters/Postal Club - Labor Day Party

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Triple B Bash
- 12 Sat Lake Press Club - Shrimp Boil
- 26 Sat TRN Club - Fishing Has No Boundaries
- 26 Sat Sangamo Surf - "Chipping For Charity" Golf

### OCTOBER

- 17 Sat Lake Press Club - Fred O'Connor's Stuff the Truck
- 18 Sun Various Clubs - Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

- 8 Sun Firefighters/Postal Club - Craft Fair and Burgoo

## Proposed By-Law Changes

In accordance with Article X of the current Anchor Boat Club By-Laws, the following edits and additions are proposed as changes to existing By-Laws:

### Summary of Changes – Article III, Eligibility

- Permits the spouse of a member to serve on Anchor Boat Club committees (Section 5C).
- Permits the spouse of a member to attend member meetings. Also permits a spouse to attend officer meetings if a committee chairperson. (Section 5F).

Proposed Changes (additions in blue, deletions in red):

SECTION 5. A spouse is defined as a husband or wife of an active member and shall be:

- A. Permitted entry to club during operating hours without such active member being present.
- B. Permitted to have a key to the club, subject to potential charge to have key or entry card cut or programmed.
- C. Permitted to volunteer at club events or **serve on established Anchor Boat Club committees** for work hours. Such work hours may be credited to such active member's account.
- D. Permitted to bartend and operate the cash register.
- E. Subject to all rules of conduct in accordance with Section 10 of Article IV of the Anchor Boat Club bylaws.
- F. **Not permitted to attend officer or member meetings, nor to vote on club matters during such meetings.** Permitted to attend member meetings as a non-voting member. If appointed as chairperson of an Anchor Boat Club committee, permitted to attend officer meetings as a non-voting member.

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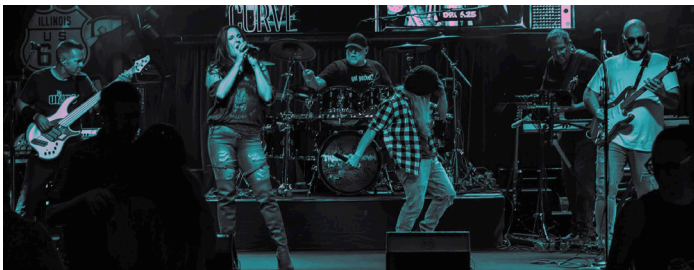
## Chicken Fry 2026 is almost here!

Saturday, August 1st. Prepare to enjoy the best Chicken Dinner on the lake...along with great music and company!



Come on out to the BEST PARTY on the LAKE! We will be serving club-cooked 4-piece chicken dinners (\$14.00) from 3-7pm (while supplies last). Child plates available (\$10.00). Hamburgers, hot dogs, ribeyes, and livers & gizzards are also on the menu. Drive-thru service not available but customers can do carry-out.

There will be plenty of ice cold drinks and the band THE GET DOWN will be playing from 7-11pm.



## The 5th Annual Cardboard Regatta (and Duck Race)!!!



July 18th is the 5th annual Cardboard Regatta. This is a kid friendly day that always brings out the best of what the Anchor Boat Club is all about. This year's charity is the Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois.

Back again for the second year will be the Rubber Duck races. We will be doubling the number of ducks this year and will have four heats of races and a championship flight!

Cardboard boats can be built on site beginning at 10:30am and need to be finished by 12:30. Pre-made boats should be on the grounds by noon for display but can be brought out the night before. Let's see if

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ANCHOR BOAT CLUB MEMBER?  
**COME ABOARD!**

We are looking for new members.  
Come see what the Anchor Boat Club has to offer!

For more information about becoming a member, contact our Membership Chairperson  
**Jim Cannamela**  
by phone / text at (217) 553-1844 or email [jim.cannamela@comcast.net](mailto:jim.cannamela@comcast.net)



Thanks to our great sponsors of this event:

- Antonio's Pizza
- Bank of Springfield
- Amy and Chris Perrin
- Alderman Jeff Cox
- Cedar Point Dental
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- Selvaggio Steel
- The Boat Dock



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## The 5th Annual Cardboard Regatta (and Duck Race)!!! (continued)

someone can out-do the Pickle Kauffman and Monkey Eubanks boat.

As always, we will have kayak races for the kids and hopefully a few adults (I am thinking a Reagan sister challenge again this year!).

If all goes according to plans and there is no medical emergency, the Saints Flight helicopter will be landing in the ball field for everyone to experience. Of course this is subject to weather and any medical emergencies. We could also use some help. On Wednesday night, July 15th, we will be building the Rubber Duck run. Everyone had a lot of fun putting it together last year. We hope to make it longer and more interesting this year. I would imagine we will be drinking some "thinking juice" that night to help. Please join us after five for a good time and help build this year's run if you're free.

We could also use some help the day of the regatta. If you would like to volunteer and get some hours, please let me know.

But most of all, we would like to see you come out and enjoy the day. It is wonderful to see kids and families enjoying the water and our wonderful club. See you there!

## Grass Trimming Needed!

The Grounds Chair has asked for assistance with trimming around the Anchor. If you need some hours and would like to help out, please contact Mike Neale at your earliest convenience.

We need this taken care of prior to the Cardboard Boat Regatta and the Chicken Fry so **please help out no later than July 17th.**

## A Few Notes from the Bar

It has been another great month at Anchor. We appreciate everyone coming out and enjoying the bar. The bar committee has been trying a few new things and will continue. Unfortunately, we cannot stock everyone's favorite drink.



The coming weeks will be very busy. The Cardboard Regatta will be June 18th (See article in this newsletter). The Spooner softball tournament is the weekend of July 25th. And of course, the Chicken Fry is August 1st. We will not be running the Spooner this year, but I would like to have a bartender working both the Saturday and Sunday afternoons on that weekend. Please let me know if you would like to get in some hours either of those days (July 25, 26).

I would like to compliment all our bartenders! The last four weeks the money has been nearly perfect. I would also like to remind everyone to please help out around the bar and grounds. If the bar needs stocked, please take a few minutes and load some beer or soda. And the garbage doesn't take itself out. These jobs are not hard and are everyone's responsibility- not just the three or four people doing it all the time.

Cheers!

John Finnell  
(217) 553-3648

## Chicken Fry - Need Helpers!

It's less than a month away before our annual Chicken Fry. We are preparing for another great year. As the chairman, we would like to ask our members to sign up for this event. We still have open slots available, most are only 3 hours. Working together as a club is why we have the best summer event on the lake! Thanks to all the members who continue to work this event.

~ Joe Teer, Chairman

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## SAVE THE DATE: Triple B Bash

### 2ND ANNUAL TRIPLE B BASH



Silent Auction

BBQ  
\$\$/ Plate

*In memory of Larry Larson and Tom "Rags" Reagan  
beloved members of the Anchor family.*

### The Anchor Boat Club

**Saturday, September 12, 2026 11:00 AM**  
407 E. LakeShoreDr. Springfield Illinois 62712

**\$5 Entry Fee for each Tournament**  
(Winners will take half of the proceeds)

**Bocce Ball Tournament**      Blind draw for partners.  
Registration at 11am.  
(Pre-Registration text 217-622-3677)  
Games start at 12pm.

**Bags Tournament**

**Your contributions will directly support this year's chosen charity:**  
Triple Heart Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides books to parents embarking on the Nicu journey. Babies in the neonatal intensive care unit are often in isolettes, away from their parents. Research has shown that reading to these babies not only helps brain development, but it also helps to create a special bond between the parents and their baby. Each book is given to a Nicu family, allowing them to create a library of books and memories during their hospital stay.

We appreciate all of your support.      Call or Text Tracy Tuxhorn: 217-622-3677  
Or Julie Lloyd: 217-717-5246

## Proposed By-Law Changes (continued)

PROPOSAL FOR EDITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADDITIONS TO THE ANCHOR BOAT CLUB BY-LAWS

### Summary of Changes – Article VII, Committees

- Deletes outdated responsibilities regarding the Caretaker position from the Executive Committee (Section 1A - 1C).
- Removes the restriction that a member can serve on one Committee (Section 2C).

Proposed Changes (*deletions in red*)

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Board of Governors. *In addition to the duties set forth in these By-Laws, The Executive Committee shall:*

- Select and remove any caretaker with the approval of the membership.*
- Approve the terms and conditions of the written agreement with the caretaker for approval by the membership.*
- Supervise the general duties of the caretaker.*

SECTION 2. The standing and permanent Committees of the Club shall be ten (10) in number. The President shall by the May membership meeting appoint the Chairperson of said Committees and shall have the authority to create from time to time such other temporary Committees as the President shall deem necessary and proper.

C. All Committee Members will be credited with up to twelve (12) hours, as determined by the Committee Chairperson, toward their annual work hours requirement. *No member will be allowed to serve on more than one Committee.*



## Birthdays

07/04	Matthew Zeidler	07/25	Bob Esposito
07/05	Jennifer Snopko		Janice Steele
07/06	Zachary Spraetz	07/27	Kyle J Martin
07/10	Jacob Hamlin		Lucretia Choate
07/11	Marilyn Hawes	07/28	Jason Smith
07/13	Michael (Mick) V Wanless	07/29	Mari Ross
	Richard Rockwood	07/30	Jerry Cunningham
	William Suiter Jr.		Katie Patsche
07/14	Charles Fries		Stephanie Zeidler
07/16	Heather Cook		
	Ryan Spearie		
07/20	Grant Bradley		
	Kathy Buckman		
07/21	Brian Nicholson		
07/22	Madonna Schoen		
	Tim Dunham		



## Welcome to the Club!!!

Please be sure to say hello to our newest Anchor Boat Club members:

- Lucy Choate
- Sean Neary
- Kevin Auth



## A Distinguished Welcome!

Congratulations to our recent Honorary members!!!

- SJ Martin
- Dave Barker
- Mike Neale



## Anniversaries

07/02	Kent E Hammond & Cheryl Hammond
07/05	Peter Blatz & Tami Blatz
07/07	Jim Wright & Starr Wright
07/09	Josh Hamlin & Gina Hamlin
07/10	Travis March & Carolyn March
07/13	Chris Crum & Angie Crum
07/15	Brady Kuntzi & Kelci Kuntzi
07/17	Mark Williams & LouAnn Williams
07/18	John Rosa & Jane Rosa
07/20	Aaron Harris & Naralie Harris
	Matthew Zeidler & Stephanie Zeidler
07/22	Joshua Broughton & Kelly Broughton
07/27	Jim Cannamela & Cynthia Cannamela
07/29	Gary Bach & Brenda Bach
07/31	Sean Neary & Molly Neary

## Enter Your Hours!



Please remember to enter all work hours in the **Member Portal** as soon as possible to ensure accurate reporting. All members who donate their valuable time should be recognized for their efforts whether you are active, probationary, or honorary. These efforts help keep our club running for all of our members to enjoy.

~ Jim Cannamela, Membership Chair

# Calendars

## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01	02	03	04
05 Boat Parade	06	07 Membership Meeting	08	09	10 Queen of Hearts Drawing	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Cardboard Boat Regatta
19	20	21	22	23	24 Spooner Queen of Hearts Drawing	25 Spooner Softball Tourney
26 Spooner Softball Tourney	27	28 Officer's Meeting	29	30		



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