

POWER REPORT

In last month's article, I mentioned a goal for this year is to encourage participation by all of our members in our monthly raft-ups. I challenge everyone to bring (or be) the new face at the party. I thought I would list a few things here that have made our past gatherings successful.

- Be courteous. - Ask for permission when you tie on to one of the boats at the end of the line, and lend a hand to the next boat arriving. A simple "Permission to come aboard" will almost always result in an invite to tour a neighboring vessel.
- Be prepared. - It's the incoming boat's responsibility supply the lines and fenders. They should be of adequate size for your boat and in position when you pull up. Anchors are always appreciated and sometimes a necessity.
- Be respectful. - Nearby boaters may not appreciate loud music, water balloons or inappropriate actions / conversations not meant for our young members. Enough said.
- Be careful. - A wet environment, slick fiberglass and a beverage or two have resulted in quite a few mystery bruises (or worse) on Monday morning. Most people will offer a stabilizing hand when crossing between boats.

Conversations around the yacht club lead me to believe we will have cruisers, house boats, ski boats, fishing boats and sail boats at future raft-ups. Usually, like sized and purposed boats tie together best if at all possible. The exception to this is sail boats who need a "buffer boat" to prevent mast to mast interference. If bringing your boat to a raft up isn't in the cards for any reason, we can set you up with a ride out to the event on just about any type of boat that you'd like.

The HCYC club house is a wonderful facility but let's face it - we're all here because we enjoy boats and being on water. Come on out and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship.

*The lakes the place to be,
Wayne Anderson*