

Shipmate

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

"...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water." — Genesis 1:2b NASB

CBA 2013 Conference September 19-22, 2013

You are invited to beautiful Wilmot, Ohio, at the gateway to Amish Country, for the 2013 CBA Conference. This year's conference theme is "Deeper Life." To build on this theme we have two special Keynote Speakers who will be joining us.



Joe and Esther Keim were born and raised in an Old Order Amish sect in Ashland, Ohio. At 17 years of age, both were baptized as members in the Amish Church. Not long after their 18th birthdays, a former Amish man shared the gospel with them; Joe and Esther realized they were sinners in need of a Savior.

Joe and Esther accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, married and intended to continue living and to raise their family within the Amish system. However, they quickly learned if they wanted to believe their salvation was by faith, grace, and Christ alone, they must be silent about it or face excommunication and shunning by their family and the Church.

Nine months into their marriage, Joe and Esther made the hardest decision of their young lives;

leave the Amish way of life, their family, and friends forever to live openly for Christ.

Today, they are happily married, the parents of two wonderful children, Jonathan and Rachel, and the family is engaged in full time missions to the Amish. **Come to the CBA Conference to hear their tremendous story!!**

Glen Haines was born in Durban, South Africa in 1958. He finished his schooling in 1975 and went to study Engineering at Natal University. The next year he went to do his National Service. Shortly before he was to finish, in July 1979, he was involved in a serious motor accident in which he was nearly killed. However, he recovered after being unconscious for 3 weeks, paralyzed down his right side, and left without a memory!

Through this accident, Glen came to accept Yeshua as his Lord and Saviour in September of 1980. In 1985 he was called into serving with Operation Mobilization. God clearly spoke to Glen saying that he needed to go to Jerusalem.

God brought Glen to Jerusalem where he volunteered and worked for the International Christian Embassy and Bridges for Peace. Eventually, Glen was led to turning all of his efforts to Operation Tarshish and to helping bring to Israel poor and underprivileged Jews.



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A Word from the President...

Psalms 19:1 states "The heavens declare the glory of God".

With much sadness, I was informed by Sharon Cook that Earl Cook had been taken to glory about the time the last Shipmate went to press. Earl was not only a CBA president, but was the man in whom Jeff Rooks personally asked to make sure that CBA continue after Jeff left this earth.

These years later we can now look back to Earl's diligent work, and see the fruits of his labor.

CBA is now a solid organization that developed from the verge of non-existence after Jeff's passing. It was Earl's work that brought the legal paperwork together, and encouraged others to jump in and continue the dream Jeff had to gather people of like minds to serve God on the waters of the earth. To the memory of a great man, we say "well done, faithful servant."

As the time draws near for our upcoming conference in Ohio, I hope that everyone has made arrangements to join us. All the necessary information can be found in this Shipmate. If you would like to give a talk about your ministry, please let Deb and Steve know as soon as possible so they can include you in the program. If you can't make the conference this year, please, please, send us a short, or long if necessary, article that we can put in the next Shipmate. I hear there isn't much information about ministries, but it is up to YOU the reader, to supply us with information on what is going on in your part of the world...please send us something!

In my part of the world, the Florida Keys, I can tell you that boating is year around. We are constantly showing people the waters, sharing The Lord, and connecting people with different ministries. Just recently, Blue Water Surrender, a local ministry, has acquired an ocean going catamaran to be used in ministry. They have been supporting a church in Guatemala and helping out a burned out school in the Bahamas. About a month ago Nick Askew, a CBA member finished building a solar powered houseboat behind our church, and is now in Marathon, Florida heading for Key West. His only propulsion is electric motors, driven by the sun through his solar fed batteries. On another front, as I write this, I am on my way to check out a 100 foot ship that very possibly will be donated to a CBA member. If this works out, we will find that ministry to the Caribbean will be opened up in a whole new dimension...keep tuned, and we will keep you updated.

As for me personally, I will be stepping off the board this year. I feel that the board is well established, and I look forward to new ideas taking hold. I have thoroughly enjoyed the many years as your president, and thank you all for having me play that part. I am not jumping ship, but stepping aside, as I feel new leadership can take CBA to higher places, spread to further horizons, and impact more lives for the glory of God.

May the Lord's blessings be with each and everyone of you.

Much love in Jesus name,

Marlin Simon, President

CBA 2013 Conference

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In October of 2001, Glen married a Jewish doctor, Bella, who herself made Aliyah from Russia in 1994. Their family has grown to include two young daughters. Glen continues to lead tours of Israel, speaking at conferences, Churches, Bible Studies, and home groups, about the Aliyah, and about Israel. **Come to the CBA Conference to hear what God is doing to fulfill His word in Israel!!**

In addition to our wonderful Keynote Speakers, there are other numerous reasons to attend this year's CBA Conference including: relationship building with others in CBA and Music and Ministry presentations. Attendees will also have the opportunity during free time to explore the Amish culture at some of the following: Behalt (a 265 foot mural in the round depicting Amish and Mennonite heritage), Antique Shops, Quilt Shops, Smucker's Outlet (where you can purchase preserves and

other items), Arts and Crafts Stores, Bakeries, Cheese Factories, Rustic and Hardwood Heirloom Furniture Stores, Coblentz Homemade Chocolates, P. Graham Dunn (where wooden religious items can be purchased), and numerous Nature Preserves.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to honor our President, Marlin Simon for his numerous years of service to CBA. Marlin has been and continues to be an inspiration to members and non-members throughout the world. Please attend this year's conference as we honor Marlin as he steps down from the Presidency into the new role of President Emeritus.

With all of the aforementioned activities, why would you not want to come to the CBA Conference?? **The registration is located in this issue of the Shipmate and is due by August 29, 2013.** We hope to see you soon!!

Knee Mail

Please pray for Joe Lewis as he continues to recover from surgery and battle medical issues.



Please pray for Sharon Cook and family due to the recent passing of Earl Cook.

Please pray for the upcoming CBA Conference in Ohio.

Please pray for all of the unspoken needs of our CBA members, families, and friends.

2013 Nominations

The following individuals have been nominated to each serve a three-year term as members of the CBA Board: Chad Grubb, Keith Houseknecht, and Steve Gilson.

Annual Contribution

A reminder that the six (6) month grace period for your annual CBA contribution of \$25.00 per family has expired as of June 30, 2013. Non-contributors (USA) will be moved to the Inactive Membership status until funds are received. If no contact is received by December 31, 2013 your name will be dropped from the CBA Roster.

An Inactive Member is restricted from use of Facebook postings, Web-site postings, and receiving or posting in a printed "Shipmate."

If you are outside of the Continental US, you are not required to make an annual contribution but you must contact Steve Gilson at gilsonsd@aol.com to remain as an Active Member or you will fall into the Inactive Membership status.

The desire is for CBA Members to become active in the functions, communications, and Ministries of CBA.

HEY, CAPTAIN

By Keith Houseknecht

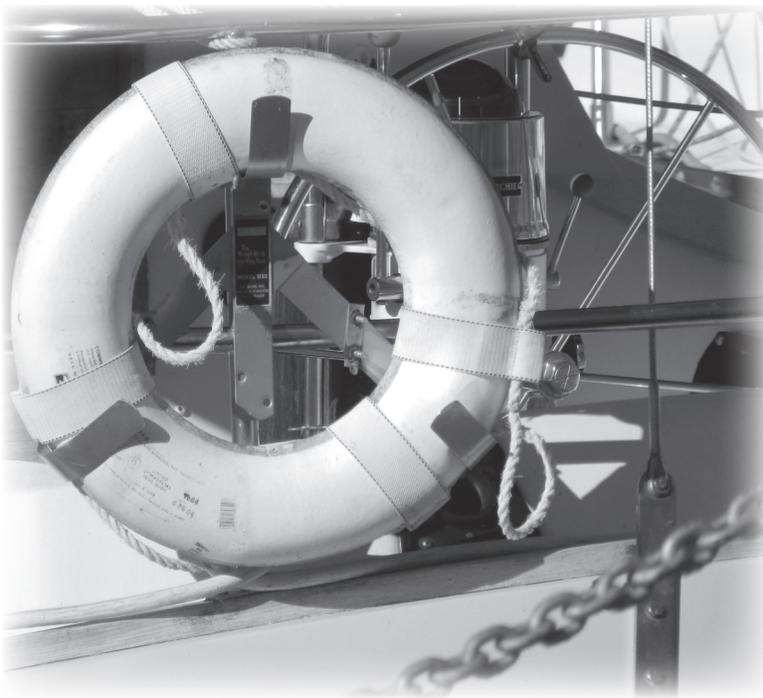
Life lines, pelican hooks, turnbuckles and miscellaneous other parts are all important for marking the edge of your boat and to a small degree keeping your crew on board. The system for keeping your crew on board is your hand rails, jack lines, tether and harness. I realize that we might sit and lean on the life lines when you are racing but when moving around deck staying away from the life lines is best. It is just too easy for a misstep, wave, line or sail to knock us in the drink. There are strong hand rails in the opposite direction of the life lines. That is what we should rely on.

Perhaps we could think of it this way. Remember how we are told not to walk right up to the edge of sin because it could so easily entangle us? We know we can't rely on the boundaries of life to protect us. We know better than to see how close we can walk to the boundaries. We are told to flee the boundary and rely on the strong hand holds of the faith.

One of the problems with the life line system is corrosion. These parts particularly the life lines themselves need to be inspected regularly. The coating on life lines can easily hide crevice corrosion. This corrosion may be even more insidious in fresh

water. In a tough salt water environment we tend to expect corrosion but in fresh water we can get lulled in to a false sense of security. The exterior plastic may be really looking fine. In side under that grand exterior is a rot that can render the life line useless when you really need it. There is a lot of talk about using uncoated wire for life lines so any serious flaws are detectable. That seems like a great idea.

Perhaps we could think of it this way. We need to guard against having a polished exterior look that hides deep rooted sin. The great environment of this country like fresh water tends to make it easy to hide underlying weakness. Peeling away our external mask with an accountability partner is a great way to detect and root out corrosive sin from the crevices of our character. Stand strong so when someone runs up against you as a life line you can bounce them back to the strong hand holds of the faith.



Keep a short piece of old life line on board. Strip back a little bit of the plastic coating close to a connector to reveal the underlying weakness. You never know when it might come in handy.

Ministry report from KAY CHAPMAN

In 1991 my husband retired and we built our dream yacht, a 55-ft Florida Bay Coaster and experienced the delight of cruising the Inland Waterway from Maine to Florida, the Bahamas and points west as far as Galveston, Texas. North Star took us into quaint harbors, friendly towns and across the sea for 16 years. Completing 13 round trips from the North to South along the Inland Waterway. I proudly flew the CBA flag and had many happy experiences sharing the gospel and praying with fellow boaters.



In 1996 we found our favorite anchorage in Florida and as the sailors proverb goes, "It is a foolish sailor who abandons his yacht to live ashore, naively assuming that he has found the one and only perfect anchorage, unless he now lives on Useppa." So in 1999 we purchased a home on the beach on Useppa Island and eventually realized that we were no longer using our boat. So we finally sold her in 2007.

At that time I began leading the Easter Sunrise service on the beach—a tradition that continues to this day. With as many as 150 in attendance. Attracting people from the other islands as well. Each Sunday from 10-11 sitting on the beach, in front of our cottage, under the cabana, we have non-denominational "Beach Church". The attendance varies but the entire island knows that we are a serious praying bunch of dedicated souls for Jesus! We have witnessed many miracles and the camaraderie shared cannot be underestimated! One member calls us "The Band of Believers." We are a seasonal island—so we return to RI in the summer months. At which time I lead a small ladies bible study, as my travels permit.

In closing I would like to share that my passion for sharing God's unfailing love has been rekindled through ministries such as CBA. Where, as fellow travelers, we cherish a belief in the awesome awareness of one Savior for all of mankind. And when cruising I broadcast over the VHF a bible verse and prayer each morning @ 8am each morning.

Kay Chapin

God bless you all, Jesus is Lord!

chosen to serve & minister God's holy Word

2013 CBA Conference

The Inn at Amish Door
P.O. Box 185 • Wilmot, OH 44689
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CONFERENCE FEES:

Includes 3 nights lodging and 6 meals (Lunch Fri and Sat will be on your own).

Two persons per room - \$225.00 per person

Three persons per room - \$185.00 per person

Four persons per room - \$165.00 per person

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 29, 2013
REGISTRATION FOR 2013 CBA CONFERENCE

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Drive Fly

King Bed Two Queen Beds

Would you like to share at the Conference? Yes No

Send Registration Form and check (Payable to CBA) to:

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For further information or questions contact: Deb or Steve Gilson 330-264-7203 • gilsonsd@aol.com

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

CBA member Nick Askew built this houseboat behind Marlin's church in Florida over the past couple of months and is ready to go south. Totally solar powered! If an old geezer built a modified scow houseboat this is what it would look like. Heading SW destination Key West.



THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT !!!

This morning (July 8, 2013) Captain Chad on the schooner Journey of the B-About Sail Ministry received a radio call from Keith & Brenda Houseknecht on their sailboat "Twocan". Chad and Crew Chief Deb Gilson were on the way to Kelleys Island with a group of teen girls and staff while Keith & Brenda were returning from a couple of days on the adjoining South Bass Island with a couple they have been ministering to. Two vessels serving the Lord on the waters of Lake Erie within a half mile of each other under the CBA flag. Now *THAT'S WHAT CBA MEMBERSHIP IS ALL ABOUT!!*

Greeting all, you blessed of the Lord,

No, the earth is not flat and we didn't go over the edge. We did change jobs in Jan 2011 however, so once again we are helping to start a new department for Wycliffe. New for Wycliffe but many of us have been building Ethnic radio stations around the globe clandestinely for decades. Now we get to do it legally with a Wycliffe title and budget.

In 1995 Linda and I were managing 42 language projects in Southern Papua New Guinea. We learned in some cases it took 3 translation teams to come up with one NT. We went ballistic. This should never be. After checking it out we discovered the reason these rough, tough, spirit filled folk were vacating their Bible translation projects prematurely was because of the trauma they encountered in water travel. Nearly every trip to the island village was a life and death experience. Everyone in the branch was over worked and under staffed so no one was listening to these young couples.

"Ok Lord you gave us a job that is humanly impossible". So the Lord led us to CBA. Remember in the mid 90s Bill Cristobel, Linda and I showed up at the CBA conference. We shared with the group gathered there our ignorance in water travel and the Assignment Impossible the Lord handed us. In that meeting there were blue water experts, sweet water experts, world renowned ship builders, mechanics, maritime insurance folk, Mom & Pop maritime ministers, and recreation sailors. The works. Thank you Lord.

From that day to this we in Wycliffe will do nothing in this vocation without professionals being involved. We went from providing safe water travel to three Provinces in PNG to the Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Africa, Philippines, Australia, Ghana, and many more locations. In the past WBT cluttered the beaches of the world with white elephants because of the lack of experienced seafaring folk guiding us. Never again.

I would like to be able to say all the Bible Translators have now returned to the field. I can't. But I can say some have. Thank you CBAers. Many forgotten people groups around the globe are celebrating the Birth of Christ for the first time because of your ministry to Wycliffe.

Love you guys.

Thanks for loving us in return.

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VAM2 2nd Annual Singles Sailing Retreat

AUG 30-SEPT 2 Three Days in Chesapeake Bay!

Imagine cruising into beautiful sunsets, then anchoring in a secluded gunk hole, rafted-up with your best Brothers and Sisters who you might have only day-sailed before on an "S4" sail months ago. And now, you're working together as Crew...Cooking, Feasting, Fellowshiping, Worshipping, Studying and Praying together onboard one of two yachts for an adventure of a lifetime. The CCM we sing wafts across the waters. These boats become your floating sanctuary, and fellow crew members become "Shipmates".

- 1) Know that this retreat is an active TEAM EFFORT, and crew will commit to Pre-retreat Praying and Planning Dinners for Training and Fellowship during the month prior sail.
- 2) As a group, we will discover our gifts, decide on a Theme and Goal(s) for our Retreat, select Verses, Scriptural Study Material, P & W, and our Menus, and commit to preparing ourselves.
- 3) We sail regatta-style in company with each other aboard two yachts, a 47' Ketch, and 32' Sloop, and will all serve in some capacity as active crew, rotating positions, et. al.. (co-ed sailing crews will be balanced as best as possible for skill-sets, etc., berthing "Gulls" on the Ketch, "Buoys" on the Sloop)

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Name _____

Address _____

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Suggested Donation</u>
CBA Flag: Regular 12" x 18"	_____ @	\$25.00 = _____
CBA Flag: Large 18" x 27"	_____ @	\$35.00 = _____
T-Shirt: With pocket <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL	_____ @	\$10.00 = _____
No pocket <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL	_____ @	\$ 8.00 = _____
Golf Shirt..... <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL	_____ @	\$18.00 = _____
Sweat shirt..... <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL	_____ @	\$20.00 = _____
Baseball Cap	_____ @	\$ 9.00 = _____
Crusher Style Hat	_____ @	\$10.00 = _____
License Tag	_____ @	\$ 3.00 = _____

Shipping & Handling (See chart) + _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Shipping Rates for CBA Gear

Total Purchase Amount	Shipping Fee
\$0.01 to 9.99.....	\$4.00
\$10.00 to \$49.99	\$5.00
\$50.00 to \$99.99	\$7.00
\$100.00 to \$199.99.....	\$9.00
\$200 and up.....	\$13.00

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