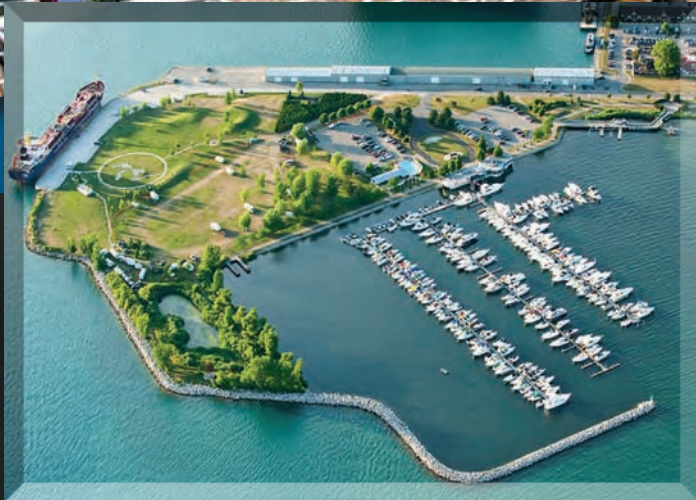


# sarnia bay marina

# Review



*celebrating another boating season!*

spring 2014



facebook for  
members & guests!



Interesting Facts: "At the end of January 2014, 1.23 billion users were active on the website every month" and Mark Zuckerberg always said "Facebook was started not just to be a company, but to fulfill a vision of connecting the world".

Well that he has certainly accomplished by helping members and guests of Sarnia Bay Marina stay connected by advising you of upcoming events, useful boating tips, photos of events & people enjoying the marine lifestyle.

Captured here are photos that some of our members and guests submitted in March.

"Like" us on Facebook to ensure you don't miss anything exciting at Sarnia Bay Marina!

[www.facebook.com/sarniabay](http://www.facebook.com/sarniabay)

# sarnia bay *viewpoint*

from  
the  
*Director*

Welcome back! After a long and arduous Winter, all of us are eager for the return of boating season with its balmy breezes, blue skies, and blue water. And it's finally here!

At Sarnia Bay, as with our entire umbrella of marina operations, we are committed to 5-star service, a commitment that includes investing every year in better facilities and equipment. Members and guests will notice many upgrades this year, including significant improvements to Alternate Grounds Dockside Restaurant @ Sarnia Bay, where there is now a double-sided bar with inside seating, as well as outside patio seating. There's simply no better gathering place for savoring the views of Sarnia's magnificent waterfront.

Other improvements you'll notice at Sarnia Bay this season are the additions of floating dock stations with picnic tables on them for the A & B Piers. And we have upgraded our complimentary Wi-Fi service, which has become indispensable in this era of smart phones, tablets and other portable devices.

Mother Nature gets the credit for another big improvement awaiting boaters this season. Water levels on Lake Huron, which bottomed out at a record low in January 2013, made a splendid rebound over the Winter. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports that the lake is 46 centimetres (18 inches) higher than it was at this time a year ago, and the Spring forecast calls for the level to rise at least another 15 centimetres (6 inches).

By now you should have received your "Member Has Its Advantages" discount cards for the 2014-15 boating season. The cards provide money-saving discounts at many local businesses and restaurants.

You'll want to circle **September 6** on your calendars. That is the date for this year's **Member Appreciation Barbecue**, one of our most enjoyable and popular events of the Summer!

We're all looking forward to welcoming you back. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give me a call at 877-797-2233, or on my cell at 519-330-9292. You can also contact me at [sgelinas@sarniabaymarina.com](mailto:sgelinas@sarniabaymarina.com).

Thank You!  
*Steve*

Director of Operations





# big changes to our on-site restaurant



Alternate Grounds Dockside owners Brian & Tammy Vickery are pleased to announce the addition of their new bar. Patrons will now be able to enjoy the double sided bar with one side overlooking the water and the other side situated out on the patio. A sliding glass door will open between the two sides of the bar for those perfect warm summer days. Additionally, they have implemented a rotating dinner menu where the items will change weekly starting every Monday. The variety of foods will be sure to please all connoisseurs! Follow Alternate Grounds Dockside on Facebook daily.



proud partnership  
with OLG

Sarnia Bay Marina established an ongoing partnership with OLG Casino Point Edward. We provide complimentary shuttle service to this popular casino destination. Also, the partnership offers special "Stay and Play" casino packages for our guests.

Furthermore, OLG is entertaining sponsoring an additional local event this coming boating season.

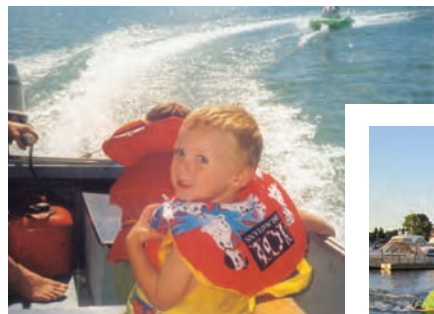
We honour our partnership provision with joint marketing and promotion.



# 5-Star Marinas



Another perk of being a Member of Sarnia Bay Marina is we provide you with exclusive value opportunities at our sister marinas in Port Huron. To experience a different milieu, just cross the St. Clair River and in minutes you're right at the heart of the best marinas in Port Huron! Here you'll have your choice to stay at Desmond or River Street marinas. Each offers five-star public marinas situated on the beautiful Black River. There are plenty of amenities for you to enjoy such as shopping and eating at many of the close by cafés and waterfront dining establishments plus parks & walking trails.



# 2014

## calendar of Events

### may

- 2 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 2-11 Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby
- 7-21 City of Sarnia 100th Celebrations
- 16-19 Victoria Day CDN Holiday Weekend
- 23-26 Memorial Day US Holiday Weekend
- 23 Friday Welcome - Rooftop Music Band
- 24 Seasonal SBM Member's Welcome BBQ

### june

- 6 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 7-8 Artwalk - Sarnia Downtown
- 21 Annual Boating Flea Market
- 27-30 Canada Day Holiday Weekend
- 27 Friday Welcome - Rooftop Music Band
- 28 Fun Trivia - Pavilion

### july

- 1 Canada Day - Fireworks at the Bay
- 3-5 Wake Skate Event
- 4-6 Independence Day US Holiday Weekend
- 4 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 11-13 Mackinac Race/Rock-Country Tribute Weekend
- 12 Seasonal SBM Members' Appreciation BBQ/Breakfast
- 12 Rock/Country Night - Music in Pavilion
- 18-19 Bluewater Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show
- 25-27 Lobsterfest Weekend

### august

- 1-4 Canadian Civic Holiday Weekend
- 1 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 7-10 Powerboat Racing Festival
- 15 Elvis Anniversary Tribute - Pavilion
- 16-17 Artzscape by the Bay
- 22-24 Family Piratefest Weekend
- 24 Pirates to Bluewater Fun Park
- 24 TBBA Fishing Qualifier
- 29-31 Labour Day Weekend
- 30 Festival of Good Things

### september

- 1 Labour Day
- 5 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 6 Seasonal SBM Members' Annual Appreciation BBQ
- 19-20 Jazz in the Village - Downtown



## Membership Has Its Advantages!

Being a member of Sarnia Bay Marina brings amazing discounts at our local Ambassador's establishments. Check out the savings you'll receive at our on-site restaurant Alternate Grounds Dockside, a fantastic spa at The Glass & Pillar Spa, Stokes & Cravins restaurants as well as Shoppers Drug Mart on Exmouth St. Look for other special discounts available to you such as our on-site Boarder Pass-Wake Board amenity, Iron Works Gym, Holiday Inn Golf Club, Holiday Inn, Harbourfront Inn & Best Western. Another great advantage we offer our members is value opportunities at our River Street & Desmond Marinas in Port Huron if you're looking for a change of scenery. Please inquire at our office for further details on all of these special offers.

## Save the Environment & Get a Great Deal - Annual Boating Flea Market!

Making excellent use of recycling used goods, our members from Bridgeview and Sarnia Bay scored by trading, buying and selling their unwanted boating articles. Last year's event was well received by our members with a good turnout and reasonable weather. Lots of friendly bantering and a number of items sold and purchased. The day was topped off as members were treated to Tim-bits and hot coffee from Tim Hortons while they browsed for their potential treasure. Join us on Saturday June 21 for another successful day of buying and selling!



## partnership for a great cause

In partnership with the Inn of the Good Shepherd, Sarnia Bay and Bridgeview Marinas are pleased to support this fantastic organization and are helping those in need by having a Harley Davidson Dyna Street Bob FXDB raffle at our marina. By purchasing one of only 3000 tickets for \$20.00 you have a chance of winning the hog but better yet, you will be supporting disadvantaged people in our own community. The money raised will go toward programs to assist those in need help pay their rent and utilities; help send children to school with the necessary supplies, etc. We will have the Harley on display at Sarnia Bay on June 27th for you to see this amazing machine!



In addition we will be selling tickets at Sarnia Bay & Bridgeview starting May 1st for you to purchase in advance. We have also purchased and will be raffling off 50 tickets to our members during selected events at both marinas. For more information you can visit [www.theinnsarnia.ca](http://www.theinnsarnia.ca).



# Annual Member BBQ

Our members look forward to our Annual Sarnia Bay Appreciation Event and so do we! This year's event will be held on Saturday September 6 to celebrate your loyalty for mooring with us at Sarnia Bay. Please join our staff and your fellow members at this event where fond memories can be created yet again. Due to the overwhelming success of years past, our caterer Stokes have been invited back to provide you with their delectable feast. Chris will surely take care of your appetites! Steve & Val Berube were our lucky winners of the Chicago Boat Show package which included entry into the show along with Rail transportation - Amtrak from Port Huron to Chicago, accommodations for 2 nights at the



*Let's Start This Party!*



*Ready for the BBQ!*



*Time to Enjoy the Feast!*



*What a Great Night for a BBQ!*



*Dave Chatting up the Members!*





*Registration Table*



*One Lucky Winner!*



*Val & Steve Berube - Boat Show Winners!*



*"Pick Me!"*



*Fun Activities For the Kids*

*Thank you to all our members & guests!*

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Dinner for 2 at Morton's Steakhouse and a \$100 Gift Certificate to shop at Water Tower Place in Chicago. Val commented that it was a wonderful package and she loved the idea of the overnight accommodations being in the same building as the show.

Val and Steve met up with the winner from Bridgeview, Doug Browne and his brother, at the train station. Having not known each other until meeting at the station, they decided to take in the show together. Boaters just seem to gravitate to each other! We will be drawing a member's name from Sarnia Bay to enjoy another grand prize during this year's Member Appreciation Barbecue on September 6. Make sure you are there for your chance to win this or one of many other wonderful prizes!



# You Dropped Your iPhone In the Water!

It can happen anywhere.

What to do first? Follow these steps to try and prevent water damage.

- Retrieve the phone out of the water asap and switch it off
- Dry the phone off with a towel or piece of fabric only
- Fill zipper bag with uncooked rice, fully immerse the phone & remove as much air as possible
- Let phone remain in rice 24-48 hours
- Before you turn your phone back on check the Liquid Contact Indicator (LCI). If it glows white or silver your phone should be ok. If it is red do not turn it on. Take your phone to the nearest phone service provider.



# 2013 photo gallery

boaters  
in  
action



*Serving Members at Kick Off BBQ*



*Taking a Break From the Bike Trails*



*Morning Sunrise at the Bay*



*Enjoying the Kick Off Feast*



*Meet & Greet - Powerboat Festival*



*Friends at the Kick Off Party*



**BrownStones**  
Sports Lounge & Restaurant



*Winners of the Trivia Contest*



*It was a joint effort to achieve this much fun! The marinas supplied the shuttle and Brownstones supplied apps and live music. A great time had by all!*



## Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show

For all outdoor enthusiasts, this is the perfect venue to attend to see what the newest trends are in the industry. During the annual 5 day show at the McCormick Place, patrons are encouraged to board the hundreds of boats and RVs and peruse the plethora of accessories available for purchase. Everything from fishing gear to information on lodges and resorts. There is something for everyone. A special attraction this year was a guest appearance by John Godwin, star of A&E's Duck Dynasty. Hands-on demo's included Docking, ASOS Nautic Boating Simulator and Line Handling & Throwing. Another fun attraction is the Be a Diver Pool. Guests 10 and over got a chance to obtain scuba lessons in a warm safe environment. Rockin', Rollin', Bubbles was another hit for the family. Patrons walk on the water in a hamster type ball. Miss GEICO Racing Boat also graced everyone with her presence and the Huck Finn Trout Pond offered free fishing for children 12 and younger. There is plenty to do and see at the Chicago boat show!



## Custom Photo Packages For Your Boat

Fellow marina members, Robert & Charlotte Walicki will be providing our members with an opportunity to arrange for a custom photo package of their boat. Whether you are looking to advertise your boat for sale or simply want to add to your memory book, a professional photo package will be available to you. Watch for the ads that will be posted in the washroom event feature cases. As a special bonus for our members, one lucky boater will be selected each month (June through August 2014) to have a free location photo 11" x 14" of their boat. For examples of their work you can check out their website at [www.crstudio.biz](http://www.crstudio.biz).



## NEW enhancements for 2014!

Due to feedback from some of our members, we are pleased to advise you that we have two significant projects to enhance your stay with us. First we'd



like to mention that our Wi-Fi is up and working

optimally to provide you with reliable internet access you've come to expect from any 1st class marina. We only ask that the wireless service we provide you not be used in streaming video as this takes up too much bandwidth for the rest of our members. Secondly, we are pleased to let you know that we are going to be providing new floating dock stations with picnic tables for A, B and C piers.



# boarder pass - largest international wakeskate tour ever!

Boarder Pass will be hosting the Wakeskate Tour on July 3-5 at Sarnia Bay Marina. There are 4 stops for this competition, two stops in Florida, one in Texas and the first ever Canadian stop in Sarnia. This year's competition will be home to 60-100 competitors from around the world. Competitors will be attending from North America, Germany, Europe, Philippines and Thailand, proving the enormity of this event. As per Wake World, "The Wakeskate Tour will pay out over \$50,000 in cash and prizes over four stops throughout the U.S. and Canada. Plus, the top ten from this year's tour will be invited to spring training for two weeks in the Philippines courtesy of The Republic and CWC Wake Parks." Qualifying rounds "IN SARNIA" start on Thursday and continue on Friday. The top riders will vie for the final spots on Saturday. Come and join us in this incredible opportunity Boarder Pass has been awarded!



## WELCOME 2013 AND 2014 NEW MEMBERS!

Wade Annett  
Nathan Ansell  
Barry Antoine  
Greg Armitage  
Kevin Bacchus  
Rob Battle  
Jen and Jim Belanger  
Lori and Scott Bell  
Valerie and Steve Berube  
Roman Bulla  
Mark Burke  
Chad Cadieux  
Bernie Caudle  
Victoria and Jeff Dewolf  
Janet and Gary Elliott

Dustin Fellows and Phil Surridge  
Richard Gallant  
Bryan Galvin  
Matt Gawne  
Ken and Kathryn Graham  
Steven Greenwell  
Roger Guindon  
Erin and Peter Hakvoort  
Darryl Hall  
Paul Hallett  
Shaune Hamilton  
George and Pat Heubach  
Andrew Holmes  
Shane Honsinger  
Patrick Ince

Leigh Irwin  
Gay Katzmark  
Peter Kingyens  
Lee Kirwan  
Tim Korstandje  
Mike Levy  
Alex MacDougall  
Charlene and Kevin Mahon  
Pam and Mark Manhoot  
Jim Mathieson  
Elizabeth and Jamie McIntosh  
Shirley and Norm McNaught  
Morris Medd  
Elaine and Shaun Merton  
Craig Moffatt

Mike Murray  
Leah and Derek Myers  
Wendy and Jason Palmer  
Mike Park  
Mike Perchanok  
Cosimo and Fran Restivo  
Tony Rizkallah and Steve Hipple  
Bonnie and Greg Sadler  
Lara Sazonov  
William Shaw  
Brock Shea  
Ivan Skinn  
Lyal Snively  
Danielle and Gerry Spinks  
Donna and Paul Srnicek/Fones

Mark Steeves  
Amber and Jeff Streeter  
Brad Tait  
Vicky and Lance Teasdale  
Linda and Robert Thoman  
Chad and Shey Vanderkloet  
Todd Vanderkloet  
Peter Vandevelde  
Dan Versteegh  
Paul Weiss  
David Wilkinson



# mariner's coalition - helping to make cross border boating easier

The purpose of the Coalition is to provide clarity to boaters on both sides of the border, of the rules and regulations crossing international waterways. The Mariners Coalition's mission "is to continue the dialog between boaters and law enforcement agencies to advise and disseminate information to the boating community regarding changes in rules and regulations and the expectations of boaters and law enforcement personnel." Due to the ever-changing rules and regulations, it is suggested you visit their website often for updated information (<http://www.marinerscoalition.com>). Here you will get facts on:

- \* Required documents for entering foreign waters
- \* When reporting is required
- \* How to report in, including correct phone numbers
- \* User fee decal
- \* Consequences of failing to report to customs



## great news for boaters!

As of early March this year, ice covered 91% of the great lakes, just below the record breaking year in 1979 when close to 95% of the lakes were covered in the deep freeze. This is great news for boaters as the ice has slowed down the evaporation of water. It is reported that the lake is 46 centimetres (18 inches) higher than it was at this time a year ago and it's expected the water levels will rise another 15 centimetres (6 inches) this Spring.



## Celebrating 100 Years!

Sarnia officially became the Corporation of the City of Sarnia on May 7, 1914. The population of the city was recorded as 10,985.

As of 2011, there were 72,366 residents living in this great city. There are 116 Public Parks, 600 Kilometres of Trails, 22 Premium Golf Courses, 400 Annual Festivals & Events and 115 Kms of Waterfront

### BOATING SAFETY

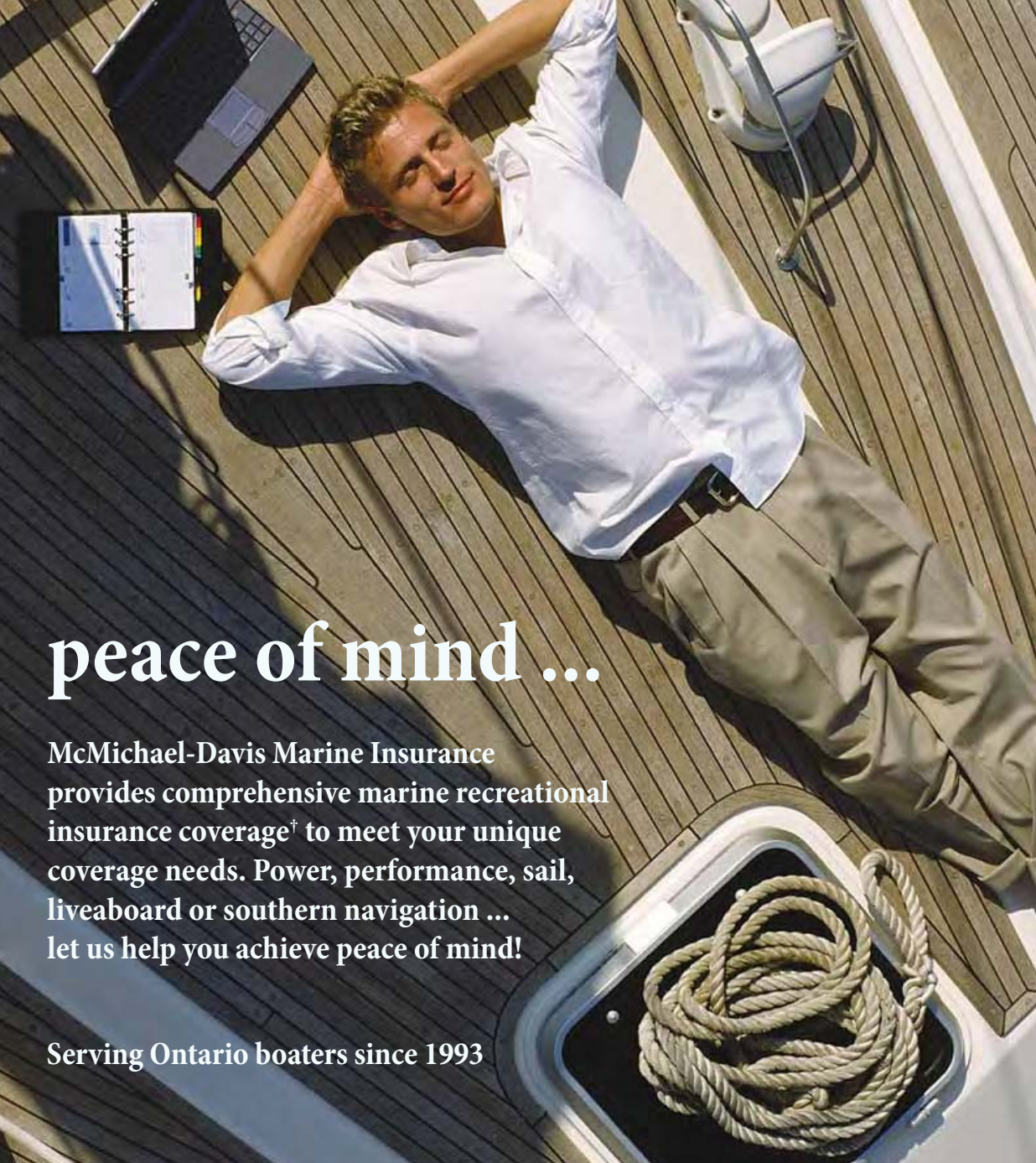
Boating is a privilege that many of us are fortunate to enjoy.

Please make sure your boating experience is a safe one. Check out the website below for safety concerns such as:

- Pleasure Craft Operator Card
  - Safety Equipment
- Skiing, Boarding & Tubing
- Alcohol Restrictions
- Speed Restrictions
- Refueling

[www.waterwaysontario.com/safe-boating/safety-equipment](http://www.waterwaysontario.com/safe-boating/safety-equipment)

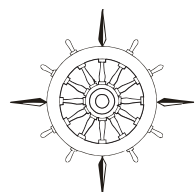




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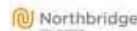


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Owner of the brokerage, Scott McMichael, was born and raised in "Canada's Prettiest Town", Goderich, Ontario. He finished High School at S.C.I.T.S. before graduating from Lambton College then off to the University of Western Ontario in London for his B.A. Sarnia remains very important to Scott as it is his old stomping ground and has family still living there today.

For assistance with all of your marine insurance needs, or even if you simply have a question, please do not hesitate to call and speak with any of the very welcoming staff!



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