



June 2009

Hello! Welcome to the "longest summer". According to the calendar, Memorial Day fell the earliest and Labor Day will be the latest in many years, thus extending our summer by two weeks. Memorial Day weather turned out great and we experienced our best opening weekend ever.

Each summer at Okoboji will leave new memories and we need to make the most of it. Looking at all the nostalgic pictures on the walls at O'Farrell Sisters Restaurant or the memorabilia hanging in the old Okoboji Boat Works reminds me of many decades of summer at Okoboji: Arnolds Park, the steamships, the wood boats,, The Thriller, Old Queen, Boji Bell, The Empress, the new Queen and now the Barefoot Barge, the Fish House and the Glass Bottom Boats. I recall many decades of Corvettes and old car shows, surfboarding behind a boat, rubber truck tubes, water skis, slalom ski, the disc, air chair, kneeboards, wakeboards, to all the new pull behinds. How about behind an old wood boat with a 25hp outboard, wow!

What I am trying to express is that your memories start from your first time here. As a teenager, I waited until the middle of August to fall in love and the girl would have to leave to return to school a week later. A lesson to learn from several experiences like that was to not waste time. Get out and enjoy every day while you can.

We've got lots of things coming up in June and July. We're bringing back the "Best Boat Show Ever", Parks Marina's Open House and In-Water boat show on June 20th in true Parks Marina fashion. Just like the good old days, we're giving free boat rides! We'll have a large assortment from Cobalt, Crownline, Grady White, Regal, South Bay and Leisure Pontoons. This is your opportunity to test drive them all so don't miss this huge one day event. We'll be running boats at two locations: Lake Okoboji from 10-4 and Lake Madison, SD from Noon-5.

If you're a Parks Marina Crownline owner mark your calendar for our Crownline Rendezvous the weekend of July 11th. It is a ton of fun as most of you "Crownies" already know. If you're not a "Crownie", its not too late. We've got a nice selection and there's even a prize for "newest Crownie" at the party!

We're having a Barefoot fashion show June 6th, Full Moon Party June 7th and a Parrot Head Party on June 13th with Key West Band "Mile Marker 24". This one you don't want to miss. We've got \$50 for the best dressed Parrot Head and I know for a fact that the band knows Jimmy Buffet, so we made sure to invite him too!

I wonder how many memories start at Parks Marina and the Barefoot Bar. How many more start at the Marina District which includes O'Farrell Sisters and Okoboji Boat Works, with boat rentals, boat rides, the beach and someday an all glass "Cobalt Club" Restaurant on the roof? Picture the view! The Marina District someday will be the greatest attraction in the Lakes Region. In the meantime, I welcome all the ideas. Please keep encouraging us with your support as many generations will thank you. A child exposed to Okoboji will be driven to have a piece of paradise for their family someday. Come buy a boat and start your memories. "Boating keeps families from drifting apart!"



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**Ride in This Boat
June 20th
Open House at
Lake Okoboji!**

Photo Contest

\$200 Grand Prize!



Tom and Jodee Lytle in Jamaica! Tom is wearing a Barefoot Hawaii shirt!



Send us your most exotic destinations, creative backdrops, comedic settings or just

down right adorable pictures and the winner will receive \$200! Pictures to be posted on www.parksmarina.com prize to be awarded Labor Day 2009!

Remember to wear your favorite Barefoot clothes! email: debbie@parksmarina.com include all contact information and a photo description!

HAVE THE WATER TAXI PICK YOU UP AND TAKE YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!



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NEW! Kids COLORING Contest!
Win a \$50 BAREFOOT SHOPPING SPREE!

Kids 10 and under, color us a Barefoot or Parks Marina related picture and you could win a \$50 Barefoot Shopping Spree! Bring your drawings to Parks Marina for entry. Winner announced Labor Day.