

SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



December 2012 / January 2013



HOURS:
Tues - Thurs: 6pm to 11pm
Fri - Sat: 6pm to 2am
Closed Sunday and Monday
(except special events)

Membership Meetings:
First Wednesday
of the month @ 7:30 pm

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**JANUARY
HIGHLIGHTS:**

Defibulator Training
Jan. 12th

Leftovers
Jan. 12th

Party for
January birthdays
Jan. 13th

News from the Bridge:



2012 COMMODORE : GEORGE HANRAHAN

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Hello SunSeekers!

This will be my last newsletter entry as Commodore of Sun-Seeker's Boating Club. It has been an honor to serve as your commodore and represent this club during the past year. The journey through the chairs of Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore has truly been a rewarding experience. During the past three years, I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you very well. Now that my term is nearing conclusion, I plan to have much more free time to enjoy at the club.

Over the years, many of you have stepped up to help me in my role. As Rear Commodore, many of you volunteered last minute to bartend so the club could remain open for the evening. During my time as Vice Commodore, many of you were always willing to assist with events such as the Dingy Thingy, Luau, AYC Hospitality room and more. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and have truly been appreciated. It is all of you, our membership that make this club thrive. Without your ongoing dedication and commitment to our club, we would not be here. Each of you play a pivotal role in the ongoing prosperity and success of our club.

I thank all of you who have helped me over the years, and especially my wife, Lady Melissa whose support and commitment over the past three years has been phenomenal. I would also like to thank my bridge for all the hard work, passion and commitment they have dedicated to our club. Each of you have made many sacrifices to ensure our club's success. Furthermore, I extend my gratitude to our board of directors and members of all the committees. The membership may not see it every day, but these people put in hours upon hours of work on a regular basis to ensure our club prospers. Special thanks to all of you for all your assistance over the past three years. You each fill a vital role within this great institution and your ongoing efforts ensure SunSeeker's Boating Club thrives year after year.

I would like to welcome and congratulate the new bridge for 2013. Please continue to support them as you supported me during my tenure. We have a dedicated team who will be making many personal sacrifices so you and I can enjoy a strong and vibrant club. I highly encourage you to volunteer to help your bridge. They will be working tirelessly to keep things running smoothly. They can undoubtedly use your assistance throughout the year. There are many ways to volunteer, whether it be joining a committee, hosting an event, assisting with building maintenance or bartending to just name a few. Volunteering offers a great way to meet other members and provides a level of satisfaction knowing you are assisting our club.

Our 2012 Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 5th directly following our abridged membership meeting. I hope you can all make it. This will be my last meeting as your commodore. Our Change-of-Watch will occur at the beginning of our January membership meeting.

I hope all of you and your families have had an excellent holidays and once again, thank-you for your support during the past three years.

Sincerely,
George Hanrahan
Commodore

More News:



2012 VICE COMMODORE: MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers,

I can't believe its December already with the Holidays approaching quickly. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Cindy and I enjoyed the time off with family and friends. Also, we attended our second Commodore Ball at Toledo Yacht Club.

As I move into my last month as Vice Commodore, I want to personally thank everyone for all their help and continued dedication. The support I received this past year is what made all the events a success. Please assist Al Drew next year, as he moves into his role as Vice Commodore. With that being said, I am looking forward to serving as your 2013 SSBC Commodore. December is always a busy month for everyone. The club is having a couple events. If you find time between your Christmas Shopping and Holiday Events, please come up to the club and have some fun.

Up Coming Events:

Saturday, December 1st: Ugly Sweater Party

Friday, December 7th: Toys for Tots Party with Copykats

All of these events are listed on the event calendar, along with all the other scheduled events for the year. Please take a moment to look and mark your calendars. If you have any ideas for an event or would like to have an event at the club, please let me know so we can work together to make it a success.

Once again, thank you for a great year and let's continue to make SSBC the best club around.

Happy Holidays,
Matt Romak



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More News:



2012 REAR COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello fellow Sunseekers.

From behind the bar.....

Hello from behind the bar for the last time. It has been a pleasure serving as your Rear Commodore. Thank you so much to those of you who have stepped up and bartended. Obviously the bar would not and could not be successful without you.

I am looking forward to turning the keys over to our new Rear Commodore, Sue Pomerleau and ask that you support her in her new responsibilities.

Thanks again, see you at the club.

Al Drew
Rear Commodore



2012 FLEET CAPTAIN: NICK CUNNINGHAM

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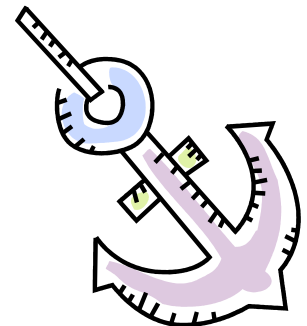


Hello Sunseekers!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Sunseeker Family!!!!

Well, I have to tell you, these last two years have been exciting and fun-filled!!! I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the support you have all given me!!!! Once again, I am amazed at how willing everyone is to jump in and help out. The Detroit Beach bus trip was another proud moment for our boat club. The amount of food and members who showed up to support the event was unbelievable. As always, Marty did a fabulous job organizing all the food donations (thanks to all who donated) and A HUGE THANK YOU to Keith and Sandy for bringing up their Karaoke equipment and providing entertainment. DBBC had so much fun, they passed a hat around to collect more money for the bus, so they could stay another hour. That really says something about our club and how amazing we are. Again I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your fleet captain the past two years. I have so many memories of all the GREAT times we had, and I hope you do as well!!!!

Nick Cunningham
Fleet Captain



News from the Bridge:



2013 COMMODORE : MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers!

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

I am very excited to move into my Commodore year at SunSeekers. I look forward to working with our Bridge, Board, and all of the members to ensure the club continues to grow as a fun and exciting place to be. To succeed at this goal, I need your help to provide feedback on any ideas, concerns or thoughts on how we can improve the club.

If you are new to the SunSeeker's family or have not been involved in the past, I encourage you to get involved. Active participation is not just a way to earn work hours, it's a great way to get to know some wonderful people and support your club.

Thank You,

Matt Romak
2013 Commodore



More News:



2013 VICE COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello fellow Sunseekers.

We are in the process of establishing a 12 month calendar so that this year's events will be planned and posted as early as possible for planning purposes. Immediate upcoming events will be brought to the membership in our monthly meetings as well as included in our monthly newsletter. The calendar will also be available for viewing at our monthly meetings. I am in the process of planning a musical entertainment for January 12th which will be announced via e-mail when it is confirmed.

Along with the rest of the bridge, I am looking forward to a fun filled year.

See you at the club,

Al Drew
2013 Vice Commodore



2013 REAR COMMODORE: SUE POMERLEAU

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Hey Sunseekers!
I am so excited to be your Rear Commodore for 2013!

First, I would like to thank all of the bartenders from 2012 and a special thanks to Jeff Upholzer, Craig Harter, and Kathy Ellis for stepping up again in 2013. Much appreciated to all of you! I am looking forward to any new bartenders so don't be shy to volunteer! I highly request the presence of any bartender (past, present, or future) to attend our Bartender Re/Orientation (and Defibulator Training) meeting on Saturday January 12th at 1 pm. This is very important to know the new procedures for 2013, so please try and make it or contact me.

The RCBC (Rear Commodore Bar Committee) met in December and we have a fun diverse group and a lot of great ideas! This year may be a bit of trial and error, but we sure are going to have a great time trying! Our first exciting news: we will be hosting monthly birthday parties each month on the 13th of the month (no matter what day of the week). So, the January Monthly Birthday party will be on Sunday January 13th from 2pm – 8 pm and the theme is Winter Luau. So put on your Hawaiian attire and come join us!

Thanks again for electing me as your 2013 Rear Commodore and I hope all the members get excited and look forward to creating some awesome memories this year at SSBC!

Sue Pomerleau
2013 Rear Commodore

More News:



2013 FLEET CAPTAIN:



Fleet Captain Report:

Hello Sunseekers!! First off, a great big THANK YOU to Nick Cunningham for serving as the SSBC Fleet Captain for the past two years. Nick did a great job with organizing many very memorable bus trips and helping to make SSBC a strong presence at the AYC Poker Run events these last couple seasons. Well done, Nick!

For planning purposes, the 2013 Poker Run / Regatta schedule has been tentatively released as follows.

Please note your calendars accordingly:

June 21-23: Harbor View Yacht Club

July 12-14: Elba Mar Boat Club

July 26-28: Monroe Boat Club

August 9-11: Ford Yacht Club

August 23-25: Sun Parlour Boat Club (Canada)

As you can see, 4 of the 5 events this year are right in our own back yard, so to speak. Thus, we are anticipating that SSBC participation at this year's Poker Runs will be at an all-time high. Let's remind the other AYC clubs how Sunseeker's can really rock the docks!!

Please note that one of the 2013 AYC Poker Runs will be in Canada this year. While it is generally easy to check in with Canadian officials upon arriving in Canada, properly checking in on the United States side can be a bit more challenging. By far the easiest method is for individuals that have a NEXUS card, as a simple phone call to (313) 393-3793 is all it takes to report in. Please go to the SSBC web site in the Members Only section for more information on how to apply for a NEXUS card, as well as for the latest updates on the Poker Runs as they become available.

Finally, we are in the planning phase for a Spring Bus Trip. Watch for updates via email and in this space on the monthly newsletter.

See you on the docks!

Your 2013 SSBC Fleet Captain



Jr. Sunseekers

WOW!!!

The Junior SunSeeker's had a fun-filled Holiday Season!!!

The Gibraltar Parade was amazing!! We had a boat-full of little elves (and a few BIG one's too!) eagerly tossing candy to all the citizens lining the streets.

Thanks again to Kevon and Tracey for allowing us to borrow their boat for the parade, and coming up to the club to help decorate.

(PC Derrick and Lady Tara, Treasurer Deters for their help as well!!!!)

Santa and Mrs. Claus, once again, were able to fit us into their very busy Holiday Schedule and were able to make an appearance at Our Boat Club!!!

The kids had a blast singing carols with Mrs. Claus and receiving special, hand-picked presents from Santa. Thanks to our Master chef, Jerry McGraw, who was able to flip pancakes one-handed like a real pro!!!! Sue Deters for her fabulous tater-tots and Carol for her cookies. And, as always, thanks to everyone who took time out of your own busy schedule to come up and participate.

I have really enjoyed the last two years as chairperson for the Jr. SSBC and look forward to and even.....BIGGER, BETTER 2013!!!!

I wish you and your families a Very Happy, Healthy New Year!!!!!

Thank you,

Kathy Hogan

Jr. Sunseeker Chairperson



Jr. Sunseekers



Jr. Sunseekers





SSBC Website



Happy New Year fellow Sunseekers,

I am pleased to make you aware that we have launched a refresh to the Sunseeker's web site for 2013. The site can still be reached at our long-standing URL, <http://sunseekersboatingclub.org> or it can also now be reached at the shorter URL <http://ssbc.us>. With this new site design I have tried to capture the essence and spirit of the club while also keeping things as clean and simple as possible to quickly find the information that you are looking for.

Please note that access to the "Members Only" section of the site is via the same id and password as the previous site in 2012. If you are a member in good standing and are unable to access it, please contact me at 734-775-7598 or via email at jeff@upholzer.com and I will assist you. A new password for the Members Only section will be sent out after the 2013 roster is finalized following the February 1st renewal deadline.

One of several enhancements that has been made is to the Member Roster, which is found in the Members Only section of the site. Here you will find information on all of the current SSBC members. If there is information there that is inaccurate or that you would prefer not to have displayed to other club members (keep in mind that ONLY club members can see this information), please let me know and I can edit or remove it. Also, if you would like a picture of yourself and/or a picture of your vessel then please send them to me via email at jeff@upholzer.com and I will add them to your profile. See the profile for Commodore Matt and Lady Cindy Romak for an example of what one looks like with pictures.

Another enhancement is to the Calendar of Events. Here we will keep everyone updated on all of the great Club events that are planned throughout the year. Check it out, and check back often for updates.

On a related matter, as you have likely already seen, we have introduced a new method of sending out broadcast emails to the club membership. There is a distribution list with the email address membership@ssbc.us that will be used going forward. Please be sure that you add this to your email whitelist so that these do not end up in your SPAM folder. If you would like to have club emails sent to an alternate email address, or if you would prefer not to receive any emails at all then please let me know. The distribution list has restrictions that only allow those that are on the list to send emails to the list. And only the Bridge members, the membership secretary, and the newsletter editor will be able to send emails directly to the distribution list without moderation.

If you haven't been there recently then I encourage you to check out the site. And if there are any changes, enhancements, additional content or other feedback that you have which will make the site even better then don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,

Jeff Upholzer
SSBC Webmaster



Membership News:

 **Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

***** Welcome to our awesome club!!!*****



HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY JIM HUDOK! You are my rock and I love you more each day! Congratulations on a half a century birthday! Love, Sue

SAVE THE DATE:

**SUNSEEKER'S SUBERBOWL PARTY ~ FEB. 3, 2013
AYC Commodore's Ball ~ February 15-17, 2013**



Happy New Year fellow Sunseekers!
Just a note to let you know that all renewal forms have been mailed.
Most of you should have already received yours but for anyone that does not have theirs Wednesday the 9th, please let me know right away. Remember to have your renewals in no later than February 1st.
NOTE: This does not apply to the new members that just joined at the end of 2012 for the 2013 year. New members, just a reminder that our monthly membership meeting is this Wednesday 1/9 at 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there and to a fabulous 2013.
Thank You,
Debbie McGraw
SSBC Membership Secretary
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✓ If you would like to put an announcement/story/pictures in the newsletter, please send an email to jeannettefoley@ymail.com
~Items to be put into the newsletter need to be submitted by the **20th** for the following month's newsletter! Thanks in advance!!!



COMMODORE'S BALL REMINDER!!

The 2012 SunSeeker's Boating Club Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore George Hanrahan and Lady Melissa will be on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

The banquet hall and hotel have been secured. The party itself will be located at Orlando's Familia Banquet Center in Riverview.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites in Southgate (Northline & I-75). Rooms are \$89.99+tax per night. Rooms will be held until 1/26/2013. Call (734) 287-9200 to reserve and tell them you are with SunSeekers.



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Wines for Humanity



Hello SunSeeker's,

Lady Melissa Hanrahan is kicking off 2013 with a "Wines for Humanity" wine tasting. The event will be held at SunSeeker's boat club on Thursday, Jan. 10th at 7:00 p.m. I have already purchased all of the wine through Wines for Humanity for the wine tasting. Some appetizers will be provided, but feel free to add to the assortment.

If you attended the last Wines for Humanity event hosted by, Lady Carolyn, I recommend that you come and sample a new collection of wines.

The wine tasting is open to both the men and women of the club.

Here are just a few of the charities that are supported by Wines for Humanity:

Alma, MI - [Salvation Army](#)

Flint, MI - Catholic Outreach

Grand Rapids, MI - [Coalition to End Homelessness](#)

Kalamazoo, MI - [Housing Resources](#)

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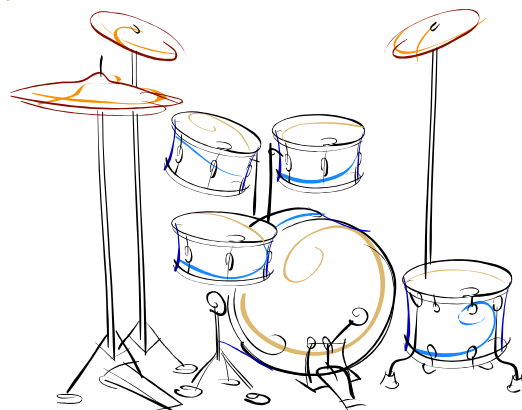
Please contact Lady Melissa, if you plan to attend, so that the proper amount of wine is ordered.

Call, Text or Email

303.883.6349



The Leftovers
at
Sunseeker's Boating Club



(PC Dennis Niemiec's band)
will be playing at SSBC on

Saturday January 12th, 2013

No cover charge

Doors open at 6:00 pm

**COME ON DOWN
AND ENJOY THE FUN!!!!!!!**

Sunseeker's Adventures!

Toys for Tots

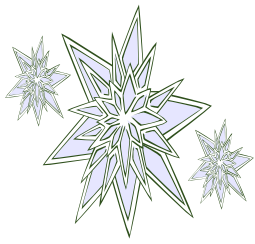


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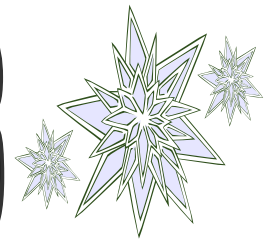


Karaoke Fun
@ SSBC





JANUARY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Dec.	31  <i>New Year's Eve Party</i>	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	10 <i>Wines for Humanity</i> 	11	12  Defibulator Training @ 1pm LEFTOVERS @ 6PM
13  PARTY FOR JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Feb.