

SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



January / February 2012



HOURS:

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

Bulletin Board:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssbcmembersandfriends>

Membership Meetings:

First Wednesday of the month
@ 7:30 pm

Address:

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Gibraltar, MI 48173

Phone:

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www.sunseekersboatingclub.org

Feb. HIGHLIGHTS:

Feb. 1st : SSBC Meeting

Feb. 5th : Super Bowl Party

Feb. 11th : Commodore's Ball

Feb. 17-19 : AYC
Commodore's Ball Weekend



News from the Bridge:



COMMODORE : GEORGE HANRAHAN

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Hello Sun-Seekers,

First off, I would like to

extend a sincere thanks to all of you that supported me during my tenure as Vice Commodore. I could not have done it without you. I would like to especially thank my wife Melissa for her dedication, hard-work and patience throughout the year as well. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Vice Commodore this past year and am very excited about serving as your Commodore in 2012.

2012 will be another excellent year to be a SunSeeker. I look forward to working with our bridge, board and all of you to ensure this club continues to thrive as a fun, exciting and vibrant place to be. If any of you have an idea or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is your club and you are all a very important part of it. I can assure

you I will work diligently to ensure SunSeekers remains a club you are proud to be part of.

I recently had the opportunity to meet jointly with the SSBC Bridge and our Board of Directors. It is inspiring to see how committed everyone is to the success of our club. I applaud members of the Board and the other Bridge members for their dedication and ambitious plans for 2012. We have a very cohesive team that will work well to serve all of you and the best interests of the club throughout 2012, while continuing to improve our clubs core foundation securing continued success in the years ahead. We have a very exciting year ahead of us with numerous opportunities to make this a better place for all of us. If you are new to the SunSeeker's family, or have not been too involved in the past, I encourage you to get involved. Active participation is not just a way to earn work

hours, it is a fabulous way to get to know some tremendous people and play an active role in helping to build SSBC into a better home for us all.

On a different note, Lady Melissa and I will be attending the Ottawa River Boat Club ball on January 21st honoring Commodore Donald Schuster and Lady Minnie. I look forward to seeing you all at the SunSeeker's Boat Club Ball on February 11th and the Associated Yacht Club (AYC) Ball the weekend of February 18th.

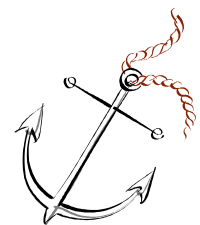
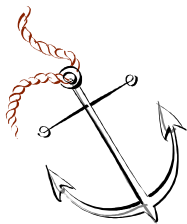
I will be hosting the after-glow for PC Derrick Ball's Commodore Ball. If you are interested in assisting me with this, or are interested in making a donation for the event please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
George Hanrahan
Commodore

Reminder:

**SSBC Membership Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.
Next Meeting is: February 1st, 2012**

~See you there!!



More News:



VICE COMMODORE: MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a

safe and happy holiday. Starting off the New Year as your Vice Commodore, I want to sincerely thank everyone that supported me and Cindy over the past year. Please continue your commitment into this year to support Al Drew in his new role as Rear Commodore.

As for events, we had Jim Freeman play at the club on Saturday, January 14th. For those of you that missed the show, you missed a good one. Jim's show is very adult themed, which kept everyone laughing from start to finish.

For the month of February, we

will be holding our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th. This is always a great event at the club, please come up and cheer for your favorite team. The 50 inch T.V. raffle tickets are available from the bartender for \$10.00 per ticket. If you would like to bring a dish, I will be posting a sign-up sheet at the club a couple weeks prior to the game.

Also, in February we have the SSBC Commodore Ball and the AYC Ball. As for the AYC Ball, we can really use your creative help for our hospitality room. This year's theme is, U of M vs. Ohio State rivalry. If you're interested in helping out, please contact me or meet at the club every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. We can car pool to Toledo, where the room is being built with our

sister club, Point Place.

This is a great way to meet other members from Point Place, and get your work hours in.

I do have the event calendar updated for 2012 with the events that have been scheduled already. i.e., Poker Runs, Luau, and Dingy Thingy. If you have any ideas for an event or fundraiser 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.

Sincerely,
Matt Romak
Vice Commodore

Info. & Safe Boating Websites:

Western Lake Erie Safe Boating Council: <http://www.wlesbc.org>

U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Resource Center: <http://www.uscgboating.org>

Boat U. S. Foundation: <http://www.boatus.org>

Boating in Michigan: DNR <http://www.michigan.gov.dnr> (Click on "Recreation and Camping", then "Boating")

Michigan Boating Laws and Education: <http://www.boat-ed.com/mil/>

Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft: <http://ohiodnr.com/watercraft/>

Weather check: <http://www.noaa.gov/>

West Marine: <http://www.westmarine.com>

More News:



REAR COMMODORE: AL DREW



Hello Fellow Sunseekers!!

I am sure that you are wondering what the goals and expectations are for the bar operation during 2012. Behind the scene we will be analyzing our bar processes as well as our ordering processes in an effort to move toward a more data based system. The byproduct of improvement in this area will allow us to become more efficient and make a greater contribution to the success of the club. With

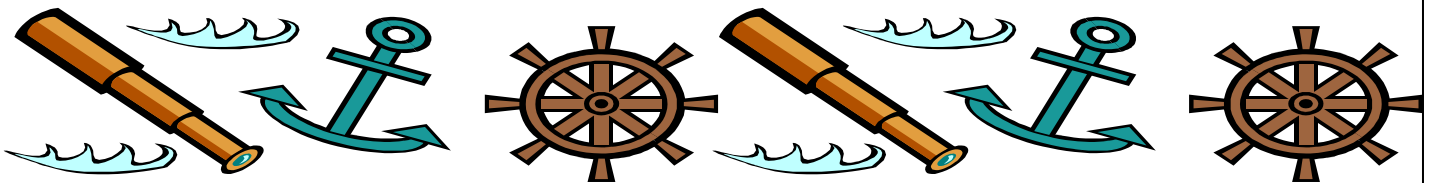
respect to the bar operation it is our collective intent to provide you and our other guests a good service product with a smile.

The key to the success of the bar operation is the membership participation through volunteering to bartend. That being said we need help. I have posted a sheet on the bulletin board for those who want to bartend to sign so that we can get you trained and behind the bar. The club belongs to all of us and at the end of the day we all win together or lose together. Please sign the sheet.

I want to thank the existing bartenders for all that they do. It is much appreciated by all of us.

I will close by asking you to support your club. Stop by and enjoy a cocktail as well as the other members.

Thank you,
Al Drew
Rear Commodore



FLEET CAPTAIN: NICK CUNNINGHAM

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Hello Sunseekers!

WOW !!!

What a crazy winter this has been.

We were actually pontooning (or attempting to) on New Year's Eve.

We are in the discussion phase of deciding on a Spring Bus Trip. Details will be sent out as soon as everything is finalized.

The Regatta/Poker Run schedule is in the proposal phase right now. We will forward out to the members as soon as it is finalized. Our destinations may be a bit further than last year, so we will

have to do some ingenious SunSeeker planning to re-take the flag.

See you at the club!

Thanks!
Nick Cunningham
Fleet Captain

Jr. Sunseekers

Hello Sunseekers!

Our Christmas party was a fabulous time!!!

The smiles on the children's faces when Santa and Mrs. Claus showed up were priceless!!! Thanks to Santa and his beautiful bride for coming such a long way to celebrate Christmas with the Junior SunSeekers. Apparently all of our junior SunSeekers had been "good" this year, because Santa had a present for everyone!!!!

Special thanks to Jerry McGraw, our very own flapjack aficionado, the Deter's for coming early and helping with the set up, The Newman's for their help with the coffee (which I forgot about!!). None of this is possible without the support of all of our members.

Thank you,
Kathy Hogan
Jr. Sunseeker Chairperson

~Jr. Sunseekers: Our next event is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.
We are currently planning on Saturday. March 31st at 11:00am.
More details to follow



Membership News:

🚢 Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!

☺ Mark your calendars.... **SAVE THE DATE!!**

~SSBC Commodore's Ball on February 11, 2011

~The biggest AYC party of the year!

The 2012 AYC Ball will be held on February 17-19, 2012!

~Jr. Sunseekers: Next event is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

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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!!!

BALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Everything is coming together nicely for
Commodore Derrick and Lady Tara's Ball.

Cocktails begin at 5:30.



We have a shuttle from the Holiday Inn Express on West Rd, just west of I-75, from 5pm-7pm, so please plan on joining us at the pre-glow party. The shuttle will return to Orlando's from 10:00pm-12:00pm to get everyone back to the Holiday Inn for the after-glow party.

The menu is finalized and the band Remedy is all set.

It promises to be a great time for all!!!!!!

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Hello Sunseekers!

It is that time of year again to renew your membership with Sunseekers Boating club. We have already received numerous renewals and thank you for choosing SSBC as your boating club!

As a reminder, if you have not sent in your renewal, all renewals must be postmarked by **February 1, 2012** or else a \$50 additional initiation fee will be required to become a member since the renewal period had expired. If you have not received a renewal for 2012 in the mail, please contact me ASAP! We do not want you to think that you were excluded as it may be an address issue. We encourage ALL current members to renew as we look forward to sharing your membership experience with you! PLEASE contact anyone on the Bridge, Membership Secretary (Debbie McGraw), or myself (Sue Pomerleau-Secretary) directly by email or by phone, if you have any questions regarding your membership with SSBC.

On behalf of the entire 2012 SSBC Bridge, we hope that you have enjoyed countless memories and benefited from your membership at SSBC! SSBC has been established for over 20 years now and we continue to grow as a club with the help of all of you! It is because of the members that we succeed each year in being a fun-filled and thriving boating club!

It is going to be a great year with Sunseeker's and we already have a long list of events for 2012! Bus trips, Luau, Dingy Thingy, etc...are all ready for you to participate in and enjoy with your fellow members!

Sincerely,
Susan Pomerleau
SSBC Recording Secretary
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SSBC Annual Super Bowl Party

Super Bowl XLVI



New York Giants vs. New England Patriots

**Sunday, February 5, 2012
6:30 PM**

The club will be open at 3:00!!

Come enjoy the game and enter to win a 50" Plasma Panasonic HD TV. There will be snacks and prizes throughout the game.

**SunSeekers Welcomes all AYC and I-LYA Affiliates
Join us on Facebook!!!**

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SunSeekers Basement

SALE

A recent basement cleaning revealed several useful items. To clear out the clutter and raise some money for the Club, the items were organized, priced and will be sold. The items available are on display in the basement meeting room at the clubhouse.

Please review the items and if you are interested in any of them, please contact Scott Dunsmore at 734-341-0769.

**All the items are sold as is and on a first come basis.
Items not sold will be donated to charity.**

EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!



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February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	2	3	4
5 Superbowl Party 	6	7	8	9	10	11  SSBC Commodore's Ball
12	13	14 Be My Valentine 	15	16	17  AYC Commodore's Ball Weekend →	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1 March 	2	3