



# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



**JUNE 2012**

To the Dads....

**Happy Father's Day!**



**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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**Phone:**

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[www.sunseekersboatingclub.org](http://www.sunseekersboatingclub.org)



**JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:**

SSBC Meeting ~ June 6th

Opening of the Island ~  
June 8th - 10th

Canal Cruiz'in ~ June 14th

SSBC LUAU ~ June 23rd

Lake Erie Metro Park  
Fireworks ~ June 30th

# News from the Bridge:



**COMMODORE : GEORGE HANRAHAN**

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Hello SunSeekers!

First of all, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you who either attended or donated to the bowling fundraiser for the 2012 Commodore's Ball. We had an excellent turnout and had a whole lot of fun at the same time. In total, we raised \$847.00 that will be used to directly offset ball expenses. I would like to personally thank all of you who either attended, donated or assisted with organization of the event and anyone else I may have missed. We could not have done it without you. Thanks!

The evening of Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> we had the first of our monthly canal cruises. It was a little chilly, but everyone had a great time. We will be doing these cruises the second Thursday of each month, with the next being scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. We plan on meeting at the covered wells by Humbug Marina at 6:30 PM and will cruise the canals throughout Gibraltar. Feel free to bring a dingy, pontoon or any boat capable of clearing the bridges and navigating the canals safely and comfortably. If your vessel is not suitable, just meet us in the parking lot by the covered wells and we'll find a place for you. Hope to see you on June 14<sup>th</sup>!!

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we held our club appreciation night. I want to thank all of you who were able to attend and all those who brought a dish to pass. I also want to thank the entire bridge, their spouses and all the others who assisted with this event. If you were able to attend, I hope you enjoyed yourself. It was great to see so many faces at the club for this event.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> Lady Melissa and I attended the I-LYA ball fundraiser on the Diamond Belle. It was great to see so many SunSeekers out for the evening. Our club had an excellent turn-out for this event and everyone had a great time. Lady Melissa and I are considering a similar fundraiser for the 2012 SSBC Commodore's Ball on one of the Diamond Jack boats later this summer. I will be posting a sign-up sheet at the club to gauge member interest. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the form. If enough people express interest we will go ahead and schedule it.

During the month of May, Lady Melissa and I attended Maumee River Yacht Club Ball on the 5<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Beach Boating Club's Commodore Ball on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, due to a family emergency we were unable to attend the Point Place Ball on the 19<sup>th</sup>. PC John Robbins and Lady Rita attended the North Cape Yacht Club Ball for us which was also scheduled on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also attend "Opening of the Port" on May 26<sup>th</sup> at Bayview Yacht Club.

In June, we will attend Swan Boat Club's Ball on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Opening of the Islands the weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup>, Cooley Canal and Toledo Sailing Club Regattas the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and Harbor View Yacht Club Regatta the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The weekend of June 30<sup>th</sup> is Wyandotte Yacht Club's regatta but we will be on vacation and unable to attend.

Now that summer has finally arrived I hope you all have a safe and fun boating season. Lady Melissa and I look forward to seeing you all at the Poker Runs, out on the water and up at the club.

Sincerely, George Hanrahan    Commodore

# More News:



## VICE COMMODORE: MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers,

What another great month at the club. We kicked it off by having a bus trip which wrapped up with our Cinco de Mayo Party at the club. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event and provided food for the taco bar. We also had the Junior SunSeeker Fishing Derby during the month of May. The kids were plucking perch and silver bass out of the river on every cast. One lucky JR SSBC landed a huge pike. Thanks to Chuck Shivel and Jim Beaubien for putting this event on.

**SSBC Luau June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The event is being held at Silver Shore Marina in Wyandotte (located behind Wyandotte Hospital). Tickets are available for \$30.00 before June 14<sup>th</sup>, and prices will go up to \$40.00 after that date. Get your tickets from the bartender soon! A full day ticket provides lunch and entertainment by Shane Lemay during the day. At night there will be a steak and chicken dinner with more live entertainment by the Island Guys. If you would only like to come up for the evening band and keg beer, you may purchase a ticket for only \$10.00. Please see the flyer in the news letter or up at the club for more details.

### June Events:

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Opening of the Islands at FYC

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Luau, Luau, Luau, Luau

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 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

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### REAR COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello fellow Sunseekers.

From behind the bar.

Boating season is upon us. I realize that there is a lot going on in all of our lives. That being said, if you are out and about, please stop by for a beverage. Support your club and our bartenders. It becomes more challenging in the summer months to staff the bar. If you have bar tending experience please help us out by bartending one or two times this summer. If you want to be trained please let me know.

As always, I want to recognize and thank those who participate on both sides of the bar. Be safe – see you at the club.

Al Drew  
Rear Commodore



### FLEET CAPTAIN: NICK CUNNINGHAM

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Hello Sunseekers!

I wanted to thank everyone who came on the Cinco de Mayo/Kentucky Derby Bus Trip, I hope you had as much fun as we did. Thank you to Debbie and Jerry for handling the 50/50. Congratulations to Big Blue James and Jan Marcum on their winnings on the bus. Congrats also to Sue Pomerleau, Mark Hendertilo, and Matt Romak on their winnings at the different clubs. Another BIG thank you to everyone who donated food for the Cinco De Mayo party when we returned to the club. Everything was delicious. Thank you too to our bartenders Sandy and Ann Marie who came in early in the morning to send us off on the bus with a smile on our faces.

We are now less than 2 months away before the start of the Poker Run Season. Our first run will be to Ottawa River on July 13 and 14. There are a handful of hotels within a 3 mile radius of Ottawa River. I am currently working with them to see which is our best deal and who provides shuttle service. Please contact me if you are willing to share your vessel with other members to ride with you to the runs or if you are looking for a boat to ride.

Here is a reminder of the Poker Run Schedule for the 2012 Season:

**OTTAWA RIVER YACHT CLUB - JULY 13 and 14**

**NUGENT'S CANAL YACHT CLUB - JULY 27, 28 and 29**

**MAUMEE RIVER YACHT CLUB - AUGUST 3, 4, and 5**

**POINT PLACE BOAT CLUB - AUGUST 10, 11, and 12**

**DETROIT BEACH BOAT CLUB - SEPTEMBER 7, 8, and 9**

Thank you for all of your support!  
See you at the club!  
Nick Cunningham

# More News:

## ILYA Delegate P/C John Hopper

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I-LYA:

Power Boat Week at Put-N-Bay is July 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is by far a great way to spend 4 days at the Bay. It's an action packed fun filled great time. Sign up sheets are at the left side of the sign in table at the club house.

Lady Pat and I would like to thank SSBC members for the outpouring of kindness through the difficult time of the passing of Lady Pat's mother. Your support was greatly appreciated. God Bless each of you.

PC John Hopper  
I-LYA Delegate



# BALL COMMITTEE

Watch your emails for the next Ball Committee meeting! Please feel free to come and join us, share your ideas, and take part in making the 2012 Ball another huge success.

A great BIG BIG thanks to everyone who came out to support the bowling fundraiser we had on May 11th. We had 42 bowlers and almost just as many people who just came out to watch, make donations and have a few laughs with their fellow boat club members. I know George and Melissa were equally awed by the amount of support shown. Thank you to Sandy for donating the "mini" wheel barrel of cheer, to Lori Stoddard for assisting with collecting money at the door and making sure we all made it to the correct lanes, to Rob Falzon and Kevin Lynett for helping with the 50/50's and raffles. Congratulations to all our high bowlers of the night Stan - 207 (beating out Dennis Neimic by 1 pin), Scott Falzon - 187, Jeannette Foley - 196, and Mary Webb who actually bowled a 113 during our last game of "Silly Bowling". What a great time!!

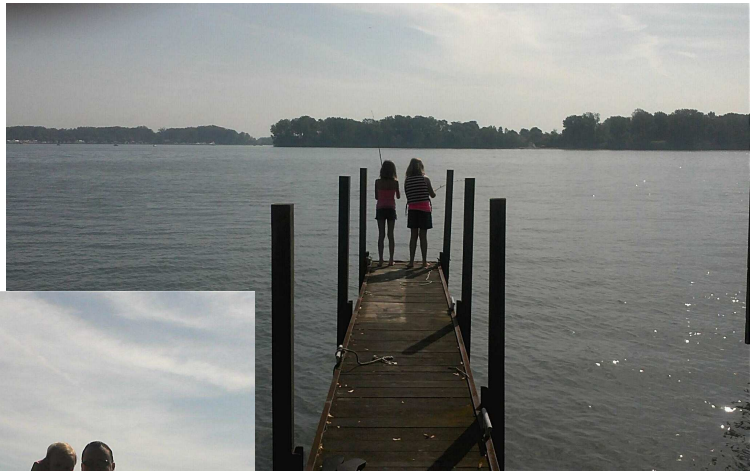
Thanks!  
Kathy Hogan

# Jr. Sunseekers

WOW!!!!

What a fabulous turn out we had at the Junior SunSeekers Fishing tournament. The Silver bass were running and I think all the kids caught at least one fish, and most caught several. A special thanks to Jim Beaubien, and Chuck and Tammy Shivel as none of this would have happened if they didn't continue to sponsor this event every year. We all thank you very much!!

Thank you,  
Kathy Hogan  
Jr. Sunseeker Chairperson





# Membership News:

 **Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

\*\*\*\*\* Mr. Jeff Upholzer \*\*\*\*\* Welcome to the club!!!

 A very happy birthday wish goes out to Jeannette Foley.... If you see her, wish her a happy bday on June 4th! Love ya, Mark

 A big Happy Belated birthday to Kathy Hogan and Tim Ellis! Hope you had a great day! ~Jeannette

 Melissa Hanrahan's step dad, Bill, took a tumble and dislocated his already replaced hip. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers!

 Condolences go out to Pc John Hopper and Lady Pat. Pat's Mom, Joanna May, has lost her long battle with Alzheimers Disease. So sorry for your loss.

 Sending out well wishes to Jim Hudok during his stroke recovery and rehabilitation. Much strength sent your way!

 **Reminder.....SAVE THE DATE:**

**JUNE 23rd Saturday ~ SSBC Luau**

**JULY 21st Saturday ~ SSBC Dingy Thingy**

 If you would like to put an announcement/story/pictures in the newsletter, please send an email to [jeannettefoley@ymail.com](mailto: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!!!

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## 2011 AYC DELEGATES

### **PC SCOTT DUNSMORE**

Head Delegate

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**NICK CUNNINGHAM**

Fleet Captain

## 2011 I-LYA DELEGATE

**PC JOHN HOPPER** 734.552.6460

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# Reminder:

SSBC Membership Meetings  
are held on the first  
Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.  
Next Meeting is: June 6th, 2012

~It's YOUR club!! Get involved!!  
See you there!!



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**EMBC - FYC - GIYC - GLSBC - SBC - SSBC - WRYCC - WYC**

**WYANDOTTE YACHT CLUB - FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

Fish Fry, 6-9 PM • Live Entertainment & Dancing 9 PM - ???

**FORD YACHT CLUB - SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

Breakfast 8 - 11:30 AM, Bar Opens 8 AM • Registration 9 AM - Noon • Ceremonies 1PM  
Breakfast Buffet featuring Taco's & Fajita's. Also includes: Coffee and Juice, Scrambled eggs,  
Lyonnaise Potatoes, Sausage Links, Caramel French Toast, Muffins & Danish, Fruit Salad  
Vice Commodores at Free Bridge, Commodores Salute, Cannon  
Report and Blessing in full view from Banana Island, off West side of Club  
(Bring your camera, see all from Banana Island, Dockage available)

**ELBA-MAR BOAT CLUB - SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

Your choice steak, ribs or chicken with salad.  
Dinner 5 - 9 PM • Entertainment & Dancing 9 PM - 1 AM.

**FORD YACHT CLUB - SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Breakfast 9 - 11:30 AM, Bar Opens 9 AM  
Breakfast Buffet featuring an Omelet Station. Also includes: Coffee and Juice,  
Scrambled Eggs, American Fries, Dearborn Ham, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Caramel French Toast

**ADDED FEATURE - COMPLIMENTS OF GROSSE ILE YACHT CLUB**

Gravlex and Mini Bagel Display, Strawberry Yogurt and Granola, Exotic Fruit Display,  
Lemon Poppy Seed and Blueberry Muffins

**SEAWAY BOAT CLUB - SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Afterglow Party 2:30 PM - ??? • Live Band & Dancing  
Munchies & Snacks

**\$10.00 per person due at registration desk  
for visiting officers and their guests taking a boat ride  
Please RSVP to your Commodore whether by Car or Boat, by May 15, 2012**



# Sunseekers Annual Luau

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Silver Shores Waterfront Marina:** Located behind Wyandotte Hospital (3 James Desana Dr, Wyandotte)

Tickets Available from your SSBC Bartender or call VC Matt Romak @ 734-231-7192

Advanced Purchase \$30pp or \$40 after June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Evening Tickets Also Available for \$10pp (only includes evening entertainment and Keg beer)

slip Reservations can be made by contacting

Rus Vaughn @ 734-309-9915. Limited Availability.

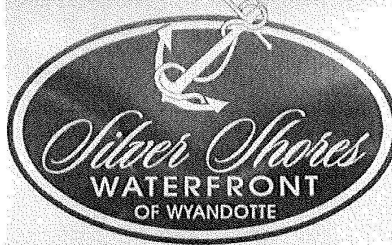
## Tickets Include the Following

- Hamburger and Hot dog Lunch with entertainment by Shane Lamay on the docks.
- Saturday Evening: Steak & chicken BBQ Dinner with all the sides. Live Entertainment till 11:00.
- Keg Beer all Day Long

Many of us will be arriving on Friday to enjoy the night life of downtown Wyandotte. Feel free to make your reservation for both night and make it a weekend trip.

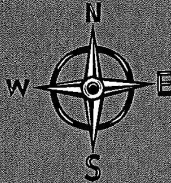
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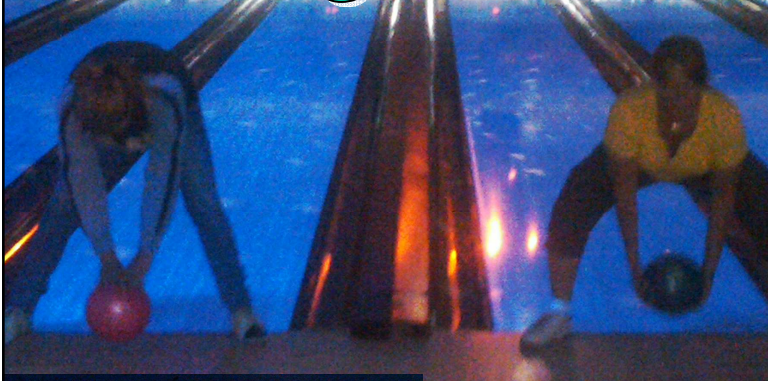
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# Cinco de Mayo/Kentucky Derby Bus Trip





# Bowling Fundraiser





# JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	7	8 Opening of the Islands	9 
10	11	12	13	14  Canal Cruiz'in!	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>LUAAU</b> 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30  <b>Lake Erie Metro Park Fireworks</b>