

# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



MAY 2012

Ahhh..  
Spring is here!

**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:**

13880 Middle Gibraltar Rd  
Gibraltar, MI 48173

**Phone:**

734-236-4527

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



**MAY HIGHLIGHTS:**

May 2 ~ SSBC Meeting

May 5 ~ Bus Trip &  
Cinco de Mayo Party

May 11 ~ Bowling Fundraiser

May 17 ~ Club Appreciation

May 20 ~ Fishing Derby

# News from the Bridge:



**COMMODORE : GEORGE HANRAHAN**

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Hello SunSeekers!

It's hard to believe we are already heading into May. It does not seem that long ago everyone was trying to put their boats away for the season. I hope you are all looking forward to a great boating season.

With that being said, I understand people's schedules will start to fill up quickly. Unfortunately, during the summer months the club is not as busy as during the winter. I encourage you to come up to the club when you can. During our last membership meeting we barely had enough attendees to have a quorum. Fortunately, enough members arrived so we were able to keep it an official meeting. I encourage all of you to attend the membership meetings if you are able to. These meetings provide an ideal forum to share what has been happening within the club, to have your voice heard, to discuss opportunities and concerns as well as a great chance to socialize with other members. If any of you have any suggestions for our meetings on how we can increase attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other bridge or board member. Your participation is vital to the ongoing success of our club.

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> your 2012 Bridge and their spouses will be hosting a Club Appreciation Barbeque. There is no charge for this event. Please come up to the club and let us grill you dinner. This is just our way of saying thanks to all of you for all you do for our club. We will be posting a flyer and sending out additional details regarding this event in the near future. I hope you all can make it.

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Kathy Hogan is chairing a "2012 Commodores Ball Bowling Fundraiser". This is sure to be a great event and all proceeds will go directly to the Commodore's Ball next February. There is a sign-up sheet at the club which allows you to choose who you would like to bowl with. Tickets for this event can be purchased from your club bartender.

It has been a busy ball schedule with our AYC Club affiliates the last couple of months. On April 14<sup>th</sup> Lady Melissa and I attended Wyandotte Yacht Club Ball and on April 21<sup>st</sup> we attended BayView Yacht Club Ball. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend Seaway Boat Club's Ball on April 27<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict, but VC Matt Romak and Lady Cindy were able to attend on our behalf. During the month of May, we have the Maumee River Yacht Club Ball on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Detroit Beach Boat Club Ball on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Point Place Boat Club Ball on the 19<sup>th</sup>. PC John Robbins and Lady Rita will be attending North Cape Yacht Club's Ball on behalf of Melissa and I as it coincides with Point Place Ball on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We do not have a ball the weekend of May 26<sup>th</sup>, but will be attending the Opening of the Ports.

I hope all of you are enjoying your spring so far and look forward to seeing you either on the water or at the club.

Sincerely,  
George Hanrahan  
Commodore

# More News:



## VICE COMMODORE: MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers,

Spring is here, which means summer is right around the corner. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to get a start on their boat spring cleaning. The events for the month of April were a success. We had a great start of the month with our Annual Good Friday Fish Fry. The turnout was great and the food was delicious. A special thanks to Matt Jamison and Jayne Koby for cooking all the fish. Thank you to everyone else that assisted and donated food for the evening. The Gibraltar Rd / Club clean up was a little low on attendance, but overflowing with enthusiasm. A group of us walked Gibraltar Rd from Fort St. back to the club, while another group cleaned the club. After a couple hours of work, the club was looking great and our local road is a little bit cleaner too.

**Luau Update June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The event is being held at Silver Shore Marina in Wyandotte (located behind Wyandotte Hospital). Please see the flyer in the news letter or up at the club. Tickets are available from your bartender. Get them before June 13<sup>th</sup> or the price goes up.

### May Events:

May 5<sup>th</sup>: SunSeekers bus trip. See your bartender for tickets.

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Cinco De Mayo Party. Come on up and enjoy your favorite cervesa.

May 20<sup>th</sup>: JR SSBC Fishing Derby. Bring the kids and your favorite fishing rod to see what the Detroit River has to offer.

May 26<sup>th</sup>: Opening of the Ports. See Flyer

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

## More News:



### REAR COMMODORE: AL DREW

aldrew@att.net



Hello fellow Sunseekers.

From behind the bar.

Let me begin by thanking the people on both sides of the bar that help it be successful and subsequently make a contribution to the overall success of the club. Based on the weather, I am sure people will be out preparing their boats for the season and working up a thirst while doing so. Stop by the club and quench your thirst. The beer is ice cold and waiting for you.

Our focus continues on inventory control while refining our ordering process. Observations are welcome and appreciated.

In closing, I would ask that people interested in bartending sign the signup sheet. We need help.

See you at the club.

Al Drew  
Rear Commodore



### FLEET CAPTAIN: NICK CUNNINGHAM

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Hello Sunseekers!

Our annual bus trip is just days away. The bus is gased up and ready to go. The theme is Cinco de Mayo/Kentucky Derby, so dust off your sombrero's and/or your Kentucky derby hats and get ready for a great day of fun and travel with your fellow club members. If you have not gotten your tickets yet they are available from your bartender at the club. Immediately following the bus trip, we will have our annual SSBC Cinco de Mayo party. Please come join us @ 6pm if you are unable to make the bus trip!!!

We still have plenty of time to plan for our first poker run in Ottawa River. If you are willing to share your boat for the ride to Ottawa River Yacht Club, please contact me at 734-658-1337 or email me @ [nmcunningham25@gmail.com](mailto:nmcunningham25@gmail.com). I will let everyone know what is available as for boats, hotels and transportation to and from the poker runs at the June meeting.

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

# Jr. Sunseekers

The Easter Bunny was completely overwhelmed by the number of Junior Sunseekers who came to see him for the Easter Bunny Breakfast. He was even more impressed with the number of "Bunny Helpers" who came out to help make his breakfast such a success. A very special shout out goes to Kathy Ellis for all the donations she provided the boat club!!! Also to our basket makers Marty, Cindy, Debbie, and the Kathy's. And what would an Easter Bunny breakfast be without food?!?! Thank you to Bob Newman for coming in relief of Jerry who had to work a the last minute but was still able to donate some absolutely fabulous Quiche, Sue for her hash browns, and to all our desert donations, I can not thank you all enough. Without each of you this would never be possible.

Thank you,  
Kathy Hogan  
Jr. Sunseeker Chairperson





# Jr. Sunseekers

## Jr. SunSeekers Fishing Derby



**May 20th, 2012**  
**9am to Noon**

30659 Island Dr  
Gibraltar Mi 48173  
(Jim Beaubiens House)

All Kids invited.  
Bring your own poles or we will provide them.  
Bait provided.

We already ordered the fish.  
Bring parents or grandparents.  
Many Trophy's available.

Prizes  
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at noon.

Any more info Please call  
PC Chuck Shivel  
734-365-9489



# Membership News:

 **Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

 **Reminder.....SAVE THE DATE:**  
**JUNE 23rd Saturday ~ SSBC Luau**

† It is with sadness to report the passing of former SSBC member Evon Manion. She will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathies to her husband Ed Manion and their family.

† Condolences go out to PC Derrick Ball. His grandmother, Grace passed away. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## Commodore's Ball Committee

Bowling fund raiser FRIDAY MAY 11th....All proceeds go towards our Commodore George and Lady Melissa's ball. We are looking for silent auction donations....baskets, pictures, "fun in the sun" apparel/gadgets, gift cards.....anything you can think of to donate please drop off at the club and give to the bartender so they can place it in the vault. We will assemble any baskets / auction items that need to be put together at our ball committee meeting.

We will be having our first Ball Committee Planning meeting on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30pm at the boat club. If you are interested on assisting with planning for the ball, please try to join us. We welcome any ideas you can bring to the table and can use all the help we can get.

Thank you,  
Kathy Hogan

✓ 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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Sergeant At Arms

### 2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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### 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**LADY KAREN DUNSMORE**  
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**BOB NEWMAN**  
Event Management  
**PC ROB BRUNER**  
Financial Secretary

### 2011 AYC DELEGATES

**PC SCOTT DUNSMORE**  
Head Delegate

Delegate  
**NICK CUNNINGHAM**  
Fleet Captain

### 2011 I-LYA DELEGATE

**PC JOHN HOPPER** 734.552.6460  
[SSBC03@earthlink.net](mailto:ssbc03@earthlink.net)

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# SSAC BUS TRIP



**SATURDAY MAY 5TH**



**11 AM-6 PM**  
**TACO BAR UPON RETURN**

**PLEASE DRESS  
FOR THE THEME**



**\$25/MEMBER**

**MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR BARTENDER**  
**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PASSENGERS**

**\$30/NON MEMBERS**

**ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER**



# SSBC 2013 Commodore's Ball Bowling Fundraiser



**Date:** FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Parkway Lanes**

**2591 Fort Street, Trenton MI**

**Tickets 15 per person**

Please join us for a Bowling fundraiser for the 2013 SunSeeker's Boating Club Commodore's Ball. Ticket includes Pizza, three games of bowling and shoes. Tickets available from the SSBC bartender.

**For Additional Information contact:  
Kathy Hogan: 734-365-2602**

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2012



**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.

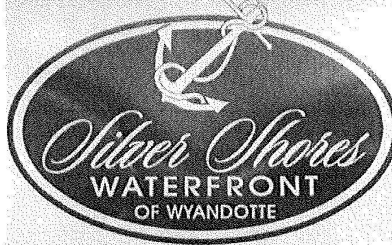
## Tickets Include the Following

- 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.

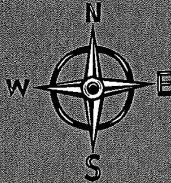
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### Silver Shores Waterfront Marina Boaters Enjoy:

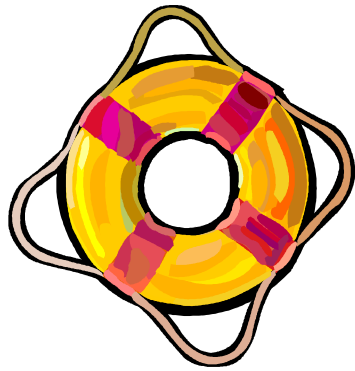
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# Gibraltar Rd. Clean up Crew!



## Reminder:

SSBC Membership Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting is: May 2, 2012

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

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**CONTACT MIKE  
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# MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	3	4	5  ~ Bus Trip  ~ Party
6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>BOWLING FUNDRAISER</b> 	12
13	14	15	16	17 Club Appreciation Barbeque 	18	19
20 JR SSBC Fishing Derby 	21	22	23	24	25 → <b>Opening of the Ports Weekend</b>	26
27	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	29	30	31	1 <b>June</b>	2