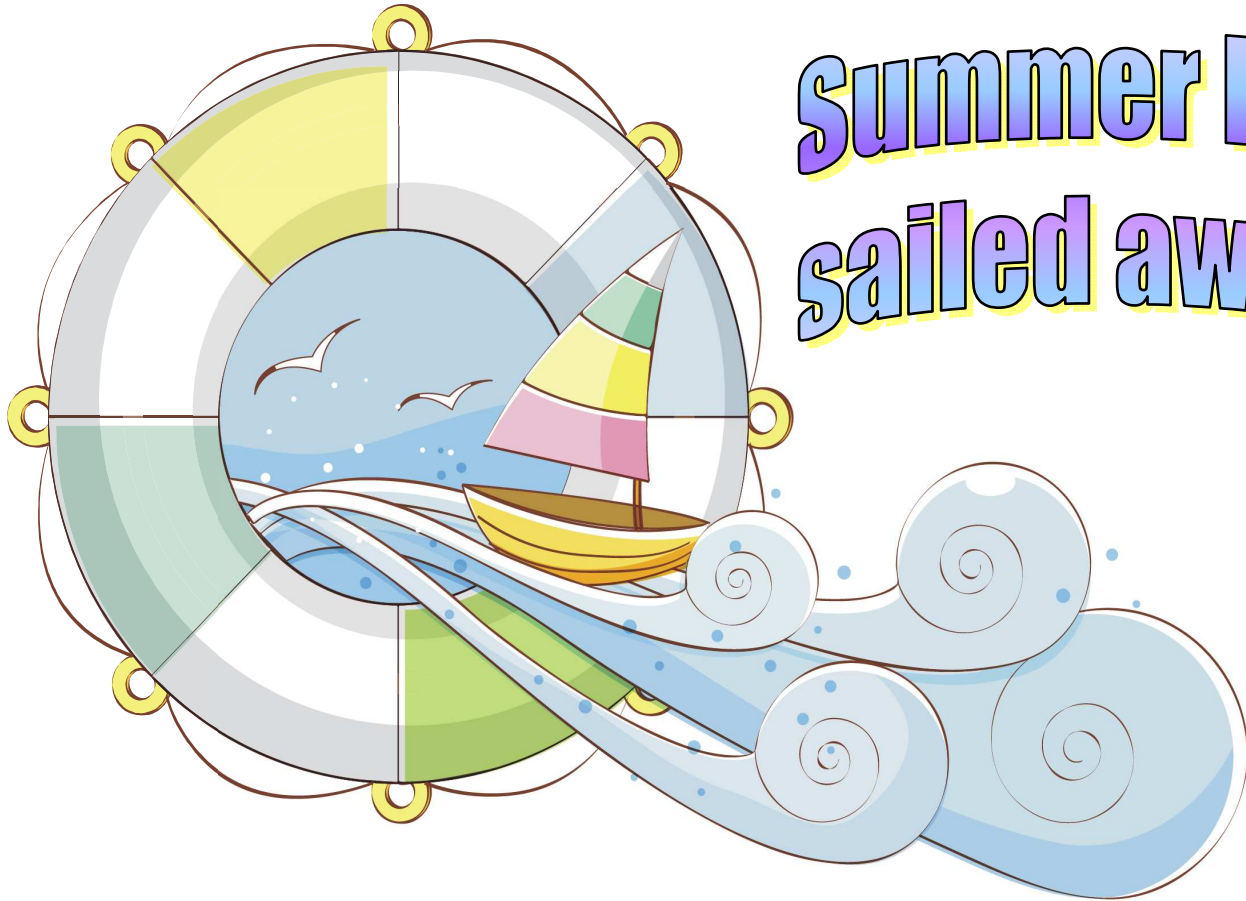




SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



September 2012



summer has
sailed away!

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



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Sept. 20
Canal Cruise

Sept 21
Steak Night

Sept. 27
Sunseeker of the Year
Party

Sept. 30
Clean Up & Lions Party

News from the Bridge:



COMMODORE : GEORGE HANRAHAN

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Hello SunSeekers!

It is hard to believe we are already heading into September and summer is coming to an end. Hopefully we will continue to have great weather through the month. August has been a busy month for Lady Melissa and I. During the first weekend of the month we attended Maumee River's Regatta and Poker Run. The weekend of the 11th we attended Ford Yacht Club's Commodore Cocktail Reception, Point Place's cocktail reception as well as the Point Place Poker Run and Regatta. Friday August 17th we were at Seaway Boat Club's cocktail reception and on Saturday, August 18th we attended Great Lakes Steel's cocktail reception. The weekend of August 25th we plan on attending Sun Parlour Boat Club's cocktail reception and regatta. There are no receptions planned for Labor Day weekend, so we hope to see many of you out on the water or up at the club. September 8th is the last and final poker run of the season at Detroit Beach Boat Club. I hope you can all make it as it is close to our club and is sure to be a great time.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our monthly canal cruise the past two Thursday's due to inclement weather. The weather is looking great for Thursday, August 23rd so if nothing changes we will be grilling hot dogs and burgers at the club at 6:00 PM and canal cruising from 7:15 until 9:30.

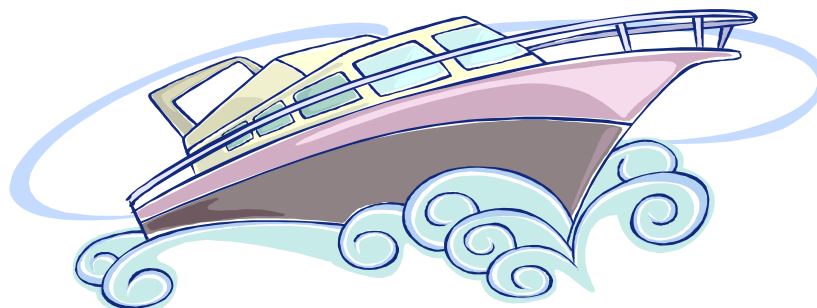
I would also like to thank all those who have showed up for the Monday night club clean-up nights to help prepare our club for hosting the cocktail reception. I encourage you to come on up to the club house between 6:00 and 9:00 PM each Monday through the month of September. The club is already starting to look much better and this is a great way not only to fulfill your work hours but also bond with other members while sprucing up our club. I would like to extend special thanks to Vice Commodore Matt Romak for spear-heading the club clean-up campaign.

I also encourage all of you to assist Rear Commodore Al Drew keep the bar staffed. We have had an extremely difficult time finding bartenders during the weekends throughout the summer. If you are interested in learning to bartend please do not hesitate to contact Al. We really need your assistance keeping the bar open and this is not only a great way to obtain your work hours, it is also a great way to meet other members and have fun. Special thanks to all of you who have been working so hard to keep our club open. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Lady Melissa and I hope you all enjoy a safe and fun-filled September and we are looking forward to seeing you out on the water or up at the club.

Sincerely,

George Hanrahan
Commodore



More News:



VICE COMMODORE: MATT ROMAK

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Hello SunSeekers,

As much as I love the Labor Day Weekend, I hate to see it arrive knowing summer will be coming to an end very quickly. There were not any SunSeeker events in August, but Maumee River and Point Place had their AYC Regatta/Poker Runs. Cindy and I, along with several other SunSeekers, attended both events and had a great time. If you have not made it to any of the Poker Runs, Detroit Beach will be hosting the last one on September 7th - 9th. If you can, please try to attend.

On October 6th, we will be having our annual Cocktail Reception and Oktoberfest. The tent will be up, and we will be having entertainment & food. I will have more details in the next couple weeks. Also, if you are interested in being on the Cocktail Reception Committee, please look for an e-mail on the next meeting time. To prepare for the Oktoberfest, we have been having work parties every Monday to get the club looking good for this event. These will continue every Monday through September 24th. There will be a full day clean up on *Sunday*, September 30th to wrap up last minute items before the event. It would be really nice to see some fresh faces at the club during the work parties. Week after week, I see the same people dedicating their time. This is a great opportunity to get your work hours in too. I do want to say, thank you to everyone that has participated in the clean ups to date. I truly appreciate the effort.

Up Coming Events:

September 7th – 9th: Detroit Beach Boat Club Poker Run.

September 30th: SSBC Club Clean Up / Lions Football Party.

October 6th: SSBC Oktoberfest

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.

Sincerely,

Matt Romak
Vice Commodore



More News:



REAR COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello fellow Sunseekers.
From behind the bar.....

Summer is coming to a close. As we approach the fall season and put our boats in winter storage it will give everyone the opportunity to spend some time at the club. We need bartenders on Friday/ Saturday. Bartending is a great way to get work hours as well as socialize with other members.

For those that have bartended through the summer, thank you.

If you have events in your life that can be held at the club house, please schedule them using the Event Form.

See you at the club

Al Drew
Rear Commodore



FLEET CAPTAIN: NICK CUNNINGHAM

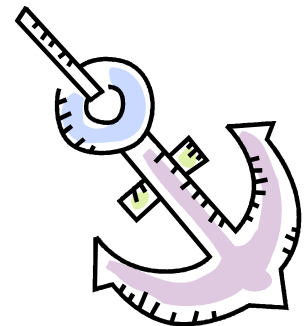
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Hello Sunseekers!

Even low water cant keep the SunSeeker's down!! We have had great turnout for the first 4 Poker runs. I appreciate everyone who dredged Lake Erie getting their boats in to port and all those who came by land. We have had a great time at each boat club. Our last stop is Detroit Beach the weekend of September 7, 8, and 9. Detroit Beach always puts on a heck of a party and we are still in the running for miles and participation recognition, but we need a strong showing at DBYC. Please try to stop by land or sea. I promise you will not be disappointed. Lady Kathy and I are planning to have some special cocktail on the boat, so make sure you find us and say "hi" and sign the book.

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



Jr. Sunseekers

If you heard Kazoos coming down your street on Wednesday evening, it was the Junior SunSeekers Parade. After decorating our bikes with balloons, streamers and pinwheels, we paraded around the streets of Gibraltar and made our way to the Dairy Queen for a special treat.

Fun was had by all. Thanks to everyone who came out.

Also, special thanks to everyone who donated bottles and cans for the Junior SunSeeker's bottle drive fundraiser. As of Wednesday night we had collected over \$150. Big hugs to Derrick and Tara & Matt and Cindy who drugged through bags of old, dirty, sticky bottles and cans to help separate them and put them in bags. Also Debbie and Jerry, Kevin and Tracy, and AnnMarie and Stan for their very generous donations.

SAVE THE DATE:

Halloween Party is Sunday, October 28th at 1pm

Thank you,

Kathy Hogan
Jr. Sunseeker Chairperson




Jr. Sunseekers



Membership News:

 **Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

***** Welcome to the club!!!*****

 **UPDATE:::** Attention all boaters!! When entering harbors, AYC will be monitoring channel 71 this year!

★ **A Happy Belated Birthday Goes out to Tara Dummar....**
If anyone was able to participate in Tarapalooza... It was quite an event that kept going.... And going... and going.... Great Times!!!Can't wait until next year!!! :)

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

OKTOBERFEST ~ OCT. 6TH, 2012
2012 COMMODORE'S BALL ~ FEB. 9TH, 2013

✓ If you would like to put an announcement/story/pictures in the newsletter, please send an email to jeannettefoley@gmail.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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BALL COMMITTEE

COMMODORE'S BALL UPDATE!!


The 2012 SunSeeker's Boating Club Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore George Hanrahan and 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.



Bits from the Board



Notes from your Board of Directors

A kind hello to all my fellow SunSeekers. Your Board had some thoughts after our last couple meetings that we wanted to share with regards to our club and the direction we are heading.

July's meeting was a great one. Granted, everyone was shocked at the announcement that the cost of some upcoming building repairs / maintenance will require members to pay an assessment – the first in SSBC history – with the possibility of more in the coming years. However, it sparked a lot of thought and positive discussion about fundraising. There were a lot of great ideas being talked about. We really hope that some of these great ideas come to reality. Remember: Fundraisers don't need to be fancy, and they don't need to be "fundraisers" – they can be simple things that bring people into the club.

There was also some discussion about gambling. While the Board believes gambling could be a good source of revenue for our club, there are a lot of hurdles to clear before we can get a license from the state. Once the club is properly licensed, we will need a volunteer to complete regular tracking and reporting of revenue. This might not sound difficult, but in all honesty, there aren't enough volunteers to take care of what we already have. We can't even get bartenders to open the club consistently 5 nights a week.

To those that do regularly step up, be it behind the bar, in the office, outside on the grounds, thank you so much. You can't do it all, we need more members to volunteer.

There are a lot of things in and around our club that need to be done before we expand to do anything else. Just to name a few: On the inside - the floors and walls need to be cleaned more often, the windows need washing, the basement steps need to be swept and mopped regularly. On the outside – the weeds are overgrown and have taken over certain areas around the building and in the parking lot, parts of the building could use a fresh coat of paint, our lone landscaper could use help mowing / grooming the lawn. All of these things need to be done more than once or twice a year.

Please don't misunderstand. We are all proud to be SunSeekers. As a club, we have so many great members and we have proven many times how well our club can rally behind a cause... whether it be tsunami victims across the globe, a local family in need, Children with Hairloss... and the list goes on. This time we need to rally for our club.

We do realize that we're all busy and we all want to get out there and enjoy the summer, especially since Michigan summers are so short, but as it was stated so many times during the July meeting, SunSeeker's is OUR club. It belongs to all of us as members. It is time for all of us to come together and take care of it together...to keep it nice and keep it open.

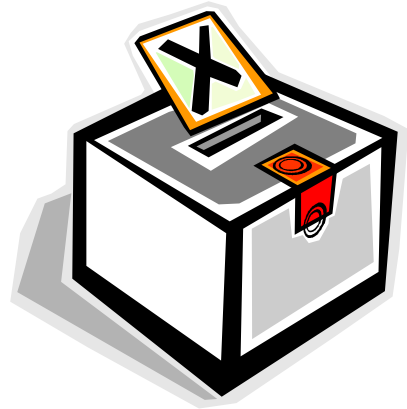
Thank you,
SSBC Board of Directors

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Nominations were taken at the September meeting for open positions.

Most of the positions only have one person nominated and they have accepted their positions.

Open positions will be nominated and elected at the October membership meeting.



**Congratulations to the new SSBC Officers
and Chairpeople for 2013!**

Nomination Results:

Bridge Nominations:

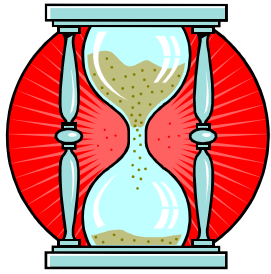
- **Rear Commodore** – Sue Pomerleau - accepted; no other nominations
- **Fleet Captain** – Nominations will be held at the October meeting
- **Recording Secretary** – Kathy Ellis - accepted; no other nominations
- **Treasurer** – Steve Deters - accepted; no other nominations
- **Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jerry McGraw - accepted; no other nominations

Board of Directors (Five People Total):

- **3 Board officers open for nominations –**
 - 3 year term: Keith Waddles - accepted; no other nominations
 - 2 year term: Jim Hudok – accepted; no other nominations
 - 1 year term: Mark Hendertilo - accepted; no other nominations

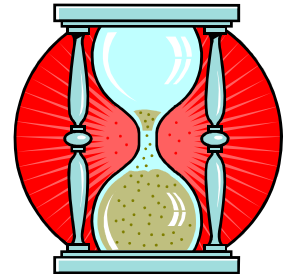
Committee Chairpersons (Voted on annually by the general membership):

- **Financial Secretary** - Rob Bruner - accepted; no other nominations
- **Membership Secretary** - Debbie McGraw - accepted; no other nominations
- **Bylaws Committee Chairperson**- Nominations will be held at the October meeting
- **Building Committee Chairperson** - Derrick Ball - accepted; no other nominations



Working on it...

From: Sandi LaFrance
Work Hour Secretary



Have you completed your work hours? With each year comes 10 work hours for each member to be completed by year-end. This being the September newsletter, there are only a few months left to complete your hours for the year.

Not to worry though. There are so many opportunities coming up to complete your work hours, that it shouldn't be a problem for anyone. Oktoberfest and the Commodore's Cocktail Party are coming up on October 6. There is usually set-up, clean-up, food donations, door duty, etc. There are work parties every Monday between now and then too. Plus, working events and around the club is a great way to get to know other club members.

For other opportunities, you can call PC Scott Dunsmore or RC Al Drew. Scott is in charge of our building and Al manages the bar.

As you are completing your hours, please remember the following:

1. You must complete a work hour slip - Don't assume someone else will do it for you. *If you don't fill out your slips, you won't get credit for your hours.*
2. Slips need to be filled out completely, signed by the event coordinator or the appropriate Bridge member and placed in the metal box by the door at the club.
3. All forms need to be completed and submitted within 1 month of the hours having been completed.

For those approving work hour forms, I would love to be able to read your signature or initials. Print if necessary.

I can't be at every event and when I am at the club or attending a function, I am having fun, just like you. I won't remember everyone that was at an event, let alone every person that contributed to its success. So please complete a work hours form.

That being said, let's have a great rest of the year.

Thank you,

Sandi

SUNSEEKER'S BOATING CLUB
PRESENTS



Oktoberfest

OCTOBER 6TH, 2012

4:30 - CLOSE

BEER // BRATS // BANDS
**(Kielbasa & Saurerkraut, Baked
Chicken & Sides)**

SHANE LAMAY 4:30 - 7:30

COPYKATS 9:00 - 1:00

BEER TENT // BEER SPECIALS
BASKET OF CHEER // \$5 COVER

SUNSEEKERS BOATING CLUB
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Sunseeker's Boating Adventures!



The guys enjoying some cocktails during the commodore's reception at Detroit Beach Boat



Jeff & Teri Upholzer's dog, Zeeva, is tucked out after a long weekend on the boat at the last poker run at DBBC!



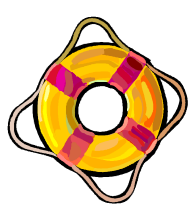
Matt and Cindy Romak enjoy some vacation time anchored at Kelly's Island.



Here's a picture of Matt Jameson at Point Place Boat Club's Poker Run... looks like a funny story Matt!?!?

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September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	6	7	8  Detroit Beach Boat Club Steak Roast & Poker Run / Opening of the Cards →
9	10  Matt's B-day & Work Party	11	12	13	14	15
16	17  Work Party	18	19	20  Canal Cruiz'in!	21  Steak Roast	22
23	24  Work Party	25	26	27  SUNSEEKER OF THE YEAR PARTY	28	29
30  Clean Up & Lions Party	1	2	3	4	5	6 Oktoberfest 

October