



SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



DECEMBER 2014



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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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

DEC 3 ~ Membership Meeting and Christmas Party

DEC 13~ SSBC SantaFes

DEC 21 ~ Jr. SunSeekers Christmas Party

DEC 31—New Year's Eve Celebration

News from the Bridge:



COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello Sunseekers!

This will be my last newsletter as the Commodore of SunSeeker's Boating Club. I would like to tell you what a privilege and honor it has been to serve as your Commodore. During the past several years I have gotten to know many of you very well and have made many lifelong relationships. Carolyn and I very much appreciate all of the support that you have given us.

As the 2015 bridge moves into place, please continue to support them as you did me. As you all know the club does not run on its own. It is the continued dedication and commitment of the bridge, board, and all the members who make the SunSeeker's Boating Club who we are. This past year has been a fabulous year for the club; let's ensure next year is even better.

Upcoming Carolyn and I will be attending the West River Yacht and Cruising Club Ball.

Our 2014 Christmas Party will be immediately following our membership meeting on Wednesday December 3rd. I hope all of you can make it. This will be my last meeting as your Commodore. Our change-of-watch will occur at the beginning of the January membership meeting. Also please remember to drop off a new toy and unwrapped toy in the box for the local Toys for Tots program.

I wish all of you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season.

Once again, thank you for all of your support over the past 3 years.

Al Drew
Commodore

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VICE COMMODORE: SUE POMERLEAU

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Vice Commodore Sue Pomerleau:

Oh my, 2014 really flew by....and I had so much fun this past year as your Vice Commodore! I am so thankful for all who helped me this past year, whether you donated food, your time, or just a word of advice. I appreciate all of you so very much! I definitely could not have had so many successful events without the assistance from all of you! I cannot thank you enough! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Another fabulous job for the 2 incoming bus trips! Thanks a million to Jan Marcum and Sandi LaFrance for cleaning the club! Thanks so much to all who donated food and special thanks to Jan Marcum, Marty Arvay, Lady Cindy Romak for organizing! HUGE shout out to Sandi LaFrance for the OUTSTANDING karaoke night with PPBC! It was an incredible night and I soooooo much appreciate all your efforts that go into bringing Karaoke to SSBC!

The Trunk or Treat was another successful event! Thank you Kathy Hogan for organizing, everyone who decorated their cars and passed out treats, and especially to all who brought their kids to enjoy their day at SSBC!

The Halloween Party was a HOWLIN' good time! Thanks to everyone who attended and dressed up in their creative costumes! 1st place went to Lisa Bilk, 2nd Place to PC Dennis and Lady Debra Niemiec and 3rd place to Treasurer Steve and Sue Deters. Jamin' Jan did an awesome job as DJ and Karaoke was a ton of fun! I truly appreciate all the participation!

Lady Bob and I attended the Toledo Sailing Club and Toledo Yacht Club Commodore Balls in November as your 2015 Commodore. There are no Balls in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| ➤ December Membership Meeting and Christmas Party | December 3 rd |
| ➤ Gibraltar Christmas Parade (decorating Friday Dec 5 th at Waddles Tires) | December 6 th |
| ➤ SSBC Santafest | December 13 th |
| ➤ Jr. Sunseeker's meet Santa | December 21 st |
| ➤ SSBC New Year's Eve Party | December 31 st |
| ➤ January Membership Meeting and Change of Watch | January 7 th |
| ➤ Membership Renewals are due | February 1 st |
| ➤ 2014 Commodore Ball – Commodore Al Drew and Lady Carolyn | February 14 th |
| ➤ AYC Ball – French Quarter Ohio | February 20 th |

I am so excited about our upcoming 2015 year! We have a fabulous Bridge who are all eager to make 2015 the best year yet! My focus for 2015 is teamwork and communication between the bridge, the board, and the members. As always please feel free to contact any of us at any time! I am truly looking forward to serving as your Commodore!

Thank you,
Sue Pomerleau
Vice Commodore



More News:



REAR COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings SunSeekers,

What a great bar month we had in November. After a disappointing month of trying to raise food and monetary donations for the Gibraltar Food Pantry in October, we challenged everyone to step up their game in November. And wow did everyone come through in a big way. We had multiple events throughout November where our bartenders demonstrated their creativity and community spirit by hosting an event that encouraged food donations and the generous donation of all of their tips to the GFP. Some of the larger events were hosted by P/C Matt and Lady Romak, Keith Waddles and Sandi LaFrance, Brian Bunch and Carri Whittemore (with special guest bartender, 2015 AYC Commodore Steve Hyder), and Rob and Kathy Falzon. But the event that was truly off the charts was the "Hot Mess" hosted by Kevin Towles and Pam Navarre - along with their guest bartenders from Ford Yacht Club, Brian and Dawn Stone. This event alone brought in nearly \$500 in cash donations, and a whole lot of food donations. For their efforts, Kevin and Pam won the 2014 bartender contest. But more importantly, all of the food and cash donations will help so many of our fellow Gibraltar-ites this holiday season through the GFP. Well done, SunSeekers!

Coming up here in December will be the first annual SunSeeker's SantaFest. We will be taking multiple buses from the club up to Wyandotte for a holiday-themed pub crawl. We have lined up 6 bars in Wyandotte to participate. There will be finger food to enjoy at the Stone Pub. And a DJ and pizza will be at the club for you to enjoy upon our return around 10pm. The \$35 ticket price will cover the round-trip bus ride, the food, pizza and the DJ. We are also selling special-edition t-shirts for this event - \$20 for a short sleeve and \$25 for a long sleeve. Shirts must be ordered by December 4th. Bring your friends and relatives - this should be a very fun event. Don't miss out!

I want to thank everyone for all of the great support and help that Lady Teri and I have received throughout my Rear Commodore year. Running the bar can be a challenge, and I couldn't have done it without the help of so many wonderful people. My all-stars behind the bar this year were Wendy and Stu Hursin, Craig Harter, PC Mike and Phyllis Chamberlin, Janet Robinson, Mike Skowronski, Lori Whitaker, Frank Gigliotti, Bill Tuite, Jan Marcum, Jen Gracia, PC Matt and Cindy Romak, PC Rob and Cathy Falzon, Lori and Dave Stoddart, PC George and Melissa Hanrahan, Debbie and Jerry McGraw, Nikole Luton, Brian Bunch, Carri Whittemore, Kevin Towle, Pam Navarre, VC Sue Pomerleau, Bob Cisco, FC Chad and LeeAnn Gronda, Al Carter, Steve and Sue Deters, Marlene Hungerford, Matt and Jayne Jamison, Commodore Al Drew, Mike and Melinda Beaker, PC John and Rita Robbins, Keith Waddles and Sandi LaFrance, and of course Lady Teri! What an incredible group of people. I hope I didn't leave out anyone. You all rock!! I also want to thank Bob Newman and the Tuesday Night Poker Gang for keeping this going throughout the year.

I am also very proud of the upgrades and enhancements that we were able to put in place at the club this year. These include 2 new high definition televisions, a new surround sound audio system, upgraded TV and internet service, a refurbishment of the popcorn maker (thanks FC Chad!), a new back-bar cooler, a new pizza oven, and a new ice maker after the old one bit the dust. There is still much more that I'd love to see done, but I really do feel that we offer a great experience when visiting our clubhouse. I hope you feel the same way.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for having been given the opportunity to work with a first class Bridge and Board of Directors this year. It has been a fun and exciting 2014. It's hard to believe that I have already fulfilled a year as your Fleet Captain and a year as your Rear Commodore. Thanks for being a part of it and making it so positive and rewarding. Now on to my Vice Commodore year!!

See you on the docks or at the Club

Rear Commodore, Jeff Upholzer

More News:



FLEET CAPTAIN: CHAD GRONDA



Attention!!!! Attention!!!!
This is your Fleet Captain Speaking :)

What can I say, 2014 was a great time to be the SSBC Fleet Captain. We had great water and great members that traveled to and far. I just want to say thank you to all that came out and supported Leann and I this year at the Poker Runs and Events.

The Power Boat awards were held in November and I am happy to report that SSBC took first place with most attendance and most boats. SSBC also took second place in most miles traveled by boat. We should be very proud of these three awards; everyone did a great job. Congratulations to the Upholzer's, the Newman's, the Alexander's and the Gronda's for earning a flag this year!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see everyone next year at the Bar (Hopefully behind it) and on the water.

Chad J Gronda
2014 SSBC Fleet Captain



Membership News:



Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!

***** Welcome to our AWESOME club!!!*****



Sending out ... HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF THE DECEMBER SUNSEEKER BIRTHDAYS! CHEERS!!

★ Important Items—

Next Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday December 3rd @ 7:30PM. Immediately following the meeting is the SSBC Christmas Party. Hope you all will join us.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL SSBC SANTAFEST, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13. Buses leave SSBC clubhouse 3:30 pm and travel to Wyandotte to six bars that will be participating. Returning to the clubhouse at approximately 10pm to enjoy pizza, and DJ. (cash bar at all stops). The \$35 fee includes round-trip bus fare, appetizer's at Stone Pub, DJ and Pizza at the clubhouse upon return from Wyandotte.

JR Sunseekers meet Santa—December 21st

New Year's Eve Party—December 31st

Come to our monthly Membership Meeting.. Don't let the seats sit empty, get involved.. Remember its' YOUR CLUB!

REMINDER: you would like to put articles/announcements/stories/pictures in the newsletter, please send an email to the 20th, for the following month's newsletter!
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