



# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



January 2014

Counting the days until



the shrink wrap comes off! ;(

**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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<http://ssbc.us>



**January  
HIGHLIGHTS:**

Jan. 8th ~ Membership  
meeting

Jan. 18th ~ Name that  
Tune

Jan. 31st ~ Karaoke  
Night

# News from the Bridge:



## COMMODORE: AL DREW

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Hello Sunseekers!

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

I am looking forward and feel privileged to be your 2014 Commodore. PC Matt Romak left some very large shoes to fill and lots of positive momentum. The game plan is to build on that and make our club the best club around, of course with your help.

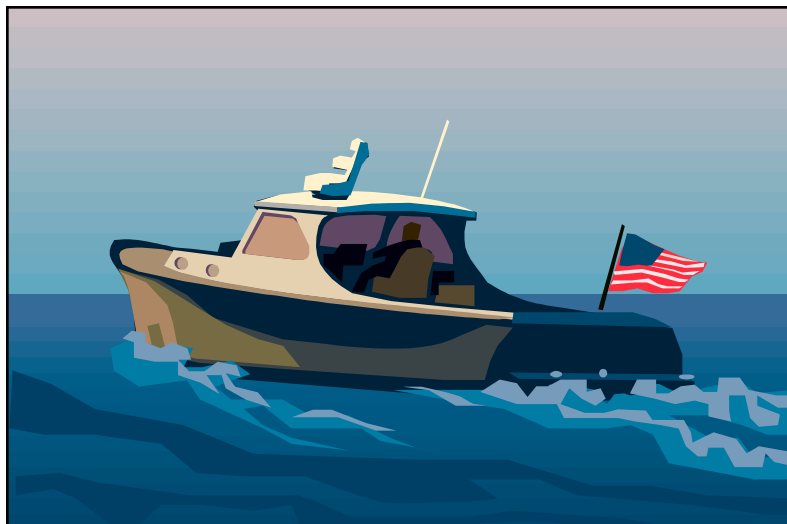
I am also looking forward to working with our 2014 bridge, board and all of the members to ensure that the club continues to grow as a fun and exciting place to be. To succeed at this goal, I need your help to provide feedback on any ideas, concerns or thoughts on how we can continue to make improvements.

Lady Carolyn and I will be attending Ottawa River Yacht Club, Elba Mar, and North River Yacht club balls.

I encourage everyone to get involved and participate in our club activities. And please support our 2014 Bridge.

Thank you,

Al Drew  
2014 Commodore



# More News:



## VICE COMMODORE: SUE POMERLEAU

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Hey Sunseekers!

2013 was a fabulous year!

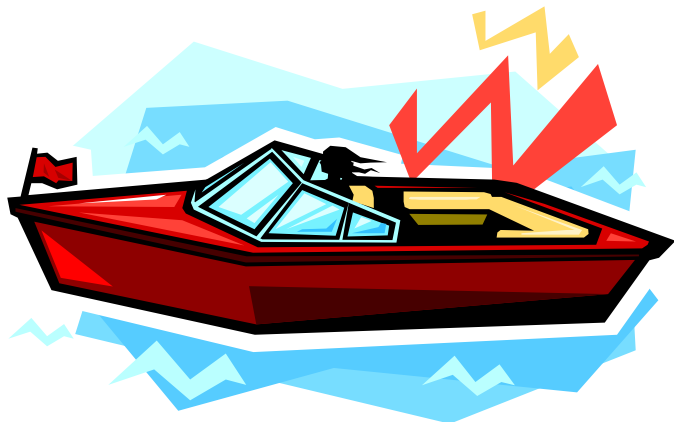
CONGRATULATIONS Past Commodore Matt Romak and Lady Cindy who are sincerely commended for their outstanding efforts these past 3 years! Thank you and it was an honor being on the bridge with you through your term! SSBC definitely received some recognition winning several awards! People are seeing SSBC as a force to be reckoned with! Let's keep up the spirit through 2014 and beyond!

Thank you again to everyone who helped me throughout my Rear Commodore year! I could not have done it without all the volunteer bartenders, assistance from friends, the bridge and board, and support from the members! Please continue to support Rear Commodore Jeff Upholzer in 2014! If every member would volunteer at least one time per year, I think you would find it a lot of fun and would be extremely helpful to run the bar.

I am truly excited about my Vice Commodore year! PC Matt Romak and Lady Cindy's Commodore Ball will be held February 8<sup>th</sup>. AYC Commodore Ball will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. Be sure to have your hotel reservations in for both fun filled events! If you would like to help with the AYC Room, I will be sending out emails regarding the meeting times.

Thanks again...it's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,  
Sue Pomerleau  
2014 Vice Commodore



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## REAR COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings Sunseekers,

I want to start by extending to the members my gratitude for granting me the honor and privilege of representing the club as your Rear Commodore this year. I also want to acknowledge those that held this position before me and have implemented improvements that have gotten the bar operations to where they are at today. It will make for a smooth and easy transition as I take over this year from VC Sue Pomerleau.

The biggest and ongoing challenge facing the bar is consistently filling the bar tender slots. Since we don't have a paid staff, we are totally reliant on club members volunteering to help. We have been fortunate these past number of years to have Craig Harter cover the majority of Wednesday's. And in 2013, PC Mike Chamberlin covered the majority of Tuesday's and also other days on occasion. This still leaves at least 3 other days each week that need your help.

When I joined the club several years ago I jumped in and started bartending regularly on Tuesday nights. Not only did I enjoy the bar tending, this was an awesome way to meet the club members and get to know them on a more personal level. I recall that at the beginning I knew what a member's beverage of choice was before I even knew their names. Now I feel like the club's members are an extension of my family. And I credit much of that to taking the time to volunteer as a bar tender.

As was mentioned in the December 2013 newsletter, we have implemented a new feature to the Sunseekers' website in the "Members Only" section that will quickly and easily allow members to see who will be bar tending on upcoming dates, as well as to sign up for open slots. I encourage you to check this out and help me and your club by signing up and keeping the bar open. I'm also hoping that this helps cut down on the amount of broadcast email that members receive from the club, reserving that communication vehicle for more important club information.

For 2014 there are a number of enhancements that I am working on to improve the clubhouse environment. I'm also looking for your input and help as well. Please call me, email me, or pull me aside at the club over a drink and discuss with me your ideas, concerns or other areas of improvement that we should be going after.

Finally, whether you are working behind the bar or on the other side, please come up and support your club. Without both the club cannot succeed. Thanks, and here's to an awesome 2014! Happy New Year!

See you on the docks and at the Club!

Jeff Upholzer  
Rear Commodore



# More News:



## FLEET CAPTAIN: CHAD GRONDA



Hello Sunseekers!!

First off, a great big Congratulation to Jeff Upholzer, 2013 Fleet Captain of the year. I'd like to Thank Jeff for going above and beyond and keeping our club well informed and up to date on all the Poker Runs/Regattas/Events. Jeff did a great job with organizing the bus trip and helping to make SSBC a strong presence at the AYC Poker Run/events this last season. Well done, Jeff!

For those of you that just joined, I want to welcome you to our club. If at any time you have a question that I can assist you with, I would be glad to do that. If I can't answer the question, I'll surely point you in the right direction. Please feel free to call, text or email me.

For planning purposes, the 2014 Poker Run / Regatta schedule has been tentatively released as follows. Please note your calendars accordingly and stay tuned for updates:

2014 Poker Run/ Events (tentative dates):

June 13-15: Cooley Canal Yacht Club

June 27-29: Wyandotte Yacht Club<<http://www.wyconline.com/>>

June 27-29: SSBC Luau at Silver Shores Marina

July 11-13: Ottawa River Yacht Club<<http://www.oryc100.org/>>

July 18-20: Riverview Yacht Club<<http://www.riverviewyachtclub.com/>>

July 19: SSBC Dingy Thingy

Aug 15-17: Ford Yacht Club<<http://www.fordyachtclub.com/>>

I'm foreshadowing that SSBC's participation at this year's Poker Runs will be at an all-time high. Let's continue our great participation and show the other AYC clubs how Sunseekers can really rock the docks!!

Finally, we are in the planning phase for a Spring Bus Trip. Watch for updates via email and this space in the monthly news letter.

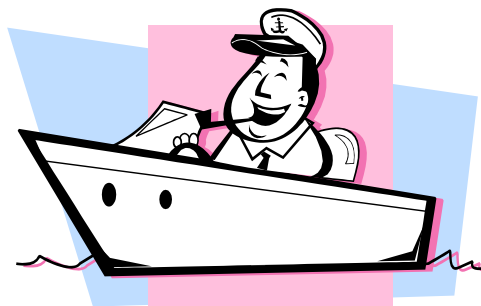
\*\*\*This just in, The Michigan DNR and US Coast Guard both approve the online Boater Safety course. Just log in, take the course, and pay for the exam. It's easy to get started! Sign Up For Free →<<http://www.boat-ed.com/register/create/course/10102301>> Pay only when you pass. No more boring classes. Have fun and get your card.

Here is the link <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

See you on the docks, the sand bar or the club!

Thank you,

Chad J Gronda  
Fleet Captain



We are passing this request along to Sunseekers members as a call to action on the need to modify the EPA's Renewable Fuel Sources (RFS) requirements for marine applications. Please go to

<http://hd.nmma.org/read/archive?id=12329&e=JGabriel%40nmma.org&x=02142acc>

and click on the "Take Action" button to contact your elected officials and demand that the EPA reduce its ethanol mandate and modify the RFS to protect marine engines, Comments must be received by Tuesday, January 28th.

Thanks!



January 8, 2014

### **Take Action to Reduce the Ethanol Requirement**

**Over the past few months our industry has made tremendous progress in preventing the widespread implementation of high ethanol blends. In November, NMMA achieved a major victory when the EPA announced its proposal to modify the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and to reduce the amount of ethanol required to be blended into the nation's fuel supply. As required by law, the EPA is now soliciting public comments on its proposal before rendering a final decision.**

**Last month, NMMA testified before the EPA explaining the unintended dangers of the RFS and its impact on the marine industry. NMMA will also be submitting written comments this month. But your voice, your opinions and your comments are critical to our overall success.**

**If you want the EPA to reduce the ethanol mandate, to modify the RFS and protect marine engines, then you must speak up!**

**You can quickly and effectively voice your comments [HERE](#). Comments are due by Tuesday, January 28. It's up to the boating community to show how this flawed policy is having devastating consequences on our industry.**

**It's simple. It's direct. And it makes a difference.**

**We already know that the ethanol and corn lobbies are submitting thousands of comments. We can't sit on the sidelines. It's time to take action and let the EPA know that you want lower ethanol mandates in 2014.**

**They want to hear from you—don't wait until it's too late!**

**Visit [This Link](#) to Submit Your Comments**


**For more information or assistance, please contact Michael Lewan at [MLewan@nmma.org](mailto:MLewan@nmma.org).**


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# Membership News:

 **Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

\*\*\*\*\* Welcome to our awesome club!!!\*\*\*\*\*

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

 It is with heartfelt sadness to inform you of the loss of **Joe McCracken's** mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe and his family during this difficult time.

 **SAVE THE DATE:**

SSBC Commodore's Ball on February 8th, 2014 honoring Commodore Matt Romak and Lady Cindy at the Holiday Inn in Southgate.

AYC Ball. This event is being held at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan and it runs from February 14-16, 2014!!!

Wine Tasting Fundraiser on February 23rd at the Gibraltar Community Center from 2-4pm!

**Next Membership Meeting is the first Wednesday of the month on February 5th @ 7:30pm**



**Don't let these chairs stay empty! Get involved!!  
Come on down to the club and share your ideas.**

**FYI: There is a proposed bylaw change being voted on that was introduced at the January meeting.**

## REMINDER:

If you would like to put articles/announcements/stories/pictures in the newsletter, please send an email to **jeannettefoley@gmail.com**  
Submit them by the 20th, for the following month's newsletter!  
..... Thanks in advance!!! ~Jeannette Foley

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**MIKE CHAMBERLIN**

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Regalia Management

**SANDY LEFRANCE**

Financial Secretary

### 2013 AYC DELEGATES

#### **PC SCOTT DUNSMORE**

Head Delegate

Delegate

**JEFF UPHOLZER**

Fleet Captain

### 2013 I-LYA DELEGATE

**PC DENNIS NIEMIEC**

# Bylaws Change Proposals

\*\*\*Attention Members: There will be a vote on the proposed bylaw change that was proposed at the January membership meeting.\*\*\*

Bylaws Change, Proposal 1: Change all references of "gift card" to "Club Card" in the bylaws document.

Bylaws Change, Proposal 2: In Article VI, Section 1, as bolded (and highlighted in red), change the language from:

(A) All new members will pay the initiation fee, \$50 SSBC gift card fee and membership dues at time of application. The \$50 SSBC gift card may be used to pay any SSBC fee with the exception of annual dues and/or assessments.

to:

(A) All new members will pay the initiation fee, \$50 SSBC **Club Card** fee and membership dues at time of application. The \$50 SSBC **Club Card** may be used to pay **for** any SSBC **purchase** with the exception of annual dues and/or assessments **and/or outstanding work hours and/or SSBC Commodore's Ball tickets**.

# SSBC KARAOKE NIGHT

**FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2014**

COME ON DOWN TO THE CLUB  
AND SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS!!!  
OR JUST JOIN EVERYONE AND  
LISTEN TO 'THEIR' SKILLS  
WITH SOME FUN AND  
GOOD TIMES!!



# Attention Sunseekers!!

I'd like to introduce your new Sunseeker's Newsletter Editor... **MELINDA BEAKER!!**  
Please send new correspondence to her at: [mbeaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbeaker@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you so much for (hopefully) reading and enjoying the newsletter that I have put together for you over the past several years.

I have truly loved creating it!

I'm saddened by this last issue, but I look forward to my next adventure as your 2014 Secretary!!

I wish Melinda the best in her new role as our editor. Please help her in this transition. If you give her the same support that you have given me throughout the years.... She'll do a great job!



Thanks again!

See you at the club,  
Jeannette Foley  
2014 Secretary / & Past Editor

## ayc Commodore's Ball

This event is being held at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan  
February 14-16, 2014!!!

There is a sign up sheet for food donations and liquor donations for AYC.  
Both go towards your work hours for 2014.  
There's a couple more openings for bartending as well.

GET ON UP TO THE CLUB AND SIGN UP!!!

# Battle of Lake Erie



From: Al Luke

I just had a friend of mine send me these sites to view the reenactment of the battle of Lake Erie at Put- In- Bay this past summer.. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did...

The PBS video does a nice job of explaining the history. The B-25 video really shows how many boats were out there for the reenactment.

Enjoy! .....(THANKS FOR SHARING WITH US AL !!)

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**This video was broadcast on PBS Toledo about a month ago. Here it is online if you would like to watch it:**

[http://www.wgte.org/wgte/item.asp?item\\_id=15939](http://www.wgte.org/wgte/item.asp?item_id=15939)

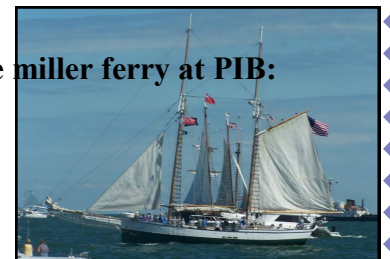
**You may have seen the B-25 that flew over the reenactment. Here is a youtube video shot from that plane:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkgC6\\_yhPT4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkgC6_yhPT4)

**My favorite part is about at the 30 second mark, when you can see the large cluster of boats.**

**One last video that I will leave you with. TBDBITL arriving on the miller ferry at PIB:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToKTcv9-1yc>





# WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

*To benefit the Gibraltar Food Pantry*

Sunday, February 23, 2014

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Gibraltar Community Center

29340 South Gibraltar Road, Gibraltar, MI 48173

Bring your friends & family and join us as we sample wines, provided by PRP Wines, and raise funds for the Gibraltar Food Pantry.

Your \$25 ticket entitles you to:

- Wine
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Commemorative wine glass
- The opportunity to win fabulous prizes in our basket raffle & silent auction
  - Including:
    - In-home wine tasting
    - Hot air balloon ride

Tickets are available at Gibraltar City Hall, Gibraltar Community Center, Gibraltar Food Pantry, or by calling Carol Woggon (313-910-5871)

*ALL proceeds go to support the Gibraltar Food Pantry*

# Sunseeker's Adventures on NEW YEAR'S EVE!!



# Sunseeker's Adventures @ Santarchy!



# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8  Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  <b>Name That Tune</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31  <b>Karaoke Night</b>	