



# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



OCTOBER 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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**OCTOBER  
HIGHLIGHTS:**

- OCT 1 ~ Membership Meeting
- OCT 4 ~ SSBC Commodore Cocktail Party/Oktobefest
- NOV 1 ~ Halloween Costume Party

# News from the Bridge:



**COMMODORE: AL DREW**

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Hello Sunseekers!

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the season as much as you can. As we come back in from the water I would like to remind everyone to stop by the club and reminisce about the summer. Also the club is open on Sundays for Lions Football. Come and enjoy the game with your fellow Sunseekers.

Thank you to all that attended the Commodore Cruise. It was a beautiful evening and I believe a good time for everyone on board. A very special thanks to VC Sue Pomerleau and her family for providing The Diamond Queen. Great boat and crew. Also thank you to VC Sue Pomerleau and Rear Commodore Jeff Upholzer for insuring the event came off flawlessly. All proceeds will go to the Commodores Ball Fund.

In the last month Lady Carolyn and I attended the Detroit Beach Boat Club Cocktail Reception. Upcoming we will be attending Riverview Yacht Club Ball, West River Yacht & Cruising Club Ball, Indian Hill Boat Club Ball and Jolly Roger Sailing Club Ball.

Thank You,

Al Drew  
Commodore

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## VICE COMMODORE: SUE POMERLEAU

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### Vice Commodore Sue Pomerleau:

Looks like a few boats are already being laid up for the winter! I know mine was on September 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a short summer but a lot of fun with my fellow Sunseekers! Speaking of fun...please continue to support RC Jeff Upholzer at the club and enjoy the Lions football games on Sundays! We have a fabulous time watching the games together! Several of the bartenders are graciously providing some food and snacks too! Come up and join Sunday Funday!

CONGRATULATIONS to Commodore Al Drew and Lady Carolyn on a successful fundraiser aboard the Diamond Queen for their ball! Thank you to RC Jeff & Lady Teri Upholzer, Louise MacDonald, Sandi LaFrance, Jeannette Foley, Carol Carter, Jerry & Debbie McGraw, Jan Marcum and anyone else who helped with the Auction Items, 50/50, and Bottle of Bacardi drawings. Congratulations to all the winners!

THE LEFTOVERS will be playing at this year's Oktoberfest! \$5 cover and the doors open at 6 pm immediately following the Commodore Cocktail reception. We will have Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Baked Chicken and sides! We need a few cars at the City of Gibraltar Trunk or Treat. If you are able to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. Then we have the U of M vs. MSU party which the kickoff time is yet to be determined. I will keep you posted. Our own SSBC Trunk or Treat will be held during half time of the Lions game! All children, grandchildren, youngsters are welcome to dress up and partake in the Trunk or Treat. All members are encouraged to decorate your trunks and pass out candy! The more cars, the more fun it is for all the kids!! The Saturday after Halloween is our annual Halloween Costume Party and contest. Dress up in your sexy (not too sexy), scary, or creative costumes and join us for DJ dancing and fun! Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Thanks again and hope to see you at the club!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| ➤ SSBC Commodore Cocktail Party & Oktoberfest            | October 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| ➤ Wendy Hursin Private Event                             | October 11 <sup>th</sup>  |
| ➤ City of Gibraltar Trunk or Treat                       | October 11 <sup>th</sup>  |
| ➤ U of M vs. MSU Party                                   | October 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| ➤ SSBC Trunk or Treat (approx. 11 am at Lions half time) | October 26 <sup>th</sup>  |
| ➤ Halloween Costume Party & Contest                      | November 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| ➤ December Membership Meeting and Christmas Party        | December 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| ➤ SSBC New Year's Eve Party                              | December 31 <sup>st</sup> |

Thank you,  
Sue Pomerleau  
Vice Commodore



## More News:



### REAR COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings Sunseekers,

According to the calendar, the fall season is now upon us. I am refusing to believe it, however. Besides, we typically experience an "Indian Summer" this time of year. So Lady Tier and I are counting on some warm weather weekends and high water levels so we can squeeze in a few more boating excursions this year - perhaps even one more trip to the Bay before having to get serious about winterizing our vessels. Keep flying those burgees, SunSeekers!!

With fall comes football, hockey, and even post-season baseball. There is plenty to see and do. The club is open for all Lions games, except for Thanksgiving. We have been having a great time on Sundays, and often the bartender has been providing fabulous eats as an added bonus. So whatever your sports passion may be, please stop by the club and enjoy a game with your boating friends! Come on in, we would love to see you!

Congratulations to Commodore Al for an excellent Commodore's Cruise aboard the Diamond Queen. A big thank you goes out to V/C Sue for her family's generous donation of the boat to the club for the evening. A big thank you also goes out to everyone that donated a raffle item. And of course big thanks go out to everyone that attended the Commodore's Cruise. This fundraising event was a total success in every respect.

Congratulations to Larry Alexander Sr. on his granddaughter's recent marriage. The wedding reception was held at the club, and all reports were that the venue worked just great for them. We have hosted quite a few private events at the club this year, and I encourage anyone that has an event that needs a place to host it to consider having it at the club. It is a win-win for everyone.

The SSBC Bartender Competition will be held during the month of October this year. The objective is to raise food and monetary donations to support the Gibraltar Food Pantry. The bartender who raises the most donations in a single shift will be the winner. Additional competition details and rules are contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Please come up and support your bartenders and the Gibraltar Food Pantry. Finally, I want to thank each and every member that has volunteered to bartend. Without you, the club could not function. You ROCK!!

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 Captains Report

You may or may not have heard by now; I've been nominated to the position of Rear Commodore for 2015. I accepted the nomination and I'm happy to report that the bar will be in good hands this coming year. With that being said, make sure to sign up next year on the SSBC website to bartend in 2015. I'm hoping to keep the good times rolling and the bar open without any shut downs.

A big Thank you goes out to V/C Sue Pomerlau and her Family for donating the Diamond Queen for the Commodore Cruise. I also want to Thank V/C Sue P and Lady Bob for putting on a great Commodore Cruise Fundraiser. Everybody seemed to have a wonderful time. If you donated a basket for this event, you did a wonderful job, they were all very well made and heart felt. Thank you for supporting your Commodore Al Drew and lady Carolyn and their ball.

I attended the AYC meeting with R/C Jeff Upholzer, P/C Scott Dunsmore, and P/C John Hopper last month. Brand New Red, White and Blue AYC Burgees are for sale for \$25.00. If you would like an AYC burgee, get me 25 bucks and I will purchase them at the next AYC meeting.

Through the help of P/C Mike Chamberlain, I was able to make contact with our AED provider. I have turned over the information to Financial Secretary Steve Deters to cut a check for \$113.88. The money will purchase 2 New Adult AED Pads for the device. I did check with the provider and they stated that the old pads are expired, but they still can be used in case of an emergency. The reasoning behind purchasing two packets is because if, and when, we use one set, there is an immediate replacement. As soon as the new pads arrive, I will replace the old ones.

I also found out that Heart AED also provides CPR and AED training. The only problem with this training is it costs \$49.00 per person. I will be making contact with Janet Robison and checking with her to see if she would be willing to donate her time again to do an over view for the club at no cost. If you don't know, Janet is a Charge Nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

I submitted the Poker Run perfect attendance list to AYC Power Fleet Captain Larry Debagio last week. The Burgees will be presented at the November AYC meeting. The meeting will be held at Swan boat club on November 24th 2014 at 7:00 pm. All perfect attendance winners are invited to attend this meeting, Dinner will be provided by Swan boat club. This is just another reason to attend all the Poker Runs by boat SSBC members. A Burgee and dinner, what else can you ask for!!!!

This year's perfect attendance for Poker Runs goes to:

R/C Jeff and Lady Teri Upholzer	F/C Chad and Lady Leeann Gronda
Bob and Ann Newman	Larry and Sharon Alexander

I hope everybody enjoyed themselves on Friday night at the Club Appreciation Dinner. I would like to report that all the spirits were used in a responsible manner. Good luck next years to 2015 Fleet Captain Matt Jamison at obtaining the winning bottles.

Thank You

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 SEPTEMBER SUNSEEKER BIRTHDAYS! CHEERS!!

## ★ Important Items—

Next Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday, November 5th @ 7:30PM

Oktoberfest was amazing! Thanks to Sgt at Arms Mark Hendertilo and FC Chad Gronda for doing the 50/50. Thanks to FC Chad Gronda, Jason Klimowicz, Annette Jankowski, Sue Deters, Roseanne Bruner, and Bob & Ann Newman for check-in on such short notice. Hoping I'm not forgetting anyone cuz that was a HUGE help! Thanks to Jerry McGraw for picking up the food! Thanks to PC Rob Falzon and Keith Waddle for bartending and all those who stepped in to help during rush times! Excellent job to PC Dennis Niemiec and The Leftovers! You guys ROCK! Thanks to anyone who helped clean up, as I was asleep in the truck! Dang Hyder and his shots!! Geez, I really hope I'm not forgetting anyone because events like this take a lot of work and a ton of people to have such a successful event! I am so thankful for all the help I have had throughout my Vice Commodore year! Our members are the best!!

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!  
..... Thanks in advance!!! **Mbeaker@sbcglobal.net**  
Submit them by ~Melinda Beaker

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### 2014 AYC DELEGATES

#### **PC SCOTT DUNSMORE**

**Head Delegate**

**PC JOHN ROBBINS**

**Delegate**

**CHAD GRONDA**

**Fleet Captain**

### 2014 I-LYA DELEGATE

**PC DENNIS NIEMIEC**

# Membership News:



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## SSBC Bartender Competition

The purpose of this competition is to raise food and monetary donations to benefit the Gibraltar Food Pantry. To accomplish this we will be hosting a bartender competition where we encourage members to bartend for an evening and invite up as many people as they can.

### Competition Rules:

1. The competition starts on Thursday, October 2, 2014 and runs through Friday, October 31, 2014.
2. The Cocktail Reception / Oktoberfest Party on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is excluded from the competition.
3. Each can or box of food donated will count as one point.
4. Each dollar donated will count as one point.
5. Each drink sold at the club during the bartender's shift will count as one point.
6. Total Points are the sum of donated food + beverages sold + dollar donations.
7. The winner is the bartender(s) who accumulate the most points in one shift.
8. The winner of the competition will be announced at the November SSBC Membership meeting and they will receive a SunSeekers logo duffel bag / logo beach towel set and will have \$50 credited to their SSBC Club Card. If there is a team of bartenders then the winning team will decide how to allocate the awards.

### Signing-Up:

Members can sign up for a night of bartending by accessing the on-line bartender calendar, which is located in the Members Only area of the SunSeekers website (<http://ssbc.us>). If you need help signing up, please contact Rear Commodore Jeff Upholzer. Members may sign-up on their own, as a pair or triples to bartend for this competition.

The club is open on Sunday afternoons for Lions games, so those are fair game. If you would like to bartend on a Monday when we are normally closed then you are free to do so. If your preferred night is not available, please contact the bartender signed up to see if they are willing to let you bartend for them that day/evening. If they are unwilling to give up the shift then please select another available shift to bartend.

### Questions:

Please contact Rear Commodore Jeff Upholzer at 734-775-7598 or email [jeff@upholzer.com](mailto:jeff@upholzer.com)