

SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



DECEMBER 2015



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 2 ~ Membership Meeting
Dec 5 ~ SSBC SantaFest
Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day

News From The Bridge



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Hey Sunseekers!

I am extremely honored to have served as your Commodore in 2015. The past 5 years serving on the Bridge for this outstanding club was truly an amazing journey that I will cherish a lifetime! I am so grateful to everyone who helped me along the way. All the advice from Past Commodores, all the volunteer bartenders, all who helped with the events, and especially the friendships I have made. To all the officers on all 5 Bridge's I have served, thank you so much for your guidance and knowledge! Most of all THANK YOU to the membership!! It is the membership who make Sunseeker's a success and an exciting place to be! Our club is full of heart & soul and I am so proud to be a part of this incredible group of people!

Congratulations to the 2016 Bridge! I am confident the club is in good hands with Commodore Jeff Upholzer and Lady Teri at the helm! As a Past Commodore, I plan on helping the club in other ways and look forward to seeing this club strive to new lengths! I will be working with Joe McCracken on the anniversary board for the club starting with anyone who has been a continuous member for over 20 years. I am excited for the future of SSBC and thankful to be a part of it!

This year, we unfortunately lost a HUGE asset to the club, Jerry McGraw. He was involved in so many ways, from making pancakes at Jr. Sunseeker events, to assisting with the float line up, and everything he could get his hands on to help out! He had an infectious smile and a welcoming way about him. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our club may not have docks or other amenities but one thing is for certain: when you're a part of SSBC, you are family. Jerry was a major part of this club family. And I am truly touched time and time again when this club pulls together during hard times. Please keep Debbie and her family in your thoughts and prayers especially during the holiday season. (As Bob Newman would say...) Jerry: I LOVE YOU MAN!

During the month of November, Lady Bob and I attended Jolly Roger's Sailing Club Ball, Sun Parlour Boat Club Ball, and West River Yacht and Cruising Club's Commodore Reception. We have truly enjoyed representing SSBC!

Our Christmas party will be held immediately following the December Membership Meeting, December 2nd. The Change of Watch will be held at the January Membership Meeting, January 6th. Please be sure to bring in can goods for the Gibraltar Food Pantry and toys for Toys for Tots. These donations mean so much to those less fortunate. Wishing you all the very best this holiday season...may you have a happy and healthy New Year!
Thanks again for all your support the past 5 years!

Sincerely
Sue Cisco, Commodore

More News:



VICE COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings Sunseekers,

November was marked by the sudden loss of one of our members, Jerry McGraw. Jerry, a former Sergeant of Arms and Board Member-elect for the club, was loved by everyone. Jerry always had a smile on his face, and he was the first to greet someone new to the club with a warm welcome and inviting demeanor. He made you feel like you were part of the family. Jerry was always helping out at the club. From his fabulous corned beef dinners at St. Patrick's Day, to cooking burgers on the grill, to playing poker with the gang on Tuesday nights – you could always count on him for anything. Jerry was one of a kind and will be missed each and every day. Know that we will be there to help Debbie get through this difficult time. I love you, man.

Tickets are on sale at the club for the second annual SunSeekers SantaFest, which being held on Saturday, December 5th. Just like last year, we will be taking multiple buses from the club up to Wyandotte for a holiday-themed pub crawl. We have lined up multiple bars in Wyandotte to participate. There will be finger food to enjoy at a designated bar. And a band 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 band. We are also selling special-edition t-shirts for this event. Shirts must be ordered in advance. Bring your friends and relatives - don't miss out on all the fun!

Lady Teri and I attended the Toledo Sailing Club Commodore Ball representing SSBC and we had a fabulous time. The Toledo Yacht Club made a decision to cancel its annual ball in November due to financial challenges facing their club. There are no balls scheduled for December and we will be picking up with more in January and the months to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 2 – SSBC Membership Meeting and Christmas Party
- Dec 5 – SSBC SantaFest and – City of Gibraltar Christmas Parade
- Dec 6 - Painting Party hosted by Lady Rita Robbins
- Dec 20 - Jr. Sunseeker's meet Santa
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Party
- Jan 6 – SSBC Membership Meeting and Change of Watch

As we bring 2015 to a close, I want to personally thank everyone for all their help and continued dedication with all of the events this year. The support that Lady Teri and I received is what made each and every one of these events a success. Please assist Jeannette next year as she moves into her role as Vice Commodore. I am very much looking forward to serving as your 2016 SSBC Commodore. See you on the docks or at the club!

Jeff Upholzer
Vice Commodore

More News!



REAR COMMODORE: JEANNETTE FOLEY

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Hello fellow Sunseekers~

Whoa.. so not ready for all of this white stuff falling from the sky today! Brrrr...I guess that I better switch gears and turn into a 'Snow Seeker' for now!!

It's hard to believe that November is almost over. There have been several exciting nights at the club... from incoming bus trips, the Lions games, fundraisers, and etc.. Thanks to everyone that has attended and/or donated food to make these activities so successful for Sunseekers! We really know how to come together and create some awesome parties!

I'd like to send out many thanks to our bartenders for the month of November! Thanks go out to Stu & Wendy Hursin, Craig Harter, Lori Whitaker, Bill Tuite, Scott Boyd, Mike Giles, Byron Kirack, P/C Derrick & Lady Tara, DJ Hunter, Brian Niemiec, Mike & Melinda Beaker, and of course myself!! Thank you so much for volunteering your time...we all appreciate it!!

Whoo Hoo... there is only one open date left to bartend for 2015!! The day after Christmas is still open if you'd like to sign up for that day. Just let me know... or go ahead and sign up online!

Remember that the club is still open on Sundays for the Lions games! Drink prices are reduced to get more members in to enjoy Sunday Funday! Come on up and watch the games with fellow Sunseekers!

Ladies... save the date for the next Dress and Accessory Exchange! It will be on Sunday January 10 th at 1:00pm... Bring up your formal gowns, cocktail dresses, scarves, shoes, jewelry... or any accessory that you'd like to sell or exchange! It should be a fun afternoon!

On a final note, I'd just like to say thank you to the membership for allowing me to be your Rear Commodore this year! It has been an honor and privilege to represent SSBC. It's been an adventure for sure! Mark and I have had a lot of fun! Thanks to anyone and everyone that has lent a hand, shared advice, volunteered your time, and made this position a little easier on me. I really appreciated it.

Thank you to all of the 2015 board and bridge members... and help me welcome in the 2016 team! I'm sure they're looking forward to getting into their new roles!

Please continue to support me as your next year's Vice Commodore. I have some fun events in mind and hope to make a lot more exciting memories for everyone!!!

Remember this is your club... so stop up often! I hope you enjoy the holidays and I'll see you at the club,

Jeannette Foley
Rear Commodore

More News:



FLEET CAPTAIN: MATT JAMISON

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Hello Sunseekers,

It is December and we have a long winter ahead of us before boating season begins. It has been a pleasure serving as your 2015 Fleet Captain. I want to thank everyone who supported me throughout the year. Sunseekers always has a strong presence at all of the AYC poker runs and events. It is all the members that made my job as Fleet Captain enjoyable. Thank You.

The November AYC meeting was held on November 21st. I am proud to say that six SSBC members and their significant others attended to receive their perfect attendance flag for participation in all 5 AYC poker runs. They are Commodore Sue Cisco & Lady Bob, Vice Commodore Jeff Upholzer & Lady Teri, Rear Commodore Jeannette Foley & Lady Mark, Past Commodore John Robbins & Lady Rita, Fleet Captain Matt Jamison & Lady Jayne and member Bill Tuite. These flags will be presented at the December SSBC membership meeting. Thank you.

We had an incoming bus trip from Seaway Boat Club (SBC) on November 21st. Thank you everyone who attended and donated food. Everyone from Seaway could not stop talking about what a great job Sunseekers do when it comes to bus trips. I know that everyone had a fantastic time. There were even a few Sunseekers that got voluntarily kidnapped by Seaway to accompany them back to their club. We had a blast! Special thanks to Marty Arvay for organizing all of the food donations and to Lori Whitaker for bartending. Sunseekers are known for being one of the best bus stops on the AYC circuit when it comes to hospitality and food.

Currently Lake Erie is 29" above Low Water Datum (LWD). This is 4" higher than the same time last year but 2" lower than the same time last month. The water levels of Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are at the same level as they were a month ago, while Lakes St. Clair and Ontario are 4 and 3 inches, respectively, lower than they were. Over the next 30 days, all lakes, with the exception of Lake St. Clair are expected to continue their seasonal decline. Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are predicted to fall 3 and 2 inches, respectively, while Lakes Erie and Ontario are both forecasted to decline 2 inches. Levels will remain above their long term average levels for this time of year.

Water temperature is currently 41.3F/5.17C S

Stay safe,

Matt Jamison,
Fleet Captain

Membership News:



Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!

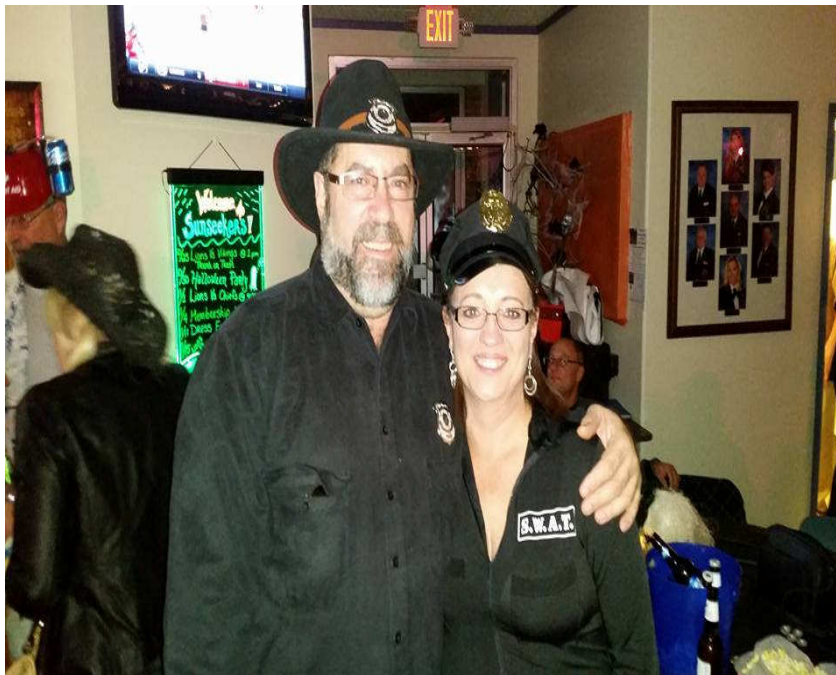
***** Welcome to our AWESOME club!!!*****

Next Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday, December 3rd
@ 7:30PM. Hope you all will join us.

A warm welcome to our newest members of SSBC.

We are in need of Bartenders at the Club. If you are able to help out, please contact Rear Commodore, Jeannette Foley.

WE WILL MISS YOU JERRY!



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**
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