



# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



## FEBRUARY 2015

Happy  
Valentines

**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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### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

FEB 4 ~ Membership Meeting

FEB 1 ~ Super Bowl Party

FEB 14 ~ SSBC BALL

FEB 20/21 ~ AYC BALL—  
Perrysburg, Ohio

## News From The Bridge



### COMMODORE: SUE POMERLEAU

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Commodore Sue Pomerleau:

Hey Sunseekers! 2015 is well on its way to be an exciting year! The Bridge has a lot of great ideas this year for the Poker Runs, bar, and events! We're all really looking forward to making 2015 the best year ever at SSBC! My 2015 Commodore class quote is "H15TORY IN THE MAKING" and I think we'll be making H15TORY most certainly at SSBC!

Great job to Vice Commodore Jeff Upholzer and Lady Teri for a spectacular Jimmy Buffet event! The club looked fantastic and it was a great time! Rear Commodore Chad and Lady Lee-Ann have been busy with the bar and making it look amazing! The new Sunseeker sign on the Coke cooler looks awesome! Fleet Captain Matt Jamison and I attended the Commodore/Fleet Captain AYC meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to a great Poker Run season!

Lady Bob and I attended the Change of Watch at EMBC. We are truly honored to be representing SSBC at all the club Balls. We attended ORYC and PPBC Balls in January. We will also be attending the EMBC Ball, our SSBC 2014 Ball, AYC Ball and GLSBC Ball in February!

If you're not up north snowmobiling as 'Snowseekers' or a member of our "Sunseeker's South", be sure to stop by for cocktails and support your club! As always please feel free to contact me at any time! I am truly looking forward to serving as your Commodore!

Thank you,  
Sue Pomerleau  
Commodore

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## VICE COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings SunSeekers,

We kicked 2015 off strong with a fabulous "Jimmy Buffet Night" party on January 24<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you goes out to Lady Teri and her daughter, Kahley, for the amazing decorations at the club. It looked awesome! Also big thanks to Lady Teri, Sue Deters and Melinda Beaker for the wonderful cheeseburgers (in paradise) and sliders. And of course, our bartenders for the night, Brian Bunch, Wendy Hursin and Stu Hursin rocked it. The margaritas were flowing, and wow did we go through the bottles of tequila. The club was packed, and from all of the pictures I saw on Facebook, I know everyone had a great time!

Coming up soon is the AYC Ball. We can really use your creative help for our hospitality room. This year's AYC theme is "Put-in-Bay" and our room theme is the "Put-in-Bay Winery". If you're interested in helping out, please contact me or meet at the club every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We can car pool to Toledo, where the room is being built with our partner clubs, Point Place and Grosse Ile Yacht Club. This is a great way to meet other members from these two wonderful clubs and get your work hours in.

### Upcoming Events:

- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Super Bowl Party
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – SSBC Ball
- February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – AYC Ball – Perrysburg, OH
- March 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Celebration
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – AYC Bowling Fundraiser
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – SSBC Fish Fry
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Children with Hair Loss Fundraiser
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – SSBC Spring Bus Trip

### Official 2015 AYC Poker Runs:

- June 19-21: Toledo Sailing Club
- July 3-5: Swan Boat Club
- July 31-Aug 2: Maumee River Yacht Club
- Aug 21-23: Bayview Yacht Club
- Sep 11-13: Detroit Beach Boat Club

### Official 2015 SSBC Major Events:

- July 17-18: SSBC Luau
- Aug 8: SSBC Dingy Thingy

You can always view all these events and more on the SSBC website at [ssbc.us](http://ssbc.us) or mobile [ssbc.us/m](http://ssbc.us/m)

See you at the club or on the docks,  
Jeff Upholzer  
Vice Commodore

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## **REAR COMMODORE: CHAD GRONDA**

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Attention!!!! Attention!!!! This is now your Rear Commodore speaking.

I would like to report the bar is in good shape, we have been able to stay open every day in the Month of January, and it looks like February is all set as well. Thank you Bartenders.

I would like to thank Mike Skowronski for his work on the New SSBC cooler sign. It turned out very well and adds another unique feature to SSBC. Congratulations to V/C Jeff Upholzer on a successful Jimmy Buffet night. I would like to report that all the salt shakers were found after the party. Due to finding all the salt shakers; we might be able to make this an annual event. A huge thank you goes out to Brian Bunch for making all the Margaritas, and Stu and Wendy Hursin for bartending. You all made it a very successful night.

I received an email from AYC Commodore Dan Thomas. In short, the AYC apologized for the way the power boat awards were handled. In the future, recipients of awards will eat first and sit with their assigned clubs and delegates. If you want to read the full letter, I have it for you to read.

The bar purchased a new 3'x20' Rubber, non-slip anti fatigue mat and I am awaiting its arrival. If you are not signing up to bartend because it hurts your back, you can't use that excuse anymore.

Thank you for supporting SSBC and the bar, let's keep the good times Rolling.

Thank you,  
Chad J Gronda  
SSBC Rear Commodore 2015

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## **FLEET CAPTAIN: MATT JAMISON**

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Hello Sunseekers,

Commodore Sue Pomerleau and I attended the AYC Fleet Captains meeting on January 25th at Monroe Boat Club. The 2015 poker run schedule has been confirmed and is listed below. Some dates have changed from last month, so mark your calendars accordingly.

Current water levels are higher than they were at the same time last year. Lake Michigan and Huron are 22 inches higher, Superior is 10 inches higher, St. Clair is 18 inches higher and Erie is 7 inches higher. Lake Superior was 6°F cooler than average last summer which slowed the evaporation of the lake. All these signs point to higher summer water levels compared to last season. Water levels will be up, gas will be low. Let's get those boats moving out on the lakes and rivers this season! If anyone has a question on navigating to any of the poker runs, please contact me.

A spring bus trip is planned for Saturday April 25th. Great Lakes Boat Club has committed to being the first stop and Seaway Boat Club the second stop. I am still finalizing the final stops and a Theme. If any SSBC members have suggestions on a theme please let me know.

\*\*\*\*Safety\*\*\*\*The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting an "About Boating Safely" class that will be held at the WoodhavenCommunity Center. The class will be 5 consecutive Wednesdays starting on March 4th 2015 and ending on April 1st 2015. The class is from 6:30pm – 9:00pm and costs \$40.00 per person. Michigan Department of Natural Resources is hosting a free boating safety course at the Detroit Boat Show on February 21st. The class is from 10:00am – 4:30pm and you will get a free ticket to the boat show upon completion of the class! Completion of either class qualifies for a boater safety certificate. For more information, email [fleetcaptain@ssbc.us](mailto:fleetcaptain@ssbc.us). Flyers are also available at the clubhouse.

Stay Safe out there,  
Matt Jamison, Fleet Captain

# Membership News:



**Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!**

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



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



**Important Items—**

Next Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday March 4th @  
7:30PM. Hope you all will join us.

2015 Membership Dues are due by February 1, 2015.

If you are interested in becoming the 2015 Food Donation  
Chairperson, please contact Vice Commodore Jeff Upholzer.  
The position covers your work hours for this year. You will be  
in charge of the Food Donations for all the club events  
throughout the year.

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

**St. Patrick's Party March 14!**

**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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