



SUNSEEKER'S

Boating Club



JANUARY 2015

Happy
New Year

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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**JANUARY
HIGHLIGHTS:**

JAN 7 ~ Membership
Meeting

JAN 24~ Jimmy Buffet Night

News From The Bridge



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Welcome to 2015 and the 25th anniversary of SunSeeker's Boating Club! I am honored to be your Commodore this year with Lady Bob. We are so excited to represent the club at all the fabulous events this year!

I am so proud of our 2015 Bridge! Congratulations again to Vice Commodore Jeff Upholzer and Lady Teri, Rear Commodore Chad Gronda and Lady LeeAnn, Fleet Captain Matt Jamison and Lady Jayne, Secretary Jeannette Foley (Mark Hendertilo), Treasurer Steve Deters (Sue Deters), and Sergeant at Arms Al Carter (Carol Carter)!! This is the future of SSBC! Please support your bridge this year by participating at the club and all the events!

Speaking of events, if you missed the Santafest this year, you really missed one heck of an event!! HUGE kudos to Lady Teri and Nikole Luton for putting on such a spectacular event! Special thanks to Teri Prodan for the delicious food at the Stone Pub! If this is an Indication of what is to come in 2015, I seriously cannot wait!! Awesome job!!

BIG shout out to everyone who helped with the Gibraltar Christmas Parade! Much appreciation whether you helped with decorating, lining up the floats, announcing the floats, or just cheering us on while we came down the streets of Gibraltar with Santa on board! Special thanks to I94 Marine for loaning us the gorgeous tri-toon and Keith Waddle for keeping us warm during decorating and take down!

Congratulations to Kathy Hogan for a successful Jr. SunSeeker's meet Santa party! Low participation this year but we all had a great time and a belly full of delicious pancakes from Chef Jerry McGraw. All the kids were smiling to see Santa and Mrs. Claus (Kathy Ellis). Great job everyone!

I attended the Change of Watch at GIYC and FYC. It is a privilege to watch my fellow 15's being sworn in as Commodore of their clubs. Lady Bob and I will be attending the EMBC Change of Watch, ORYC and PPBC Balls in January. We will also be attending the EMBC Ball, our own 2014 Ball, AYC Ball and possibly a couple more Balls in February!

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

More News:



VICE COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings SunSeekers

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015. Starting off the New Year as your Vice Commodore, I want to sincerely thank everyone that supported me and Lady Teri with running the bar over this past year. It's a lot of work, but very rewarding as well. I ask that you please support Rear Commodore Chad Gronda in his new role as your Rear Commodore.

As you know, the Vice Commodore year is all about events. Lady Teri and I kicked things off a little bit early by organizing the SunSeekers SantaFest (actually it was all Teri) in December. For those that missed it, we had a roaring good time. I predict that the 2015 rendition will be even bigger and better, so get ready.

Please note these upcoming events on your personal calendars. We have a "Jimmy Buffet" themed party planned for January 24th. So dig out your parrot-head gear and beachwear and get ready to party the night away. And the SSBC Super Bowl party on February 1st is once again going to be the place to be to watch the big game.

PC Al Drew and Lady Carolyn's Commodore Ball will be held February 14th. And the AYC Commodore Ball will be held the following weekend of February 20th and 21st at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. The AYC theme this year is "Put-in-Bay" and I will be sending out emails soon with details on how you can help us build our room. Be sure to have your hotel reservations in for both fun filled events!

Keep watching the SunSeekers Calendar of Events on the SSBC website (<http://ssbc.us>) for updates on all of the events this year. If you have any ideas for an event or fundraiser at the club, please let me know so we can work together to make it a success.

See you on the docks or at the Club

VC Jeff Upholzer

More News!



REAR COMMODORE: CHAD GRONDA

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

I want to start by saying Thank You for giving me the opportunity to be your 2015 Rear Commodore. I also would like 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 Jeff Upholzer and let's not forget Lady Teri.

Our biggest and ongoing challenge facing the bar operations is consistently filling the bartender slots, we are totally reliant on club members volunteering to help. We have been fortunate these past couple of years to have Craig Harter cover the majority of Wednesday's. We also have had several other members step up on a regular basis to keep the bar open every day except when we are normally closed. This still leaves at least 3 to 4 other days each week that we need your help.

Bartending is an awesome way to meet the club members and get to know them on a more personal level, plus this allows you to fulfill your yearly work hours, and the extra bonus of cash tips and SSBC Chips when someone rings the bell.

Let's not forget to use the feature on 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 2015 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. 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.

Finally, I would like to report back to the club reference my letter to AYC Commodore Dan Thomas. Commodore Dan has assured me that SSBC will be recognized for our hard work with an award plaque. He has also invited the club members back that had an unpleasant experience to Cooley Canal for Dinner on January 19th at 7 pm.

Thank you,
Chad J Gronda
SSBC Rear Commodore 2015

More News:



FLEET CAPTAIN: MATT JAMISON

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Hello Sunseekers,

Chad Gronda did a spectacular job as our 2014 Fleet Captain! Because of his hard work and the SSBC membership participation, SSBC once again took home awards for the AYC Poker Runs -- two first place awards and one second place award. My hat goes off to all of you for this accomplishment! I will do my best as your 2015 Fleet Captain. The tentative 2015 Poker Run schedule is listed below. Any updates will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

June 19-21: Toledo Sailing Club www.toledosailingclub.com

July 3-5: Swan Boat Club www.swanboatclub.com

July 31-Aug 2: Maumee River Yacht Club www.mryc.us

Aug 21-23: Bayview Yacht Club www.bvyc.org

Sep 11-13: Detroit Beach Boat Club www.detroitbeachboatclub.com

Sunseekers are known for having a strong presence at the AYC Poker Runs. I hope that you will support me and continue SSBC's participation for the 2015 season. Let's keep the momentum going and bring home awards this year! If anyone has questions on how to navigate to the different clubs, feel free to contact me. I have been to all of the clubs listed above, and I have "known" deep water GPS routes to all of them. If any new members that have questions about what goes on at the Poker Runs, please feel free to contact me.

A spring bus trip is tentatively planned for Saturday April 25th. I will keep everyone posted as plans are finalized.

****Safety**** Michigan law places certain restrictions on boat and personal watercraft (PWC) operators. These restrictions vary depending on the operator's age, the type of vessel being operated, and the horsepower of that vessel. These restrictions may require a person to obtain a boater education card by taking a course that is approved by the Michigan DNR. For more information see http://www.boated.com/michigan/boating_law.html. This certificate can be obtained by taking an online course at www.boat-ed.com/michigan. The cost is only \$29.50, with unlimited attempts at the required exam, and you only pay after you pass. This is the fast and easy way to obtain your boater education card. If you are not required to carry a card, taking the course could be a good refresher on boating safety and also offer insurance discounts. I have also been in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary about possibly having a boater's safety course right here at SSBC! Please let me know if you would be interested in attending a class here in our own clubhouse.

Water temperature is currently 32.6 F/0.3 C

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 JANUARY SUNSEEKER BIRTHDAYS! CHEERS!!



Important Items—

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

2015 Membership Dues are due by February 1, 2015.

Ditch the boots and winter coats and bring your flip flops and tropical attire for an evening of fun, music and friends. Get ready for some margaritas, Cheeseburgers in Paradise, shakers of salt, sand and join your fellow Sun Seekers for a night of Jimmy Buffet fun. All the festivities begin at 6pm on Saturday, January 24th.

Card night will begin again on Tuesday! Anyone interested in card night, please be at the club by 7:30 pm on Tuesdays. Games end by 10 pm so it's not a late night if anyone is interested. You are not locked in for every Tuesday so you are welcome to come as many or as few Tuesdays as you would like. It's a really fun night and a lot of us just come up to watch which is fun too! Please see a bridge member if you need more information.

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**
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