



# SUNSEEKER'S

## *Boating Club*



**DECEMBER 2016**



### 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

### Address:

13880 Middle Gibraltar Rd  
Gibraltar, MI 48173

### Phone:

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### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

December 3 ~ SSBC Christmas Party

December 7 ~ Membership Meeting

December 10 ~ SSBC SantaFest

December 31 ~ New Year's Eve Celebration

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## COMMODORE: JEFF UPHOLZER

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Greetings SunSeekers!

This is my 48<sup>th</sup> and final newsletter article as a bridge officer for SSBC. What a journey it has been. Little did I realize when Lady Teri and I joined this club 5 years ago that we would embark on this adventure and be involved to the degree that we have been. Candidly, I wouldn't change a thing. We have made friendships within the club and across the Lake Erie boating community that will last a lifetime, and I feel very good that our club is moving forward in a positive direction. It truly is a great time to be a SunSeeker!

I would like to extend my thanks to the entire membership for giving me the privilege and honor of being the 2016 Commodore of SSBC. Over the past 4 years I have received the unwavering help and support of the board, bridge, our members and the extended AYC boating community. My journeys through the chairs as Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore have truly been a rewarding experience. And it has afforded me the opportunity to get to know so many of you.

Tickets are on sale at the club for the third annual SunSeekers SantaFest, which being held on Saturday, December 10th. 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. Bring your friends and relatives - don't miss out on all the fun!

In November Lady Teri and I attended the Jolly Rogers Sailing Club ball and the Sun Parlour Boat Club ball. During our Commodore year we have attended 24 Commodore's Balls, 24 Cocktail Receptions, 5 Poker Runs, 6 boat club regattas/runs, the Opening of the Ports and the Opening of the Islands. Over 90% of our weekends in 2016 were spent representing SSBC at a boat club function. So if you are wondering why you didn't see a lot of us this year, now you know why. Now that my term is nearing its conclusion, I hope to have much more free time to enjoy at the club.

The Club Christmas party will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the December Membership Meeting. 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 than we are.

Change-of-Watch will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the January Membership Meeting. Congratulations to the incoming 2017 Bridge: new Commodore Jeannette Foley, Vice Commodore Jerry Hollis, Rear Commodore Sue Miller, Secretary Kathy Hogan, Treasurer Steve Deters and Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Jackson. Please continue to give them the same support that you gave me during my tenure.

Finally I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Lady Teri, for her unwavering support and help during these past 4 years. While I have been the face of the club, she has been the one making sure that everything looks great and goes flawlessly. Her support and commitment has been awesome and it wouldn't have been the same without you by my side. You are amazing!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on the docks or at the club!

Jeff Upholzer  
2016 Commodore

# More News!



## **VICE COMMODORE: JEANNETTE FOLEY**

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Yes... Baby it's cold outside!! Brrr... winter is finally here. It's official because I have seen the white stuff fall from the sky! Ticking the weeks down until we're on our boats again!

November was a fun month. Lots of Lions games and fun times. I also had my first 2017 Commodore's Ball for Toledo Sailing Club. We had a great time representing Sunseeker's. I'm really looking forward to this upcoming year. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Also in November, Mark and I attended Sun Parlour's Ball as guests and watched our Commodore and his lady represent Sunseeker's for one of their last Commodore's Balls. I'm sure it's bitter sweet for them to have their year coming to an end... but we all thank them so much for representing our club in 2016!

The Member Appreciation Dinner was held on Sunday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> during the Lions game. The bridge served up an amazing Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you to everyone that contributed and thanks to those that came up to enjoy a delicious dinner. It was nice to see everyone at the club enjoying the game and fantastic food!

November 23<sup>rd</sup> was the Pre-Turkey Day party. Drew's band Acoustic Dust performed for us and kept us dancing late into the night. I hope people weren't too hung over to enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner with their families. Lots of fun was had by all!

December brings holiday fun. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Jr. Sunseeker Christmas Party at 2pm. Santa is schedule to arrive at 2:30pm for the festivities. Once the party is over... the Jr. Sunseekers can join Santa on the float in the Gibraltar Christmas Parade. Then... stick around after the parade for some adult activities. There will be an Ugly Sweater and Dirty Santa Party with music in the evening. Bring an adult wrapped gift for the Dirty Santa gift exchange. I'm sure the event will be very entertaining!!

Looking forward... December 10<sup>th</sup> will be Santafest. December 31<sup>st</sup>, of course, will be the New Year's Eve Party and January 11<sup>th</sup> will be our official change of watch and membership meeting.

Keep buying those Jack of Spades tickets!!

Remember THIS IS YOUR CLUB... SO STOP UP OFTEN!

Thanks,  
VC Jeannette

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## REAR COMMODORE: JERRY HOLLIS



Dear SunSeeker's,

I hope everybody has their boats taken care of by now. I can't believe we are already going into December. The month of November has flown by. As I end my year as your Rear Commodore I would like to thank everybody for your support. To operate a club bar on volunteers is very difficult and I praise those that have stepped up to support that. While Commodore Upholzer is finishing his term, rest assured we have had some conversations including Commodore elect Jeannette and Rear Commodore elect Sue Miller on our transition into 2017.

And as I move into my Vice Commodore year beginning January 2017 I look forward to keeping up the great events that our club has done. My plan is to try and have at least one event per month. If we do not have something already going (poker runs, Luau, Halloween ect.) we will have a DJ or Band at the club. First one planned for Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, we are planning an event at the club... more info to follow!

Stay Thirsty My Friends,

Jerry Hollis, Rear Commodore

## News From The Bridge



**FLEET CAPTAIN: Chad Gronda**  
**734-717-3949**



Attention!!!!Attention!!!!

This is your last newsletter from me as your Fleet Captain!

It's December and we have a long winter ahead of us before boating season begins. It has been a pleasure serving as your 2016 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 AYC November meeting was held at Nugent's Canal Yacht Club on November 28th. All AYC Poker Run perfect attendance winners and significant others were invited to attend this meeting. Three SSBC Captains and significant others received a perfect attendance flag for attending all of the AYC Poker Runs were:

- Commodore Jeff and Lady Teri Upholzer
- R/C Jerry and Lady Anna Hollis
- Bill Tuite

Congratulations and hopefully we can count on you and more members next year to make it an awesome time on the Lake!

Thanks again,  
Chad Gronda  
2016 SSBC Fleet Captain

# Membership News:



Welcome Aboard New SunSeeker Members!

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

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

THANK YOU COMMODORE JEFF UPHOLZER and LADY TERI for your continuous and contagious support throughout your tenor on the SSBC Bridge.

See the attached flyer for all the information on the Jack of Spades Progressive Raffle.. Buster's Place.. Drawing each Tuesday @6:45pm

Happenings in December —

December 3— SSBC Christmas Party  
December 10—SSBC SantaFest  
December 31 - New Year's Eve Party

**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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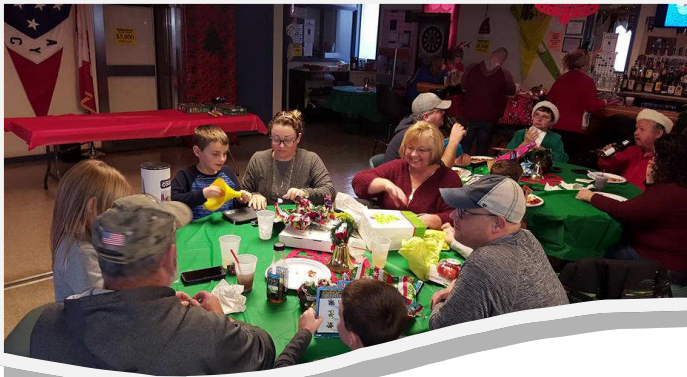
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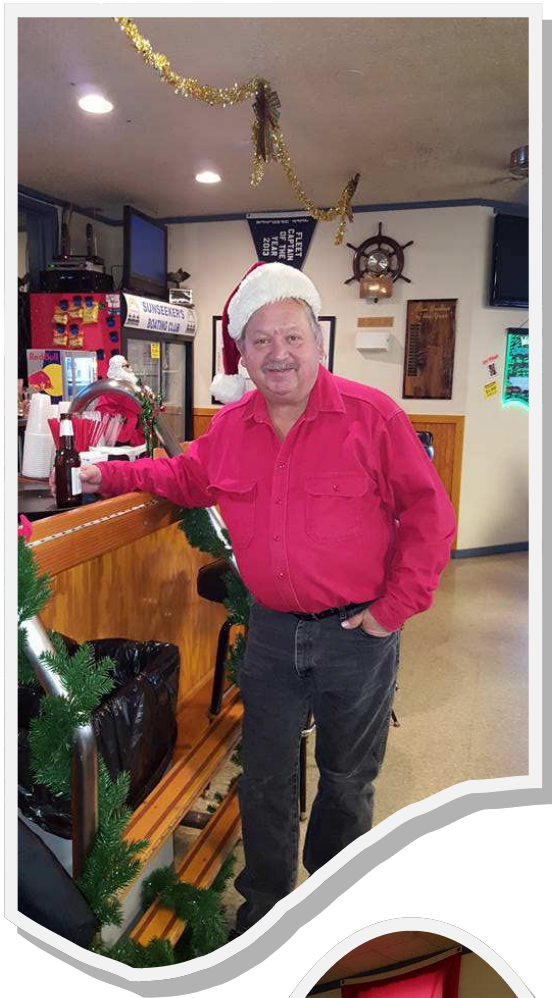
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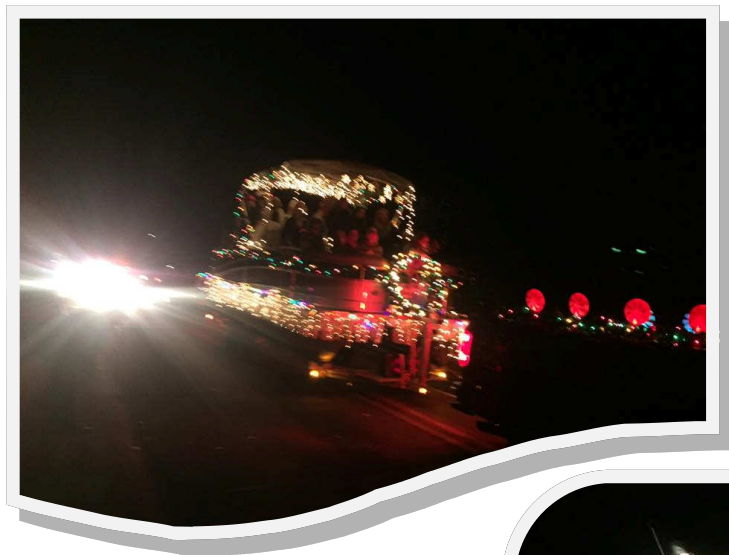
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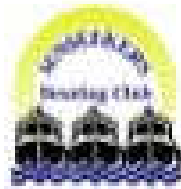


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# **SunSeeker's Boating Club Jack of Spades Progressive Raffle**

This is a 70/30 raffle,  
winners get 70% and SSBC gets 30%!



Tickets \$1.00 Each  
Drawings each Tuesday @ 6:45pm at

**Buster's Place**  
5784 West Jefferson Avenue  
Trenton, MI 48183

Tickets available at SunSeeker's and Buster's.

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DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

## 3rd Annual SSBC SantaFest

Join Sunseekers in some Holiday fun! We will meet at Sunseekers Boat Club, and then head to lovely Wyandotte for a Santa pub-crawl at participating establishments, one of which will be serving light snacks and finger food. This cost is included in the price of your ticket. Details will be disclosed prior to leaving SSBC that afternoon. The busses will circle continuously all evening between the establishments if you prefer to ride rather than walk. Busses will return us to SSBC around 10:00pm where SantaFest continues with music by the band, Acoustic Dust, and pizza will be served.

**Sign up early!! Seating is limited!**

### **COST:**

**\$35 per person**

**Ticket includes round trip transportation, finger food, and live music and pizza back at SSBC.**

**Santa / Mrs. Santa / Santa Helpers style outfits are recommended. Get creative!**

**If you do not want to dress up, please wear some form of Santa or Christmas themed outfit.**

**BUSSES DEPART SSBC at 4:30pm**

