



SUNSEEKER'S

Boating Club



JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year!

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 6 ~ Membership Meeting / Change of Watch

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Greetings SunSeekers!

Well, it has finally arrived – my Commodore year! It's amazing how fast these past three years have gone by and I, along with the unwavering help and support of Lady Teri, have thoroughly enjoyed representing our great club as Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. We have a fabulous 2016 Bridge and Board of Directors, so expect to see a whole lot of great events and boating adventures this year!

While I am on the topic of events, I would be remiss if I didn't mention what a great time we had at the 2015 SunSeeker's SantaFest. We had two buses loaded with Santas and Elves (and various other Christmas-themed outfits) converge on the Wyandotte bar scene for an evening of great food and entertainment. And we capped the evening off with pizza and Drew Stec's band back at the club for a rocking night. A big thanks to Lady Teri for all of her efforts in putting this together for us once again!

On the same evening as SantaFest was the Gibraltar Christmas Parade. I big thank you to everyone that helped out to make that a success as well. Special kudos to Keith Waddles and Sandi LaFrance for the use of their truck and pontoon boat for the SSBC parade float, and for allowing us to use Waddle's Tire to stage the float decorating activities. Great job, SunSeekers!

Congratulations to Kathy Hogan for a very successful Jr. SunSeeker's Santa party! We had very good participation this year, and the kids really enjoyed it. A special thanks to PC Sue Cisco for assisting with the logistics while Lady Teri and I were vacationing in Hawaii.

Lady Teri and I will be attending the LEOPA, ORYC, PPBC and HVYC Balls in January. We will also be attending the EMBC Ball, our own 2015 Ball, and the AYC Ball in February! We are really looking forward to representing SunSeekers this year!

I encourage everyone to get involved and participate in our club activities. And please support our 2016 Bridge. This club is about you, and the more you put into it the more you get out of it.

See you on the docks or at the club!

Jeff Upholzer
2016 Commodore

More News!



VICE COMMODORE: JEANNETTE FOLEY

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Hello fellow Sunseekers~

Happy New Year to everyone! Wow... I can hardly believe that 2016 is here!

Thank you to Past Commodore Sue & Lady Bob for being the face of SSBC throughout 2015! Your hard work and dedication has been amazing! You have paved the way for the bridge and board to represent our club in 2016 and I'm sure there will be a lot of memorable moments to make this year magnificent!!

Sunseekers really knows how to come together for some awesome holiday events in December.... I heard that Santa Claus visited our club... That's pretty cool... all the way from the North Pole, we must be pretty important!! Maybe it's because we brought him to town when we joined in the Gibraltar Christmas Parade... I had a fun time decorating the float. Thanks to everyone that participated to make us shine in our community.

December really rocked.... Congrats to the Upholzer's for a great SantaFest this year....thanks to Stu & Wendy Hursin on bartending to top off that fun night. The Upholzer's also put on a super New Year's Eve party with Lori Whitaker serving up cocktails to ring in the New Year. Thanks to all that attended and or helped.....Another fabulous party!

I'd like to send out many thanks to our bartenders for the month of December! Thanks go out to Stu & Wendy Hursin, Craig Harter, Lori Whitaker, Bill Tuite, Scott Matusik, Tom Bodary, Mike Giles, Byron Kirack, F/C Matt Jamison, Lady Cindy Romak, Sue Miller, P/C Rob Falzon & Lady Kathy, Commodore Sue & Lady Bob, and of course myself!! Thank you so much for volunteering your time...we all appreciate it!!

Our first event for 2016 will be The Dress and Accessory Exchange on Sunday January 10th 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 will be an afternoon of fun and glam!

We will be beginning to form a plan to build our AYC room. The first meeting is being scheduled and I'll let you know via email on the upcoming activities. This year's theme is 'Key West' and our room will be decorated as Irish Kevin's.... so if you have any brilliant ideas and/or Irish decorations.... Be sure to get involved in this fun event!!

Upcoming events also include Commodore Sue & Lady Bob's Ball and for those football fanatics the Super Bowl Party is right around the corner too. Check out the Events calendar for specific dates. If you have any ideas for an event, party, or fundraiser... please let me know so we can get it on the calendar!!

Once again, Thank you to all of the 2015 board/bridge and our members for allowing me to represent SSBC as Rear Commodore in 2015 and I look forward to a fantastic fun filled 2016 as your Vice Commodore!!!

Remember this is YOUR club.... So stop up often!!

See you at the club!
Jeannette Foley

News From The Bridge



FLEET CAPTAIN: Chad Gronda



Attention!! Attention!!

This is your Fleet Captain Speaking,

I would first like to thank my wife Leeann Gronda for supporting me and being by my side as we venture down this road again. We had so much fun and met so many new friends as Fleet Captain in 2014, that we thought we'd give it another shot this year. We are looking for a fun filled exciting year.

I would like to say Thank you to Matt and Jayne Jamison for doing an excellent job last year as your 2015 Fleet Captain, there's no doubt in my mind that you left a lasting impression on other clubs letting them know that Sun seekers is, and always will be well represented in the AYC. Those were some long runs, a great bus trip, and from what I remembered the margarita madness parties were super fun.

I would like to thank the Membership of SSBC for allowing me to serve as your Fleet Captain this year in 2016. I know for a fact that we will have fun times at the Poker Runs, The Bus trip, and all the events at the club.

For those of you that just joined, I want to welcome you to our club. If at any time you have a question that I can assist you with, I would be glad to do that. If I can't answer the question, I'll surely point you in the right direction. Please feel free to call text or email me.

The 2016 Spring Bus trip this year will be held on Saturday April 2nd 2016. I don't have a destination or theme yet, but if you have any ideas, come see me, text me or email me. I'm always open to new ideas to make the bus trips fun and exciting for everyone. Just to let everyone know, we only have one bus scheduled for this trip, once tickets are sold out, that will be it. I want to make it clear that there will not be a second bus, so get your tickets early. I will have a sign-up sheet at the bar by next month.

The clubs for the 2016 Poker Runs are listed below, I do not have the dates yet, but I do have the clubs that will be hosting the Poker Runs. I will be attending the Fleet Captains meeting on January 24th 2016 at RVYC with Commodore Jeff Upholzer, hopefully after this meeting we will have all the dates for the Poker Runs set in Stone. This year's runs are closer to home except Nugent's canal. If you're looking to earn a participation flag from the AYC, you have to make all the runs, and this would be a great year to do it. I'm foreshadowing that SSBC's participation at this year's Poker Runs will be at an all-time high. Let's continue our great participation and show the other AYC clubs how Sun seekers can really rock the docks!!

Ford Yacht Club - Pointe Place Boat Club - Nugent's Canal yacht - Detroit Beach Boat Club - Swan Boat Club

Chad J Gronda
SSBC Fleet Captain 2016

Membership News:



Welcome Aboard New Sunseeker Members!

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

Next Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday, January 6th
@ 7:30PM. Hope you all will join us.

The first part of the meeting will be the Change of Watch to swear in the 2016 Bridge - Commodore Jeff Upholzer, Vice Commodore Jeannette Foley, Rear Commodore (TBD), Fleet Captain Chad Gronda, Recording Secretary Lady Cindy Romak, Treasurer Steve Deters, and Sgt at Arms Al Carter.

Come up and celebrate the beginning of fabulous 2016 at SSBC. We will also be giving out the SAD Awards for those 'SunSeekers Acting Dysfunctional' in 2015! Great stories behind the awards! You won't want to miss it!

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..... Thanks in advance!!! **Mbeaker@sbcglobal.net**
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