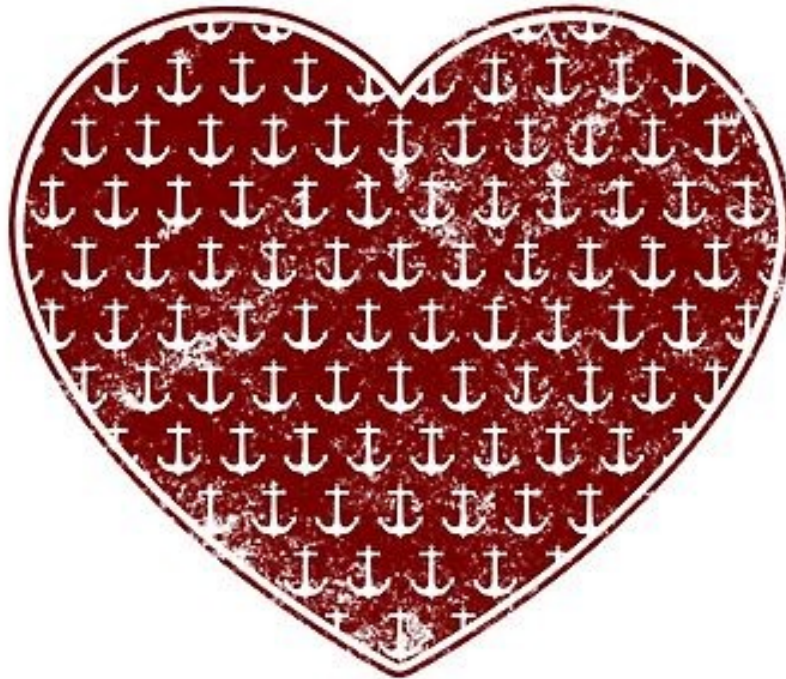




# SUNSEEKER'S *Boating Club*



FEBRUARY 2019



**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:**

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**February Highlights:**

- Letters from the bridge
- Notes from the Editor
- Upcoming events
- Photo collage



## COMMODORE: SUE MILLER

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Love is in the air.....

Weather it was the music from M125 and lovebirds were dancing....to those that love the snow and took their annual snowmobile trip up north....to those that love football and can't wait for Superbowl Sunday.....to those that love counting down to launching boats.....to those that LOVE OUR club and LOVE OUR MEMBERS! Gentleman Wayne and I fall in most of those categories....certainly not the love of the snow!!!

What a great January!! Record bar sales....great events.....club is shining around the lake. It truly is an honor to attend AYC functions and hear all the talk about the club. They cannot wait for summer and our patio. What a great Wild Game Dinner and Mad in Plaid night. It takes a team to pull off two bars in two locations in one night. Great job RC Teri and her crew of getting things moved the night before and having the bars in both places. With having a fundraiser held at our club and the Mad in Plaid.....it seems we are working out some bugs on the bar. YAY!! VC Jim and Lady Terri, the club looked great for the Mad in Plaid party. Not everyone gets a photo with a moose.

In January, I attended the Commodore/Fleet Captain meeting with FC Frank and PC Jeff Upholzer. Gentleman Wayne and I attended Perrysburg Boat Club ball and Ottawa River Yacht Club ball. Thank you PC Jerry and Lady Anna for attending Pointe Place Boat Club's ball. Unfortunately the ball was the same day as Perrysburg and we had already committed to that one. We also attended a Commodore fundraiser for Bayview. We stopped in the Wild Game dinner for a moment as we were helping prepare for the rush at the club. Also in the month of January, was the AYC meeting I attended with PC Jeff Upholzer, PC John Robbins and PC John Hopper. This was an important meeting for all the clubs and extremely important for ours. PC Mike Brown from Seaway is now the AYC Rear Commodore and our own PC Jeff Upholzer is AYC Sgt at Arms! Congratulations PC Jeff!

Looking into February, it is another busy month. We have PC Jerry Hollis and Lady Anna's ball along with some other ball's to attend, Superbowl, AYC weekend, and most exciting, our granddaughter Emmeline is due.

Thank you everyone for your continuous patience as we transition into this building and the club growth. It takes a TEAM and lots of people behind the scenes. Every member is important to make OUR club run. If you have any questions, please ask.....we all are here to help. We have lots of new members and a lot of this is new for them.

Let's do this SunSeekers!

Sue M  
Commodore



## VICE COMMODORE: JIM RYAN

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We are in a DEEP freeze, SunSeeker's!

Coming into February with the frigid temperatures, we start counting the days to launching our 2019 summer plans and our boats! In January we had lots of parties! We had a very successful fundraiser for Josiah and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for our own Sheila Wignal's daughter, Cassie, and her upcoming trip with the Crystalettes Skating team. We had a big night at the Wild Game Dinner bartending and our own MAD in PLAID party was a big success! Thanks to Greg and Jen Lundgren (new members) for helping with the decorations for the party! Thanks to the bartenders and RC Teri for a great job. Thanks to our own Ken Carlman and M125 for turning up the FUN in our first major party in 2019.

Then there was the SuperBowl on February 3rd. The Sunseekers were out in force to support their team! Fun, Food, hydration, and memories! Thanks to all the bartenders who volunteered for these events!

### **The Beat goes on in 2019 as we have lots of reasons to bring our friends to SunSeekers!**

- **February 9 – SunSeeker's Annual Ball in Honor of our 2018 Commodore, Jerry Hollis and Lady Anna.** There is a Pre-glow from 3pm to 5pm and an After-glow from 11pm to 1am. We have a block of rooms for all guests interested in staying over. The theme is "Harry Potter" and an enchanted magical evening is being prepared for you! Entertainment will be provided by 56 Daze at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.
- **February 15/16 – AYC Annual Ball Weekend** at the French Quarter in Toledo, Ohio. The fun for this weekend is looking to be EPIC for all!
- **March 2 – Weird Holiday DJ party!** Carnival Day in Brazil and Dr. Seuss Day? Why not come by and party the night away to a new DJ for the club! Dr. Seuss says, "You miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut!"
- **March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Party** We have a great band, ROCK BOTTOM, planned for the event and Marty will have our traditional corned beef dinner. Make plans to party with us on Saturday night! Lady Terri and I will be out of town this week. Volunteers are needed for this event.
- **April 6 – Spring Party!!** Celebrate National Twinkie Day or any other weird holiday that falls on this date (Sorry Charlie) Live music is planned.
- **April 19 – Good Friday Fish Fry** tickets are \$12 in advance, limited tickets at the door for \$15. \$6 for children 12 & under. Dinner includes Cod Filets, French fries, coleslaw, tarter sauce, rolls & butter. Entertainment for the evening is planned!

### **Events Coming Soon! Mark your Calendars!**

- **June 28/29 - Sunseekers Regatta 2019** - Live Bands both Evenings – M125 and Drop 3rd Strike details next month!
- **July 20 - Dinghy Thing/Canal Crawl** through the canals of Gibraltar to finish at the club for a party. Club members/friends and AYC members only, please.

Everyday is a new footstep in the sand in our new clubhouse, be a part of it and join the fun! Wait, we don't want more sand in the club, wink! Did I just say that?? Sand, hmmm... 😊

Your Vice Commodore,  
Jim Ryan



## **REAR COMMODORE: TERI UPHOLZER**

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Happy February, SunSeeker's!

While most of you had frozen toes this past month, I have been getting mine wet. What better way to break in this new Rear Commodore than with busy weekday evenings, busy weekends, fundraisers, football games, or 3 huge events on one weekend, with two of them being on the same night at the same time (Wild Game Fundraiser & Mad Plaid).

The Wild Game was non-stop busy. Thank you to PC Derrick Ball, Scott Boyd, Al Carter, Carol Carter, Jeremy Hollis, John Hopper, Randy Lothian, Chester Manchester, Sheila Wignal, Kenroy Wignal, Jeff Upholzer and Kahley Wozniak. Your volunteering made this event successful and made SunSeeker's club shine!

While the Wild Game was in full swing, you cared for the club and kept everyone hydrated and even in love, at the Mad Plaid event. Thank you to Commodore Sue Miller, Gentleman Wayne Pitock, Ross Werden, Kenroy Wignal, Sheila Wignal Kahley Wozniak and Jeff Upholzer.

Steve Deters and PC Jerry Hollis, your guidance was greatly appreciated and Commodore Paul St Pierre, your beer & drink signs made a difference. A big thanks to each of you!

Some of you saw that a beer station was set up at each of these events. This option removed much of the congestion at / around the bar. We also opted for 16 oz plastic cups for beer and well drinks. During future events, we will continue to use the mugs for Moscow Mules and wine glasses for wine, if available.

Due to the Polar Vortex, our wine / liquor orders are backed up. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in case an item is out of stock. We are working hard to get these orders filled!

Interested in becoming a bartender? A meeting will be held in the February timeframe to cover those interested. In the meantime, if you are interested in bartending, contact me and I will set you up to shadow another bartender. This is an excellent means to meet members and get your work hours in! Thanks to Tracey Meyers who shadowed and is now signing up to bartend solo!

Ross Werden has been working diligently writing up a manual for SSBC bartenders and will have this available for use in the very near future.

Reminder, this is a VOLUNTEER club. If you see an issue that requires attention, please mention it nicely to a Bridge/Board member or step up and care for it. The club is bigger and busier than ever. Complaining to the wrong person/s does not help and does not help correct the situation.

If you haven't already, Facebook 'LIKE' SunSeeker's while at the club and see your number counted. The counter is located at the bar on top of the cabinet between the 2 TVs. This is a donation from PC Jeff Upholzer and myself. We hope you have some fun with it!

Lastly, I am so very proud of my hubby, PC Jeff Upholzer, for being elected AYC Sergeant at Arms. I am certain you will represent SSBC and AYC in the best possible way! Congratulations!!

Let's make February a month to remember!

Teri Upholzer  
2019 Rear Commodore



## FLEET CAPTAIN: FRANK GIGLIOTTI

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January has been a busy month with planning, meetings, and club visits. I would like to thank those members that contributed their time to support the Fleet Captain Bus Trip Meeting. Several ideas that are still pending consideration for our Spring Bus Trip and hope to lock down on the location/date/time soon. In the mean time I am coordinating the JP McGuires Corktown Bus Trip to include a bus dedicated to SunSeekers and guests for the trip to downtown for the parade on March 10, 2019. \$35 per person and includes lunch at JP's and beer and shots on the bus trip. Seating is limited so please check your email for the reminder communications I am sending out periodically and click on the SignUpGenius link to reserve and purchase your seats. See me if you have any questions. The club is required to make payment to JP's by February 5, 2019, so please sign-up and solidify our commitment. For more information there is also a flyer posted within the entrance area of our clubhouse.

On January 20th 2019, I attended the Fleet Captain Meeting at Riverview Yacht Club with Commodore Sue Miller and PC Jeff Upholzer. During that meeting we received new Fleet Captain Rules and voted on a few changes to AYC Fleet Captain Rules and confirmed the dates and locations for this years AYC Poker Runs. I will be looking for assistance to at least 1 of these events due to other travel conflicts.

On January 28th, 2019 our very own PC Jeff Upholzer was confirmed 2019 AYC Sgt at Arms. Congrats to PC Jeff!

### AYC Poker Runs

Toledo Sailing Club – June 14, 15, 2019

Maumee River Yacht Club – August 2, 3, 2019

Swan Boat Club – June 28, 29, 2019

Bay View Yacht Club – August 16, 17, 2019

Great Lakes – August 23, 24, 2019 – Conflict with existing travel plans.

I have been receiving frequent communications from other clubs interested in visiting our club and will attempt to lock down on date and times for the March 2019 club visits over the next several weeks to allow us enough time to properly plan. Up through today we have received requests from the following clubs for Inbound Bus Trips to SSBC - I will be confirming dates and times over the next several weeks.

March 2, 2019 – arrival time est. 4pm - 1.5 hrs approx. 50 passengers.

March 9, 2019 - @ 12pm 2 buses approx. 100 passengers.

March 23, 2019 - @ 2pm approx. 50+ visitors

March 23, 2019 – Time TBD approx. 50+ visitors

Lady Annette and I had an opportunity to visit both Elba Mar Boat Club and Ford Yacht Club this past week. We retrieved our SSBC flag from EMBC and they offered up their flag to bring back to SSBC. During our visit to Ford Yacht Club for dinner their fleet captain Randy Lively was so kind to offer up their flag. Thank you to Rear Commodore Teri Upholzer and PC Jeff Upholzer for retrieving Seaway Boat Clubs flag.

We are very fortunate to have our very own PC Jerry Hollis support our Safety Classes. He has agreed to present both the CPR and Fire Extinguisher training classes on the following dates. Brochures are placed in the entrance to our boat club, or call me if any questions. These classes are free and open to AYC club members interested in attending. I will be sending an email communication to all Fleets to make them aware of these classes.

### Safety Classes Schedule:

CPR & AED (Defibrillator) Training – Presenter PC Jerry Hollis

Monday March 4, 2019 6:00 to 9pm

Fire Extinguisher & Knots/Lines Training – Presenter PC Jerry Hollis

Saturday April 6, 2019 10am to 1pm

Rear Commodore Teri Upholzer recommended that we make an effort to have a Boater Safety Course “Suddenly in Command” presented by the US Coast Gard Auxiliary at SSBC. I will be reaching out to Maryann Gregoria to make arrangements.

See you at our Commodores Ball and AYC Event. Let's enjoy what we have as a membership and boat club community!

Truly yours,  
Frank Gigliotti, Fleet Captain

# Membership News:

## Welcome Aboard New Members!

**Robert Mora, sponsored by Steve Deters**

**Renee Skiver, sponsored by Paul Papazian**

**Duane Russow, sponsored by P/C Jerry Hollis**

**Kenroy Wignal, sponsored by Lady Tara Dummar**

**Sandra Ball, sponsored by Larry Ball**

**Inad Janinen, sponsored by Steve Deters**

**Roberta Kraft, sponsored by Adam Manchester**

**Michael Caskay, sponsored by Leonard Bradburn**

**Jeremy Ratliff, sponsored by Adam Manchester**

**Jeremy Payne, sponsored by P/C Jeff Upholzer**

**John Chamberlin, sponsored by Lady Phyllis Chamberlin**

**Jim Howard, sponsored by Adam Manchester**

**Jamie Freas, sponsored by Commodore Sue Miller**

### Thank You!!!

- ☼ Thank you to everyone who donated to, or helped with, the Have a Heart for Josiah Fundraiser. The fundraiser was a huge success!! Congratulations to those who won one of the awesome raffle prizes!! Great job Lori Stoddart and PC Sue Cisco!!
- ☼ Thank you to everyone that helped with packing up and moving the bars, bartending, set-up, and tear down for the Wild Game Dinner!! Our volunteers made our club shine!!! Great job RC Teri Upholzer and team!
- ☼ Thank you to everyone who decorated, set-up, bartended, and cleaned up for the Mad for Plaid Party! It was a fun night!!! Everyone loved the decor and our moose!! Great job VC Jim Ryan and Lady Terri!!! Ken Carlman and M125, you were awesome!!!! Thanks for the great music all night!
- ☼ Thank you PC Jeff Upholzer and FC Teri Upholzer for the Facebook Like Counter! It is so fun watching it go up!
- ☼ Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bartend! We couldn't keep our doors open without our awesome volunteer bartenders!!!

### Congratulations!!

- ☼ Love is definitely in the air!!! Congratulations to members Chad Gronda and Jennifer Gracia on their engagement!!! Also, congratulations to our Commodore Sue Miller and Gentleman Wayne on their engagement!!! The rings are gorgeous!!!
- ☼ Congratulations Jeff Upholzer on being elected as our 2019 AYC Sergeant at Arms!!! We know you will do an awesome job!!!
- ☼ Congratulations to PC Jerry Hollis who was sworn into the Blue Gavels.

### Help Needed

- ☼ VC Jim Ryan and Lady Terri are looking for help with the AYC room. If you would like to help, reach out to VC Jim and Lady Terri.
- ☼ RC Teri Upholzer can always use bartenders. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to RC Teri.

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#### 2019 AYC DELEGATES

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ALT—PC JOHN HOPPER

ALT—C SUE MILLER

#### 2019 I-LYA DELEGATE

PC DENNIS NIEMIEC

**REMINDER:** if you would like to submit articles/announcements/stories/pictures for the newsletter, please send an email to Lori Boyd at [BoydL@Comcast.net](mailto:BoydL@Comcast.net). All submissions must be received by the 25th, for the following month's newsletter! Thanks!

# UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



- ❁ February 3rd—SunSeeker’s Super Bowl Party. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., kick-off at 6:30 p.m.
- ❁ February 6th—Membership meeting @ 7:30 p.m. at the club. **Reminder, we will be voting on new by-laws at this meeting.**
- ❁ February 9th—SSBC 2018 Commodore’s Ball honoring Commodore Jerry Hollis and Lady Anna.
- ❁ February 16th—AYC 2018 Commodore’s Ball honoring Commodore Joe Petersberger and Lady Karen. Theme will be “scary movies”, our room will be decked out in Beetlejuice. Everyone is encouraged to wear Beetlejuice attire. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the room (set-up, bartending, clean-up, etc.), see VC Jim and Lady Terri Ryan.
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# Representing Sunseeker's

*Perrysburg Boat Club Commodore's Ball*



*Point Place Boat Club Commodore's Ball*



*Ottawa River Yacht Club Commodore's Ball*



# Representing Sunseeker's

*PC Jerry Hollis being sworn in as a Blue Gavel member*



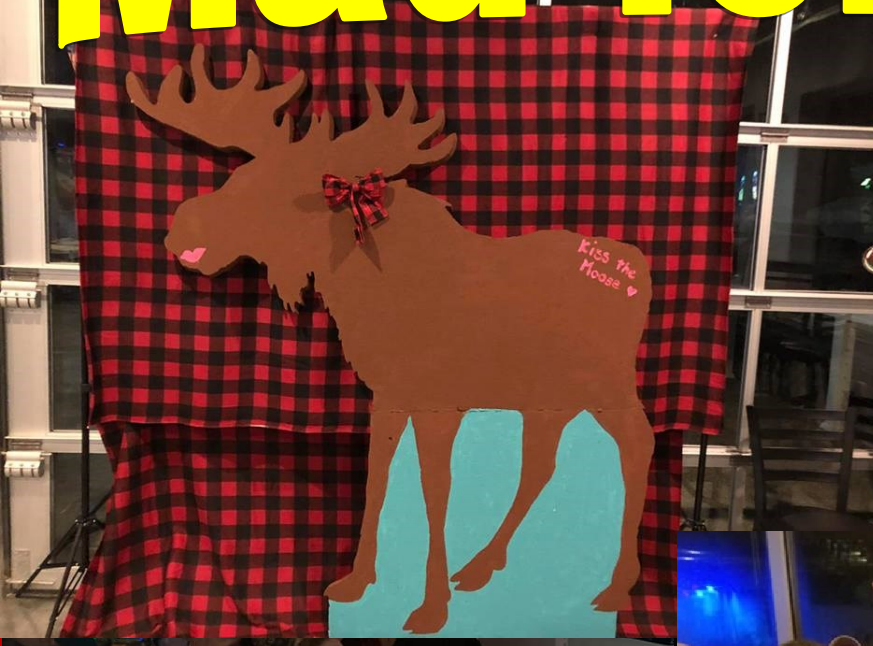
*Our new Fleet Captain Frank Gigliotti getting his burgee and he's already on the hunt for flags*



# Mad for Plaid



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# Sunseeker's Having Fun!



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