



SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



October 2019



Blast from the Past!

SunSeeker's of the Year

Sue and Steve Deters, John and Pat Hopper, Dave and Lori Stoddart, Toni Gracia, Kevin and Debbie Lynett, Jan Marcum, George and Sharon Marx, Rita Sands, Ross Werden

Please make every attempt to attend the October Membership meeting.

Election of Bridge and Board positions will take place.



Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 6 pm to 11 pm
Fri - Sat: 6 pm to 2 am
Sunday: 4 pm to 8 pm
(except special events)

Attention: New Hours

Membership Meetings:

First Wednesday of the month
@ 7:30 pm

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August Highlights

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What an amazing September for boating season! Water is still high....sun is shining....temperatures are great!

Hopefully everyone safely finishes out this year's boating season and is ready to start coming up to the club to enjoy seeing your fellow members or getting to know some others.

In September, Gentleman Wayne and I attended Detroit Beach Boat Club Regatta, Wyandotte Yacht Club Cocktail Party, Nugent Canal Yacht Club Commodore Ball, the Fleet Captain meeting, Music in the Park, a couple music on the patio's, IOBG District #25 fundraiser, and burger nights. We had a great time representing the club again this month. So many friends we have been made along our journey. October has Commodore Ball's every weekend in store for us.

We cannot thank everyone enough for attending the Diamond Jack (Queen) fundraiser. This is always a great fundraiser. Thank you to those who donated baskets too! It is truly appreciated. The ball committee is doing a fantastic job on everything!! Thank you Ladies, you are all the best!! Wayne and I cannot thank everyone enough for sharing in our special day!!

Great job to VC Jim Ryan for the music on the patio's....what a great turnout every week!

Thank you VC Jim Ryan and his crew for setting up the fencing and to RC Teri Upholzer for getting the bar items around for Music in the Park. Way to go PC Niemiec and the Night Train band....great music!! Gentleman Wayne, my son Kurtis and I enjoyed helping you and seeing so many members from the club. What a great thing to have to bring the residents together and for SunSeeker's to stay involved in giving back to the community.

RC Teri Upholzer and the bartenders have been doing a fantastic job keeping us open. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping this year so far.

Remember....SAD (SunSeeker Acting Dysfunctional) Awards are handed out at the December meeting. I do not have that many, we are SunSeeker's.....I know you all have not behaved that well all year. If so, we will get a different reputation around the lake of a club behaving. Email me stories and hopefully pictures to sad@ssbc.us

Remember...get your work hours turned in. There are always things to be done. Lady Anna has cleaning twice a month. RC Teri can always use help with bartending and this is a great way to meet the members. No experience necessary and it can be lots of fun!! VC Jim will need help setting up for the Halloween party, tearing down and cleaning up. RC Teri will need help hauling the bar items over for the Halloween party. We also help the city decorate the community center too for Halloween. PC Derrick Ball is always doing things around the club, mowing etc. We have a couple bus trips coming up that we will need food for, every \$10 spent goes towards a work hour. Watch for emails or just ask if you can help. Lots of ways to help!!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the club very soon!

Sue



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Time to start putting away our summer toys and think about storage for the winter and I am already anticipating when Spring will arrive so we can once again enjoy our favorite pastime, boating.

September almost passed us by with so many events and activities. Music on the Patio, Music in the Park, the Jet Express to Put-n-Bay, the many parties throughout the month and of course the Diamond Jack (Queen) cruise just to name a few.

Coming up in October, November, and December we will bring our entertainment inside and party like it's 2020!

Upcoming Events

October 26th is the Annual Halloween Party. PC Lady Terri and I have some fun planned for this year's party. The \$10 cost includes snacks and pizza at the bewitching hour. We are again collecting non-perishable items for the **Gibraltar Food Pantry**. The Band will be **Rock Bottom** and they are coming in costume this year to join the fun! Lots of prizes are planned for this evening of entertainment.

November 16 – **Night Train Band**

November 27 – **M125 Band** on Thanksgiving Eve – What a great party night!

December 7 – **Sharon Richards and the Cody Band** – 5 piece band

December 21 – **Old Town Acoustic Band** – 3 piece band

December 31 – New Years Eve Party with **M125**

We will be having a Bridge party for the 2020 Bridge in November or December to begin planning for 2020, our club's 30th Anniversary! Looking forward to a great year in 2020!

Until next month!

Jim Ryan, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE: TERI UPHOLZER

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Happy Fall!

Fall is generally my favorite time of the year. However, the shorter days resulting in darkness outside when starting work, darkness outside shortly after getting out of work, boats coming out of the water, signs of shrink wrap and the last of the Monarchs fluttering around on their way Mexico, is what I try to not think of. There is so much else to love about Fall. The crisp autumn air, the leaves changing colors, cider, donuts, apple pie, caramel apples, hay rides, Halloween parties, trick-or-treaters, football, and pumpkin everything! In addition, more free time for our members to be at the club having fun!

AYC Room – Theme is Disney

As Vice Commodore for 2020, one of my responsibilities is designing and constructing the AYC hotel room for SSBC. This is a joint venture with our sister club, Pointe Place Boat Club and also with Grosse Ile Yacht Club. We are looking for creative minds and individuals that enjoy bringing our ideas to life. Our first meeting is being held on **Tuesday, October 1st, 7:00 pm, at SunSeeker's**. If you are interested in joining this team, please bring your Disney Theme suggestions along with how the hotel room can be constructed to coincide with the theme.

Events Committee – 2020

As Vice Commodore for 2020, my main responsibility is events. I am looking for a committee to assist me with these. While I have many events in mind, I am open to suggestions. Our first meeting is, **October 21st, 7:00 p.m., at SSBC**. Some tasks would be: determining events, and dates, securing entertainment, decorations, PR (flyers, emails, etc.)

SantaFest

I'm sure you all have it on your calendar and your outfits all picked out but if not, there is still time. This is our 5th annual and will take place on **December 14th**, departing SSBC on buses at 5:30 pm SHARP! We will arrive back to SSBC no later than 12:30 am. Sign-up will begin the beginning of November.

TAM (Techniques of Alcohol Management)

A class is being set up for end of October or beginning of November. If you are planning to bartend this year and/or next year, but not TAM certified, please reach out to me, Teri Upholzer, 248-884-0306.

SSBC Burgees

Burgees are back in stock and available for \$30 each. See a Bridge member if you would like to purchase one. Many thanks to Kahley Wozniak for offering to pick them up in Toledo and deliver them to the club!

Bartender Interest?

With the change in seasons (or retirement), if you find you now have available time, please reach out to me. We will get you set up to do so. No experience is required! Bartending goes towards your work hours.

Music in the Park – SunSeeker's hosted

A special thanks to Commodore Sue, Gentleman Wayne and Kurtis Miller for helping me with Music in the Park. Jeff was out of town so these 3 stepped right in and assisted me in moving the bar to the park, bartended and then helped take down and move the bar back to the club. A lot of work goes into this and this RC is so appreciative of support!

Bartender Guide

Ross Werden has spent many hours updating the Bartender Guide. This is a tutorial for the bartenders for register transactions. Thank you, Ross, for your time and dedication to keeping this updated for us!

For all inquiring minds, Bill Tuite will be back in the Spring timeframe. He and his bride, Donna, will be enjoying their retirement in Florida. We may see them in December for a short time though. Bill, THANK YOU for all your help this year!. You are already missed!

In September, our wonderful bartenders kept our club going, from deliveries, order pick-ups, bartending coverage, and the list goes on. Please let them know how much they are appreciated.

Let's make October a month to remember!

RC Teri



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What great boating weather for September to enjoy! It was one of the hottest on record for September. Unfortunately this boating season is coming to an end and we have put away the boat for the winter and looking forward to next years boating season.

The inbound bus trips have already re-started at SUNSEEKERS. The weekend after labor day we had 25 visitors from Jefferson Yacht Club travel by bus to see our new clubhouse. They really enjoyed our hospitality and of course our new club and location. I expect they will be back to visit again over the coming years.

Inbound bus trips are continuing with the upcoming combo bus visit from Park Haven, Seaway Boat Club, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and Sun Parlor Boat Club scheduled for October 19th at 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet these clubs during their brief stay. We encourage you to make every effort to join us. We will be providing food for the event. If you need to get some hours, consider preparing food for the event. Marty Arvay has sent an email to the membership for the food requirements.

The next and last inbound bus trip is scheduled for December 7th at 4:45/5:00 pm coming in from River-view Yacht Club. Again, make every effort to meet and greet this great club! We will also need food donations for this event.

SSBC Fall Bus Trip is Re-scheduled

We re-scheduled it for **November 9th** due to the lack of available transportation in October.

I received commitments from Harbor View Yacht Club, Ottawa River Yacht Club, and Monroe Boat Club and a bus is booked and ready to fill. Check your emails for the Sign-up Genius invite and join in on the fun. We are limited to 55 persons, so don't hesitate to get your tickets now. It will be a Sports Theme to show off your favorite teams jersey /clothing. The bus departs SSBC at 11am sharp and returns at 6pm. The cost for the trip is \$25 pp and will include beer on the bus.

Enjoy the fall season and look forward to seeing everyone on the Diamond Jack Commodore Fundraiser.

General Announcements

**No New Members this Month
Membership at 277**

Huge Thank You to

- ...All who represented SSBC at the Poker Runs
- ...Al and Carol Carter for helping distribute the raffle tickets
- ...All who assisted with and attended the September events
- ...Lady Anna and crew for cleaning the club house
- ...All of the Bartenders

Reminders

- ☼ Voting will take place at the October membership meeting
- ☼ The Bridge is accepting S.A.D. (SunSeeker Acting Dysfunctional) award nominations. Submit nomination via email: sad@ssbc.us Include story/details and photos (if possible) that explain why the person(s) is deserving of this award
- ☼ Be sure to input your work hours within 30 days of your donation/hours worked. Every \$10 spent on a food donation or monetary donation equals one work hour. You may do this online at the SSBC.US website under the Members Only section (Work Hours) or obtain a work hours slip from a bartender.
- ☼ Turn in raffle ticket stubs and money

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in bartending, please contact RC Teri Upholzer. If you need training, she can schedule a shadowing session with an experienced bartender. With the Club now open 7 day's a week and for extended hours there will be a need for even more bartenders.



REMINDER: if you would like to submit articles/announcements/stories/pictures for the newsletter, please send an email to Lori Stoddart at lakeaffect@att.net. All submissions must be received by the 25th, for the following month's newsletter! Thanks!

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UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



- ❁ October 2nd —Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ the clubhouse
- ❁ October 5th— Live Band (BackDraft)
- ❁ October 19th—Incoming bus trip (contact Marty Arvay for food donations)
- ❁ October 19th—Jr. SunSeeker's Halloween Party 11:00 a.m.
- ❁ October 26th—SSBC Halloween Party (Rock Bottom Band)
- ❁ November 20th—Bunco will resume
- ❁ November 27th— Thanksgiving Eve party
- ❁ December 7th—Sharon Harrison and the Cody Band
- ❁ December 14th—Santafest— Details TBD
- ❁ December 21st—Live Entertainment (Old Town Acoustics)
- ❁ SAVE THE DATE— February 8th 2020, SSBC Commodore's Ball



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Sunseeker's Boating Club
Adult Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 26th, 2019
Gibraltar Community Center
Doors open at 7:00pm
Contest begins at 10pm
Band 8 to 12 Midnight

\$10.00 pp
Snack table
Cash bar

ROCK BOTTOM BAND

Gibraltar Food Pantry will be there collecting non perishable donations

1st prize - Best overall costume
Many award categories, yes, you can win more than one. Everyone votes.

- Best Male Costume
- Best Female Costume
- Funniest Costume
- Sexiest Costume
- Best Group Costume
- Most Unique Costume
- Best Costumed Dancer
- Scariest Costume
- Most Creative Costume
- Best Couple Costume

Representing SunSeeker's



Wyandotte Yacht Club Cocktail Reception



Toledo Sailing Club



IOBG fundraiser Rolling Pub



Nugent Canal Yacht Club Commodore's Ball

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**ILYA closing parade George Marx
Driving the Commodore and Lady**



A Stop Over for Duck Farts



The Ladies of 2020



**Detroit Beach Boat Club Regattata
80's Theme**

SunSeeker's and Friends Having Fun!



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2019 Commodore 's Fundraiser aboard the Diamond Jack



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What a Way to End a Fundraiser Cruise!
Congratulations to Commodore Sue Miller and Gentleman Wayne Pitock

