



SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



February 2020



SSBC Bus Trip to the Detroit Boat Show

Hours:

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

Membership Meetings:

First Wednesday of the month
@ 7:30 pm

Address:

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Highlights

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COMMODORE: Jim Ryan

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In just one month so much has happened!

After our membership meeting last month we introduced our Power Fleet Captain, Lenny Bradburn, at the Power Fleet Captain's meeting. (Thanks to VC Teri Upholzer for covering for me.)

We hosted a celebration of life for a fellow PC by PC Jerry Hollis. VC Teri had a very successful GLOW party. We had BUNCO and incoming buses.

VC Teri stepped in for me to represent SSBC at the 2020 Point Place Ball.

RC Jenn Gracia did a FANTASTIC job organizing the bars, moving our inventory into the Community Center, managing the volunteers, breaking down the bars and of course moving the beverages back to the Club at the annual AYC Wild Game night.

RC Jenn Gracia represented SSBC for me at WRYCC and VC Teri Upholzer represented us at ORYC.

Our first AYC meeting was well represented with SSBC Delegates and at the very end of January, VC Teri represented SSBC for me at the Elba Mar 2020 Ball.

Some of you might ask, where has our Commodore been this past month to miss so many events?

On January 14th I went into eight hours of open heart surgery for a triple bypass and a VERY successful new lease on life! Beforehand, I had to stay healthy so needed to avoid crowds. Now that I am past the operation, I continue to get stronger, healthier and more energetic, thanks to the nursing skills of Lady Terri Ryan. (No, she does not dress up in a nurse outfit, wink!)

Soon I will be back in the swing of things and I will see you at the club. In the meantime, a BIG THANKS to the bridge for stepping in and making sure we were covered on all of our events.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with our January events. We could not do this without you.

Please help out our RC Jenn Gracia by volunteering to bartend. It's early in the year and a good time to satisfy those 2020 work hours.

"A Pirate's Life for me in 2020!"

**Your MORE HEARTY Commodore
Jim Ryan**



VICE COMMODORE: Teri Upholzer

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Happy February!

The New Year has started off at a fast pace. Our first event was the GLOW party. The club glowed and it appeared those who attended had one glowing of a time! A big thank you to Lady Pam Towle, PC Kevin Towle, Gohar Khachatryan, AYC RC Jeff Upholzer and Richard Hughes for help in decorating the club, making sure guests signed the book and cleaning up and to our bartenders who kept busy keeping glasses filled all night. RC Jenn Gracia, thanks for lending the black lights to us. They definitely helped set the mood.

AYC Rear Commodore Jeff Upholzer and I were truly honored to represent SunSeeker's at the Point Place Boat Club and Ottawa River Yacht Club balls for Commodore Jim Ryan and Lady Terri, while Jim recuperates. We also attended Toledo Ice.

AYC RC Jeff and I organized and worked on the AYC Wild Game fundraiser for AYC Vice Commodore Mike Brown. What a turnout! Many thanks to our members who attended and supported Mike this year. After the fundraiser, the majority of those attending came back to SSBC. Needless to say, the club was hopping. Thank you to our bartenders, Sandy Ball & Jeannie Ramon for your hard work that evening.

The AYC room build is coming along nicely. Our amazing & talented members from Grosse Ile Yacht Club, our sister club, Point Place Boat Club and SunSeeker's, have been organizing and working hard on this build. Just a few more weeks and you will see the end result at AYC weekend!

Once AYC weekend is over, meetings to discuss our regatta will be scheduled. While the regatta is not until the end of August, it will be here before we know it.

Events are being added or updated often. Please check the SSBC Website page, located at, <https://www.ssbc.us>, under Calendar of Events, for updates. There is a preview on page 8. I will also keep you informed.

I hope to see everyone on February 8th, at SunSeeker's Ball honoring PC Sue Pitock & Gentleman Wayne. A fun time for sure!

A special congratulations to my husband, Jeff Upholzer, who was elected AYC Rear Commodore at the January 27th meeting. He is also SunSeeker's first AYC Commodore to be! Our club sure has come a long way and the next few years will be exciting!

Let's make SSBCs 30th year anniversary a year to remember.

VC Teri



REAR COMMODORE: Jennifer Gracia



Hello SunSeekers!

I am so thankful for all that are volunteering and all that made this January a huge success. YOU ALL ROCK! It was a busy month but went great like a well-oiled machine because of all of you.

Wild Game dinner was a huge success; thank you to all that were involved.

Gentleman Chad and I attended West River Yachting and Cruising Club's Ball representing our club and our sidelined Commodore Jim, speedy recovery sir.

I NEED YOUR HELP WITH BARTENDING SO PLEASE SIGN UP OR SEE ME TO VOLUNTEER. You will meet other members and make some lasting friendships. If you need help on how to sign up it is in the members only portion of our website. There will be some dates blacked out for events or have multiple slots so if there is any question please ask me. I want everyone to have a blast behind the bar all while taking care of the work hours we all have. I have some members already signed up for some of February and thank you so much for your dedication but there are plenty of days left so please check out the calendar.

Remember this is OUR club and teamwork makes the dream work.

Happy Rear Happy Year

**Thank you,
Jennifer Gracia
Rear Commodore 2020**



FLEET CAPTAIN: Leonard Bradburn



Hello SunSeekers,

I want to thank everyone that helped with the two incoming buses we had, Ford Yacht Club and Detroit Beach Boat Club said the food and members were great!

Also a big thank you for everyone that went on our bus trip to Seaway Boat Club and the boat show, it was a lot of fun!!

This week I will be working on a bus for St. Paddy's Day parade downtown with J.P. McGuire. I'm not sure of the details but as soon as I know I will put it on the SunSeeker's Scoop. I do know that it would be on Sunday, March 15.

I attended my first AYC meeting and it was an awesome event!

General Announcements

Welcome Aboard New Members!

Lee Crooks sponsored by Dino Cancilliari
Janet Robinson sponsored by Chad Gronda
Richard Hughes sponsored by Wayne Pitock
Kenneth Koski sponsored by F/C Leonard Bradburn

Huge Thank You to

...All who assisted with and attended the January events
...Lady Anna and crew for cleaning the club house
...Those who sponsored new members– Membership is now at 290
...Marty Arvay for her years as “Food Coordinator” for club events
...Sue Pitock for taking over as “Food Coordinator”
...All Bartenders!

Reminders

- ⊗ Membership meeting is February 5th
- ⊗ **SSBC club will be closed February 6th to 10th**
- ⊗ Be sure to complete and input your work hours for the upcoming year. Enter your work hours online at the SSBC.US website under the Members Only section (Work Hours) or obtain a work hours slip from a bartender.

Bartenders Needed



If you are interested in bartending please contact Rear Commodore Jennifer Gracia. Training will be provided.

It's a great way to meet members, visiting club members and fulfill your work hours.

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

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2020 I-LYA DELEGATE

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UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



- ❁ February 2nd—Super Bowl Party, Club opens at 4 p.m. with game starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass
- ❁ February 8th—SSBC Commodore's Ball
- ❁ February 14th -15th—AYC Weekend
- ❁ February 29th—Name That Tune with Lori Stoddart; 8:00 p.m.
- ❁ March 14th—St. Patrick's Day Party
- ❁ April 10th—Fish Fry (Matt Jamison cooking)
- ❁ April 19th—IOBGA Mad Hatters Tea Party' 1:00 p.m.
- ❁ April 25th—Detroit Light Band at SSBC
- ❁ May 2nd—Gibraltar Road Clean Up; 9 a.m. (time subject to change)
- ❁ May 2nd— Cinco De Mayo Party; 8:00 p.m. Night Train performing
- ❁ May 17th—Jr. SSBC Fishing Derby
- ❁ August 28-29—SSBC Regatta

If you are attending this years SSBC Commodore Ball honoring P/C Sue and Gentleman Wayne then you are invited to attend the SSBC pre/after glow party held at the Dearborn Inn in the hospitality room , suite 107. The pre-glow room will be open from 2:00 pm till 4:30 pm and will re-open at 11:00 pm to start the after glow party. The Pre/after glow is a casual attire event, but guest can wear their Ball attire if you don't have a hotel room. There will be cold beer and mixed drinks available along with some light appetizers.

We are asking for donations of liquor and/or finger food to help with the cost of this party. All donation go towards your work hours and are very much appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet located at the club for both food and liquor donations, please sign the sheet so I have an idea of what is being donated. I am asking that no crockpots be brought. Light finger food works best as guest will be eating dinner shortly after the pre-glow. The liquor I am requesting is Vodka(Absolut/Tito's), white rum (Bacardi) and dark rum(Captain Morgan). Please feel free to bring other liquors.

You can also email/ text/ or call me to let me know what you are bringing and I can add your name to the donation list. I will have a box at the club for the liquor, if you would like to bring it to the club you can give it to the bartender. I also will be at the hotel Saturday during the day if you want to bring your donation to the hotel.

Thank you
PC Derrick Ball

SunSeeker's Boating Club Commodore Ball
honoring
Commodore Sue Pitcock and Gentleman Wayne
Saturday February 8, 2020



celebrating at *The Dearborn Inn*
MARRIOTT HOTEL

Cocktails at 5 pm—Introductions at 5:30 pm
Featuring: Canyon Ridge Band (country/rock)

Black Tie Optional; Country attire welcome!

Hello SunSeekers!

On behalf of the Bridge and Board, we have EXCITING news! The Board received approval at the January Membership Meeting to fund the installation of a new floor in the clubhouse. It will be vinyl plank flooring throughout the main room, down the hallways and behind the bar. It will not include the bathrooms, office or prep room. The old floor will be completely removed.

To accomplish this, the club will be closed from Thursday, 2/6/2020 until Monday, 2/10/2020. We will send an email to confirm the reopening so that you can come up and enjoy the new floor!

The February Membership Meeting is Wednesday, 2/5/2020 at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following the meeting, we will need help moving the tables and chairs into a truck, graciously loaned by Paulie. Thursday, 2/6/2020, we will need help moving the bar chairs.

Please make a note of the dates the club will be closed and please help us move the furniture to make our club look even better!

Don't forget to come up for Superbowl Sunday, 2/2/2020!

Please let anyone on the Bridge or Board know if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,
Your 2020 SSBC Bridge and Board**



Thank you Lady Terri for the updates on Commodore Jim and for “busting” him out of the hospital!

Wishing Commodore Jim a speedy recovery from his recent heart surgery.

Looking good Commodore!

AYC and What Is It All About?

SunSeekers has grown its membership significantly ever since it moved to a new clubhouse on the water in late 2018. So, many of our new members may not be familiar with our club's affiliation with AYC or ILYA and how that benefits you. And with AYC Weekend coming up in mid-February let me take a few minutes to take some of the mystery out of what AYC is all about.

Associated Yacht Clubs (AYC) is an umbrella organization that was founded in 1925 by five boat clubs in the Toledo area to promote camaraderie and coordination of events amongst the clubs. The AYC burgee has 5 stars on it, which represent those founding clubs.

Over the years AYC has grown and expanded beyond Toledo and it now includes 32 boat clubs that are in the Western basin of Lake Erie, ranging from All Ports Yacht Club to the east of us in Sandusky to Great Lakes Steel Boat Club to the north of us along the Detroit River. A complete list of the 32 clubs can be found on the SSBC website in the "Links" tab.

SunSeekers this year is celebrating its 30th year of existence, and is one of the younger clubs that exist in this area. SSBC became affiliated with AYC in 2003, thanks in part to being sponsored into the association by our sister club, Point Place Boat Club.

By being an AYC affiliated club our members get to enjoy the benefit of reciprocation with the other 31 AYC clubs. That includes free or reduced docking rates, the use of their facilities, access to their bar, and for the clubs that have a restaurant our members can visit and enjoy a great meal. You just simply need to show your membership card and sign in as a guest.

Our club also reciprocates by allowing any AYC (as well as ILYA) club to dock for free at one of our transient slips, and to utilize our clubhouse facilities once they have signed into the book as a guest.

So what's this "AYC Weekend" all about? Well, AYC weekend is a party at a hotel venue – this year it's at the Airport Sheraton in Romulus. The event celebrates the outgoing AYC Commodore, complete with a formal Ball on Saturday night that is invitation-only. But don't worry if you don't get an invite to the ball itself because the actual fun part of the weekend is the hospitality rooms that each AYC club organizes. Each of which are decorated to match the theme that the AYC Commodore has chosen for their year. With your ticket that is purchased to attend the AYC weekend you get full access to every hospitality room, including all of the food and spirits that you care to consume. And there are bands and entertainment throughout the weekend. Only club members can purchase tickets to attend, and every club member is entitled to bring only a single guest. It's truly an experience, and until you've actually been to one it's really hard to appreciate the magnitude of it.

In next month's newsletter I will elaborate more on the AYC Poker Runs, what that experience is about, and how you can help support our 2020 Fleet Captain in his quest to be the AYC Fleet Captain of the Year.

Jeff Upholzer
2016 SSBC Past Commodore and 2020 AYC Rear Commodore





**Commodore's Ball Weekend
February 14-15, 2020
Sheraton Detroit Metro Hotel
8000 Merriman Rd
Romulus, MI 48174**

Honoring 2019 AYC Commodore Tom Kovach & Lady Patty

**Theme is Disney
Hospitality Rooms provided by your AYC Clubs and I-LYA
Food, Fun, Music and Friends**

Friday

**Atomic Radio Band
AYC Past Commodore's Cocktail Party
Please wear your Class shirts
Grand Entrance for our AYC Commodore and the 2019 Commodore's Class**

Saturday

**Tom & Patty's Cocktail Party 11:30 am – 1 pm
Dress is Blues and Greys
Invited guests only
Entertainer Brian Bosman 1-5 pm
Comedy, ventriloquism, music
Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch
Dress is Formal attire
Cruizin' Jupiter Band
Midnight pool party with the Class of 2019**

Room Judging by the Hotel staff

Due to Liquor Laws in the State of Michigan there can be NO Ticket Sales at the Door

All AYC Clubs have tickets available.

Representing SunSeeker's



Ottawa River Yacht Club
Commodore's Ball



Point Place Boat Club
Commodore's Ball



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AYC Meeting

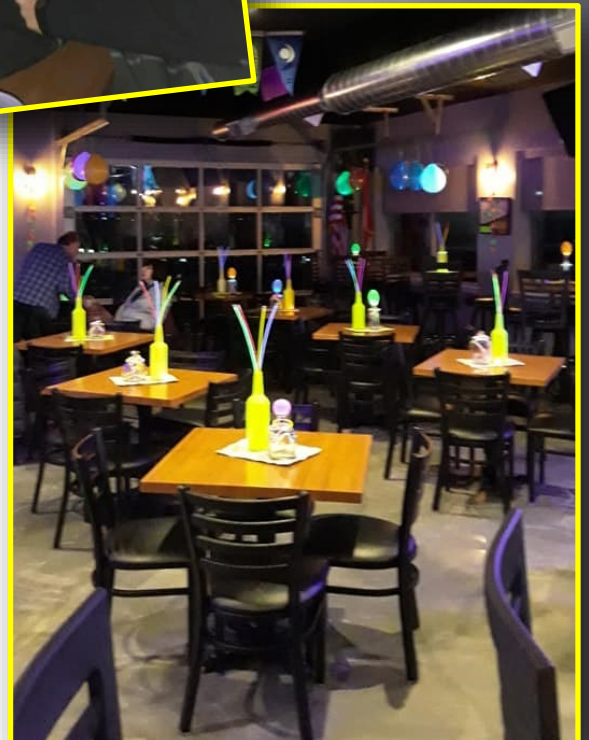
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Swan Boat Club



Glow Party Fun!



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Commodore Jim and Lady Terri supporting the Glow Party from the hospital room.