



# SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



July 2020



#### 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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734-672-6543

<http://ssbc.us>



#### Highlights

- ◆ Letters from the Bridge
- ◆ Notes from the Editor
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Past Events
- ◆ Photo Collage
- ◆ Reminders
- ◆ Fun Facts
- ◆ New Members
- ◆ Membership Updates



## **COMMODORE: Jim Ryan**

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**With the Fourth of July approaching, I hope our SunSeekers will celebrate the independence from restrictions the CoVid-19 had placed on us and act responsibly to ensure our continued freedom on the water and in the club!**

**This past month, Lady Terri and I were happy to represent the SunSeekers at the SURPRISE Commodore's Cocktail party at Harbor View Yacht Club (HVYC) at the end of June. The club had many signs promoting social distancing and when we would normally see a buffet of food for the attendee's, the ball committee decided to have the 2020 Class remain seated and wrapped sandwiches with a macaroni salad was delivered to each of us minimizing the risk of Corona virus transmission and contamination. HVYC has already cancelled their 2020 Commodore's Ball but the Ball committee surprised the Commodore Frank and Lady Angie with the cocktail party and a gift. Many of the 2020 class agreed that we were VIRTUALLY the BEST Class EVER!**

**We had our annual Club Rendezvous at Maumee Bay State Park with many SunSeekers attending. You will hear more about the weekend later in the newsletter with many pictures as well.**

**During these changing times new challenges present themselves. Since we are halfway through the year and many of us still need to complete our work hours, RC Jenn is in need of volunteers to bartend. Two nights bartending will easily complete your work hours requirement.**

**Finally, the annual YETI of CHEER RAFFLE is underway. Tickets available at the club bar or from Ball committee members are just \$10 and proceeds go towards the annual Commodore's Ball in February. This year it will be at the Flat Rock Banquet Hall with rooms at the hotel next door. Donations of liquor to the Yeti can be made at the club bar.**

**Be Safe and enjoy the Sun!**

**A Pirate's Life for me!**

**Your 2020 Commodore,  
Jim Ryan**



## **VICE COMMODORE: Teri Upholzer**

248.884.0306



**Hello SunSeeker's!**

**How refreshing it has been to see some of you over this past month, AT THE CLUB!!**

**We had a nice turnout and beautiful evening for Acoustic Man Drew. I hope you all enjoyed it. Many thanks to our member, Drew Stec, for volunteering his time and keeping us entertained!**

**Our first Regatta meeting was held and what a nice turnout we had! Much was discussed. Due to COVID restrictions, this year's regatta has been scaled back to one-day only, Saturday, August 29th, from 2:00pm – 12:00am. James Dean Acoustical will perform in the afternoon and Free Lance will perform in the evening. SSBC member, Jim Jernigan, is a member in both of these bands. We still plan to hold an auction, and a dinner, hosted by Blue Gavel, is confirmed. Times for the day's events, costs, and menu items will be shared over the next few weeks.**

**Please continue to keep any new or gently used items that you may want to donate towards the auction. If you have an available storage area (garage, barn, etc.) in which we could store and organize the auction items in, please text me at 248-884-0306.**

**The date of the next Regatta meeting will be posted in SunSeeker's Scoop and in an email to the membership. If you could not make the first meeting, join us at the next one.**

**I am working on displaying the list of areas for the Regatta that will require a Committee Chairperson and/or volunteers. This will be posted at the club. In order for the regatta to be a success, membership participation is critical. Any hours worked go toward your annual work hours.**

**While COVID restrictions are making events a bit of a challenge, we are looking into more Sunday afternoon/evening music dates, a band on a Friday or Saturday evening and a Movie Night. Stay Tuned!!**

**Stay safe on and off the water.**

**VC Teri**



## **REAR COMMODORE: Jennifer Gracia**



**Hello SunSeekers!**

**I am so thankful for all of you SUNSEEKERS! Everyone that has helped bartend or started training THANK YOU!**

**It has been a great re-start and I am cautiously excited that we can start going back to the NEW NORMAL. I have been training new bartenders and working with availability of my current people that have reached out to me already. July is not covered and I could use some help. Urgent need is July 4th or we will have to close because I will be out of town. If you are interested, please contact me directly at 734-377-5584.**

**The next order of business is if you sponsored a new member please reach out to them and give them a brief rundown of the basics while inside the club. It is our responsibility as a sponsor to make sure that your sponsored member is aware that they need to have guests sign the book to enter the club, that they are supposed to clean up after themselves before leaving, that they are responsible for the behavior of their guests and last that they need to follow the rules of the club. Right now, social distancing is very important and keeping the area in front of bar and service area is the most important. When members or guest are trying to order without getting into your space and we are standing at bar, that cannot happen. This is a new normal and I respect each and every one of you and what you believe is your normal. Please be respectful of each of our members as well. We cannot stand in groups at the bar, but we can outside. We have small groups set up inside per the government guidelines and we need to stay in line with that.**

**We cannot move chairs or stand in groups inside, if you need more info it is available online or you can reach out to me directly.**

**Stay healthy and stay safe.  
Happy Rear Happy Year**

**Thank you,  
Jennifer Gracia**



## **FLEET CAPTAIN: Leonard Bradburn**



Hello everyone,

I would like to thank everyone that made it to Maumee Bay and hope everyone had fun and maybe a S.A.D. award or two!

I also want to thank the people that offered suggestions and support for this event. Keep an eye out on the Sunseekers Scoop for some impromptu raft offs around our area on the weekends.

I would also like to thank VC Teri Upholzer, PC Sue Pitock and PC Sue Cisco for helping me whenever I have questions or concerns!!

We still “hopefully “ have three poker runs to attend.

Toledo Yacht Club is hosting a poker run in place of Nugent Canal Yacht club on July 22-23

Ford Yacht Club poker run is scheduled for August 15-16

Detroit Beach Boat Club is on September 11-12

So if possible please try to make it to these fun events and remember the more people from our club the better!!

Lenny

# General Announcements

## Welcome Aboard New Members!

Richard Mills sponsored by P/C Sue Pitock  
Traci Mullins sponsored by P/C Jeannette Foley  
Douglas Spicer sponsored by Angela Stepaniak  
Andrew Richardson sponsored by Misti Fritz  
Blake Eager IV sponsored by P/C Dennis Niemiec

### *Huge Thank You to*

- ✿ EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITIES AND EACH OTHER DURING THIS PANDEMIC
- ✿ Those who donated to the luncheon provided to Beaumont Hospital and Gibraltar PD
- ✿ Those who cleaned and prepared the clubhouse for re-opening
- ✿ Those who “beautified” the grounds of the clubhouse
- ✿ Those who were involved in the “Big Dig”

### **Reminders**

- ✿ There will be a general membership meeting on July 1st
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Stay in touch via the Sunseeker’s Scoop (private Facebook group)

## Bartenders Are 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 lakeaffect@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

PC DENNIS NIEMIEC

# UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars  
**EVENTS**



- ⊗ SSBC Membership meeting and No Cook Wednesday— July 1st at the clubhouse
- ⊗ Gibraltar Road Clean Up (time and date TBD)
- ⊗ Jr. SSBC Fishing Derby (location and date TBD)
- ⊗ Bunco League-Cancelled until further notice
- ⊗ August 29—SSBC Regatta



Pick up your Yeti of Cheer ticket for just \$10 and help support the annual Commodore's Ball.  
Looking for more liquor donations to add to the Yeti.  
Liquor donations go towards work hours.  
Win-Win!

### Attention SSBC Dock Holders

SSBC has a dumpster to use at the rack and launch. It is the smaller one with the Club name on it. Please use that one and do not leave your garbage at the end of the docks or elsewhere.

There is a can for your returnable cans/bottles if you would like to donate them to the Gibraltar food pantry. Please do not put trash in that can.



# Representing SSBC



Commeree Jim Ryan, Lady Terri Ryan and P/C Jeff Upholzer attending Harbor View Yacht Club cocktail party



R/C Jennifer Gracia and Gentleman Chad Gronda rounding up burgees



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## SSBC Giving Back to the Community

Thank you to P/C George Hanrahan and Lady Melissa Hanrahan for spear heading the lunch fundraiser for the Beaumont Trenton and Gibraltar PD. With all our members donations we were able to donate 190 box lunches, water and pop.

Thank you to Teri Shivel Prodan's business Carefree Catering, they did a phenomenal job boxing them and helping keep the cost down.

Thank you P/C Matt Romak for making the logo that was put in each box and to Lady Melissa Elmore Hanrahan and Lady Cindy Romak for helping to pack and deliver the boxes.



Summer Kick-Off with a Dock Party



# Maumee Bay State Park Rendezvous





SSBC  
Past Commodore  
Line Up





