

# SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



November 2024



Next Meeting November 6th at 7:30pm

**Winter Hours:**  
Closed Monday

Tuesday—Thursday: 6 pm to 10 pm

Friday—Saturday: 6 pm to 2 am

Sundays: 12pm to 8 pm  
(subject to change)

**Membership Meetings:**

First Wednesday of the month  
@ 7:30 pm

**Address:**

28043 N. Gibraltar Rd  
Gibraltar, MI 48173

**Phone:**

734-672-6543

<http://ssbc.us>



**Highlights**

- ◆ Letters from the Bridge
- ◆ General Announcements
- ◆ Notes from the Editor
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- ◆ Boater's Safety Class
- ◆ Fundraisers
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## COMMODORE: Bob Cisco



Hello SunSeekers!

Hope everyone has their boat tucked away for a long winters nap!

During the month of October, PC Lady Sue and I attended:

- ◆ The CCYC Ball honoring Commodore Gary and Lady Wendy. We had a lot of fun with pictures using their props with Kelly and Kenny Shaw.
- ◆ The NCYC Ball honoring Commodore Jeff and Lady Beverly. This was held at Camp Perry where I once had Army training. It was a lot nicer being there under these circumstances!
- ◆ The SSBC Halloween Party Lady Sue went solo since I wasn't feeling well. Heard everyone had a great time. I saw a lot of creative costumes!
- ◆ Thank you, PC Jennifer Gronda and Gentleman Chad, for attending the PPBC Ball for us honoring Commodore Don and Lady Sharon. We had Lady Sue's nephew's wedding to attend. We appreciate you representing SSBC!
- ◆ The SSBC M vs MSU game! It was a club divided and a lot of fun to watch with friends and members! Sadly, Sparty had to be deflated! GO BLUE! Thank you PC Sue Pitock and Lady Lori Long for organizing the fundraiser that day! Everyone had a great time with the event!

Please submit your SAD Awards as soon as possible. Every year we present SAD Awards at the Christmas Party. SAD stands for "SunSeekers Acting Dysfunctionally". These are for any SSBC member who you have witnessed maybe having "too much fun". Someone who fell in the river or someone who dropped their huge bowl of salad at the campsite or someone who may have fallen from having a little too much kool aid. It may have happened at the club or at another location. Wherever it was, it's all good to submit. If you know a member like this and would like to see them get a SAD award at Christmas, please send me an email to [SAD@ssbc.us](mailto:SAD@ssbc.us). Please include the name of the member, a brief description of what happened, a photo if you have one! These are fun to see and we're all in it together!

Every year we also have nominations for SunSeeker of the year. This is someone who has gone above and beyond for the betterment of the club. Please see the policy below regarding the requirements. Please email [Bridge@ssbc.us](mailto:Bridge@ssbc.us) if you would like to nominate someone for SunSeeker of the Year.

We are looking forward to our own SSBC Ball February 8, 2025. Please mark your calendars and we hope you will attend. It will be at the Bentley again this year and the band is 56 Daze. 56 Daze was the band that was playing at Elba Mar days when Sue and I started "dating", so we thought it was only fitting to have them play at the ball this year.

Junior SunSeeker Chairpersons, PC Lenny and Lady Tracey, are hosting a "Lunch with Santa" on December 7, 2024 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm prior to the Gibraltar parade. There is no cost to attend. Pizza and snacks will be provided. There will be crafts and of course Santa will arrive around 3pm to get your picture with Santa! To get an accurate count for food and preparations, we are requiring you to sign up on Signup Genius by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The link is in the email that was sent and on Facebook SunSeeker's Scoop, including the event section. Members may sign up their family (including children and grandchildren). Please include the number of adults and kids you will be bringing.

As always, I encourage all of you to join the events and the activities at the club this year! Music Bingo, SantaFest, Lunch with Santa and Gibraltar Christmas Parade, and of course the LIONS games!!

This is your club and the more you get involved, the more you enjoy your membership!

Cheers!

Commodore Bob Cisco



## **VICE COMMODORE: Wayne Pitock**



**Happy fall y'all!**

**Hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. If your boat is still in, what great weather we have had.**

**Coming up in November:**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – Music Bingo with Lori Stoddart**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Deep Cut (Alan Bowles birthday, everyone invited)**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> – Never to Old**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Dinner during the Lions Game**

**Thank you for the support last month during some of the events. Halloween costumes were great! Big Brother got a win and Sparty had to be deflated IFYKYK.**

**Still looking for a fleet captain next year!! Poker runs are not far, great way to get involved.**

**Look forward to seeing you at the club!**

**Vice Commodore,**

**Wayne Pitock**



## **REAR COMMODORE: Joe Long**



**Hello Sunseekers!**

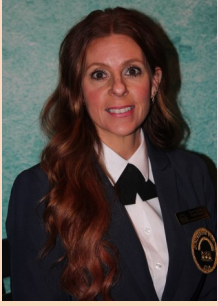
Summer is over and fall is here. Boats are starting to come out of the water. While you may be done on the water, don't forget you can still stop into the club to enjoy your favorite fall beverage!

Look for the Drink of The Month for November on the scoop!

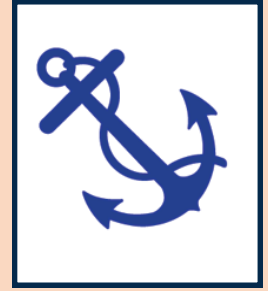
Thanks to all my bartenders and those that help me with deliveries throughout the month. I couldn't do it without you!

As always, if you want to bartend, reach out to me for training.

**Rear Commodore  
Joe Long**



## **FLEET CAPTAIN: Kelly Shaw**



**Hello Sunseekers!**

**Most of us have taken our boats out of the water and winterized for the long winter ahead. I am already counting down the days to get “Kelly and Company” back in the water. Gentleman Kenny and I were invited and attended Cooley Canal’s ball along with Pointe Place’s ball. We enjoyed ourselves and it gave us a glimpse into what we will be looking forward to the next few years. Thankful for the friends we have made at other boat clubs to be able to make it to their celebrations.**

**Thank you for voting me in as the Rear Commodore elect for 2025. I’m looking forward to this position and will put my all into it with Gentleman Kenny by my side.**

**-Saturday October 12th we took a bus load of 36 members down to Cooley Canal, Harbor View and Monroe clubs. The hospitality was great, we stole burgees and partied with new and old friends. Karaoke that night was so much fun and I look forward to another bus trip. Thanks to the members that came along and brought drinks/shots to share, it was a fantastic time!**

**-Boaters safety class will take place on Saturday November 23 taught by our very own member Joe Conflitti. This will be a one day event, we will order lunch if we get enough people. Use the link to sign up. <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/8067>**

**Your Fleet Captain,  
Kelly Shaw**

# General Announcements

## Reminders

- ☼ Membership meeting is November 6th at 7:30pm.
- ☼ 2024 Membership cards are available from the bartender. Please be sure to pick up your new membership card.
- ☼ 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. You must submit for work hours within 30 days of earning them. Unfulfilled work hours are \$20 each and must be paid with renewal dues.
- ☼ Stay in touch via the Sunseeker's Scoop; private Facebook group. If you would like to be added to the group please contact PC Sue Cisco or any of the Bridge members.
- ☼ Club Keno and Pull Tabs are available to play at the club.



- ☼ Euchre every other Thursday at 7pm.

- ☼ Texas Hold Em Poker Every Tuesday at 7pm.



**If you are interested in bartending please contact  
Rear Commodore Joe Long**

**Training will be provided**

**It's a great way to meet SSBC 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 Kat Marcum at [kmarcum4911@gmail.com](mailto:kmarcum4911@gmail.com). All submissions must be received by the 25th, for the following month's newsletter. Thanks!

## 2024 BRIDGE OFFICERS

COMMODORE  
BOB CISCO  
VICE COMMODORE  
WAYNE PITOCK  
REAR COMMODORE  
JOE LONG  
FLEET CAPTAIN  
KELLY SHAW  
RECORDING SECRETARY  
KATHY HOGAN  
TREASURER  
P/C SUE PITOCK  
SERGEANT AT ARMS  
STEVE BRIGGS

## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman of the board/Docks  
KEITH WADDLE  
Bylaws  
PC SUE CISCO  
Bar Operations  
PC JOHN ROBBINS  
Event Management  
PC JEFF UPHOLZER  
Lottery  
PC JERRY HOLLIS  
Building Management  
KEVIN TOWLE  
Financial Secretary  
STEVE DETERS

## Committee Leads

Ball - P/C Sue Pitock  
Building- George Marx  
Dock- Angela Stepaniak  
AYC- P/C Teri Upholzer  
ILYA- P/C John Robbins  
Blue Gavel- P/C Lenny Bradburn  
Membership- Cathy LaFrance  
Newsletter- Kat Marcum  
SSBC Website- P/C Jeff Upholzer  
Jr. SunSeekers- P/C Leonard Bradburn/Lady Tracey Myers  
Swag- Sandi LaFrance

**Attention Ladies!**

Are you retired and a member of SSBC or retired and the significant other of a SSBC member? If so, are you interested in getting together with other SSBC retired ladies once a month for friendship, good conversation, lunch/dinner, outings, etc. because we can? If you'd like to join this group, please text PC Teri Upholzer at 248-884-0306 for additional information.


# Retired Ladies at the Cider Mill



# 2025 ELECTION RESULTS

Rear Commodore – Kelly Shaw  
Fleet Captain—OPEN POSITION  
Recording Secretary – Kathy Hogan  
Treasurer – PC Sue Pitock  
Sergeant at Arms – Steve Briggs  
Board of Directors 3-year term – PC John Robbins  
Board of Directors 2-year term – Keith Waddle  
Financial Secretary – Steve Deters  
By-laws – PC Sue Cisco  
Membership Secretary – Cathy LaFrance  
Building Chairperson – Gentleman Kenny Shaw  
Dock Master – Bruce Wyke

**BOATER SAFETY**



**Attention:** New Boaters get your boater safety certificate  
Experienced boaters can come for a refresher.

Sunseekers Boat Club will be hosting a FREE, State certified, Boater Safety class. This will be a 1-day class for 8 hours, per state requirement.

- Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 - 5:00

The main purpose of the boater safety education course is to train knowledgeable, safe and responsible boaters. Topics covered include general boating and water safety, navigational rules, causes and prevention of crashes, operation and fueling techniques, environmental concerns and reporting responsibility.

Any motorized boat operator born after June 30, 1996, is required by law to pass an approved boater safety course and to carry a boater safety certificate. In addition, boater education is also required for all PWC operators born after December 31, 1978.

About the Class:  
Written test (80% or better to pass)  
No minimum age requirement; however, students under 12 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other adult approved by parent or legal guardian.

**BOATER SAFETY**

# Fundraisers

SAVE THE DATE

AYC FUNDRAISERS

WILD GAME – JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

BOWLING – APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

GOLF – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>



PLANS FOR  
2025

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SSBC BALL - Feb 8th at the Bentley**

**AYC Weekend - Feb 14th-16th**

# Events

A promotional poster for a 'Music BINGO' event. The background is light green with abstract geometric shapes in grey and green on the left. The title 'Music BINGO' is in large blue letters. Below it, the date and time are listed. A list of event details is on the left. On the right, there's a graphic of colorful musical notes and a red bingo card with a grid and the word 'BINGO' at the top.

**Music  
BINGO**

Hosted by  
Lori Stoddart  
at SSBC

*Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.*

- Enjoy a Variety of Music while looking for Songs/Artists instead of Numbers on your Cards
- Individual Play- \$1.00 Per Bingo Sheet
- 4 Rounds of Bingo
- Cash Prizes for Bingos
- It's that Easy and Fun!

**BINGO**

## Night before Thanksgiving

November 27<sup>th</sup>

Band starts at 7:30

Open to members,  
AYC/ILYA members and their guests

A graphic showing a branch with yellow and orange autumn leaves against a light blue sky, framed by a white curved border.

**Never  
to  
Old**

# Events



## SAVE THE DATE!!!



### SSBC's Annual SANTAFEST

Friday, December 6, 2024

**TIME:** TBD (approx. 5:30pm - 12:00am)

**DEPART FROM:** SunSeeker's via a coach bus

**COST:** TBD (will include transportation, pizza upon return to SSBC)

**ATTIRE:** Santa or holiday attire

This event is open to AYC/ILYA, family and friends.

Any questions? Please text me at 248-884-0306. PC Teri Upholzer

# Events



## LUNCH WITH Santa

**Saturday Dec 7, 2024  
from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

NO COST TO ATTEND  
SIGN UP REQUIRED ON SIGNUP GENIUS BY 12/1  
PIZZA AND SNACKS PROVIDED  
KIDS CRAFTS

**AND GET YOUR PICTURE  
TAKEN WITH SANTA HIMSELF!**



## Christmas Adopt a Family

At our last membership meeting it was shared that SunSeeker's is adopting a family for the Christmas holiday. Sandy Ball and I are working on a list of items that the family can use and this will be shared once completed. We are also planning a fundraiser which will also be shared once ready. In the meantime, we wanted to give you some insight to this family which consists of a Mom, Dad, a one year old adorable daughter and a truly amazing son, who is currently a 2nd grader at Weiss Elementary. The son encountered some health issues which ultimately, led to four of his extremities being amputated. His journey can be viewed on the following Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1554873188691911>

The family has given us permission to share pictures and his journey. Please feel free to join the Facebook group to follow his journey.

Sandy Ball  
Teri Upholzer



# Swag!!!

SunSeekers! Looking for swag item I don't generally keep on hand? Unifirst has created a great program. They have thousands of items to choose from and several SSBC designs ready to go. You can even customize with your name or your boat name. You pay Unifirst directly and items are shipped directly to you.



## Ordering Instructions

Apparel Direct for SunSeekers Boating Club



### Account Creation and Set Up

#### STEP 1:

Go to <https://companystore.unifirst.com>

#### STEP 2:

Enter the Portal Group and Registration Key, as shown below, in the Need to Register box. (Note: password is case sensitive.)

Portal Group: SunSeekersBoatingClub

Registration Key: SSBC102022

#### STEP 3:

Complete the Account Registration form then click the Register button.

#### Password Requirements:

- Must contain six or more characters.
- Must contain one or more numbers.
- First character must be an upper-case letter.
- No special characters can be used (i.e., @! #%).

#### STEP 4:

Once you have successfully registered, you will be immediately redirected to the site to begin placing orders. You will also receive an email confirmation with a link that you can use in the future to access the company store.

### Logging in and Ordering

#### STEP 5:

Input your selected username and password in the Already Registered box. Please enter "SSBC-" prior to your created username. If the username created in STEP 3 was "BobSmith", then your login is "SSBC-BobSmith".

#### STEP 6:

Select a garment category at the top to begin shopping. If you are placing a large order for multiple employees and would like the order separated by employee, input the individual employee's name in the notes field and then add it to the shopping cart.

This feature bundles and bags the items for each employee by name.

Notes (Optional):

(For a specific employee? Packing Slip Note?)

#### STEP 7:

For each garment, select a size, color, and logo option, then enter a quantity.

#### STEP 8:

Once you checkout, complete the Ship To page. Previously used addresses are stored in the address book. Please include a phone number for updates.

#### STEP 9:

Then you will be prompted to pay by credit card. If you don't already have a stored payment method, you'll be prompted to add credit card. Enter the credit card information which will be stored for future use. To complete the order, select Place Order. Once the order is complete, you will receive a confirmation number.



Hats \$20, Scarves \$15 or the set for \$30.



# Fall Flannel Bus Trip



# Halloween Party



# Halloween Party



# LIONS & TIGERS & BEERS



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