

# SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



NOVEMBER



LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR 12/3/2025

**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



**Highlights**

- ◆ Letters from the Bridge
- ◆ General Announcements



## COMMODORE Wayne Pitock



Happy November! Hope everyone has safely tucked the boats away for winter. October flew by and we just pulled our boat. In October, we went camping with quite a few members and had a great time even though Sue took a fall and we had to head home the first night for a trip to the er. We returned later the next day and made the best of it. That weekend we also attended the Cooley Canal Yacht Club ball. We got home and made it to Ford Yacht Club for their PC pig roast. During October we also attended West River Yacht and Cruising Club ball with a nice showing from our club. Seaway Boat Club PC's had a nice mostaccioli dinner we attended as well. Not too often does North Cape Yacht Club have an event to attend, but they had a nice presentation about The Edmond Fitzgerald and served the Edmond Fitzgerald beer as well. We also made it up to the club for some baseball, football and the Halloween party. During October, I played the nursing role for Sue. She did have surgery, and I thank everyone that reached out to check on her. She still has a way to go but needs my assistance less and less every day. As we wrap up the year, please remember if you would like to nominate someone for SunSeeker of Year, we need to have your nomination letter sent to [bridge@ssbc.us](mailto:bridge@ssbc.us) by the December meeting. This should be a member that goes above and beyond for the club. I also have some SADD (SunSeeker's acting Dysfunctional) awards to present at the December meeting. If you have any, please send them to [commodore@ssbc.us](mailto:commodore@ssbc.us) so I can have my secretary get them ready. See you all at the club!



## VICE COMMODORE Joe Long



Hello Sunseekers!

Well, Summer is officially gone! Most of the boats are out of the water. If you are not, hopefully you are not sitting on the bottom! We have had some very low water.

We had James Dean Acoustic on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We had a great crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had another open mic night on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a decent amount of participation. Only 2 more for the remainder of the year. If you haven't made it up for one, please come up. The final 2 dates are

We had our Halloween party on the 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a great night! The costumes were excellent and the band did an outstanding job.

November entertainment is as follows.

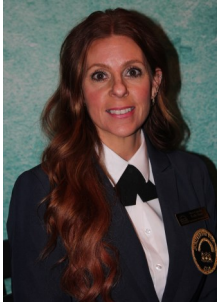
15<sup>th</sup> James Dean Acoustic

20<sup>th</sup> Open Mic

22<sup>nd</sup> Don't Miss

26<sup>th</sup> DJ Lori Stoddart

As always, if you are looking to book the club, let me know!



## REAR COMMODORE Kelly Shaw



Hey there Sunseekers!

Everyone's boats should be out of the water and wrapped up for the winter. Let's hope it goes by quick. Gentleman Kenny and I enjoyed attending Cooley Canal's ball, West River Yacht & Cruising Club's ball and Riverview Yacht Club's ball. It's special to be invited and we are so thankful for the friends we have made along our journey so far. We are hoping to see lots of our members up at the club this winter to share some drinks and laughs. I am starting to get entertainment booked for 2026 and I am looking forward to moving to Vice Commodore. Let me know if you have any band suggestions or ideas fo events.

The club will continue to stay open every Monday evening through football season. We will also continue to have a Lions watch party every home and away game so bring a dish to pass and wear your Lions gear.

Sunday November 9th is the Soup/Chili/Stew cookoff to benefit the AYC room during the Lions game. Please bring a crockpot of your favorite recipe to share. If you don't want to bring a crockpot please bring a dessert, snack or appetizer. I am asking for a \$5 donation pp to sample all the soups and vote. I will supply fresh sourdough. There will also be football scratch offs which will go towards the AYC room as well.

I will be asking for help with constructing our AYC room along with donations so stay tuned for details. I will be selling tickets for AYC weekend so make sure to get with me. Fri February 20th and Sat February 21st the fun will take place at the Sheraton by the airport. A link for rooms will be released soon and I will get that out to the membership as soon as I receive it. Please book asap because they do sell out quick.

The drink of the month for November will be an orange cranberry gin and tonic.

If anyone needs work hours to close out the year, I have many delivery days available. Please let me know. You can always train to barback or bartend as well.

Thanks to those members who get deliveries for me and for the awesome bartenders we have!

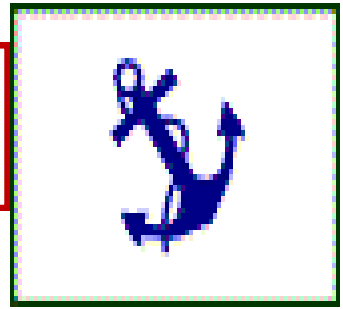
Cheers!

Your Rear Commodore,

Kelly



FLEET CAPTAIN  
John Turner



Greetings SunSeekers,

Well, you may have noticed that fall is here. The temperature has dropped, and looking out into Lake Erie with a west wind you will see mud flats around Gibraltar. Hopefully, your boat is not sitting in the mud. October has been a quite month.

About the only thing I have to report was at the AYC monthly meeting Rear Commodore Kelly and Gentleman Ken, as well as your Fleet Captain and his lovely Lady Linda, received flags for perfect attendance for all the Poker Runs for 2025. I would like to thank all who also attended and supported our club at these events.

Fleet Captain

John

# General Announcements

## Reminders


- ☼ 2025 Membership cards are available.
- ☼ 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.



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the  
Sue Cisco or any of the Bridge



- ☼ Stay in touch via the Sunseeker's Scoop; private Facebook group. If you would like to be added to group please contact PC members.

the  ☼ Club Keno and Pull Tabs are available to play at the club.



### 2025 BRIDGE OFFICERS

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

### 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman of the Board/Bar Ops  
KEITH WADDLE  
Event Management  
PC JOHN ROBBINS  
Dock Management  
PC JEFF UPHOLZER  
**Lottery/Regalia**  
**PC JERRY HOLLIS**  
**Building Management**  
KEVIN TOWLE  
Financial Secretary  
STEVE DETERS

### Committee Leads

Ball - P/C Sue Cisco  
Building- Gentleman Kenny Shaw  
Dock- Bruce Wyke  
AYC- P/C Teri Upholzer  
ILYA- P/C John Robbins  
Blue Gavel- P/C Bob Cisco  
Membership- Cathy LaFrance  
Newsletter- Lady Rita Robbins  
SSBC Website- P/C Jeff Upholzer  
Jr. SunSeekers- P/C Leonard Brad-

If you are interested in bartending please contact

Rear Commodore Kelly Shaw

**REMINDER:** if you would like to submit articles/announcements/stories/pictures for the next newsletter, please send an email to Rita Robbins at rcknrbbn2@AOL.com.



# IOBG District 25



## LIONS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

The mission of the International Order of the Blue Gavel is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and unite them through social, educational and humanitarian programs. As a not-for-profit we use fundraisers to allow us to achieve our goals and we thank you for your participation!

- Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.
- No football knowledge or team selection details to worry about.
- Just watch for the final score of each regular season game for a chance to win \$150!!

**1) Buy a square:** For \$50 you own it for the entire regular season. 100 squares sold on a first come first served basis. Squares will be sold up to 1 week before the regular season start. Squares are randomly selected and sent out to all players prior to the season start.

a. Fill out registration: Name / Email / Address (to mail checks)

**2) Each Week:** The game sheet will be emailed to all players, and the team scores will be randomized to allow each square a chance to win throughout the season.

**3) Watch football:** Track weekly football game scores and look for a watch party near you on our event calendar! It's fun to see whose square is in play < it could be you >!

**4) Weekly Winners:** The weekly winner will be announced the day following game date and a check mailed to the address listed on the registration form.

Squares available from our website at <https://www.iobg25.org/fundraisers.htm>

Or any IOBG D25 board member by cash, check, or ~~venmo~~ paypal.

You can also contact us by email at [donations@iobg25.org](mailto:donations@iobg25.org) to get your squares remotely.

**GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN**

# 2026 AYC COMMODORE'S BALL

honoring

# 2025 COMMODORE MIKE VAILLANT & LADY MARY

February 20 & 21, 2026



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**DETROIT METRO AIRPORT**  
8000 Merriman  
Romulus, MI 48174

LAKE ERIE LIFE... IT'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL

# GO LIONS !!!

**SUNSEEKERS BOAT CLUB**

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**



**THE CLUB WILL BE  
OPEN @ 6PM  
EVERY MONDAY  
THROUGH  
FOOTBALL SEASON!**





YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# SOUP COOK-OFF

(soup - chili - stew)



**Proceeds to benefit AYC Room**

*During the Lions game, \$5 per person to eat & vote!*

Club opens at 4pm



Bring your best soup/chili/stew in a  
crockpot to share!

Prize for winner! There will be  
scratch offs during the game too!



Contact RC Kelly  
for questions

