

SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



FEBRUARY 2026



NEXT MEETING 3/4/2026 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



Highlights

- ◆ Letters from the Bridge
- ◆ General Announcements



COMMODORE

Joe Long



A Busy Start to the Ball Season

Hello Sunseekers!

I hope you all weathered the first major snowstorm of the year safely and are staying warm. Lady Lori and I are thrilled to have embarked on the Ball season, proudly representing the club. It has been an eventful start, filled with memorable gatherings and activities.

Celebrating Our Fellow Commodores

ORYC Ball

On the 17th, we had the pleasure of attending the ORYC Ball, which honored Commodore John Creighton and Lady Mollie. It was a fun event, full of camaraderie with the 26 Commodores.

PPBC Ball

Just a week later, on the 24th, we joined the festivities at the PPBC Ball, where we celebrated Commodore Jim Edge and Lady Kandice. We had a great time.

Additional Activities

In addition to the Balls, we participated in several other exciting activities throughout the month:

- **Burger Fundraiser:** We supported SPBC Commodore Pillon and Lady Marianne by attending a burger fundraiser. It was a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the club's efforts.
- **Echo Chamber Performance:** On the 23rd, we gathered at the club to support VC Kelly Shaw while enjoying the music of the band Echo Chamber. The night was filled with good music and fun.

TIYC Cocktail Party: We also attended the TIYC cocktail party, which was a delightful evening of mingling and making connections with fellow club members.

Meetings and Community Engagement

Commodore Fleet Captain Meeting

I had the opportunity to attend the Commodore Fleet Captain meeting at BVYC on the 11th. It was a productive session with fruitful discussions on the Poker Run season.

Open Mic Night

On the 22nd, I enjoyed a lively Open Mic Night at the club. The talent and enthusiasm of our members never cease to amaze me.

Wild Game Fundraiser

A highlight of the month was assisting RC John Turner with the Wild Game fundraiser for the 2027 AYC Commodore Chris Jurek. It was a fantastic event with great support from everyone involved.

Looking Ahead

Overall, it has been a busy and fulfilling first month as Commodore. The warmth and support from the club members have been incredible, and I am eagerly looking forward to the rest of the year with all of you. Let's continue to make this a memorable and successful year for our club!

Stay warm and see you at the next event!



VICE COMMODORE Kelly Shaw



Hey there Sunseekers!

February is here and it's a busy month at our club and within AYC! Good news is we are one month closer to boating season.

I would like to say thank you to those members and guests who attended Open Mic night in January. It looked like a lot of fun and we had a good turnout. I apologize for not being able to attend but gentleman Kenny and skipper Talon were sick and I had to stay home to care for them. Thanks to Ross for bartending and watching the door. Always a huge thank you to Drew for heading this up. The next date is Thursday February 26th. We had a blast with Echo Chamber and the neon theme after the Wildgame dinner and it was great to see the club packed. Thanks for coming and supporting the club.

Upcoming Events:

-Friday February 6th we will have Riverside Drive at the club. Come escape the weather with some drinks, friendship and good music by Drew and Ed.

-Our ball is Saturday February 14th honoring Commodore Wayne and PC Lady Sue.

-AYC weekend February 20-21. We will start putting together the room Thursday night Feb 19th and all day Friday. If you are interested in helping, please reach out. Our theme is lighthouse: Let Your Light Shine. Sandi LaFrance had posted a link for tee shirts which we will wear that Friday night. There will be a food donation list for the weekend and we appreciate all the help we can get. Every \$20 of food equals one work hour.

If you want to reserve the club, please get with me asap, lots of dates have been filled so far.

Party On!

Your Vice Commodore,
Kelly



REAR COMMODORE
John Turner



Greetings Sunseekers,

I am not sure how I survived January but I did. I'm now looking forward to February.

We had a number of events that kept the bar busy; NFL games, parties, Open Mic, BVYC Bus Trip and the Wild Game Dinner. And speaking of the Wild Game Dinner I would like to Thank all the members and friends that helped move supplies back and forth, and worked the event. The great success of the bar at the event was due to our membership.

We had great tasting food donated for several of the NFL games.

On January 24, Bay View Yacht Club arrived at the club by bus in Barbie themed outfits. Thanks to Cindy Church for taking charge of handling the food for the event.

The Drink of the Month is called a Strawberry Kiss: vanilla vodka, strawberry puree, and lime juice.

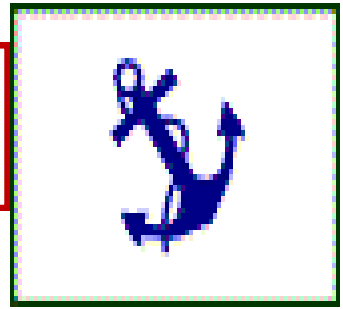
Stay Warm!!!

Rear Commodore

John Turner



FLEET CAPTAIN
Julie Ganz-Waple



January Recap: A Busy and Welcoming Start to the Year

Hello everyone! January has flown by, and I spent a large portion of the month out of town, including during our Visiting Club event.

We had the pleasure of hosting Bay View Yacht Club on January 24th and while I wasn't able to attend in person, I'm so grateful for the outstanding representation and support from our bridge and members.

I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to VC Kelly and Gentleman Kenny, RC John and Lady Linda, Sgt. at Arms Steve and Lady Roni for representing the Bridge so wonderfully. Your time and dedication truly made a difference.

A big thank-you as well to all the members who came out to warmly welcome our guests—it's always great to see such strong participation. Special thanks go to Cindy and Jerry Church for handling the food for the event. Your efforts helped make the evening a success and were very much appreciated.

We also had a bus trip scheduled for January 31 with EMBC to the Toledo Ice Regatta. More information will be shared at next month's meeting.

Looking ahead, our next upcoming Visiting Club is scheduled for March 7th, when we will host the Ottawa River Yacht Club. We hope to see many of you there as we continue to strengthen connections and enjoy time together.

Thank you all for your continued involvement and support as we kick off the new year!

Your Fleet Captain,
Julie Waple

General Announcements

Reminders

- ❖ 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.



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- ❖ Club Keno and Pull Tabs are available to play

at the club.



- ❖ Euchre every other Thursday at 7pm.

If you are interested in bartending please contact

Rear Commodore John Turner

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.

2025 BRIDGE OFFICERS

COMMODORE

JOE LONG

VICE COMMODORE

KELLY SHAW

REAR COMMODORE

JOHN TURNER

FLEET CAPTAIN

JULIE GANZ-WAPLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

KATHY HOGAN

TREASURER

P/C SUE PITOCK

SERGEANT AT ARMS

STEVE BRIGGS

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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JENNIFER GRONDA

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PC JEFF UPHOLZER

Lottery/Regalia

PC JERRY HOLLIS

Building Management

JOHN ROBBINS

Financial Secretary

CATHY LAFRANCE

Committee Leads

Ball - P/C Sue Cisco

Building- Gentleman Kenny Shaw

Dock- Bruce Wyke

AYC- P/C Teri Upholzer

ILYA- P/C John Robbins

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Membership- Cathy LaFrance

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2026 AYC COMMODORE'S BALL

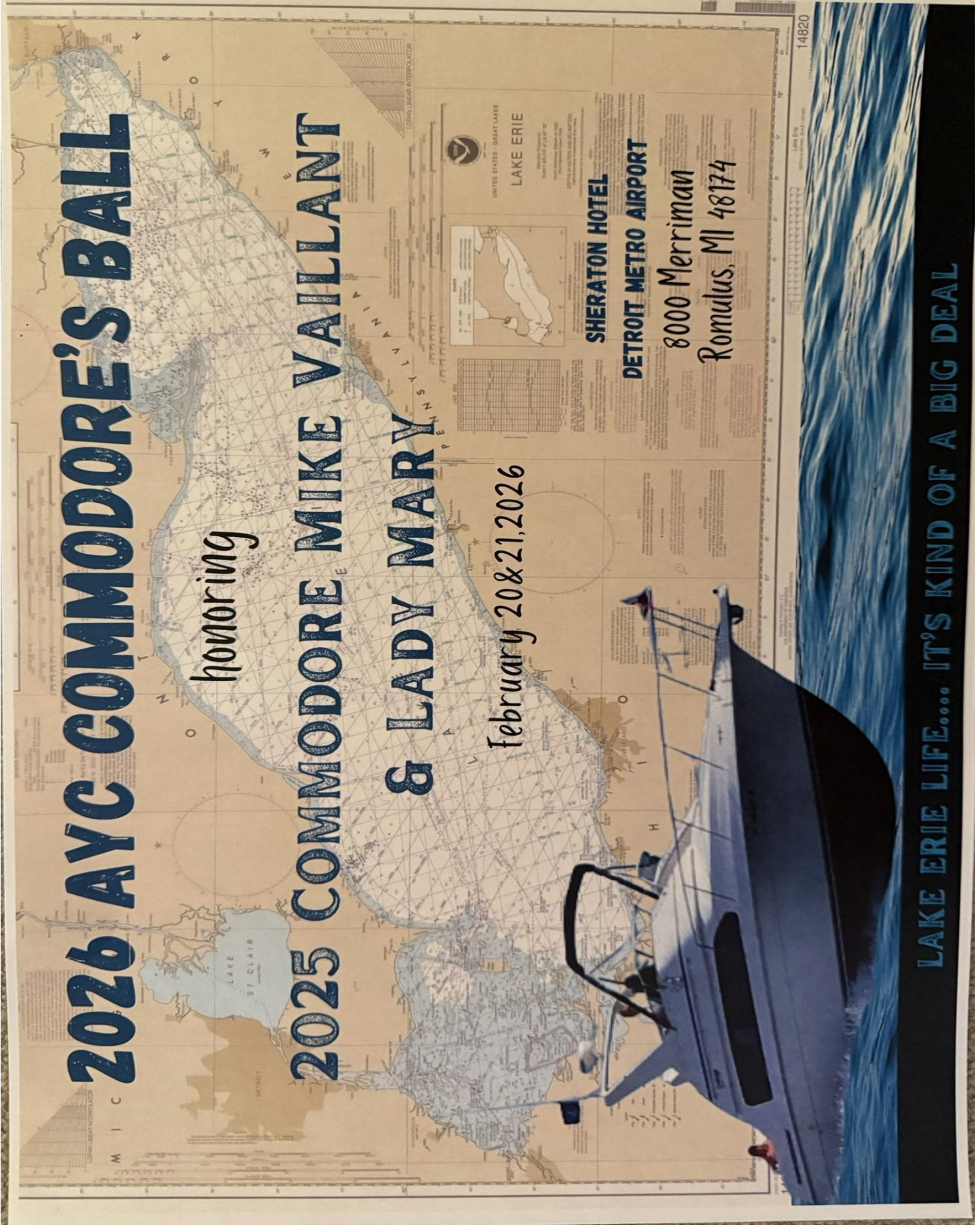
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2025 COMMODORE MIKE VAILLANT & LADY MARY

February 20 & 21, 2026

SHERATON HOTEL
DETROIT METRO AIRPORT
8000 Merriman
Romulus, MI 48174

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





Open Mic Night!



6pm

Open to AYC/ILYA members and
their guests



6PM FEBRUARY 26

RIVERSIDE DRIVE



ROCKIN' OUT THE HITS!

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6
7PM**

SUPERBOWL PARTY



SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 8TH 4PM

BRING A SNACK !!!