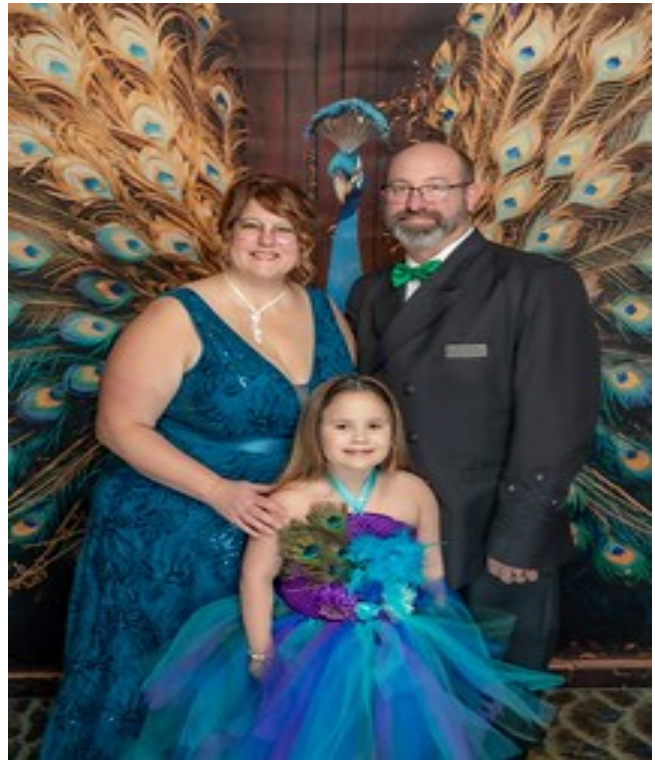


# SUNSEEKER'S Boating Club



MARCH 2026



**NEXT MEETING 4/1/2026 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



## **February Recap:**

Hello Sunseekers!

February may have been short, but it was filled with exciting events that kept us on our toes. Here's a look back at the highlights of our month.

### **Riverside Drive at the Club**

We kicked off the month on February 6th by supporting VC Kelly and enjoying a fantastic performance by the band Riverside Drive at the club. It was a great start to our February social calendar!

### **Honoring Commodore Jim Fowler**

On February 7th, we attended the Elba-Mar Ball, a glamorous event honoring Commodore Jim Fowler and Lady Crystal. It was an evening of elegance and celebration.

### **Super Bowl Festivities**

The excitement continued on February 8th with our Super Bowl party at the club. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased squares for my ball fundraiser. While the game itself wasn't the most thrilling, your support meant the world. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on my side this time—I didn't win anything!

### **Appreciation Dinner**

February 13th brought us to the appreciation dinner hosted by PC Wayne and PC Lady Sue. It was a wonderful evening dedicated to expressing gratitude and enjoying each other's company.

### **Sunseekers Ball**

Valentine's Day was extra special this year as we attended the Sunseekers Ball, held in honor of Commodore Wayne and PC Lady Sue. The night was filled with joy, laughter, and a memorable afterglow that left us all in high spirits.

### **AYC Weekend**

From February 20th to 22nd, we embarked on an unforgettable AYC weekend. If you haven't experienced it yet, make sure to mark your calendar for next year! VC Kelly's creativity shone as she secured 3rd place for her room. The highlight of the weekend was witnessing history in the making as our very own PC Sue Pitock was sworn in as the first woman commodore of the AYC. We couldn't be prouder!

### **Hosting the AYC Meeting**

We concluded our February adventures by hosting the AYC meeting on the 23rd. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. Looking back, February was a month filled with camaraderie, celebration, and cherished memories. Here's to many more adventures ahead!

Commodore Joe



## VICE COMMODORE Kelly Shaw



Hey there SunSeekers!

So glad February flew past us, March is my Birthday month and Gentleman Kenny and I will be celebrating on a cruise towards the end of the month and then the countdown begins to boating season! I am already excited to be docked at the Poker Runs having some drinks and hanging out with members and friends!

AYC weekend was an absolute blast yet extremely busy and stressful at the same time. Like I mentioned in the Facebook post, I am so very thankful for the wonderful committee we had. Our Lighthouse themed room was absolutely amazing and I cannot tell you how many people gave us compliments. Our club came together and I want to thank every single person who helped with the building, set-up, tear-down, food, drinks, bartending etc! You are all awesome. While 1<sup>st</sup> would have been great, I am proud of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. I would not change a thing. Gentleman Kenny and I attended the AYC ball and were able to witness history as Sue Pitock was sworn in as the first female AYC Commodore. There were signs to cheer her on and happy tears, congrats Sue!

February started with Riverside Drive and finished up with Open Mic Night with Drew. March events will be a fantastic band Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> DR5! They will also be playing at our Luau Poker Run in August so come on out to the club and check them out, you will enjoy them. We will then be a stop during the Shamrock Shindig Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. We can use some extra help during the event 11-5pm so let me know if you can lend a hand, work hours will be provided.

I posted some AYC club functions that are happening so check out the Facebook post. There is always something to do and somewhere to go. I encourage everyone to get out to visit another AYC club at least monthly and wear your SSBC gear. It's free, you just have to sign their book. It is important to support other AYC clubs but also so much fun to meet new friends from other clubs.

Regarding reserving our club: Please fill out the event request and drop in the box next to the office with a check for \$200. This is for incidentals. You will get that back if the club is cleaned and put back in order. You can get a hold of me first to check if the date is available before filling out the form. Please remember, reserving the club is free and is a benefit and privilege of being a member. Dates are filling up so reach out with any requests.

Party On!

Your Vice Commodore,

Kelly



REAR COMMODORE  
John Turner



Greeting SunSeekers,

February has been a fun month; not so much fun for my liver. The club has had a number of events and the bar is doing well.

Lady Linda and I went to Commodore Wayne and PC Sue Pittock's Ball on February 14th. It was very eloquent and fun. It was a great night to celebrate Valentine's day.

The following week was the AYC Weekend. We hooked up with old friends and met new ones. Our room was great. I thought our room should have taken first or second. Big thanks to all who helped and donated to our room.

I'm looking forward to the future. I have a number of items to address on my boat so it's seaworthy to attend the poker runs this year.

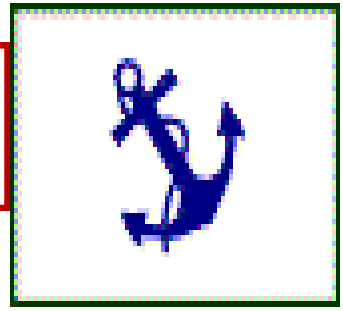
The drink of the month is the 'Emerald Sunrise': Tequilla (or Vodka), OJ and blue Curaco.

Have a good month,

RC John



## FLEET CAPTAIN Julie Ganz-Waple



### **Hello Sunseekers!**

Although February was a short month, it was certainly packed with fun and memorable events.

Gentleman Craig and I traveled to Elba-Mar to retrieve one of our burgees that had been taken back in January. On Valentine's Day, we attended the Sunseekers Ball honoring Commodore Wayne and PC Lady Sue. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other clubs while enjoying great music, dancing, and camaraderie with fellow SSBC members.

AYC Weekend did not disappoint! SSBC, PPBC, and GIYC joined forces to host a beautifully decorated room with an impressive lighthouse theme. From the lifelike lighthouse entryway surrounded by marsh foliage and a fishpond with live goldfish, to the stunning interior décor featuring a sky-to-beach top of a lighthouse view, every detail was thoughtfully executed. The beautifully designed maps and informational displays highlighting Lake Erie lighthouses were truly exceptional. Gentleman Craig and I also had the honor of attending the AYC Ball, where we witnessed PC Sue Pitock become the very first female AYC Commodore—many congratulations to her on this historic achievement!

On March 7th, we will be welcoming both the Ottawa River Yacht Club and the Toledo Sailing Club on a tandem bus trip visit. We are expecting a large group of approximately 108 guests to arrive around 1:45 p.m. Please come out and help us welcome our visitors and show them just how amazing and welcoming SSBC truly is.

Future Visiting Club event is scheduled for April 11th, when we will host the Huron Pointe Yacht Club. We hope to see many of you there as we continue building friendships and sharing great experiences together.

Looking ahead: Be sure to mark your calendars for the SSBC Rendezvous, August 14–16, 2026! Planning is underway for a fun-filled weekend designed to accommodate both our boaters and RV campers. More details will be shared in the coming weeks—stay tuned!

Thank you all for everything you do to support our club. I am truly looking forward to the upcoming boating season and spending time together making fun-filled memories.

Have a great month,

Fleet Captain Julie W.

# 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

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KELLY SHAW

REAR COMMODORE

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JULIE GANZ-WAPLE

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

STEVE BRIGGS

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AYC- P/C Teri Upholzer

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Saturday March  
7th at 7:30



# Open Mic Night!



Thursday

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM

6PM

MARCH 19TH



Saturday March

7th

1:45

