



From the Helm

~ John Michutka, Commodore

Today is officially the first day of summer, with some pretty severe weather passing through the area last night. About five inches of rain reported in Freeland. Hopefully we continue to have some rain to help our water levels at least remain as is or increase.



We have had many successful events over the past month. Action Auction was once again an excellent night for our Club. Many thanks to Lynn Weaver and Wanda Dziwura, co-chairs and their committee for a wonderful job. But, much of the success of the event is due to the generosity of our Club members who donated so many items and those that bid to win.

Venetian Night is always one of our Club's best events. And the 2011 event was proof of that, with good weather, excellent food and a wide variety of libations. This traveling cocktail party is a great way to see other members' boats, meet new members and enjoy the fellowship of those you already know. A BIG THANK YOU to PC Wayne Hilger who has

done an excellent job for many years of figuring out when and where everyone should be going during the evening.

SBYC Blessing of Fleet has always been a special event for Sue and I (and surely many of our members). Although the weather looked questionable during the morning hours, by the time the boats began to leave their docks and assemble on the river, the winds died down, the sun came out and the blessing and salute to our fleet was accomplished. MC John McMurray did his usual fine job, Father Pat O'Connor once again presented the Blessing. We were also honored to have Director Mark Yonan and his son TJ as our Honor Guard, dressed in their US Marine Corps dress blues. What made this year's Blessing even more special was a "fly by" of an American Bald Eagle during the Flag raising ceremony. That was really a sight to remember. (There should be a picture of the eagle elsewhere in the MASTHEAD)

We had the first annual SBYC Dinghy Poker Run this past Saturday, and although we had fewer boats participate than expected, we all had a really fun time. The big winners of \$150.00 were Mark and Julie Yonan! It would be great if we could turn this event into something larger in the years to come.

Sue and I are on our way to Chicago today to welcome a new grandbaby to our family, hopefully on Thursday.

Don't forget the Tawas Rendezvous July 9th and 10th. See you there!

JULY 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Jim Eastman, Author
Special Presentation
Thursday, July 7**

**Tawas Rendezvous
July 8 - 10**

**Magical Mystery Tour
Saturday, July 23**

**Jimmy Buffet Night
Saturday, August 27**

July Hours of Operation:

**Wednesdays:
Bar: 1130 - 2300
Dinner: 1800 - 2100**

**Thursdays:
Bar: 1130 - 0100
Lunch: 1130 - 1430
Dinner: 1800 - 2200**

**Saturdays:
Breakfast: 0830 - 1200
Bar: 0830 - 2200
Lunch: 1130 - 1600
Dinner: 1800 - 2300**

**Sunday, April 17:
Breakfast: 0830 - 1200
Bar: 0800 - 1930
Lunch/Dinner:
1130 - 1900**

House Committee

~ Don Weaver, Vice Commodore

Hello everyone! Summer is finally here! But that doesn't mean the House Committee has gone on vacation. A new project is underway. Purchased approximately 15 years ago, our lounge chairs are showing signs of wear. After reviewing the budget and carefully considering replacement and refurbishment, the Board of Directors has approved the use of Heritage funds to recover and repair our chairs. Each chair will receive new cushions and be covered with a highly durable fabric. Bases will be repaired as necessary to ensure smooth operation. A sample refurbished chair can be observed at the Club.



Unfortunately, Heritage funds are insufficient to cover the total cost, therefore we are asking for donations. The Heritage Fund will match all donations up to \$2,500 to cover the cost. (Anything extra will stay in the fund for future projects.)

Donation cards will be available at the Club and included in the monthly mailout. If you would like to make a donation, please indicate on the card and your account will be charged. Thank you for helping to improve your Club!

From the Rear Commodore

~ Neil Oldenburg, Rear Commodore

Greetings members! The month of June has been full of activity at the Yacht Club. This month was highlighted by the big weekend consisting of Venetian



Night as well as the Blessing of the Fleet. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all. One event missing was the annual rendezvous to Tawas that was re-scheduled to the weekend after the 4th of July Holiday (July 8th-10th)

An important announcement that needs to be made to the dock

holders is a change in the application process. We will be reverting back to the previous process of applying for docks in the month of October. The last few years we have been applying in the month of July, but the decision has been made to once again apply in October with dock assignments made in December. If any changes are requested or electrical conditions have changed, the changes will need to be listed on the application. The fees will be listed on the applications and the \$100.00 deposit still applies.

Be an ambassador for the Club and get the word out on the best facility in the area. New recruits are always a welcome sight! Any questions? See any of the Dock Committee.

See ya dockside!



Boat Naming Ceremony

Steve Goodnow's boat was recently the center of attention in a special ceremony. The de-naming ceremony thanks the water gods for the safe travels of the past named vessel and for the same safe sailing for the newly named vessel at it's next blessing.

The ceremony is performed by the Commodore (or a past Commodore). Commodore Michutka presided over this ceremony.

From the Manager's Desk

~ Kraig Kubik, General Manager

Hello everyone! We are now full steam ahead.

June was a good month for the Club with several very



successful events. Thanks to Greg Wagner for bringing his All Saints Tennis recognition banquet here to the Club. A special thank you to Janet and Frank Whitley for organizing the Spring Fling dance party. It was a very special evening for everyone. Be sure to mark your calendars for another good time at their Fall Frolic currently scheduled

for Friday September 16, 2011. Another thank you to the Rogers family for bringing Dolores's birthday here to the Club in the month of June. Blessing of the Fleet saw over 100 in attendance and was another magnificent celebration. Father's Day saw 46 here for breakfast and 102 dining at the cookout. We have extended our breakfast hours to include service until 12:00 noon instead of 11:00am. Our cookout then starts at 1:30pm and goes until 7:30pm.

I would also like to welcome back to the Club, Social member Ms Johanne Luth. We are glad you are back with us, Johanne! Johanne was sponsored once again by PC Paul Martin. Welcome also to the Club new Social members Craig and Janice Bye. Craig and Janice are residents of Saginaw and have their own business in Saginaw Township and were sponsored by Tom and Denise McDonald.

Another reminder:

Mr. Jim Eastman, author and mid-Michigan native, will be making his first promotional tour in the mid-Michigan area during the months of June & July. His ground breaking book (May 2011) "The Book for Senior Boaters" will be the focus of his tour. I was able to book Jim to be here at our Club for a speaking engagement on Thursday evening July 7, 2011. Please call ahead for reservations this evening.

Finally on behalf of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club we would like to acknowledge the passing of Linda Kraemer's mother. Our heartfelt condolences to Kraemer family.

Heritage Fund Chair Campaign ... Make a Contribution Today!



Fund drive going on now! Please consider a donation as we strive to raise the money necessary to update the chairs in the Commodore's Lounge and bar area. Plus, you can double your donation because the Heritage Fund will match all contributions up to \$2,500!

Refurbishing our current chairs is our best option. Fifteen years ago, high quality chairs were purchased, which gives us the option to refurbish instead of purchasing new chairs. The chairs will be a beautiful burgundy color and will have new cushions, too. Bases will also be repaired as needed.

Donation cards were included in last month's statements and are available at the club. Remember, your contribution will be matched by the Heritage Fund – it is a great way to double your donation!

➡ See this chair at the club and try it out!

Magical Mystery Tour!

Saturday, July 23

SBYC's traditional "Oldies Night" has been transformed into the Magical Mystery Tour! It's going to be a great party with a Beatles-style flair on Saturday, July 23! *After a Hard Day's Night*, come *Twist and Shout* and perhaps do a little *Hippy Hippy Shake ... All With A Little Help From your Friends* at the club!



If you want, dig out your favorite tie-dyed t-shirt, love beads and mood ring! It's going to be a far-out, groovy time!

Fun activities include:

- Minnow Racing!
- Raffles!
- Dancing to a D.J.!

All this fun for only a \$5 cover charge!
(Gotta keep the tunes going!)

There's a special outdoor cookout menu to choose

MENU

Special Outdoor Soup & Salad Bar
with:

Hot Dog \$6.95

Bratwurst \$6.95

Hamburger \$8.95

Chicken Sandwich \$7.95

Italian Sausage & Peppers \$6.95

Sirloin Steak \$15.95

Salad Bar Only \$6.95

from. Dinner is available 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The D.J. starts the dancing music at 7:00 pm and keeps going until 11:00 pm.

This is a great event to bring your friend and potential new

members! And guess what? No cover charge for guests ... so bring all your friends and show them how much fun SBYC can be!!!

Don't forget to RSVP Today! Call 989-892-5905 or email club@sbycni.com.



WE ALL LIVE IN A
YELLOW
SUBMARINE...



Action Auction Results!!!

~ Lynn Weaver, Action Auction Chair

The Action Auction was a great success! The final number for the amount raised is **\$19,600!**

Thank you again for the many generous donors – most of who were club members! Without the great items you donated, it wouldn't happen!

Another **thank you** to the incredible committee members which include:

Wanda Dziwura, Co-Chair

Cheryl Becker

Steve Goodnow.

Tom Hickner

Rich Johnson

Dave Koster

Maureen Koster

Sue Michutka Julie Nelson

Lorri Oldenburg

Mark your calendar for next year's Action Auction which will be Friday, May 25, 2012! So start practicing your competitive shopping skills and we promise even more fun and excitement next year!

Opportunity to Highlight YOU!

An exciting new feature called *Meet the Member* is being added to the monthly Masthead publication! Members can make a donation in exchange for a feature article highlighting their business, family, hobbies, volunteer work, boating accomplishments and/or ... the list goes on!

It is a great win-win-win situation for all of us!

★ **The Club:** The \$150 donation goes to underwrite the monthly costs of the Masthead.

Meet the Member goes ON SALE ... for a SHORT TIME, a \$75 Donation will get you a full page Meet the Member article! Call Today and reserve your spot!!!

★ **The Member:** Gets tell us about what is important to them.

★ **The General Membership:** Gets to find out more about the members of our club.

If you are interested in being featured in the *Meet the Member* article, please contact Manager Kraig or Editor Lynn Weaver.

Memories from Members

Editor's Note: While sitting in the Commodore's Lounge, in the Dining Room, under the sunshine on the patio or floating on a friend's boat ... there are so many stories shared between club members. Here is a space to share those exciting, funny, and/or endearing stories with all your fellow members.

Suggestion From the Commodore's Wife

~ Past Commodore Bob Smith

A few years back, Judi and I (the original "Hey Jude") went with dock mates Paul and Sue Birch on their boat to a concert at Wenona Park. Paul had just purchased his first twin screw inboard boat. On the way up river, the starboard engine quit. We anchored for the concert and started looking for the cause. Nothing was obvious, so we decided to enjoy the concert and worry about the engine later.

The engine still wouldn't start for the trip back to the Club. Since I had several single screw inboards, I offered to run the boat back for Paul. He agreed and we headed down river to SBYC. The evening was beautiful with no wind and a helpful current.

As we pulled into North-North, I got the boat lined up for docking on the starboard side and glided into the slip. Hitting reverse with the port engine slid the stern toward the dock and the boat stopped without touching a thing. Then came the suggestion from Judi.

"Why don't you turn off one of our engines when you're trying to dock our boat?"

Those of you that remember Judi know that she generally had suggestions for most any situation.

Another Recollection from Bob ...

~ Past Commodore Bob Smith

Recently purchasing a boat after 4 years without one, I was questioned by many SBYC members about the new acquisition. My response was, "I just wanted something to sleep on and the darn thing came with two engines and a GPS. What am I going to do with that equipment?"

From the Cruising Notebook of Craig and Pam Murchison:

Cruise of The Shot Rock

We spent a extra day in Grand Marais due to high winds (30 kts) but the next day (Saturday), Superior returned to the mill pond status and we headed to Trout Bay, Grand Island where we are anchoring overnite. This is the picture rocks area (see photos below) The ones in Trout bay are in the photo with the reddish rocks (no caves). Very peaceful.

Very nice anchorage, protected from west and south winds, sand bottom. Water very clear and COLD! Off to Munising tomorrow.

Craig & Pam



All About Chef Harry

~ Lynn Weaver

If you ask Chef Harry Dominowski when he started his culinary career, you will get a very precise answer. “On September 6, 1976 at 3:58 pm.” That was the day and time that Harry walked into the kitchen of Terry and Jerry’s O Sole Mio restaurant to start his first job.

What started out as a co-op job for his senior year of high school, turned into 28 years with the restaurant ... and a lot of stories. “I started out washing dishes, but that only lasted a week,” explains Harry. “Jerry took a shining to me and I started watching the oven – making pizzas, cooking casseroles and prepping vegetables.”

Harry was mentored by Jerry, then by Jerry’s brother Bart. “They taught me so much more than what a school could do. They taught me to think ahead and anticipate. Back in Terry & Jerry’s hey day, weekends were crazy,” said Harry. “We served 300 customers in a five-hour period.”

Having a “can-do” attitude is important and Harry has it. One memorable story from Terry & Jerry’s started at 5:00 pm one evening. “We had 180 people expected for the evening when suddenly the fire system went off. Blue dust was everywhere ... in the dining room, kitchen, everywhere. The whole place needed to be cleaned from top to bottom. At 7:30 pm we were cleaned up and back open,” Harry proudly states. “The thing was ... we did it!”

After the closure of Terry & Jerry’s, Harry worked for a year and a half at Davenport Grill in Saginaw. “We did Sunday brunch for 1500 people – now that’s working!” He then worked for a short time at Lumber Barons before coming to SBYC.

When asked how long he has been at SBYC, Harry says, “I’m on my fourth Commodore.” And what does he like best about working at SBYC? “The members are really nice and I can look out the window and see the river and grass,” he says.

At home, Harry likes to read and cook on his grill



(what a surprise!). He has a 16-year-old son, Dillon and 13-year-old daughter Megan. His wife Dana and he will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in October, he says proudly and with a rare smile.

SBYC is a bit of a family affair as well. Harry’s sister Alice works in the kitchen and recently, his son Dillon has started working part time at the club. Culinary skills must run in the family bloodline!

Does Harry have a favorite dish? “I’m partial to Italian food, but I really love to eat oriental food,” he says. When cooking, Harry likes to experiment – “I like throwing things together and see how things shake out.” Bar Manager Myles is his taste tester – a job that he is very fond of.

This writer is particularly fond of his killer blue cheese dressing ... and his tomato bisque soup is to die for! But as so many members have said, the food at the club is excellent overall!

One thing is for sure ... you won’t hear Harry talking much. To that he says, “I’m not a chatty guy. I let my frying pan do the talking.”

To that I say ... keep talking Mr. Frying Pan!

Venetian Night 2011



Blessing of the Fleet



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