



## From The Helm

~ John Michutka, Commodore

Shortly after becoming Commodore of our great Club, Past Commodore Craig Murchison offered me this advice for a successful year as Commodore: "The best thing that you could do as Commodore is make sure we have increased water levels." So, I have been praying very hard for increased water levels, and the Good Lord answered my prayers last weekend. I guess I will need to be more specific in what I pray for in the future. As those of us that "weathered the storms" that included rain, high winds for about 60 hours and the most water we have seen here at the Club in some time, it was at the least an interesting experience. Thanks to those that keep watch on everyone's boats and made adjustments as necessary. Due to some watchful eyes we had very little damage, although we did have a boat or two that suffered some "dock rash."



As we get closer to summer, the Club grounds are beginning to blossom with beautiful flowers and plants. A special thanks to Pam and PC Craig Murchison who lead the "Flower People" last Friday and Saturday in keeping our Club the best in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The SBYC Social Event Calendar is very busy, but please note a few changes plus two added events. The changes are: The Tawas Rendezvous date has been changed to July 8th, 9th and 10th.

The new events are "The Spring Fling" June 4th and SBYC Dinghy Poker Run on June 18th. More details and flyers for these events will be available soon.

If you have not had the opportunity to have Sunday morning breakfast at the Club, you may be missing a real treat. The menu has many selections and there is also a special. I had the Breakfast Burrito it was excellent! Alice's green sauce was great. The food was great, the company of fellow Club members was great, but the low Fly-By of an American Bald Eagle was something really special.

Bald Eagles are not the only wild life (pun intended) we see around the Club. Recently there have been reports of Mink sightings. Many of us have seen them, but I don't think anyone has gotten a picture of them. I would like to verify that these are Mink, so the first person that sends in a picture of one of our Minks will get a free cocktail from the Commodore.

## JUNE 2011

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Venetian Night**  
**Saturday, June 11**

**Blessing of the Fleet**  
**Sunday, June 12**

**Dinghy Poker Run**  
**Saturday, June 18**

**Father's Day Cookout**  
**Sunday, June 19**

**4th of July Cookout**  
**Friday, July 1 &**  
**Saturday, July 2**

**Tawas Rendezvous**  
**July 8 - 10**

### June Hours of Operation:

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

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

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

**Sunday, April 17:**  
**Breakfast: 830 - 1100**  
**Bar: 0800 - 1930**  
**Lunch/Dinner:**  
**1130 - 1900**

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## From the Manager's Desk

~ *Kraig Kubik, General Manager*

Hello everyone! I would like to thank everyone for their condolences upon the passing of my mother-in-law. Your thoughtfulness warmed my heart, and touched my family.



In spite of the questionable weather we encountered in May, our Club did enjoy some wonderful events. Our Kentucky Derby was well attended by 96 members and guests. Each year this event seems to grow. Other Club events such as Mothers Day Brunch, Ladies Night Out, Action

Auction and the Potluck Breakfast were all very well attended. Everyone seemed to have a ball at the Action Auction with 133 members being fed and even more in attendance. Breakfast at the Club on Sundays from 8:00am until 11:00am has been very well received by everyone that has had the opportunity to enjoy the additional dining opportunity. The breakfast menu is a la carte and one of the best around.

We have added a few new staff to our Club. To Harry's staff in the kitchen we welcome Robert (Bob) Trudell and Owen Weller. To Kimmie's staff in the dining area we welcome Mike Courier, Ashley Frontiera, Rhianna Jacobs and Anna Urband.

Just a 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. There will be more information forthcoming about this informative evening.**

Finally on behalf of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club we would like to acknowledge the passing of Mr. Jack Weidner by contributing \$50.00 to the Heritage Fund. Our heartfelt condolences to Ann and the Weidner family.

## House Committee

~ *Don Weaver, Vice Commodore*

Hello everyone! In one of my first Masthead articles of the year, I indicated that the long-term viability of our Club rests on performance of the "Three D's"... Dues, Docks, and Dining. In an effort to increase



the contribution of dining, SBYC is trying something new this season...breakfast! We are now serving breakfast on Sunday mornings. If the reception is good, the addition of Saturday will be considered in the near future. What a great new way to enjoy your Club!

Speaking of enjoyment, keep your eyes on the social calendar.

Scheduled events include perennial favorites such as Jimmy Buffett Night and Oldie's Night. In addition, new events aimed at getting members and guests to the Club are also being planned. Finally, please forward your comments to me or one of the House Committee members. We'll work to address them while considering the best interest of the Club. We look forward to seeing you!

## *The Mission of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club:*

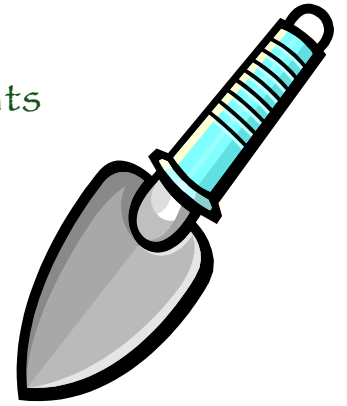
*We are a unique community of individuals with shared values and common interests in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual respect. A family of great people serving great people in a safe, nautical atmosphere. As we have for generations - we stand tall and proud along the water and welcome all who would join us in the pursuit of enjoyment and fun.*





## Flower Planting

There once were some people with boats  
Who hoped not to wear any coats  
They worked many hours  
Planting the flowers  
To enjoy when their boats were afloat.



~ Pam Murchison

### Special Thanks to our SBYC "Flower People":

Cheryl Becker

Ted & Judy Billy

Diane Dicken

Deb Filer

Bill Fletcher

Denny & Gail Hadfield

Wayne & Sue Hilger

Julie Humbert

Rudy & Ginny Jarvi

Hope Lesperance

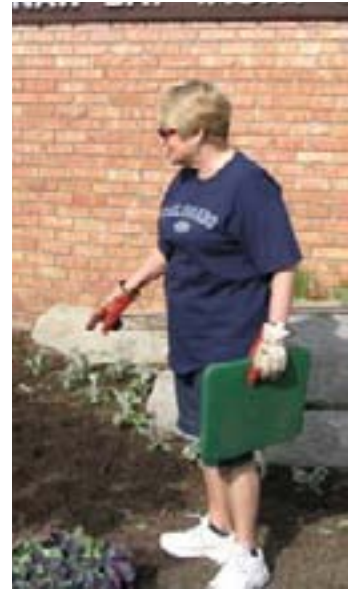
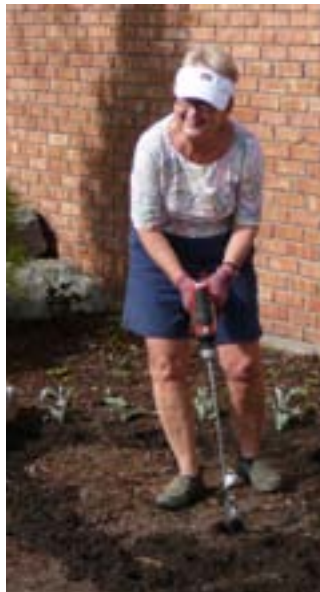
John & Sue Michutka

Craig & Pam Murchison

Craig Taunt



# Flower Planting 2011



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## From Mastheads Past

~ PC Craig Murchison

Recently Ric and Guy Greve donated to the SBYC history collection files of their father, the late PC Lou Greve. These files are extremely well organized as one might suspect knowing Lou. Included is a well preserved collection of old Masthead from the 80's which make interesting reading. Here is a well written article from **March 1982** by one of SBYC's favorites, **Helen Drzyzga**.



### **SBYC SKI WEEKEND 1982**

~ Helen Drzyzga.

The weatherman was promising blizzard conditions but that didn't daunt 36 hardy club members from gathering in Boyne Country for the annual ski weekend. The festivities got started immediately Friday evening with a cocktail party held at Bob and Carole Koffman's condo in Petoskey.

Saturday morning dawned to ice glazed hills and anticipated eagerness to "hit the slopes," whether it be downhill or cross country. By noon conditions had improved so out came hats, mittens and scarves as equipments was made ready for the day. "Hit the Slopes" was exactly what many members did as each hill told the story with a profusion of sitz marks. As bodies strained to port and skis skidded to starboard many of us got a first class workout.

After a day of exhausting maneuvers in the snow, the skippers and first mates gathered for a wine and cheese party held most graciously in Rick and Mary Ault's room at Boyne Highlands. The remark was heard coming from many tired members that this was without a doubt the highlight of the day.

Sunday morning dawned to snow covered hills and groans as muscles fought against the simple task of getting out of bed. Out came the Ben Gay, Deep Heat and Infrarub as this kind of equipment was made ready for the day. Once again the cry ran out to "Hit the Slopes" but for some reason the skiers numbers had dwindled as some got ready for the Super Bowl.

The Club's recent ski weekend causes one to ponder a very perplexing question. How can it be that certain skippers can dock their boats in slips with only inches to spare on either side, but find it impossible to maneuver two little strips of fiberglass down an incline without running into trees?

## 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.

★ **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.

## Action Auction Thank You's!!!

~ Lynn Weaver, Action Auction Chair

The Action Auction was a great success! We will have the amount raised in the next MASTHEAD, however, we do know that it was not quite, but nearly \$20,000! More details are coming, but until then, we have lots of Thank You's to share!

**Thanks** to Auctioneer Marty Wegner who did another fabulous job getting the highest bids while making sure everyone had fun at the same time!

**Thanks** to the generous donors – most of who were club members! Without the great items you donated, it wouldn't happen!

**Thanks** to the incredible service by the club staff.

**Thanks** to the wonderful job done by the committee itself! Committee members include Co-Chair Wanda Dziwura, Cheryl Becker, Tom Hickner, Julie Nelson, Lorri Oldenburg, Sue Michutka, Rich Johnson, Dave Koster, Maureen Koster and Steve Goodnow.

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**A BIG thank you to these generous Action Auction donors!!! To the right are a sample of auction items!**

Allsopp Wackerly Attorneys  
 Anderson Service Center  
 Jim & Connie Anderson  
 Daniel Ankoviak DDS  
 Anne Trahan Photography  
 Art Sample Home  
 Artisans Mattress  
 B & C Pizza  
 Bay Animal Hospital  
 Bay City Canvas & Awning  
 Bay City Motor Company  
 Bay County Golf Course  
 Bay Harbor Marina  
 Bay Harbor Marina  
 Bay Landscaping  
 Bay Regional Medical Center  
 Bay Sporting Art  
 Greg & Cheryl Becker  
 Beech Hollow Golf  
 Paul & Sue Birch  
 Birch, Paul & Sue  
 Douglas Bloodgood  
 Jill Brumwell  
 Buffalo Wild Wings  
 ATI Group, Mike & Laura Bunting  
 Carolyn's Gold Canopy  
 Paul & Molly Ciosek  
 Dave & Mary Ann Cole  
 Cork 'N' Ale  
 Creations by Jeanne', Jeanie Cryderman  
 Joel & Bonnie Darby  
 Dark Horse Tile Works, Sara Urban Murphy  
 Jack & Brent Decker  
 Deuce's Char House  
 Steve & Diane Dicken  
 Die Stampco, Andy & Robin Hart  
 Dirk Waltz Buick  
 Double J's Pub, Jim & Judy Powell  
 Double Tree Hotel  
 Electric Beach  
 Fabric Fair  
 Scott & Debbie Filer  
 Firehouse Car Washes  
 The Foot Clinic, P.C.  
 Glassy Gal, Carmen Lerash  
 Golden Gallery & Custom Framing  
 Steve Goodnow  
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Dale & Julie Humbert  
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 Jack's Fruit Market  
 Rudy & Ginny Jarvi  
 Bob & Becky Keagy  
 Kelly Marine Sales  
 George & Margaret Klumb  
 David & Maureen Koster  
 Troy & Janie Kraemer  
 Lilly's Flowers  
 Maple Leaf Golf Course  
 Maple Ridge Hardwoods, Thomas Barbier  
 Paul & Carol Martin  
 John & Sue Michutka  
 Craig & Pam Murchinson  
 Julie Nelson  
 Scott & Doreen Newcombe  
 Nino's Family Restaurant  
 Nu Systems, David & Anne Gregory  
 Old City Hall Restaurant  
 Neil & Lorri Oldenburg  
 Jim & Beth Patterson  
 Pier 7 Marina  
 Pit & Balcony  
 R & N Canvas  
 Vickie Radeka  
 Terry & Ellen Robinson  
 Dave & Delores Rogers  
 Dick & Sandy Roth  
 Charles & Ellen Safley  
 Salon Decadence, Scott Jordan  
 Salon Decadence, Autumn Evans  
 Salon Nuveau  
 Sawmill Golf Club, The  
 Silver Palace, Chuck Naylor  
 Skipper Bud's, Lyn Detzler  
 SmallSpacesAppliances.com  
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 State Farm, John Shankool  
 Sugar Springs Country Club  
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 Trudy Tarnosky  
 Thomas Hammond Graphics  
 Bruce & Kathy Tucker  
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