



THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

From The Helm

~ John Michutka, Commodore

The first of May already and the weather still isn't what can be considered nice or really very spring like. The wind is about 20-30 from the southwest and the current in the river somewhere around 10 knots. No wonder some of our dock

holders are putting off getting their boats out of storage and tied up at the Club.



Last night was Commodores' Celebration and was certainly a great event. The meal was really one of the best I have ever had at our Club or anywhere else for that matter. Actually everything about the Celebration was excellent, with many thanks to Rear Commodore Neil and his wife Lorri for planning this event. They did a great job.

With gas prices high, and continuing to rise, it sounds like many of us will be staying a little closer to home this boating season (whenever that might start). Well, that may not be all bad, having more folks at the Club will give us all more opportunities to spend time together. I just talked with Kraig this morning and we are hoping to add a fun event to our social schedule. We will put it on this month's

meeting agenda, with an update to follow in the next Masthead.

I know it is a ways off, but would like to get a preliminary count of those planning on attending the SBYC Tawas Rendezvous June 24th-26th. Just let Kraig or I know via e-mail or telephone.

Director Bill Fletcher and RC Neil Oldenberg had many projects planned for the Club's spring clean up day, and of course Mother Nature got involved too. We finally got a good, ok, day to do our work. The good turnout of members made for accomplishing our many tasks a lot easier. The names of those that accomplished a big job in some cool and windy weather are posted elsewhere in the MASTHEAD. Thank you to all who did such a great job.

Sue and I are looking forward to enjoying the many events planned for June, but even more so, enjoying the time we can spend with our SBYC family.

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.

MAY 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kentucky Derby Party
Saturday, May 7

Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 8

Ladies Night Out
Thursday, May 12

Action Auction
Friday, May 27

Potluck Breakfast
Saturday, May 28

Memorial Day Cookout
Sunday, May 29 &
Monday, May 30

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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

From the Manager's Desk

~ *Kraig Kubik, General Manager*

Hello everyone! Well the 2011 season is upon us. The Annual Meeting had 73 members in attendance and all of the items on the docket were passed unanimously. The Spring Wine Tasting was a lot of fun with a great selection of some new wines and Harry's hors d'oeuvres were once again out of the park home runs. Our Easter Brunch was successful with 157 people in attendance. By the time this gets to everyone the Commodores Celebration



will have occurred and I am sure everyone will have had a good time. In May we will have a lot of activity with our Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 7; Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8; Ladies' Night Out on Thursday May 12; Action Auction on Friday, May 27; Potluck Breakfast on Saturday, May 28 and ending the month with our Memorial Day Cookout on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30. So come out and be with your friends at the Club.

Besides all of the fun events occurring in May we will also be launching our new in season menu. There will be three new items on the menu including a turkey wrap in a sun dried tomato wrap, a smoked duck breast salad, and rainbow trout prepared in two different ways. We are also shooting for Sunday, May 15 to launch our Sunday breakfast menu. Breakfast will be served a la carte from 8:00am – 11:00am each Sunday. In addition to breakfast we were able to obtain a Sunday AM liquor permit giving us the capability of serving Bloody Marys on Sunday morning to take the edge off whatever prevailed Saturday evening.

I would like to personally welcome the following new members to the SBYC family. Mike and Kimberly Dodge (Full Dock Holders), Gary and Glenda Labadie (Full Members), Rona VanAmburg and Trish Carruth (Full Dock Holders), Craig and Elizabeth Cooley (Social Members), Richard and Lynda Fletcher (Social Members), BT and Yvonne Topham (Full Dock Holders) and Harry Leaver (Full Dockholder). If there is anything any of you need, do not hesitate to contact myself or Ashley in the office.

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 (May2011) "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 Mrs. Audrey Hafford by contributing to the Heritage Fund. Our condolences to Past Commodore Dr. Robert Hafford (member since 1957) and his family.

See you at the Club.

Grounds Committee Report

~ *Bill Fletcher, Co-Chairman*

A week late, but the Spring Work Party was a success. Over 30 members came out to help prepare the Club Grounds for another season. The fence lines received lots of attention. An overabundance of leaves and vines made for a full Bay Landscaping Truck headed for the compost pile. Another great lunch was prepared by our Kitchen Crew for the participants.

Just a reminder that **Saturday May 21** is the date selected for **flower planting** at the club.

Work Party Thanks!

John Michutka would like to acknowledge the following for their contribution to the Spring Work Party: Bill Fletcher, Jerry Somalski, Wanda Dziwura, Neil and Lorri Oldenburg, Ted and Judy Billy, John and Sue Michutka, Dave Cole, Mark and Hope Lesperance, Don Weaver, Wayne and Sue Hilger, Chris Weeks, Dave Stokes, Jack Decker, Andy Hart, Greg Becker, Jim and Connie Anderson, Mike Ellis, Doug Maust, Dale and Andrew Humbert, Dave Radeka and Dr. Mike Holland.

From the Rear Commodore

~ Neil Oldenburg, Rear Commodore

It has been a busy month since the last Masthead with two attempts at a work party due to inclement weather. Docks have been altered and repaired. Some have been re-leveled due to ice heaving, and others re-decked with new lumber. Others have been extended in length to accommodate new dock holding members. The circulators have been removed and the ladders have been painted and installed. This should cover the bulk of dock issues for this spring.



More boats are arriving daily despite flood stage river conditions, high winds, and cool temperatures. The good news is the water levels are inching upward. Also, the big event for the month was the annual Commodores Ball held on Saturday, April 30th. Harry and his kitchen staff ‘wowed-the-

crowd’ with his offering of Veal Oscar and Chilean Sea Bass entries, followed by a scrumptious rhubarb crisp for desert. All of the new officers and directors were officially installed as well as honoring the Past Commodores. Music and dancing followed, making it a memorable night. That is a quick update on the latest dock activities for now. See you dockside for the start of another season!

Flower Planting

~ Pam Murchison

Grab your gloves & trowel on Saturday May 21 at 9 AM for SBYC’s annual flower planting. Expect some different plants & designs as we meet friends old & new and create beds to enjoy all summer. (Rain date is Sunday, May 22nd). Eager beavers are welcome Friday afternoon for prep work.



House Committee

~ Don Weaver, Vice Commodore

Hello everyone! With the weather (sort of) improving, the Club seems to be bustling with activity. The first few social events are behind us and feedback from you has been fantastic. But the House



Committee is not resting as improvements can still be made. During your next visit, you may notice that the format of the menu has changed. But it’s not just a rearrangement of the same delicious offerings you’ve become accustomed to from Chef Harry and his staff. We are adding a new sandwich, salad, entree, and dessert. I won’t

spoil the surprise, but will tell you that the House Committee, after sampling each of the dishes, strongly approved. We know you will enjoy them as much as we did.

As we continue through the spring months in anticipation of summer, remember that our hours of operation are increasing. Take advantage of the extended schedule and consider your club for private parties, business venues, and banquets. It’s a great opportunity to enjoy everything your Club has to offer. As always, the House Committee appreciates your comments. It’s your feedback that keeps us working to continuously improve. See you at the Club!

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On Easter Sunday someone mistakenly left with the wrong coat – a women’s black car-length water repellent dress jacket. The similar coat that was left at the club was a 3/4 length “Gallery Woman” coat with large black buttons on the sleeve cuffs. (The one taken from the club had no buttons.) Please check your closet to make sure you have the right coat! Thanks!!!

Dock Voltage Update

~ Craig Taunt, Director

Welcome to the 2011 boating season, this makes me smile. Most of you know the club had a high voltage cable blow out a few weeks ago which caused the club to close. The power company repaired the cable with



full restoration of power. I don't feel at this time there is a problem, but there could be voltages induced into the ground with bad cables. We plan to check from ground to the water, seawall, and ladder to each dock for a possible problem. I would like to wait until mid-May or when most of the boats are in the slip.

While we are looking for A/C power, we will also look for D/C power at the same time as a courtesy to the boaters. The D/C voltage would be from boats with power going to ground through the metal of your boats, for example through the shaft, outdrive, trim tabs, or other areas. It would be a big help if you know of erosion of metals from your boats like the zinc anodes, shafts, outdrive etc. This would indicate that you have a problem and you can track that down. I would like to emphasize your safety is our concern, this is precautionary, and at the same time we will check for 12 volt D/C for you. Thank You

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, which includes printing and mailing to those who don't have email.
- ★ **The Member:** Gets tell us about what is important to them, while supporting the club at the same time.
- ★ **The General Membership:** Gets to find out more about the diverse, interesting and dynamic members of our club.

How does it work? It is so easy! Members are interviewed, the article is written for them, and they are able to review the article before publication to make sure no key highlights are missed. If you are interested in being featured in the *Meet the Member* article, please contact Manager Kraig or Editor Lynn Weaver.

Mustang Survival MIT Inflatable Life Jacket

~ PC Craig Murchison

Mustang Membrane Inflatable Technology (MIT) is new and exclusive to Mustang's next generation of inflatable life jackets. The MIT inflatable is lighter, more flexible and designed not to ride on the neck, thereby reducing chafing and fatigue. It's suited for anyone 16 years or older

and is easy to inspect because it has only one fold. It uses stretch materials derived from the medical industry and is a one piece vest. **The shell doubles as the inflatable membrane and there is no internal bladder.** The MIT inflatable is approved by the U.S Coast Guard and provides 50% more buoyancy than a traditional foam vest with a lot less bulk. The MIT model comes with manual and auto inflation options and an oral inflation tube as backup.

(From Lakeland Boating, May 2011, page 16)



Get a Vessel Safety Check This Season!

Each year the **Saginaw Bay Power Squadron** offers to perform vessel safety checks for the purpose of alerting owners with regard to compliance with federal and state boating laws.



In addition various safe boating skills will be pointed out for the benefit of the boat owner. No report is given to any law enforcement authority. If the vessel is found in compliance with all federal and state boating laws, a displayable sticker indicating such will be issued. The inspection and sticker do not circumvent the right of any federal, state or local law authority from boarding the boat in the future to verify the presence and condition of safety equipment but does increase the odds of such a boarding being a more pleasant experience. If you would be interested in participating in this free service, please contact **PC Craig Murchison**, **Steve Goodnow** or **PC Leon Dykhouse** or to schedule a convenient time (~1/2 hour).

Kentucky Derby Party - May 7!

And they were off to the Races!!!! The Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 7 was a great success! Best Bonnet winners were Ellen Petre and Stephanie Moulthrop!



Ladies Night Out - May 12!

Don't miss a night out with the girls on **Thursday, May 12** from 6:00 to 8:30 pm! Great food, great people and great fun!

The evening will feature two great presentations from area experts!

“Yachting with your Dog(s)”

Kristine Selske from Kaydee's K9 will be discussing the dos and don'ts regarding dogs on boats! She will also talk about the challenges and rewards of dogs around children. Bring your questions!

“Spring Decorating!”

A designer from Art Sample Furniture will share ways to update rooms in your home, as well as other design tips for spring.

Chef Harry has a terrific menu planned, including Gourmet Pizza, Greek Salad and an Amazing Mascarpone Dessert. And Myles will treat the ladies to a drink-making demonstration!

RSVP today by calling 989-892-5905 or email club@sbycmi.com!

Potluck Breakfast - May 28!

~ Pam & Craig Murchison

Join us for the annual Potluck breakfast at the new time of **930 hrs**, Saturday, May 28th. There is no charge, just bring a dish to pass. A secret vote will be taken and prizes awarded for the three best dishes. The breakfast is very casual (but don't come in your PJs). It's a good time to break Monkey Bread (courtesy of Lady Mary Ann) with other members of the Club. See you there.



Hey! It's Action Auction Time - Friday, May 12!

Hey! You don't want to miss out on the Action Auction on May 27th! Where else can you have **fun**, eat **great food**, participate in **competitive shopping** and help raise money to preserve our club for years to come!

Here is an easy **"To Do"** list to make sure you have everything covered:

Donate an auction item or service

This is easy ... items can be new and/or slightly used ... they can also be services. Offer a boat trip, a fishing trip, share a hobby, cook a gourmet dinner, teach a skill ... you know what you can do best! Or, put together a "gift basket" in your favorite theme, such as:

- Spa basket – manicure gift card, lotions, bubble bath, bath puff
- Pasta basket – colander, pasta sauces, noodles of all shapes, seasonings
- Dog or Cat basket – bones, catnip, water dishes, vet gift card, play toys
- Baby basket – blankets, rattles, booties, outfits, everything for the newborn
- Wine basket – wine, glasses, bottle opener, stoppers
- Fishing tackle box – full of lures, fish line, bobbers
- Junk Food Basket – chips, peanuts, pop, candy, fast food gift cards
- Chocolate basket – self explanatory!

Do you get the idea! Have fun, get creative, help raise money for the club! Be sure to get your item to the club by May 24th!

❑ Ask a business you patronize to donate

This is even easier ... you patronize your favorite businesses all year round ... why not ask for a donation! It will give their business exposure to club members!

❑ Get FREE tickets to the Action Auction

Just donate auction items/services valued at \$250 or more and get TWO free tickets! But wait! There's more! Donate \$500 or more in goods or services and receive FOUR free tickets!

❑ Buy your Big Dock or Dine Raffle Tickets

Win a free dock in 2011 or a \$1,225 club credit ... only 100 tickets are sold and only \$50 each! See Craig Murchison before they are all gone!

❑ Contribute to the Bucket of Cheer

We are going to be raffling a big bucket of cheer. Bring in a bottle of wine, spirits or beer ... let's fill the bucket with snacks and all things that bring us cheer!

❑ RSVP for the Action Auction

Don't forget to RSVP early! Call 989-892-5905

❑ Buy raffle tickets at the Action Auction

On action auction night, you can buy Bucket of Cheer raffle tickets for only \$5 each. 50/50 tickets will also be available for \$1 each or 6/\$5 for bargain hunters!

❑ Bid high on the silent and live auction items

Again ... self-explanatory!

Get going on your To Do list today! If you have any questions, contact Lynn Weaver at 989-737-9117 or Wanda Dziwura at 989-392-9717!

RSVP Today for Action Auction

Friday, May 27th

Silent Auction begins at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Live Auction at 8:00 pm

Great Menu!

SBYC Soup & Salad Bar

Pasta Primavera

Tilapia in Citrus Sauce

Carved Prime Rib

Baked Potato Bar with bacon bits,
cheese, sour cream & chives toppings

Cozumel Blend Vegetables (a blend of sugar snap
peas, mango, red peppers, asparagus & onion)

Fruit Cobbler

Only \$19.95 per person!

RSVP by calling 989-892-5905
or email club@sbycmi.com!

From Mastheads of Old

~ PC Craig Murchison, SBYC Historian



Recently the Historian was given Mastheads from 1958 and 1982 and a Roster from 1967 by the family of past members **Joe and Luella Bleicher**.

From 1958: COMMODORE'S BALL A SMASH HIT

Gala Honors Flagmen and Ladies

100 members turned out on a warm April 17th evening to pay homage to their Flag Officers in general and Commodore **Neal Moore** in particular for the season's first dinner dance and cocktails. Torpedo Specials, courtesy of the Committee, were well received from 6:30 until 7:45 when the gathering moved into the dining room for dinner. Flag officers and their Ladies were seated at the north end under a 25 foot gold banner depicting the badge of each officer's rank. Tables were decorated with gold-flecked blue and white candles and large gold and blue arrangements of mums, cedar and snapdragons.

Commodore's Lady Florence Moore wore a light blue linen-like cocktail chemise, and a white orchid corsage. Connie Quigley, wife of vice Commodore Jim was lovely in a peacock blue silk cocktail sack. Mrs. O. Requadt, wife of Rear Commodore Tick, wore a beautiful dark blue princess cocktail dress trimmed in white lace.

NEW MEMBERS: **Carl Gladen** of Bay City. (first mates didn't rate a welcome in those days)

From June 1982: Tid-Bits by Bob Beckley

Love is in the air. Have you noticed on your Club calendar the number of weddings taking place? **Thompson and Koepkes** recently saw their children united in marriage. The **Bradfords** are celebrating the marriage of their son Mark. The **Bill Richarts** have seen the first of a potential nine marriages in their family flock.

An early season cocktail party was recently held on the back deck of MONLICO. The unusual aspect being the fact that MONLICO had been in the water for less than an hour!

The **Tom Brennan's** are sporting a new UNCLE TOM'S CABIN this year. It's a handsome fifty foot Marine Trader cruiser.

The **Paul Dryzga's** have sold their cruiser MIZ DRIZ III and are keeping a sharp eye out for a IV.

We are feeling much more secure now for **Chuck Frantz** knowing that the JUDY ANN is sporting a new radar unit. What with his continual long cruises to the Kawkawlin River, it really was a necessity!

The **Dale Gettels** have made the big switch. Former power boaters, they are now the proud owners of a very snappy looking sail boat, still retaining the name BAYBREAK.

Carl and Audrey Gladen purchased a thirty-five foot Chris Craft double cabin. It was formerly owned by **Tom Soblesky**.

Action Auction Item Preview!

The items for the 2011 Action Auction are coming in and we have some great stuff that is sure to tickle the fancy of those competitive shoppers out there! Here's a sneak peek at the things we have so far:

- **Tequila Tasting & Mexican Dinner for Four** at the home of Wanda and Jerry Somalski. Jerry will share his tequila expertise in this unique tasting experience followed by a delicious home-made Mexican meal!
- **Big Basket of Boat Supplies!** Jim & Connie Anderson built a basket full of boat care items that every boater needs!
- **Golf!!!** Golf and lots of it at places like the Bay County Golf Course, Beech Hollow Golf, Sawmill Golf Club, Sugar Springs County Club and more! Start practicing your swing now!
- **Original Watercolor Painting** – Another great original painting by Tom Hammond is among the artwork available at this year's auction!
- **Party Ottoman!** Sue and John Michutka is filling an ottoman (with a removable top) with all kinds of treats ... just call it a party in a cube!
- **Custom Designed Jewelry** – Ellen Robinson has promised more of her beautiful one-of-a-kind jewelry!
- **Gift Baskets** – There will be lots of gift baskets filled with all kinds of good stuff!
- **Gift Certificates** – Need a gift certificate? Come to the Action Auction! You can get them for local dining establishments, spas, as well as SBYC gift certificates – we know you can use those!!!

Don't miss the competitive shopping experience ... don't miss the 2011 Action Auction!!!

Meet the Member - Douglas Bloodgood

Let's meet SBYC member Doug Bloodgood! Doug Bloodgood retired from the banking industry in 1998. The dictionary's definition for RETIRE is "to withdraw from office, business, or active life, usually because of age." Well, Doug has an entirely different meaning to the word. He may be retired from banking, but his time is now filled with sailing, theater, biking, volunteering, photography and so much more!

military and career ...

"I saw parts of the world I would never have seen otherwise – the North Atlantic, Caribbean, Mediterranean," explained Doug about the four years he spent in the US Navy. "However on the third day of active duty, I knew I didn't want to be a career military man. I wanted to go back to college."

Since his dad was in banking, Doug thought he would explore that avenue – even though he briefly considered being a doctor. "But then I thought, 'who would want to go see someone named Dr. Bloodgood?'"

After leaving the military, he talked to three senior bankers about banking as a career choice and ended up getting three job offers – I worked part time while in college. He completed his BA degree in Banking Administration at MSU in 1964. He then went on to work in the banking industry for 37 years before retiring in 1998 from Independent Bank in North Branch.

family and pets ...

Doug enjoys country living in Otter Lake in Lapeer County. He has three grown children and three grandchildren. Doug's significant other is Susan Zimmerman. "We have been in a 'coupleship' since 2000 and she loves sailing, too," he said. "Family is very important to me, and Susan is very much part of my life."

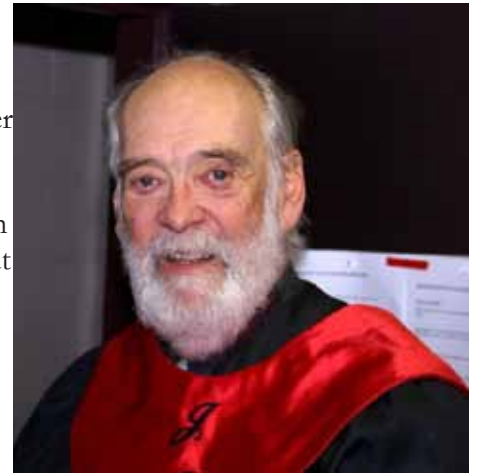
To complete his family is Doug's three cats – Trouble, Mischief and PITA. Trouble and Mischief were born on 9-11, hence their names. And PITA was an orphaned cat that showed up on his doorstep ... Doug let him in and he never left. And in case you are wondering, PITA stands for "pain in the", well, you get the idea! The other cats named him.

the theater ...

Doug is active in community theater. His very first role was in 5th grade in *Song of the South* – he played Johnny and sang Zippity Do Da. After his wife passed away, he joined the local theater. "It is a wonderful experience to meet new people. Theater has been an anchor, something I enjoy a lot."

For the past nine years he has performed in many productions. He really likes to play character roles and is especially fond of Neil Simon plays. In *Barefoot in the Park*, Doug had one line and it was delivered off stage. With the *Sunshine Boys*, he played the lead.

"In a recent production I played a fun character. I had no lines, but I was an older man and would dose off during the scene. My stage "wife" would poke me with her elbow to which I had a startled reaction." When he thought about the "characters" that he plays, Doug realized that in about half his roles



Doug dressed for one of his *Dearly Departed* characters.



Doug and his grandkids!

Meet the Member - Douglas Bloodgood

played a character that either died or wore woman's clothes – including a garish chorus girl dress with a purple feather plume in his hair!

When Doug isn't performing in plays like *Oliver*, *Annie*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, *Fantasticks*, *Robin Hood* and *Bathroom Humor*, he is sitting on the Board of Trustees of the Flint Community Players. He is also a former Chair of the Board of Directors.

about photography ...

Doug has been into photography since the age of 12 and he has been the “unofficial” photographer of SBYC since he joined the club. When he's not snapping the camera at the club, he is documenting family events, sailing cruises and theater productions. Doug has managed to combine his theater and photography talents by chronicling all aspects of one of his shows from beginning to end. He then puts them on CDs and distributes to fellow cast members. In his most recent show, “*Dearly Departed*,” besides being photographer, he performed in 3 roles and took over 800 photos.

volunteering and hobbies ...

Doug is a big supporter of the arts in Lapeer and Genesee County. He is an ambassador of Flint Cultural Center Corporation, which operates the Whiting Auditorium. Recently, with the help of his grand daughter, Doug identified a need at Whiting Auditorium. When they were there together, she wanted a booster seat so she could see better. Unfortunately, they didn't have any. So, Doug measured the seats, created a proto type and had them made – ultimately giving 40 of them to the organization. Recently he found out they are so well utilized, that they don't have enough to go around, so Doug is working on getting them more!

Doug is an avid volunteer of the American Red Cross Genesee/Lapeer Chapter. Besides being a board member, he spends much time with the Med A Ride program transporting Lapeer residents to their medical appointments locally and all across the state at no charge.

Biking is still a favorite hobby. In the recent past, Doug biked over 40 miles three times a week on the rail trail between Midland and Coleman. After that morning workout, he traveled on to SBYC and spent the afternoon sailing.

Doug also loves genealogy and is the “Keeper of the Bloodgood bloodline.” I have traced our ancestors back to 12th and 13th century Germany.

A self-professed “computer nut,” Doug spends many hours on his computer staying in touch with kids, writing in his journal, shopping, and more.

sailing and SBYC ...

Doug actually grew up sailing. He learned at YMCA camp in Grand Rapids when only 12 years old. He bought his first racing scow with money he saved from delivering the Grand Rapids Press. As a member of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club, Doug did a lot of racing and sailing on inland lakes with his dad.

Doug joined SBYC when he moved to Bay City in 1987. “I worked for Mutual Savings Bank

and they offered a club membership and I chose SBYC,” said Doug. “I didn't even have a boat at the time.” Doug didn't remain boatless for long. He bought a 1979 25-foot Hunter sailboat that he had to dock at Sunset Shores because at the time the club had a three-year waiting list to get a slip. In 1995, he bought the Catalina “*Wind Dancer*” and by then there were enough available slips. He has happily been in the same slip for the past 15 years.

Doug is currently on his second stint as a board member of SBYC – giving a total of eight years of service so far. Doug's favorite thing about SBYC is the people. “Even though I get picked on because I am a sailor and not a power boater,” he said with a smile. “We all have a common interest – boating.”



Doug in his “pirate” garb & ready to sail!

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Spring Wine Tasting

