



# THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

NOVEMBER 2014

## From the Helm

~ Craig Taunt, Commodore

Greetings from the North as we welcome the boat lay-up season. Most boats are put away and plans are being made for what projects to work on during the off boating season. One thing in particular is to be sure to check your strainers for the water feed to engines, a/c units and generator. Zebra mussels have been abundant, and have caused some club members a lot of money in repair.



In reflection of our last boating season, I feel we had a great season. There were times we did not want to untie our boats, but the activities were outstanding along with the impromptu parties that happened around the club. When we sit in the front yard and watch the activities on the river, Sue and I say to each other how lucky we are to be there. During several events, strangers have said how great it is out there, and had no idea

that SBYC existed. Just a thought, give away a gift certificate to a friend as a gift; they will love the event, and we may come up with new members because of it.

An event this month is election night on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great night to do YOUR part for the club, and bring us together for a great time. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the club Christmas decorating party. This is fun and you again can do a part for the club.

One thing to consider for next year; if you have not taken the Power Squadron Safe Boating, Rules of the Road, and Navigation, please plan to. Past Commodore Craig Murchison does a wonderful presentation, and I am sure Rear Commodore Pam Murchison will keep us informed.

With The Holiday season approaching, Sue and I will not see many of you, but we sure would like to take the time to wish you a very happy Thanksgiving.

See you at the club.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Halloween Party**  
**Saturday, November 1**

**SBYC Election Night**  
**Friday, November 7**

**Christmas**  
**Decorating Party**  
**Saturday, November 15**

**SBYC Christmas Party**  
**Saturday, December 6**

**Children's**  
**Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 14**

### Hours:

**Fridays &**  
**Saturdays:**

**Bar: 1700 - 2200**  
**Dinner: 1800 - 2100**

### The Mission of SBYC:

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.

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## From the Rear Commodore

~ Pam Murchison, Rear Commodore

Yesterday turned out to be a beautiful fall Saturday and with temperatures approaching sixty, more than twenty members gathered at SBYC to prepare the flower beds for Old Man Winter. How grateful we were that the Board of Directors chose to believe the



long range weather forecast now so accessible to boaters (everyone actually)! The original date with temperatures in the 30s would have been brutal. THANKS to everyone who helped.

The Chili Cook

Off with 10 entries followed the yard work. It never ceases to amaze me the variety of recipes which are created. This year there was a tie for bragging rights between Grivettis with a unique chili that included that favorite Michigan ingredient, cherries and Neil Oldenburg with a slightly sweet chili including very flavorful pieces of very tender meat. Congratulations!

Then came the U of M – MSU football game. A perfect football Saturday but no surprise outcomes. Watching with boating friends increases the fun and emphasizes that football does not require our undivided attention even if one claims the real U of M (Minnesota) as alma mater.

The Search for a new manager continues with good applications, several which look very promising.

Remember to bring your friends to SBYC during the Holidays. The decorations are always outstanding. (Decorating Party November 15. Come help and have fun.)

Happy Thanksgiving

## The Giving Tree 2014

~ Cheryl Becker

This year marks the eighth year that Saginaw Bay Yacht Club is again asking its members to support the young people of the Tri-cities by donating winter apparel. Just about the time we all have tried to forget the severity of last winter, almanacs and weather forecasters are predicting that this winter will be worse.



The need to provide new, warm winter clothes of all types will be greater than ever. Jackets, hats, pants, gloves, scarves, and indoor clothing like sweatshirts, sweatpants, and slippers are all welcome. The agencies always appreciate donations for all age groups from infants to teenagers. If you do not have the time during the busy upcoming season to shop for the items, I will shop for you. Simply make out a check to me (Cheryl Becker) and drop it off at the Club or mail it to me at 6500 N. River Rd., Freeland, MI 48623 and I will shop the sales, send you the receipts, and hopefully forward a picture of the items you donated. Our continuing goal is to help as many kids as possible have a warmer winter.

Once again the Giving Tree is standing in the Commodore's Lounge awaiting ornaments of winter clothing. The campaign will conclude the night of the SBYC Christmas Party, December 6, 2013. This allows time for distribution of the clothes to the selected non-profits agencies in the tri- counties before the holiday rush.

As the leaves fall and the air seems to be prematurely chilly, try to remember those young people in our communities that need our help. The agencies that receive our donations are always overwhelmed with SBYC generosity.

Thanking you in advance,

Cheryl Becker

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## Interim General Manager Update

~ Steve Goodnow, Interim General Manager

Hello Saginaw Bay Yacht Club Members,

I hate to see it and say it, but the temperatures and leaves are dropping and the boats are going in for storage. Another sure sign of Fall is the continuing reduction in our SBYC Club House Hours of Operation.

For November, we are open Friday and Saturday evenings with the Bar open from 5:00 to 10:00PM and Dinner from 6:00 to 9:00PM.



Our rescheduled Fall Work Party was held October 25th. The flower beds were prepared for winter and a new, larger fire ring was put in for even larger campfires next

summer. Special thanks to Jerry Somalski of Bay Area Landscaping for providing a truck and tools.

Our annual Chili Cookoff and MSU vs. U of M game was a great time. Despite intense competition, chili from contestants Neil Oldenburg and Sara Grivetti ultimately tied for the highly coveted 2014 Best SBYC Chili Award. Needless to say, all the chili and desserts were wonderful. What a treat. Nancy Hickner, Don Grivetti, Matt Cole, and Delores Rogers were  $\frac{1}{4}$  winners on the game board. Thanks to Dave Cole

for bringing his computer so we could watch the hard fought battle on the big screen in the main dining room. As the game ended, the Sparties were strutting and the Blues were rather subdued. There is always next year.

A big SBYC Thank You to Tom Schomaker and friends for the fence around the fish cleaning station. It is a nice looking improvement to our Club. Thanks.

Please plan to attend our Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Election Night if you possibly can. Email or write Ashley for absentee ballots if you can't make it.

We now have \$400 in pledges for the purchase of a Club utility boat to be used working on docks, deploying and recovering bubblers, and keeping driftwood out of our basins. Until we have additional pledges, I am hesitant to go ahead and commit to purchasing anything. If you can help, I would certainly appreciate it.

Larry Courier, our SBYC maintenance man, fell while exiting his vehicle and broke his leg. According to his wife Debra, Larry's surgery was successful with a complete recovery expected in about ninety days. Larry had resigned effective 12-31-14 so he will not recover in time to return to work. We all wish him well and keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

See you all at the Club.



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# Fall Work Party 2014



# Taunt Wedding



*Just a glimpse of the beautiful wedding of our Commodore. Congrats Mr. & Mrs. Taunt!*

