



# THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

NOVEMBER 2016

## From the Helm

~ Pam Purchison, Commodore

Last Saturday, on a chilly but sunny morning, 22 generous members bundled in multiple layers, worked to put SBYC's grounds to bed for the winter. The roots on the annuals were amazing – it must have been a good

growing season – and a great pile was created to be hauled away by the Bay Landscaping truck.

And then there were the “stoners.” Aided again by the equipment loaned by Bay Landscaping, they created edging between the seawall and lawn along North South, filled it with stone and dressed the lawn side with top soil and grass seed. At least 90 person hours of work were done. Thanks to all!



Remember, November 4 is Election Day at SBYC. Please make a reservation for dinner and exercise your right to vote. If necessary, request

your absentee ballot from Ashley.

On Saturday, November 19, we will again **decorate the Club** for the holiday season. During the month of December there are numerous local businesses that hold their Christmas parties sponsored by members at SBYC. Our decorations play an important role in this repeat business. This is an opportunity for all members, **full and social**, to contribute to our successful season. No expertise is necessary, but it is a big job so **many are needed**. Come and join in the fun followed by pizza.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving turkey done to perfection, just the right number of sides and delicious desserts and plenty of time to enjoy your family traditions and then ...

Make your reservations for the **SBYC Christmas party** on Saturday, December 3. As usual there will be delicious appetizers, a scrumptious dinner and dancing to SBYC's favorite Josh Ramses Band. While you are doing reservations, make one for the **Children's Christmas party**, Sunday, December 11. Santa will be here. All are welcome. Remember, everyone is a child at Christmas.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SBYC Election Night**  
Friday, November 4

**Christmas**  
**Decorating Party**  
Saturday, November 19

**SBYC Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 3

**SBYC Children's**  
**Christmas Party**  
Sunday, December 11

### November Hours of Operation:

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

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

### 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.

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## From the Vice Commodore

~ Steve Goodnow, Vice Commodore

Hello SBYC members. The leaves are changing and the boats are coming out. Change, as always, goes on around us all the time. This month I would like to talk about upcoming events, November Club Hours, and a few things we should all be thankful for. It



is, after all, a season for being thankful.

Turn out if you can to help us deploy the bubblers on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Doc Holland has more details in his column, but more hands are helpful.

SBYC Election night is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Exercise your right to vote and enjoy a delightful dinner with friends.

The November Clubhouse hours are Bar 5:00PM to 10:00PM and Kitchen 6:00PM to 9:00PM on both Fridays and Saturdays.

Please help fellow members decorate our Club for Christmas on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of decorations involved in achieving the look we all enjoy, so please help if you can. Watch for Ashley's flyer, but we usually start around 9:00 AM and there is usually lunch involved. I would love to be there, but I am going to see my son for a few days.

In a spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank everybody who helped at the recent Fall Work Day. What we get done during these work days is an important part of maintaining our beautiful grounds. I especially want to thank Jerry Somalski and Wanda for all their help and for the use of their equipment and tools year in and year out. We get so much more done with Jerry's leadership, expertise, equipment, and tools. Thank you Jerry and Wanda for all that you both do for our Club.

I am thankful for Harry, Ashley, Alice, and Mandie who have all stepped up to the plate big time all year but especially during the latter part of the season.

I am personally thankful for how often our members have utilized our Club this year. Knock on wood, but we are enjoying significantly improved financial results this year over the last two years. Our Food and Beverage operation has long been dependent on money from our dock operation. Given that there

are many, many more docks available in the mouth of the River than boaters, the dock business will be challenging for years, perhaps decades in to the future.

We cannot change this. We can adjust by continuing to work to improve our service and operate more efficiently inside the Clubhouse. We can adjust by continuing to improve our docks so we offer a premium dock on the most beautiful grounds, in a spectacular location, and with a top notch Clubhouse operation. That, I think, is who we are.

See you all at the Club.

## From the Rear Commodore

~ Michael Holland, Rear Commodore

Greetings, well Fall is definitely in the air, even a surprise snowfall. Some boats are still in their slips, but most are in their winter storage "home." On Saturday, November 5, we will be placing the aerators/bubblers throughout the North and



South Basin at the club.

On November 15, the outside water system will be blown out throughout the Yacht Club. We will keep the pump out open till November 14, originally we were going to shut the water on November 5, but we will be hiring a professional company to blow the water lines out this

year. Therefore, we are able to keep the water on for the remaining boats an extra 10 days to enjoy.

My neighbor Allen Flood, the "local historian" of Bay City, found some very interesting articles dated May 5, 1901 in the Bay City Sunday paper about our Yacht Club and the new Clubhouse and the Bay City boat club sponsoring of racing events. Please feel free to browse the articles that I will be bringing to the club this week for all to enjoy.

A big shout-out to John Kustuch for winning first place in the annual chili cook-off held annually during the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game. In the words of those present, everyone enjoyed some of the best chili we've ever tasted. A final note, please check with the club for November hours. As always, see you at the club.

# Coats for Kids, Canned Goods & Household Staples

## The Season for Giving

~ Mary Anne Cole, Director

It's that time of year again:

The Coats for Kids Giving Tree is in place and ready to display donations of winter outerwear for local children in need.



Think of it this way: it is unlikely that any of our own family members will be without warm winter clothing. Let's help children in our community to be equally warm this winter. In past years, I've simply spent the cost of a

SBYC meal and a couple of drinks to purchase items for a child – a small expense that we never felt.

Please consider donating newly purchased clothing items.

As an alternative:

Canned food items and household staples are being collected. Examples: large size canned food items for the Soup Kitchen, paper products and cleaning products.

Donations can be dropped off at SBYC through December 3.

Thank you for your generosity.



## 2016 Chili Cook-Off Results!

**First Place:**  
John Kustuch

**Second Place:**  
Michael Holland

Thank you to all who entered!  
The chili selection was amazing again this year!



## The 2017 SBYC Election Slate

Commodore: Steve Goodnow  
Vice Commodore: Dr. Michael Holland  
Rear Commodore: John Kustuch  
Treasurer: Jason Reese  
Secretary: Greg Vozniak

Directors (5 openings):  
Mary Ann Cole (incumbent)  
Richard L. Fletcher  
Karen Jacobs  
Jamieson Poirier (incumbent)  
Christine Moore-Skrocki

**Election Night is Friday, November 4.**

# Try SBYC

**Encourage your friends,  
family and colleagues to join  
Saginaw Bay Yacht Club!**

**For the 2017 season,  
new member incentives include:**

**NO Initiation Fee for new members.**

**For new Dockholders:  
50% off dockage for first year  
25% off dockage for second year**



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