



THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2015

From the Helm

~ Bill Fletcher, Commodore

Greetings from the Saginaw. September? How did this happen? It seems like we were just planning the Spring Work Party. This month still brings great weather for boating, taking one of our kayaks out for a spin or enjoying our Club's patio.

Help me welcome our new Social Members this month. J. Dean & Marge Arbour, Peter & Sue Kirchman and Francis M. MacMillan. They are all from Bay City so hopefully we will see lots of them.



The big event this month will be the Commodores' Celebration on Saturday the 12th. This is where we recognize all our Club's Commodores from our first, William Jennison to yours truly. A great meal and music is planned for everyone's enjoyment, remember to RSVP early.

The next day is our World Famous SBYC Golf Scramble at the Bay County Golf Course. You can put together your own foursome or just sign up and PC Dave Cole will put together teams. Awards and prizes will be handed out at our Club afterwards. Only 32 spots are available, so sign up early.

Our Liberty Harbor Rendezvous is the weekend of September 25-27th. Hopefully there is enough left in your season's fuel budget to make it down. I may even liberate the Crownline again since it's already there. Pray for good weather.

If you haven't noticed, the new fence is up and painted hiding the ice chest and smoker at the end of the storage room. Michael also painted the storage room to match the colors of the Clubhouse, it really looks great.

As usual, remember the Club for your events and get a member to TRY SBYC. See you at the Club.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Labor Day Cookout
Sunday, Sept. 6 &
Monday, Sept. 7

Commodores' Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 12

Golf Outing
Sunday, Sept. 13

Liberty Harbor
Rendezvous
Sept. 25-27

Octoberfest/Meet the
Nominees
Friday, Oct. 16

Hours of **Operation:**

Wednesdays:
Bar: 1700 - 2300
Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Thursdays:
Bar: 1700 - 2300
Lunch: 1130 - 1430
Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Fridays & Saturdays:
Bar: 0830 - 2400
Lunch: 1130 - 1430
Dinner: 1800 - 2200

Sundays:
Bar: 0800 - 2100
Breakfast: 0800 - 1200
Lunch/Dinner:
1300 - 1930

From the Vice Commodore

~ Pam Murchison, Vice Commodore

For the Murchisons, an important part of cruising is arriving. Arriving in cities, small town and even outposts like Whitefish Point. Exploring on foot,



by bike or dinghy. The shops, the docks, the restaurants, the other boaters all enrich the experience.

This summer we spent almost a full week in three separate stops at Northport, MI. Here one finds a grocery, a hardware, some little shops and several restaurants.

The charming harbor is wide and looks out over Northport Bay. But, by far the most interesting part was the existence of the Northport Youth Sailing School. Accepting students from 8-18 who are able to swim, the school operates five weeks each summer with morning and afternoon classes. It is made possible by a generous donation from a local citizen which allowed the purchase of 20 Optima Prams, 7 Laser Picos and 5 Lasers. The goal of the school is to teach everyone in Leelanau County to sail starting with the local kids and the out of town grandchildren. It is obvious that safety and fun are paramount but a brisk wind does not curtail the lessons. Our daughter and son-in-law are already looking forward to Sam's 8th birthday.

Alas, summer is winding down. It will bring changes in menus and hours at SBYC. As we struggle to be fiscally responsible, the salad bar will likely be reduced to one evening per week and breakfast will end for the season. Watch the entry door for details. Remember your attendance and restaurant usage are your vote.

By the time you read this you should have made your reservations for the Commodores' Celebration. This is a tradition at yacht clubs everywhere and the perfect time to share your summer adventures with your SBYC friends.

See you at SBYC.

From the Rear Commodore

~ Steve Goodnow, Rear Commodore

Hello Saginaw Bay Yacht Club members.

Forgive me for being brief this month, but we are enjoying the last two days of a two week boat vacation to Mackinac Island. We are back in East Tawas listening to the music from the Jazz Groups that carry across the water to the slips on the outer



wall. It is overcast and cool and the rain has held off since early morning. Except for around the Island, we have been lucky to have had relatively calm water on travel days. The weather on the Island itself however, was cold, rainy, and windy.

It was good to see the SBYC Burgee flying in almost every harbor we visited. Here in East Tawas, of course, it is a little like SBYC North especially on a big weekend.

While this is all good, it also means we have all been away from our Club. I look forward to seeing all of you soon at the Club.

Safe boating to you all.

Try SBYC

**Now is the time to encourage
your friends, family and colleagues to
join Saginaw Bay Yacht Club!**

**For the 2015 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**

General Manager Update

~ Nick Alfano, General Manager

Hello SBYC Members. It's hard to believe that the kids are going to be back to school in a few weeks!!!!!!



Where did the summer go???? Hopefully September's weather will cooperate and the boaters can continue their season!!!

Labor Day cookout is coming up. I'm sure Chef Harry will have some great menu items!!

Please sign up for the Commodores' Celebration on Saturday, September 12th. Fall work party is right around the corner; keep an eye out for details. Cheers!!!!

Social Committee Update

~ Julie Humbert, Social Committee Co-Chair

Summer closeout events so mark your calendar! Saturday, September 5 we have music



on the patio with 'Pair of Aces'; Commodore Celebration is Saturday, September 12; SBYC golf outing is Sunday, September 13; Sip & Swirl is scheduled for Saturday, September 19; Liberty Harbor Rendezvous is September 25-27 so make your reservations!

Ladies, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 10th. My Secret Garden is doing their fall fashion show at the Atrium with a brunch.

Many details to follow for upcoming events. Support our club and enjoy the happenings!



Music
on the patio

Saturday, September 5
Pair of Aces



Commodores' Celebration

Saturday, September 12, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Menu

Appetizer Table
Tossed Salad
Prime Rib & Shrimp Diablo
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Ratatouille
Peach Cobbler

Live Music

Standard Session Jazz Group

\$35 per person

RSVP at 989-892-5905 or
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