



THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

JULY 2020

From the Helm

~Greg Vozniak, Commodore

Ahoy from the flag. It has been two weeks since the club officially re-opened after the Corona Virus shutdown. There was some choppy water for the first few nights the club was open. Our General Manager and



his entire staff made several changes to their procedures to make sure everyone was comfortable coming into the club. I would like to thank all of you who voiced specific concerns so they could be addressed quickly. On behalf of the flag officers and the board of directors, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your continued support of your club.

On Father's Day weekend the first official event occurred with the annual blessing of the fleet. Like many things this year, this was not the usual affair with all the pomp and circumstance, no boat parade. This year was a more simple and poignant ceremony with change of the colors; and Father Pat O'Connor giving an invocation and giving an individual blessing to each boat.

Moving forward from here, the social committee is working diligently to revise the calendar of events and get it published so that you can mark your calendars and make your plans ... however, the plans are constantly changing, so stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, the club remains open for regular operations, so be sure to come and enjoy the good food, a few drinks and GREAT FRIENDS!

I am extremely happy to say ... SEE YOU AT THE CLUB!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tawas Rendezvous
Friday - Sunday
July 17 - 19

SBYC Annual Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 3

Cocktails & Croquet
Saturday, Sept. 5

Kentucky Derby Party
Saturday, Sept. 5

Labor Day
Holiday Cookout
Sun, - Mon., Sept. 6-7

Commodores' Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 12

SBYC Golf Outing
Sunday, Sept. 13

Meet the Nominees
Friday, October 9

Hours:

Wed. and Thurs.:

Bar: 1700 - 2300

Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Fri. and Sat.:

Bar: 1700 - 2400

Dinner: 1800 - 2200

Sunday:

Bar: 1500 - 2200

Cookout: 1600 - 2100

From the Manager's Desk

~ Mark Piganelli, General Manager

Happy Summer to all!

Yes, we are still under certain operational restrictions due to Covid-19, both by CDC recommendations as well as Michigan State mandates; however, we are far from closed!

Bar and restaurant service are in full swing –



Wednesday through Saturday we are open at 5:00pm, with dinner service starting at 6:00pm. We have expanded our dinner menu to be a more “near normal” expectation of our members. New items, as well as old favorites are available. Sunday cookouts start at 4:00pm, with the bar

open from 3:00 until 10:00pm. Check page one for a full schedule.

Governor Whitmer issued the latest Executive Order, 2020-143, on July 1. Not only does it try to reign in bar/tavern operations, it also places some tightened restrictions on restaurants. Moving forward, we will continue our regular dinner operations with the following changes:

- Members/guests are required to wear a mask upon entry. Once seated, they may take them off for their dinner service.
- Members/guests are required to remain seated during their visit. Restroom visits, of course, are permitted with the use of a mask.
- Only seated members/guests may be served. Ordering from the bar is not permitted.

Unfortunately, musical entertainment is being temporarily discontinued. For the time being, our operations will consist of, essentially, restaurant service, as opposed to a socially active club environment. This is, hopefully, only a temporary situation. I would once again request all members to call ahead and make reservations for dinner service on both Friday and Saturday evenings to ensure smooth and efficient operations.

As always, it is my privilege to be a staff member of the Club, and welcome feedback from everyone concerning any facet of SBYC operations.

Social Committee Update

~ Julie Humbert, Social Committee Chair

Greetings from your Social Committee.

It is so awesome to finally have our club open and to safely see our SBYC family and friends. The



social committee is being conservative with club activities with our current health guidelines. We are planning all activities for outside patio enjoyment, the recommended safe and natural disinfectant we have!!

For now, our music on the patio has been put on hold. Updates will be shared as soon as they become available.

The Social Event Calendar will be posted in the Masthead so mark your calendars and enjoy your club and friends, safely!

See you at the Club!



Story Ideas, Suggestions and Submissions Welcome!

If you are interested in sharing your boating or other travel adventures, please consider submitting an article and/or photos to THE MASTHEAD. Story ideas are welcome too!

Send your stories and/or photos to THE MASTHEAD Editor Lynn Weaver at Lynn9117@gmail.com. If you have questions, call Lynn at 989-737-9117.

The Great SBYC Dining or Docking Raffle

~ Shannon Bess & Mary Ann Cole, Action Auction Co-Chairs

Picture yourself enjoying free dining in the SBYC clubhouse for a full year, or enjoying a beautiful sunset while relaxing on your boat docked in an SBYC slip free for a full year.

Many members have realized this dream over the past years. This year could be your year. New members ask, "How do I get a piece of this action." No problem, you won't be overlooked. The easiest way is to call the office and tell them your lucky number. What we do is sell 100 tickets (numbered 1-100) at \$50 each. This year, the drawing will take place at the Tawas Rendezvous on July 18. Now a few hints to up your odds (even though 100/1 are great odds compared to most drawings and lotteries): First, you can reduce your odds to 50/1 just by buying two tickets (what a deal). You are probably going to want to do this so both your lucky number and your spouse's/significant other's can be in the drawing. Second, speaking of lucky numbers, you will want to buy early from the office or from the two of us, so you can get the numbers you want (we usually sell out

early and we don't want anybody to be disappointed).

In past years, the raffle has been part of the annual Action Auction. Even though social distancing requirements have caused cancellation of the auction this year, the raffle lives on! Seriously, with the club's closure for almost three months, the 2020 budget is stretched. Proceeds from the raffle directly support SBYC operating expenses.

Your participation is greatly appreciated. No money is necessary, a charge will magically show up on your monthly statement. As valued members of SBYC, thank you kindly for your continued support of our club, and Thank You Very Much for supporting the SBYC Dining or Docking Raffle. As of this writing, "THE WINNING TICKET HAS NOT BEEN SOLD!"

This article acknowledges PC Craig Murchison, who authored the original Masthead article last year for this raffle. We took liberty to R&D (rip off & duplicate) much of his witty words and banter.

2020 Social Event Calendar

East Tawas Rendezvous Friday - Sunday, July 17-19	MSU/UM Tailgate/Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 10
Annual Meeting Thursday, September 3	Fall Work Party Saturday, October 24
Cocktails & Croquet Saturday, September 5	Halloween Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 25
Kentucky Derby Party, Saturday, September 5	Dueling Pianos Saturday, October 31
Labor Day Holiday Cookout Sunday - Monday, September 6-7	SBYC Election Night Friday November 6
Commodores' Celebration Saturday, September 12	Christmas Decorating Party Saturday, November 21
Golf Outing Sunday September 13	SBYC Christmas Party Saturday, December 12
Meet the Nominees Friday, October 9	Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 13



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July 1, 2020

Dear SBYC Members,

Did you miss attending the 2020 Action Auction as much as we did? We do not foresee social distancing restrictions opening up enough to reschedule the event yet this year. The club's budget relies on the proceeds of the auction annually to support operating expenses. With the club's closure for almost three months, the 2020 budget is stretched.

In lieu of the Action Auction, this letter kicks off the **2020 ACTIONLESS AUCTION!** We are asking SBYC members to please consider making a donation to the club in the amount that you would have invested in donating auction items and/or bidding for/buying auction items. Though there will not be an auction this year, you can still support SBYC with an in-kind donation-with minimal action required. Your donation can be conveniently applied to your member account. To make a donation, please contact the club at 989-892-5905 or email club@sbycmi.com and indicate the amount you wish to donate to the 2020 Actionless Auction.

Please note: with SBYC now open, the raffle for A Free Dock/House Credit for a Year (\$1,400 value) is underway. A few creative auctions of individual items will take place throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more details.

As valued members of SBYC, thank you kindly for your continued support of our club, and Thank You Very Much for considering a donation in support of the SBYC 2020 Actionless Auction.

Sincerely,

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