



THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

From the Helm

- Dave Klippert, Commodore

As I assume the role of Commodore for the upcoming year, I want to first wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I don't think any of us have anticipated ringing in a new year more so than this year. We are all looking forward to a fresh start. This past year has been an incredible challenge for everyone, including for the operation of our Club, but with the tremendous support of our members and staff, I am happy to report we were able to pull through remarkably well. Kudos to Treasurer Jason Reese and our General Manager, Mark Piganelli, and his team for working hard to reduce our expenses and keep the Club minimally operational during the "off and on" government orders affecting our ability to remain open for bar and dining services. As I write this message,



the Club still remains closed for these services through January 15, but with the vaccines now being dispensed and the number of new cases in Michigan declining, hopefully that order will not be extended (or at least not much longer) and we can begin down the path of opening back up and slowly resuming normal operations. We are all anxious to once again see each other in person and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that makes our Club such a special place.

I would like to also take this opportunity to give a special thank you to our immediate Past Commodore, Greg Vozniak, for his leadership, hard work and dedication to the Club during this most unusual and, frankly, disappointing past year. PC Vozniak missed the opportunity to preside over and enjoy the many festive and ceremonial events that typically take place here at SBYC, including the Commodores' Celebration, while he was left to handle what turned out to be more of a "crisis management" situation the entire year. Nevertheless, he remained engaged and even upbeat during his tenure and it was obvious he always puts the best interest of the Club and its members first. Thanks again PC Vozniak for your strong service and commitment to SBYC!

As we embark on a new year, we have much to be excited about, including the new floating docks that have now been installed in the south basin. This is a big improvement to our Club and will hopefully translate into renewed interest of SBYC within the local boating community. As we all know, we have so much more to offer in addition to our slips and proximity to the Saginaw Bay, but the continuous improvement and maintenance of our slips, grounds and clubhouse is necessary for our continued success. This was a very generous and much needed step in that direction.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for the team we have in place on our Board and Flag. I am very excited about the members serving in those capacities. We truly have a very dedicated and talented group of individuals willing to serve and I look forward to working with each and every one of them this year as we continue the long-standing traditions of the Club and strive to even improve upon the experience. We are in the process of forming our committees and I urge anyone that has an interest to join a committee to contact me or anyone on the Board. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club soon!

JANUARY 2021

***Hours are dependent on State-approved reopening.**

Hours:

Thursday:

Bar: 1700 - 2200

**Flatbreads, Plus:
1800 - 2100**

Fri. and Sat.:

Bar: 1700 - 2200

Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Sunday:

Bar: 1500 - 2000

Tailgate: 1600 - 1930

From the Manager's Desk

~ Mark Piganelli, General Manager

With 2020 "in the books," it's time to look towards 2021 with great optimism for a fantastic new year at SBYC! Our Mission Statement remains the same.....



"The staff of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club will honor a 'Commitment beyond Service' by consistently meeting or exceeding the expectations of our members and guests through; accommodating, pleasant, service-orientated attitudes; quality preparation of quality

goods; high standards of facilities housekeeping and maintenance."

Although we will be closed until (hopefully) January 15, we are anticipating our reopen as soon as the current MDHHS restrictions are lifted. When permitted, the Clubhouse will be open Thursdays through Sunday during the winter months. Thursdays will see our "Flatbreads, Plus..." continue. Full dinner service will be available Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sundays will mark the return of our "Tail Gates." E-mails will be sent to "All Hands" with more information.

For those slip holders who have not already done so, please ensure that you get your 2021 Application submitted as soon as possible, along with your current insurance information. This is crucial so that we can complete the 2021 dock assignments in accordance with member's preferences.

Once again, my sincerest gratitude goes out to all of our members for their patience, understanding, generosity and continuing support of the Club. 2020 was an extremely exhausting year for all of us.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank our outgoing Commodore, Greg Vozniak, for his tenure at the helm. It goes without saying that the unique challenges of 2020 presented him with difficulties not normally encountered. Through his patient leadership, the Club weathered everything that was thrown at it, and we will enter the new year strong and secure. As he passes the torch to our new Commodore, David Klippert, the history and traditions of SBYC will continue in good hands.

From the Rear Commodore

~ Dennis Bess, Rear Commodore

HELLO FROM THE DOCK COMMITTEE

First, we would like to thank everyone for submitting their dock application on time. One reminder, if you did not include your proof of insurance, please get that to the office. We have assigned 51 slips to members leaving 57 slips available, and 13 of those are NEW floaters. To our knowledge, everyone is in their requested slip. The dock assignment map will be



posted on the bulletin board at the club, so take a moment and check it out (when we reopen, hopefully SOON)!

When you are at your chosen boat storage house this winter working on, or just checking out your boat because you miss it, tell your

neighbors what SBYC has to offer – awesome dining atmosphere, great food and beverage services, best summer sunset views, weekly entertainment AND available slips with brand new floating docks, and great people, just to name a few!! No one else on the Saginaw River can offer this in one great space!!

**THE SHORTEST DAY IS BEHIND US,
SPRING LAUNCH JUST 120+/- DAYS AHEAD
OF US!**

STAY SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAVE A GREAT
NEW YEAR!

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.

2020 Coats for Kids: Thank You SBYC

~ Mary Ann Cole

During this year of extraordinary need, again SBYC showed our community how much we care. Because of our generosity, our annual Coats for Kids collection was an overwhelming success. Fifty-six winter coats, 16 snow pants, and also many hats, gloves, and mittens were delivered to the Salvation Army.

Along with clothing donations that members delivered to the clubhouse, over \$800 in monetary donations were applied to clothing purchases. The Salvation Army is a “front line” resource, working directly with families in need. The Salvation Army is so very grateful to SBYC. Many thanks to everyone who donated!



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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.