

## From the Helm

- Dave Klippert, Commodore

Welcome back! I am happy report that with the indoor dining occupancy restrictions lifted somewhat, we were able to reopen the club on a limited basis at the start of this month. February is typically a slow month for us and with winter now having a firm grip on our area, I suspect the limited capacity restrictions won't have much of an impact on your ability to use the club. However, calling ahead for a reservation is still highly recommended. Hopefully, the COVID numbers will remain at a level that will allow the restrictions to continue to ease so we can eventually reach full capacity for indoor dining in time for spring and the start of our busy season. In the meantime, we will maintain our rigorous sanitation protocols and monitor employee health for the safety of our members and staff. We also remind our members to please follow the safety protocols we have in place, such as wearing a mask when not seated and maintaining social distancing, in order to make everyone feel comfortable while enjoying the club.



We had our first Board meeting of the year last month and discussed our committees and some initial assignments and projects for the year. I believe all committees have now been formed and several of them have even had their first committee meeting. The committees are a crucial component for the successful operation of our club and we have a lot of talented and dedicated members that devote a lot of time and effort working on committee projects. Being part of a committee is a great way to get more involved in the club and allows you the opportunity to contribute your ideas and make SBYC a better place. It also gives you the opportunity to become more acquainted with your fellow members. Again, if you haven't joined a committee and have an interest in doing so, feel free to reach out to a committee chair or any of the Flag officers. We always welcome member participation and involvement.

A reminder that our annual Valentine Dinner is this Saturday, February 13. This is always a special evening at the club and a great way to celebrate with your Valentine. We will have our full menu available and Chef Harry's Surf & Turf feature is lobster tail and filet mignon.

I hope everyone is surviving winter and that the boaters are all making great progress on cleaning and preparing their boats for the upcoming season! See you all soon.

### February 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**

### 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.

## From the Manager's Desk

~ Mark Piganelli, General Manager

At Last! Open for business!

Thanks to the MDHHS Order of January 22, 2021, indoor dining has become available once again. The current order is scheduled to run through February 21. As we all are aware, there are several additional restrictions in place. Operations are contingent upon the following:



- Occupancy is limited to 25%, therefore we can host 56 members & guests at any given time.
- A 10pm curfew is now in effect. Last call will be at 9:40pm Thursdays through Saturday and 7:40pm on Sundays.

- Seating is limited to a maximum of six people per table, limited to two households.

- Tables and seating are to be social distanced (6 feet apart).
- Masks must be worn at all times not seated.
- Only seated guests may be served food and beverage.
- Staff Wellness Checks will be held prior to each shift. A Guest Tracing Log will also be in place.
- Enhanced sanitation procedures will continue.

With everyone's cooperation and continued patience, it is our hope that the current restrictions will be eased as we move toward spring and the upcoming boating season. As a reminder, due to our limited capacity, if you plan on coming to the Club, please phone ahead to make a reservation or inquire as to available seating. Again, thanks to everyone for their help in getting through these difficult times.

Our Valentine's Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy our full winter menu or a surf and turf special, with complimentary chocolate covered strawberries and a champagne toast. The following day, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is the Daytona 500 Tail Gate, always a great day to spend at SBYC.

I just want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding over the last few months. As we move forward into the new year, I anticipate a tremendous boating season and continued enjoyment for all members. See you at the Club!

## A Note from Tom

~ Tom Barbier, Director

As the wind blows, and the snow flies, I'm sure I'm not the only one that is thinking of green grass, warm breezes, tasty waves, and a cool buzz from sipping a nice white wine on our patio, admiring the flowers and watching the sun set at our beautiful club. Until then.....bundle up and stay safe!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SBYC Action Auction**  
**Friday, May 28**



## 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](mailto:Lynn9117@gmail.com). If you have questions, call Lynn at 989-737-9117.

## INTRODUCTORY SAFE BOATING COURSE

Once again American's Boating Club of Saginaw Bay (formally called the Saginaw Bay Sail & Power Squadron) will offer the ABC safe boating course in 2021. The course meets for two hours, once a week for six weeks at the Saginaw Bay YC, Essexville. Classes are Thursdays 3/25-4/22 at 7 PM. Social distancing and masks will be required.

The cost will be \$20 including an excellent manual. The classroom setting encourages extensive dialog in which the instructor can transfer much of his or her boating experience to the student.

Individuals with a potential interest are requested to reply to Craig Murchison, 989-295-0810, cbmurch2@gmail.com, expressing their interest.

### AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

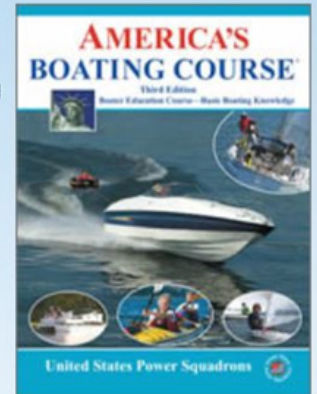
*America's Boating Course* provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in *America's Boating Course* today.

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#### What's included?

- ❑ Types of boats and their uses
- ❑ Boating laws, both federal and state
- ❑ Safety equipment, both required and recommended
- ❑ Finding your way, and adverse conditions
- ❑ Communications
- ❑ Trailering, knots and lines, and water sports topics
- ❑ Optionally, introduction to electronic navigation using paper charts and chartplotters



## BOAT HANDLING COURSE

American's Boating Club of Saginaw Bay (formally called the Saginaw Bay Sail & Power Squadron) will offer a Boat Handling course in 2021. The course meets for two hours, once a week for six weeks at the Saginaw Bay YC, Essexville. Classes are Thursdays May 6 - June 10 at 7 PM. Social distancing and masks will be required. The classroom setting encourages extensive dialog in which the instructor can transfer much of his or her boating experience to the student.

Individuals with a potential interest are requested to reply to Craig Murchison, 989-295-0810, cbmurch2@gmail.com, expressing their interest.

#### COURSE CONTENTS:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

