



THE MASTHEAD

SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

FEBRUARY 2022

From the Helm

- Ric Fletcher, Commodore

Welcome to February. We have made it through our first meeting as a new Board. Excited to work with this great group of people. As usual, there are always bumps in the road getting started. Work is progressing with the bar renovation and is looking fantastic. Mark has made everyone welcome in our temporary setup. We will make optimum use of space available during the balance of the construction process. The results will be worth the small inconvenience.



Our committees are hard at work with projects. Dennis Bess, planning the renovation of docks, especially on North North. Jerry Preston and Tari Detzler on some upgraded language for Bylaws. Beth Klippert and Kelly Bernelis continuing to fine tune the

Social calendar and keeping the raffle baskets going. John Hebert has agreed to take on the Grounds committee as Chair and is working on his plan for the Club. Terry Bernelis is head of the Membership committee this year and is excited to bring additional members to the Club. Mary Ann Cole has agreed to continue to drive the Action Auction. Jim Nichols is the Chair of both the Planning and IT committees. He is working on the continued upkeep of the Club and IT departments. J Michael Butts has given us our first Finance report and the years projections. Jerry Preston is Chair of the Personnel committee this year. Michael Bouckaert is Chair of the Heritage Fund and is always looking for members who want to make donations. Dennis Bess is also hard at work on the House Committee fine tuning the Club remodel.

Our club is set up to run by Committee. To borrow a statement from one of our Flag Officers, it is our view that every issue (except those that can be/should be handled by club management) should be referred to a committee and not presented directly to the Board. It is the committee recommendations that the Board approves, rejects, or refers back to the committee for further study. Ensuring there is discussion, before there is a motion on the floor, will streamline Board meetings and focus the Board on critical issues.

We have a very diverse group of Club members with a great base of knowledge. I encourage member feedback and ask that you contact those in charge of those committees for your concerns.

Looking forward to a great 2022 with your help. Enjoy.

FEBRUARY HOURS:

Thursdays

Bar: 1700 - 2200

Flatbreads & More:
1800 - 2100

Fridays

Bar: 1700 - 2200

Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Saturdays

Bar: 1700 - 2200

Dinner: 1800 - 2100

Sundays:

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

Although we're deep into the heart of Winter, there are still great times to be had at The Club!

While we are undergoing our much-needed bar renovations, we will still be offering our same Winter Hours of Operations. Dinner service will continue Friday and Saturday nights, with the bar open from 5-10pm, and dinner available from 6-9pm. Thursday's "Flatbreads, Plus..." will continue again throughout the winter months.



Our Sunday Tailgates will also continue – after football, we have basketball, golf, NASCAR, as well as the Winter Olympics starting on February 4. Go USA!

"Souper Bowl III" will be held on Sunday, February 13. Our

annual Soup Cook-Off will accompany a Tailgate buffet, watch as the Bengals and the Rams face-off. Game time is 6:30pm. The bar and Tailgate will be open at 5pm, with the soup competition beginning at 6pm. If interested in entering this year's "Souper Bowl," give a call to the Clubhouse (989) 892-5905.

We will also be having our Valentine's Dinner/Dance on Friday, February 19 during our normal service hours. Along with our Winter Menu, Harry has put together a tempting Surf & Turf Feature for the evening. At the end of your meal, enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne and chocolate covered strawberries. Cool Lemon Jazz will be providing the entertainment. Reservations are recommended (call the Clubhouse).

Hope to see you at the Club!



Request from the SBYC Office

Would you like your Monthly Statement emailed to you, instead of arriving via snail mail? If so, it would also save the club postage and paper costs. To make the change, please send Ashley your email address at club@sbycmi.com.

From the Vice Commodore

~ Dennis Bess, Vice Commodore

Happy February from the Flag. First, I would like to thank our outgoing Flag and Board members for their service and commitment to making SBYC a great club. I would also like to thank new board members



for their commitment and getting their first BOD meeting under their belt with Commodore Ric. Thank you and I look forward to working with all.

Even though it's cold outside, please take the opportunity to use your cozy warm club.

Even though the bar is in the midst of renovations, Mark and staff are doing a great job serving members in the transformed bar/dining room.

Dock committee has been working on a plan for docks and revitalizing north/north. The plan is to repair and re-plank the docks. This alone will brighten up the appearance. We have a variety of slips available. Our best recruits for new members are current members, encourage your boating friends if they moor or trailer their boat to check out SBYC.

And for the boating enthusiasts that are performing their off-season maintenance, waxing, enjoying some camaraderie and possibly a cold beverage at the storage barn, there are approximately 94 days 'til launch. Final note: Tawas Rendezvous is the weekend of July 16 – get your slip reserved.

Look forward to seeing everyone 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.

From the Treasurer

~ J. Michael Butts, Treasurer

Greetings from a cold treasurer's desk. Don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring and some serious boat-time. Speaking of which – two and a half months until splash! But I digress.

It's the first week of February and it is my hope that all of you have submitted your dock application, noted any needed changes/upgrades to the dock and most importantly – the check to secure your dock for 2022 boating season by now. (I realize that you are receiving this newsletter after the cut-off date, but it is still worth mentioning.)



Not only is this important revenue to the club, but it is also important to the dock committee to determine what repairs need to be made, how many docks are committed and what docks are available to rent in our drive to expand membership.

Pretty simple stuff. If you've missed the deadline this year, contact Mark or Dennis and make sure your preferred dock is still available. Don't just assume that the space is still yours.

And speaking of club finances, the Capital Improvement project is moving along quite nicely. We've quite a bit of money pledged for the project, work is progressing, and the next phase is being planned. If you've pledged money to the campaign, please ensure that you've communicated with Lynn Weaver and if you haven't already written a check, make plans to do that as-well. Having pledges and having cash in the bank make a significant difference in scheduling and completing work. It's nice to have the ability to hand a contractor a check when the bill is presented for work completed.

I realize that this month's message is all about asking for money – and it is. I won't apologize, that's my job. Dennis and the dock committee have projects to complete, the renovation of our club is moving forward, and club operations are on-going, all requiring capital.

Remember – in two and a half months, flowers will be planted, grass will be green, sunshine will flood the grounds, boats will be floating, and the winter's cold will be a memory.

From the SBYC Social Committee

~ Kelly Bernelis

Love is in the air ... get your tickets for "The Basket Full of Love" donated by Commodore Ric and Lynda Fletcher. One for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Drawing February 20. Come in or simply call the club to be entered. Thank you & Good Luck.

We have a fun calendar of events planned for this year for everyone to enjoy. A big shout out to Julie Humbert for scheduling our music. Julie does a fabulous job and we appreciate all her hard work. With that said, music sponsors are needed. Please contact Julie if you would like to sponsor, thank you.



RECIPES, RECIPES, RECIPES! Please share your favorite recipes with us so we can create a SBYC cookbook.

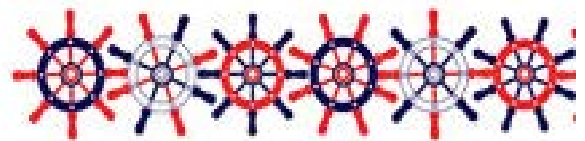
Paper copy or email to Kelly Bernelis or Beth Klippert. Or drop off at the club.

I hope everyone is enjoying the new decorations and furniture in the entrance. Our goal is to have a warm and welcoming experience for all who enter SBYC.

Thank you to everyone who purchase tickets for our raffles and sponsor music. Without you this wouldn't be possible. We appreciate each and every one of you!

We welcome ideas and feedback. Please contact anyone on the social committee team – Kelly Bernelis, Beth Klippert, Jill Dralle and Julie Humbert.

Hope to see everyone at the Valentines Party on February 19!



SAVE THE DATE
SBYC Action Auction
Friday, May 27



2021 Capital Project Funding Update

~ Lynn Weaver, Capital Project Fundraising Chair

THANK YOU to the 79 club members who have contributed \$186,350 to the Capital Project, so far. You are AMAZING!

We are on a roll; however, we still have a way to go to meet our goal of \$200,000. And ideally, we would like to go way over goal! If you have not given yet, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If you have questions, or would like to talk/meet about details, I would be happy to set up a time that is convenient for you. Contact Lynn Weaver at 989-737-9117 or lynn9117@gmail.com.

Remember, it is because YOU – our amazing members – that this project is being made possible!

SBYC Capital Project 2021 Committee Members:

Lynn Weaver
Bruce Weiss
Jim Nichols
Scott Schropp

Gifts as of 2-1-22

Level	Range	Number	Total Confirmed	Total Received
Admiral	\$15,000 +	4	\$66,000	\$66,000
Commodore	\$10,000 - \$14,999	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
Captain	\$5,000 - \$9,999	8	\$40,000	\$25,000
Commander	\$2,500 - \$4,999	11	\$29,000	\$27,500
First Mate	\$1,000 - \$2,499	28	\$30,100	\$29,100
Burgee	\$500 - \$999	19	\$9,700	\$8,300
Fleet	Up to \$499	8	\$1,550	\$1,550
TOTAL		79	\$186,350	\$167,450



Saginaw Bay Yacht Club Capital Project 2021 Donation Form

Name _____

Gift Amount \$ _____

My check is enclosed. *Checks can be made payable to SBYC – Capital Project 2021

I will send my gift by _____

Other _____

Giving Levels

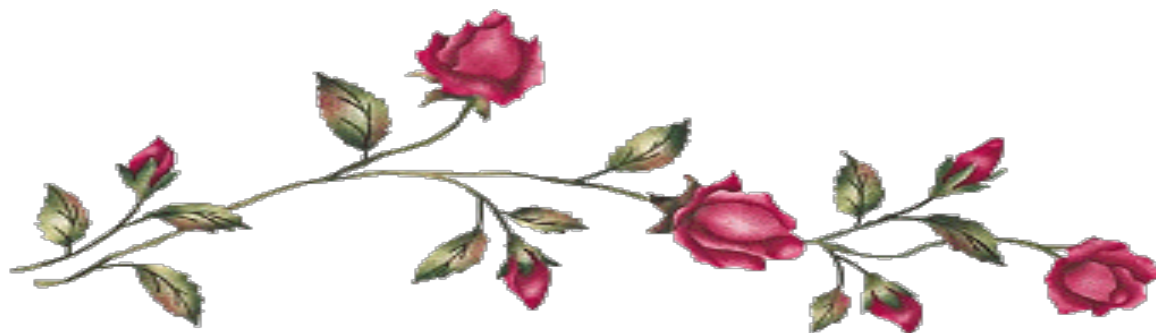
Admiral \$15,000 +
Commodore \$10,000 - \$14,999
Captain \$5,000 - \$9,999
Commander \$2,500 - \$4,999
First Mate \$1,000 - \$2,499
Burgee \$500 - \$999
Fleet Up to \$499

Please return to the SBYC Office.

Mail: SBYC, P.O. Box 45, Essexville, MI 48732

Email: club@sbycmi.com

Fax: (989) 892-0401



Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 19th

Bar Opens 5:00pm
Dinner Service 6:00 – 9:00pm

**Enjoy our full menu, including our SBYC Soup & Salad Bar,
as well as the Chef's Feature of the Evening:**

SURF & TURF

**Five-ounce filet and four-ounce lobster tail, served with
roasted red potatoes and asparagus. Served with full SBYC
Soup & Salad Bar**
\$45.00

**Dinner is followed by complimentary champagne and chocolate
covered strawberries**

Music and Dancing by
Cool Lemon Jazz

****Call the Club at 989-892-5905 to make your reservations****



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OF SAGINAW BAY

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Covering the Fundamentals of Safe Boating, Federal and State Laws, Equipment, Finding your way, Charts, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Knots/Lines, More

*****Course qualifies the applicant for the Michigan Boater Certification*****

Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm for five weeks.

First class: **March 15, 2022**

Location: Bay Landscaping

1630 SE Boutell Rd., Essexville, MI

Cost: \$ 40/student including an excellent manual.
\$50/couple sharing manual.

The classroom setting encourages extensive dialog in which the instructors can transfer much of their boating experience to the student.

Individuals with interest please contact:

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Rich Spitzer, 989-397-7844, rspitzer54@gmail.com