

# Singapore Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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### Commodore's Comments by Bob Martin



Welcome to spring! Wow, the mild winter and the 80+ degree temperatures for March are signaling the approach of a great 2012 Boating Season. I hope all the Members had a pleasant winter, & are looking forward to a fantastic boating season. While we were all busy with winter life, as I like to refer to as Ordinary Times, we have been planning a wonderful Social calendar for 2012. Becki & Joe Zeipen, our Social Chairpersons, have been hard at work planning the year's festivities. Please give them your support this season, as Becki is not only your Social Host, but the editor of this newsletter, SYC Public Relations, & Webmaster of our new Singapore Yacht Club Website. Please take a Moment to check it out at [singaporeyachtclub.com](http://singaporeyachtclub.com). I am so proud of her outstanding job redesigning the site, providing in great detail information important to SYC Members, and the reflection of professionalism to the public. I believe the site is very inviting and portrays to prospective members what membership at SYC has to offer.

I would like to welcome to the Flag Bridge our new Treasurer Greg Janik, and new Board Members Steve Boerema & Bob Schuitema. We're glad you're here! The 2012 Bridge & Board are made up of many unique and qualified members, or parts of Singapore Yacht Club, that are dedicated to serve & look out for the best interests of the Club. We are your elected Officers and Directors, and the Club has put us in charge of the welfare & future of Singapore Yacht Club. As in the past, there will be challenges & differences of opinion. I encourage the differences of opinion, as that is why there are 11 voting members representing the entire Membership. This Bridge & Board is strong & unwavering, willing to serve proud, as our fore fathers have served before us. Please support you're Board and their decisions for the future of SYC.

Please welcome back SYC Manager John Geier and the crew Dave & Tom. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on the docks of Singapore Yacht Club.

Participation is key to the success of Singapore Yacht Club. The club desperately needs new participation, and 2012 is going to be a great year to maximize this. It is great to have the people on my Committees that I believe will make this year memorable (and not just the Commodore's Roast).

My 2012 Committees are: **Historians**, Jere Whiteley & Jan Anderson; **Family Picnic**, Steve & Elizabeth Boerema; **Cruise & Rendezvous** at South Haven, Bob Nemedi & Tina Perry Chairpersons, assisted by Tim & Tami Pearl, Kathy Mattison, Cory & Jean Koper; **Commodore's Party**, Bob & Barb Pauls Chairpersons, assisted by Doug & Robin Peet, Ward & Monica Zeipen, Greg & Vicki Janik; **Venetian Festival**, Bill Nemedi; **Membership Chairman**, Jim Curtis.

Thanks to all, for your commitment & talents that will make 2012 a memorable year!

## Club Manager's Report by John Geier



As of this letter we are basking in 80 degrees plus. No this is not from Florida, but Saugatuck, Michigan. April 15 (opening day) is a mere 3 weeks away and your dock crew is anxiously looking forward to another fine season. Jim Gorman, Vice Commodore (in charge of grounds and pool), and I have been in contact throughout the winter months, and have been addressing the upcoming season.

Just a reminder that Singapore Yacht Club is a member of the YACHT CLUB OF AMERICA. Membership cards for the 2012 season are available in the office.

As soon as we open we will analyze when we may get the pool open. Weather permitting, it will be as soon as possible. We strongly urge you to check your e-mails for updates. Also please remember not to park behind the Butler Restaurant. There is a loading and unloading area at the end of Butler Street.

Looking forward to seeing you, and especially the new members.

## Vice Commodore's Report by Jim Gorman



As this mild winter is coming to an end we are hoping for a very hot summer. Myself and the House & Grounds Committee: Ken LaGrand, Jack Querry, Karl Thoma, and Ward Zeipen. Each of us is looking forward to seeing everyone back on the dock. Singapore Yacht Club has grown in membership (thanks to Jim Curtis), and two additional slips have been added. The two new slips, 49 & 50, were completed in November 2011. I walked on them after the December meeting and I feel that everyone will be happy with the work. Thanks to Karl Thoma and his committee for all the hard work and time spent on this project.

Dock Master John Geier and I have had many conversations and meetings over the winter, getting things ready for the 2012 season. I also have had individual meetings with my committee. I am focusing on the members and to ensure each member has 1st choice in the use of the facilities. John and I agreed that a change is needed on the remotes for the parking lot gate. John and his crew will meet each member, and they will make the change in each remote. The club bathroom and shower door locks will be changed and the new code will be given to the members individually. This task is to ensure the security (for our members) and the cleanliness of the bathrooms and showers.

Opening Day is Sunday April 15, 2012. At a meeting with Butler Enterprises, a request was made that members of Singapore Yacht Club be able to come into their slips on Friday April 13, and Saturday April 14, 2012. Permission has been given. The Dock Master and his crew will not start until Sunday April 15, 2012. If you decide to come into your slip early, you will need to make your own arrangements to have someone meet you at your slip and help you with your lines. The water and power will be turned on.

Mosquitoes have been a problem when they come out around 7 to 7:30pm, when members want to sit at the lawn tables to enjoy dinner, or listen to the music on the deck. Research has been done, and a company that specializes in mosquito abatement will come out and spray the area. The area along the boardwalk and approximately 10 feet out and under the lawn tables will be the focus for the application. Scheduling of this is yet to be determined.

Lawn tables are being evaluated, and will be sanded/painted and repairs made as needed.

## Secretary's Report by Doug Peet



Roster Report as of December 3, 2012:

2012 Membership and Roster forms will be mailed out next week to be completed and returned electronically. As this is a new venture to simplify our records digitally, there will probably be some "growing pains". This electronic form and membership dues will be due in January, 2012. I will be working with both Becki Zeipen for the online roster, and Club Manager John Geier for the club computer roster to maintain our data bases.

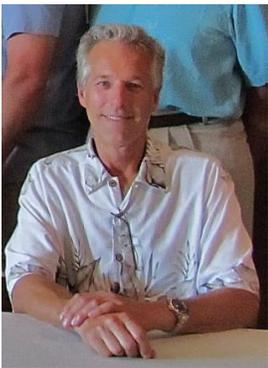
SYC has 142 Total Members:

Honorary & Surviving Spouse, 18; Life, 3; Regular Members, 121

Slip Status Report as of December 3, 2012:

Slip contracts for the 2012 Season will go out in January 2012 and will be due March 1, 2012, with insurance information and the first payment. At this time, two long time slip holders have notified me that they will no longer need their slips for the 2012 season: Shirley Young and John VanDenBos. Corey Koper, Steve Boerema, George Supp, Karl Thoma, and Jan Anderson have all moved slips per their request. We have four new slip holders: Dennis McCann, Joe Hish, Gary Salerno, and Bryan Safranski. All slips are filled at this time.

## Treasurer's Report by Greg Janik



I would like to provide the following information as a result of the review of the financial statements completed by our accounting firm, DeLong & Brower, P.C. The information reflects balance sheets and related income statements for Singapore Yacht Club, for ten months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010.

Following is a brief overview of the financial statements:

- Our cash position and total assets are up from 2010
- Net income is up for 2011, as compared to 2010
- Transient dockage was up in 2011
- Total operating expenses for 2011 stayed relatively the same as compared to 2010
- DeLong & Brower indicated the dock improvements to create slips 49 & 50, will be capitalized, and not expensed.

## Harbor Committee Report by Greg Janik

• Nothing significant to report. Drafts of the Interlocal Agreement to form a Harbor Authority have been approved by Saugatuck and Douglas. Final approval must be no later than December 27, 2011. City officials point out that creating a Harbor Authority is a complex process that involves two state acts with different timelines. Ongoing public hearings are scheduled regarding creating a Water Resource Improvement Tax Increment Finance Authority (WITIFA).

• The sale of the Keewatin has been finalized. The new owners anticipate moving the ship in June. The sale includes dredging a path from the channel in the Kalamazoo River. The sediment will be pumped to R.J. Peterson's property near the Keewatin.

## Auxiliary Report by Cindy Holliday



Plans are currently underway for an exciting season at SYC. The auxiliary has several fun events planned to kick off our 2012 calendar year. Our first board meeting is May 5th at 10am at the Butler, and is open to all first mates.

On May 19th we will have our annual flower and herb planting at 9:30am. Then At 2pm that afternoon, we will have a new event, a "Friendship Tea", the idea being to invite and bring someone new to our club, and hopefully a new member. It will be at a reduced rate for the "new" guest. We will have sandwiches, scones, etc., catered by the Elbo Room. Sinbad's is even offering his special Indian Tea. Then there will be a style show with local retailers, such as Chantal's, Alle Rue, Sinbad's, Lovella's, and others. Some of our own club members will be models, both men & women! Bright World will be giving as gifts, jewelry to all the women! We will have a featured speaker, and more!!! More details will follow.

On May 26th, we will have a new offering...a water aerobics class with instructor Barb Nyland. We hope to try a 6 week class, and we need a minimum of 6 to start. Please contact Cindy at [cindyhol12@gmail.com](mailto:cindyhol12@gmail.com), or Sue at [lignell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lignell@tampabay.rr.com) for an application and details regarding the costs and times.

Our first cocktail party by the pool is for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the Olive Mill doing a special presentation at 5pm. If you have not sent in your dues for your Auxiliary membership, please do and let us know which events you want to participate in. And mark your calendars for all our fun events. Hope to see you soon!

## Membership Committee Report by Jim Curtis



The membership committee has 5 applications for prospective members to interview, with plans to schedule those by the middle of May.

## New Member Introduction

We are pleased to introduce a new member to the club approved by the Board recently. Kimberly was proposed for membership by Steve Boerema. Please welcome Kimberly, Jay, and their boys Jackson & Colin, when you see them on the dock or at our parties!



Kimberly & Jay Shriver - Saugatuck, MI

## Holiday Party 2011 by Becki Zeipen



Fifty one Singapore Yacht Club members and guests, travelling from as far away as Chicago and Indianapolis, gathered to celebrate the Holiday Season. The festivities were held on Saturday evening, December 3, at Clearbrook Golf Club & Restaurants. The building and dining room were adorned with “Home for the Holidays” flair, complete with Christmas trees and lights.

Every year, club members get together to enjoy each other’s company, celebrating friendships old and new. The Commodore, Bob Martin, was in attendance, as well as Vice Commodore Jim Gorman, Secretary Doug Peet, and Treasurer Greg Janik. They were escorted to the event by their first mates, Jeanie, Cathy, Robin, and Vicki.

After members were greeted and shared stories since the end of boating season, dinner began with the invocation being led by Social Chairperson Becki Zeipen. The holiday buffet featured turkey, stuffing, and all the traditional trimmings. It was a feast fit for a king! Afterwards, the group had the option of joining in with the Karaoke Christmas Carols, or watching the inaugural Big 10 Football Championship game between Michigan State & Wisconsin. What family gathering would be complete without singing and football?!

The evening ended with guests receiving an SYC Christmas music CD gift, and wishing everyone safe travels home. Many continued the camaraderie and conversation at Wick’s Park Bar & Grill...and to finish watching the game, of course.

It is the generosity and participation of club members and local businesses that made the evening a wonderful success. A very big Thank You to Candy & Jim at Clearbrook, for allowing us to share the season with them.

## Party in Paradise by Jim Curtis



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Party in Paradise, hosted by Jim & Joanie Curtis, was held on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, FL. Many thanks go to Cory & Jean Koper for making this venue possible. There were 62 people in attendance, and all enjoyed a very delightful meal and dessert provided by PIYC.

After dinner there were games between the “North” and the “South”, with the losing team to host a cocktail party for the winners. The games played were Pyramid, Hanky Panky, and Cherry Picker. A BIG thank you to Jack

A. and Noreen Bonzaalar, for their driving force in getting players to participate, and keeping score. It looks like the “North” is going to have to serve up some libations to the “South” this summer!

Get ready, as next year’s rematch will be on March 7, 2013. All of the pictures, so graciously taken by Mel Ott, can be viewed on the SYC Photo bucket account.

## Upcoming SYC Spring Party - May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012



Ladies & Gentlemen, it's time to get your horses out of the paddock! You should be receiving your invitations in the mail for Singapore's Derby Day at Saugatuck Brewing Company. Please have your reservations sent in by April 16<sup>th</sup>, as this is an event you don't want to miss!

**The Spring Party is the main fundraiser for the year's social events. Your support is needed & very much appreciated...even if you can't attend.**

## Singapore Junior Yacht Club



We are excited to begin planning the events and activities for our younger SYC members! Anyone that is interested in assisting with the upcoming season, please contact Becki Zeipen at [singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com).

The following activity schedule is tentative and subject to change:

- May 26 - Marlinspike class
- June 30 - Water safety
- July 21 - Dinghy handling
- September 1 - Pancake breakfast

For your convenience, all of the social events and meetings are listed on our website, [singaporeyachtclub.com](http://singaporeyachtclub.com). In addition, all event photos can be viewed on the SYC [Photobucket](#) account. If you need passwords for either, please contact Becki Zeipen at [singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com).