

Singapore Yacht Club

Newsletter

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Commodore's Comments by Bob Martin



It's great to be back on the docks of Singapore Yacht Club. The weather this past Memorial Day Weekend was great...a bit warm, but no complaints. Feels like summer has begun early and lots of fun happening this year with planning your Social Calendar. The first SYC Junior Yacht Club event was held on Saturday May 26th. The future of SYC had a great time hosted by Becki Zeipen and a knot tying class taught by Greg, Vicki, and Shawn Janik, followed by a hot dog lunch. The kids had a real learning experience; thanks everyone!

The Spring Party kicked off our boating season with a festive Kentucky Derby theme. The Social Chairmen Becki & Joe Zeipen did a wonderful job making the party a success. Also many thanks to Jack & Linda Querry and Jim & Cathy Gorman for heading up the successful fundraising. Your participation allows the Social Chairman to fund the events for 2012.

SYC Bridge & Board are made up of many unique and qualified members, or parts of Singapore Yacht Club, that are dedicated to serve & lookout for the best interests of the Club. Thanks to all who are serving on the Board. Please support your Bridge & Board this year and I look forward to a great year serving as your Commodore for 2012.

This year is going to be a great year maximizing Club Participation; the club desperately needs new Participation. It is great to have the people on my Committees that I believe will make this year Memorable, and not just the Commodores Roast.

We have many new Members for the 2012 season. Welcome! We are glad you're here. The Membership Committee headed by Chairman Jim Curtis has done an outstanding job, as the Club welcomes new Participation.

SYC Manager John Geier and crew Dave & Tom are on the Job and the grounds are looking great. I have been working closely with our Vice Commodore Jim Gorman and he has his finger on the pulse of House & Grounds. Thanks Jim & your Committee for all your hard work.

Participation is Key to Singapore Yacht Club; thanks to all for your commitment & Talents that will make 2012 memorable.

Club Manager's Report by John Geier



We feel that the change in gate openers has gone quite well. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. It would be beneficial to the dock crew if you are going to have workers on your boat that they check in with the dock crew. We do know the boat washers, but not all the different repair people. Hopefully the pool will be up and running very shortly and again, thank you for your understanding and patience. Our reservation form for transients indicates check-out time of 11:00am. If returning to your slip from cruising, please keep this in mind. Please

be cautious of giving out the combination to the restrooms. Remind your guests not to give out the combination.

Thank you for your input and suggestions and the dock crew looks forward to assisting you this summer.

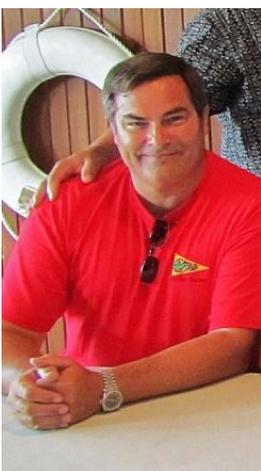
Vice Commodore's Report by Jim Gorman



Singapore Yacht Club has been open for six weeks. Opening this year the Dock Master, Vice Commodore, House and Grounds Committee had several meetings. Some of the concerns that were discussed were the safety and security of our members. It was decided that the codes would be changed to the parking lot gates, and the bath and shower locks. An email was sent out with the how to change the lot remotes and your transmitters. If there are any questions or problems you are asked to call the Dock Master (269) 857-2442.

The code to the door lock on the bath and shower has also been changed. Please see a member of the dock crew to obtain the new code, as we are not going to publish this in our newsletter for privacy reasons. Please be reminded that the parking lot and the bath and shower are for members and members' families.

Secretary's Report by Doug Peet



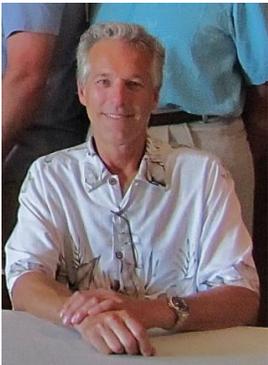
The roster has been completed and is available in the Dock master's hut. Any corrections to the roster or any changes over the upcoming season in contact information should be given to John Geier or the dock staff. John and I will create a form for the changes and there will be a place in the Dock master's hut for the filled out forms to be placed.

SYC has a total of 137 members as of May 5, 2012
Honorary & Surviving Spouse - 14; Life - 3; Regular Members - 120

There has been a request for a review of the slip wait and move process for the fall of 2012. Per Ground Rule 37 D, "All ground rules governing the assignment of slips and the moving of slips are to be the sole responsibility of the secretary, in co-operation with the club manager." I will be glad to discuss with any club member the thought process in assigning slips.

There are still some slip holders who have not complied with providing insurance documentation; John Geier is helping in this effort.

Harbor Committee Report by Greg Janik



The Keewatin has been moved from her resting place of more than four decades, and the harbor looks just a bit empty. It was a couple days process to get her moved and towed down the Kalamazoo River, to begin her journey on Lake Michigan. You can follow the rest of her journey to Port McNicoll at the following link:

<http://drone-on.com/2012/06/04/entering-lake-michigan-june-4-2012-10am/>

Treasurer's Report by Greg Janik

There are no significant updates to report at this time.

Auxiliary Report by Cindy Holliday



We had a great turn out for the flower planting on May 19th. The weather was fabulous, in the 80's. A special thanks to Doug Peet for all his hard work and help, and Dave Holliday for delivering the flowers. We had a lot of help early on the board walk for getting the pots ready, by the dock crew, to setting out the plants and returning the trailer we brought the plants in from Countryside Greenhouse. Hope you all like the flowers and that they fare the weather well. Thanks again to those who helped, even Jon & Anna Zeipen!!

Our water aerobics class is off to a slow start with the water heater for the pool being broken. Hopefully we can begin this week. If you are interested, we do still have a couple openings and some cannot come every week so....if you have a free morning @ 9 AM, bring your water shoes, a noodle, and come along (one class is \$15). Our next meeting is June 16th; plan to come @ 10 am at the Butler.

July 4th is our parade and we start decorating the float at 10 am in the parking lot. Please wear your SYC logo shirts, or purchase one at the Dock Master hut if you are marching in the parade.

July 14th is the Wine Tasting @ 5 pm. Bring some cheese or appetizer and join us. Then on July 21 we will be meeting at the upstairs of Pumpnickel's Eatery. It will be open menu, so order as you come in. We can have a nice brunch together! Thanks for all your help and enjoy our wonderful season this year in Saugatuck.

Membership Committee Report by Jim Curtis



The membership committee has several new applications for prospective members to interview, with plans to schedule those in the upcoming weeks.

New Member Introductions

We are pleased to introduce three new members to the club, recently approved by the Board. Please welcome everyone when you see them on the dock or at our parties!



Patrick & Charlotte Stewart
Saugatuck, MI



Duane & Pam Grist
Elk Grove Village, IL



Al Higdon
Lawrence, MI

Spring Party 2012 by Becki Zeipen



Singapore Yacht Club held its annual Spring Party on May 5th at Saugatuck Brewing Company in Douglas, MI. This was our annual spring fund raising party which provides for the year's social activities, and the Kentucky Derby was the theme for this year's event.

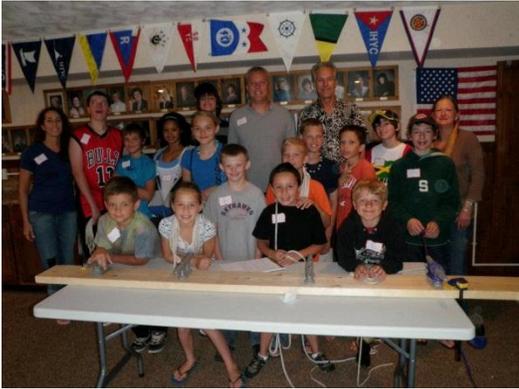
The Singapore Room at Saugatuck Brewing Company was decorated with arrangements of red roses, and brightly colored napkins & table runners to represent jockey "silks". Each table was also adorned with grass and roses centerpieces, which were raffled off to the club members. Decorations were complete with a Churchill Downs photo backdrop.

Guests were greeted by Alan & Sharon Supp, and each lady was presented a single red rose. In the true spirit of the Kentucky Derby tradition, many ladies wore beautifully decorated hats. The evening started with delicious hors d'oeuvres with Kentucky Derby flair, as raffle tickets were sold by Elizabeth Boerema, Kim Shriver, Corey Koper, & Kim Hall. Attendees also had the opportunity to bid on many silent auction items, assisted by Jack & Linda Querry, and Jim & Cathy Gorman.

The Saugatuck Brewing Company presented a buffet featuring London Broil with bourbon mushroom glaze, Salmon with cucumber dill sauce, rice pilaf and garlic red roasted potatoes, green beans with almonds, and a dessert bar with Kentucky Derby Pie & chocolate mousse shots. Becki Zeipen called out the winning raffle ticket numbers (while singing My Old Kentucky Home), as the auction & raffle prizes were distributed by Jack & Linda Querry, and Jim & Cathy Gorman. The evening concluded with members being able to chat and catch up with their friends, after a long winter away from the docks.

Once again, the generosity and participation of club members and local merchants made the evening a great success!

Jr. SYC Marlinspike class by Becki Zeipen



The Singapore Jr. Yacht Club held its first event on Saturday May 26th. Led by Greg Janik, fifteen of our younger members were introduced to the art of marlinspike. Everyone was attentive and diligent, as they practiced a few different nautical knots under the guidance of Greg, Vicki, & Shawn Janik.

It was a very informative and hands on experience, with some fun thrown in for good measure. All of the kids were given a certificate of completion and printed information on the knots learned. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a grilled hot dog lunch served up by Steve Boerema & Becki Zeipen.

Be sure to check out all the pictures on our photo bucket account!

CPR / AED training by Becki Zeipen

Twenty SYC Members attended the Club sponsored CPR / AED training class held on June 2nd. Participants received hands on instruction from Tim O'Conner with Heartbeat LLC, on how to use the new AED presented by the Auxiliary last fall. The new CPR protocols were reviewed and practiced, enabling the club to have several certified members. Thanks go out to Tim Thomas for coordinating such an important event, and appreciation to the Bridge & Board for the club sponsorship for the cost of the training.

Plans are being made for a First-Aid session to be held later in the season. Details will be sent out as they become available.

Upcoming - Family Picnic June 16th, 2012

Don't forget to RSVP to Steve & Elizabeth Boerema for the Annual SYC Family Picnic. The games will begin at 3:00pm, with dinner at 5:00pm. Rumor has it that the "make your own sundae" bar will be back this year! You can email them at steve.elizabeth@gmail.com or stop by slip #38 with your information and payment.

For your convenience, all of the social events and meetings are listed on our website, 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. If you are a Facebook user, be sure to "like" our page for fun facts and info!