



# Singapore Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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Becki Zeipen, Editor

### Commodore's Comments by Bob Martin



I hope everyone is enjoying a warm and mostly dry summer. It's been a great year as your 53rd Commodore. Many thanks to the Committee Chairmen! The family picnic, hosted by Steve and Elizabeth Boerema, was just wonderful. With skillful planning they managed to get the games in and the dinner served before a rainstorm arrived. Quickly, the food was moved to the clubroom and the fun continued. Also thanks to Dave Holliday for his command of the games this year and all the many helpers that made this year's family picnic great.

The Fourth of July parade, headed up by Dave & Cindy Holliday, was very festive with lots of participation. Each year it seems to just get better with many vehicles entered, and it is a credit to the Club. Many thanks to Jack Martin for driving the Commodore and Jeanie in style in his awesome convertible.

Still lots to look forward to at this writing with this year's summer events, the Cruise & Rendezvous in South Haven with more than 30 boats signed up, and a Singapore Cruise Lines Itinerary. The Committee this year has really done it up with style. The creativity is very much appreciated thanks to Bob Nemedi & Tina Perry, Tim & Tami Pearl, Cory & Jean Koper, and Kathy Mattison.

The Safety Committee headed up by Tim Thomas will be holding a first aid class at the Club on September 1st, 2012. The Bridge & Board have voted to have the costs be paid for by the club to sponsor this important class. Tim O'Connor our instructor has also agreed to do a class for the Junior Yacht Club as well. The class space is limited to 30 members, so please contact Tim Thomas (adults) and Becki Zeipen (kids) to RSVP.

This year's Bridge & Board have experienced good weather & calm seas, and are looking forward to having this trend continue. We wish you a warm but comfortable and enjoyable rest of your summer season.

Hope to see you all at the Commodore's Roast on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## Vice Commodore's Report by Jim Gorman



The Vice Commodore and the House & Grounds are pleased to report there wasn't any damage to our tables or dock boxes during the Venetian weekend celebration. One member, Dennis McCann, made a statement. He posted a sign on his dock box and table that read "private property - keep off". John and the crew have been doing a great job with the grounds and buildings. I was informed that the ladies shower was short on hooks for their towels and bags. I met with the dock master and now the ladies have five hooks in the back shower.

Lawn tables - We are just waiting for the last source to provide us with a bid for like tables as we have. We have found a company who will make the mold from which we can buy the six tables needed. We are just waiting on the metal fabricator to buy the equipment needed to make the bends in the metal for the frame. A vote was taken to go forward with the wire tables which we will if the bids are too high to make the tables like the ones we have now. The mosquito abatement treatment is working as evidence of the use of all are members sitting out later and enjoying the park. If you move or get help in moving the tables we ask that you return the table from where it was moved.

Robert Williamson while standing on his finger pier had one of the boards come loose and popped up. Fortunately, Bob was not hurt. When this was brought to our attention I had John purchase a drill with an attachment shaft for screws. We are in the process of putting screws in each of the boards on all of the finger piers. During the inspection of the finger piers some of the boards needed to be replaced and they have been.

Parking lot - The company that trenched the parking lot to move the water that pooled, will be back and continue their work. The south end of the parking lot is much dryer.

## Club Manager's Report by John Geier



The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Water Bureau completed their annual inspection on July 10. The only comment was to paint a stripe on the 3 steps to distinguish them as edges. Otherwise a perfect report. We will paint those this fall when we drop the water level before putting the cover over the pool. A sample of the water was sent to the state for analysis of possible "coliform" and/or "E-coli". This is a standard procedure completed once a month. Nothing was detected. As a reminder, please have any guests check in with the dock crew when going to the pool. As stated in the past, there are numerous people using the pool and the member who told them it was ok was not present. We try to monitor it the best we can. Thank you!

It goes without saying that we have had more than our fair share of vandalism and unauthorized visitors on boats this summer. We have filed complaints with the police department so they are aware of our concerns. Your cooperation has been very helpful in control of the parking lot.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Venetian festivities and to all of you who helped in keeping the park in a reasonably clean condition. By the time you read this you will have participated in Cruise & Rendezvous and we hope you had a great time!



## Secretary's Report by Doug Peet

The 2012 Roster has been completed and is available. Any corrections to the roster during the year should be e-mailed to the Club Secretary at [Singaporeyachtclubsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:Singaporeyachtclubsecretary@yahoo.com) or to Becki Zeipen at [singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:singaporeyachtclub@gmail.com).

SYC has a total of 137 members as of June 16, 2012

Honorary & Surviving Spouse - 14; Life - 3; Regular Members - 120

## Auxiliary Report by Cindy Holliday



Our annual spring cocktail party on June 2 was well attended. Lots of good food, fun, and the raffle was very good, and we appreciate all who came. We started the water aerobics classes, too, in June. Those who were able to attend enjoyed our teacher, Barb Nyland, and all she taught us in our lovely heated pool. Thanks to our Dockmaster, John, for getting it ready for us, and for the coffee.

On July 14th, the Pauls hosted us for a wine tasting with 6 of their signature wines from their winery, some cheese and snacks. It was a nice turnout, good weather, and very enjoyable.

Our July 21 board meeting was a breakfast brunch at Pumpernickel's. A little change of pace for us, but years ago we used to do it and I think those who came had a good time. We talked about herbs and the use of our herb plants and we passed out info on how to dry the leaves and make teas from the herbs.

August 18th is our next meeting @ 10 am @ the Butler. You all come! Our last board meeting is Sept. 8 with our Change of Watch on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Please save the dates and come. More info will come as to details.

## Membership Committee Report by Jim Curtis



I am pleased to advise that SYC has had 13 applications for membership this year and we have interviewed 12 of them and have welcomed them in the SYC family.

We continue to seek new members and to that end, the Bridge and Board has extended the policy of providing membership to applicants who are 40 years of age and younger without their paying the \$300 membership application fee. In addition, the Board and Bridge has again approved the policy of giving a \$50.00 credit against next year's membership fee to those members who sponsor a new member that is accepted into SYC.

If anyone can submit an idea to secure more members, the membership committee would be appreciative.

# New Member Introductions

We are pleased to introduce 7 (yes, seven) new members to the club, approved by the Board since the last newsletter. Please welcome everyone when you see them on the dock or at our parties!



Eric & Kim Brown  
Royal Oak, MI



Jason & Denise Dedic  
Saugatuck, MI



Fred & Katherine Garcia  
Saugatuck, MI



William & Teri Hull  
Olivet, MI



Scott & Amanda Irps  
Bourbonnais, IL



Heather & Jeff Myers  
Holland, MI



Dustin & Kathy Ondovcsik  
Fenton, MI

## Family Picnic by Steve Boerema



Thanks for another successful SYC Family Picnic, where great fun was had by all of the 36 kids and 99 adults that attended on a beautiful sunny and mild day.

The day started off for the kids at 3:00 PM when the games started under the direction of Dave and Cindy Holiday and their son Todd, assisted by Bob and Nick Martin, Joe & Becki Zeipen, Alan Supp, and Ward & Monica Zeipen. Cheryl Kammeraad directed the toddlers' games – and had as much fun directing as the kids did playing them! George Supp presided over the adult games with the help of Marina. Lots of kids with poker chips kept the

prize table, under the care of Shirley Young, Nan Schuler and Mary Lou Ott, jumping throughout the day. Max Elenbaas kept the coin dig stocked with an abundance of money, and all of the kids had lots of fun.

Unfortunately, the games were cut short by the looming thunderstorms. There was a quick rush by our chefs Jay Shriver, Bryan Safranski, Bob Deacon, and Karl Thoma, to get the food cooked and on the table. We are happy to say most people were fed before the torrential rains came down. Many thanks go out to Greg and Al Delinski of the Linebacker Lounge, for donating beer for the event. Most people were able to enjoy the traditional “make your own” ice cream sundae, back in the crowded and wet club room.

To make a great picnic you have to have great help and we had the best! A special thanks to Kim Shriver, Greg Janik, and Joyce Wolbrink who helped with the event, and always seemed available when they were needed most. And to all those others that helped when the rain came down by carrying food to the club room. Thanks to our dock crew for setting up and putting everything away when the rain cleared up.

For such a dry summer, who would have thought we would have rain storms on the day of the event. At least the 2012 Family Picnic was a memorable one!

## Jr. SYC Events by Becki Zeipen

### Water Safety Class



The Singapore Jr. Yacht Club held its second event on Saturday June 30th. Led by Becki Zeipen, seven of our younger members reviewed important water safety information.

Everyone had a few laughs with some fun games that demonstrated how to properly wear a life jacket. With the swimming season in full force, how to escape dangerous Rip Currents was reviewed. We even sat in our “boat” to learn about the bow, stern, port & starboard.

Thanks to all the parents for bringing your kids to this important class!

## Dinghy Handling Class



On Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> we had sixteen Jr. Members participate in our Dinghy Handling Class, coordinated by longtime SYC member Ward Zeipen. The kids were provided guidance and instruction for docking the dinghy, starting and stopping the motor, and basic dinghy handling. They were able to incorporate and use their knowledge from the knot tying and water safety classes. No one fell overboard, and everyone had a great time!

Many thanks to the SYC Captains that volunteered their time & dinghies: Ward Zeipen, Shawn Janik, Jim Gorman, Steve Boerema, Jason Dedic, Bob Deacon, Bob Martin, and Bob Pauls.

Be sure to check out pictures of your kids and captains on our photo bucket account!

## Venetian Festival 2012

I am pleased to report that Don Karaus, director of Venetian Festival activity for the city of Saugatuck, has confirmed with Bill Nemedi that Singapore Yacht Club will retain the participation trophy !!!!

A big THANK YOU to Bill Meyers, the 3rd place parade winner, Dave Holiday, Jack Querry, Karl Thoma, and Jan Anderson & Jere Whiteley, for participating in the boat parade. Also thanks to everyone who participated in the dinghy poker run.

Each year the club is a sponsor of the Venetian Festival. We appreciate all the hard work it takes on everyone's part to make this a successful event for the community in which we are all part of and enjoy so much.

Thank you Bill, and Congratulations on a job well done!

## Upcoming Events

### Commodore's Party August 18th, 2012

Don't forget to RSVP to Bob & Barb Pauls for the Commodore's Party. The festivities begin at 6:00pm at Coral Gables lower level (Hippo's), and the requested attire is Chicago Cubs logo items, or Cubs colors. Please mail your meal choices and payment to Barb Pauls, or stop by slip #23 with your information and payment.

Let's face it...this is going to be a good one, and you don't want to miss it!

# First Aid Class September 1st, 2012

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## September 8th, 2012

There is a Board meeting in the club room at 10am, and the Annual meeting at 3pm in the club room. The Axillary meeting will be at 10am at the Butler. Please join everyone for the Cocktail party hosted by the Commodore's Wife, poolside at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass for everyone to enjoy!

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). If you are a Facebook user, be sure to "like" our page for fun facts and info!