



# Singapore Yacht Club Newsletter

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## Commodore's Comments by Bob Martin



It has truly been a memorable year for me as your 53rd Commodore. The year was full of many great social events, from the Holiday party to the Change of Watch. I was truly blessed to have an outstanding Social Chairman that just did a fantastic job coordinating all the events and keeping the Committees pointed in the right direction. Thank You Becki Zeipen.

Also a very special thanks to my Historian's Jan Anderson & Jere Whiteley, for their beautiful gift of the picture album to the Commodore, to remember the year as it is now a matter of history. The Album was just perfect and very nicely done. I will cherish it forever & thanks...it means the world to me.

The Commodore's Party was, without a doubt, the most fun I have ever had. I understand there was no lack of material and much had to be edited to fit in the time that was available. Thanks to my family; sister Barbara Martin & niece Dena Martin, brother James Martin, and friends that made the trip to Saugatuck for the party.

Many thanks to the Committee Chairmen Bob & Barb Pauls for an outstanding job of illustrating some of my finer moments at SYC. It was a blast and I truly appreciate the efforts by all ... Doug Peet as Elvis & Johnny Cash, the Twins, Joe Zeipen, Robin Peet, Ward & Mo Zeipen, Greg & Vicki Janik and many others. Thanks for the memories.

This year's Bridge & Board have experienced good weather & calm seas in 2012, and I consider myself fortunate to have served on this Bridge & Board for the past 7 years. I am looking forward to 1 more year on the Bridge as your immediate Past Commodore. The year was very successful in many ways, and I contribute this to the 2012 Bridge and Board, and I thank all of you for your service & support throughout the year. Also thanks to our Club Manager John Geier and crew Tom & Dave, for making the club shine and looking great. Thanks for everything and keep smiling.

It's been a wonderful journey for me, and I wish you all a pleasant winter as I step down from the Commodore's post and hand over the reins to Jim Gorman as your 54th Commodore. I believe that Jim will be a great leader to Singapore Yacht Club as he continues the good work that we have started.

Please welcome Commodore Jim Gorman.

See you next year!

## Vice Commodore's Report by Jim Gorman



Today the slips are empty and the boats have been put into winter storage. It looks like the season ended just in time with the water level continuing to drop and the Arsenic Island in the middle of Lake Kalamazoo in plain view. I asked George Supp to Chair the Harbor Committee and to represent Singapore Yacht Club. George will be keeping us informed on the plans and any information coming out of the meetings.

The 2012 season was sure a good one. The temperatures were high and the waves were short which made for good cruising. John Geier did a great job with the transient boaters and the transient income. Thanks to John and his crew for all the projects from replacing a hot water heater in the bath & shower, to bringing in a truck to assist in pumping out some of the boats. The pump out system went down, and plumbing contactors had to be called in. The problems were diagnosed and the pump out system was fixed. We have ordered six lawn tables to be made from a mold taken from one of the lawn tables. The 2012 season ended in the black thanks to all the members who left their slips and our dock master and crew filled them with transient boaters. It is this cooperation that makes Singapore Yacht Club a prestigious club in the beautiful town of Saugatuck, MI.

## Club Manager's Report by John Geier



The season has come to an end (actually still going for some of us). I feel it was a successful 2012 from transient income to resolving pump out issues. Your dock crew and I have met and discussed the 2013 season and what we need to improve upon. I look forward to working with the bridge and board to make our facility the best along the western Michigan shoreline. I thank you again for a very fine year and look forward to seeing you next spring.

## Treasurer's Report by Greg Janik



Both operating income & expenses were up in 2012 versus 2011. The transient income was also up in 2012. Many thanks to John and the dock crew for filling the slips when possible. There will not be an increase in membership dues for the 2013 season.

## Secretary's Report by Doug Peet



I would like to thank Commodore Martin, the Bridge & Board, and the membership of Singapore Yacht Club for a great year. Despite some unusual challenges, the leadership has shown great presence and thoughtfulness. It is with great sadness that I leave the varied responsibilities of Secretary. My office staff will miss typing minutes from my illegible writing. I won't know what to do with all my extra time...

SYC has a total of 149 members as of September 8th, 2012:

Honorary & Surviving Spouse – 14; Life – 3; Regular Members – 132

Many thanks go out to Jim Curtis and his outstanding Membership Committee for their aggressive leadership in attracting new Members. Please keep in mind we need new members for the future of this club. Please promote SYC and contact Jack Query with prospective members that you believe would be active and an asset to SYC.

Also many thanks to Becki Zeipen with her work with the newsletter and on-line roster. It's an endless job of updates and emails all year long. I would like to recognize her for all of her efforts for the betterment of Singapore Yacht Club.

The 2013 Membership & Roster forms will be going out with a January 1st return date.

## Auxiliary Report by Bobbie Applegate



The Singapore Yacht Club Auxiliary held their Change of Watch Brunch on Sunday, September, 8th at Pumpnickels Restaurant. We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast Buffet with a large assortment of foods, a chocolate fountain, and a Bloody Mary/Mimosa bar. Outgoing President Cindy Holliday was honored for her service with a gift. We had many Past Presidents in attendance that were also honored with long stem yellow roses. I want to thank Phyllis and Sue for their help organizing this event and Monica Zeipen for the invocation.

The Officers for 2013 are President-Bobbie Applegate, Vice President-Phyllis Hanna, Treasurer-Sue Lignell, and welcome to our new Secretary-Diane Borneman. We welcome all members and first mates to join and assist with our many social activities, flower planting, and fund raising.

## Membership Committee Report by Jim Curtis



Your membership committee for the year of 2012 met 12 new members along with 2 past members who saw the error of their way and decided to return.

It has been an honor to be your membership chairman for the past 4 years, and I am pleased to turn over the responsibility to Jack Query.

## Cruise & Rendezvous by Becki Zeipen



Almost 75 SYC Members and Jr. Members enjoyed a 5 day vacation with Singapore Cruise Lines. Starting with an Embarkment Celebration and champagne toast on LaPerla, to dancing the night away with the band Decades at the Disembarkment Gala, attendees were treated like royalty. The wonderful ship's officers & staff planned an array of shore excursions & on-board activities for everyone's pleasure. There was golfing, sandcastle building, and team-built boats that raced to the finish line in grand style. Even with the sweltering temperatures, everyone had a grand time.

We were privileged & pleased to have the Junior members join us for their first official Cruise & Rendezvous dinner on Saturday evening, at the South Haven Yacht Club. What an inspiration to see the future of the club participating!

The weather took a little bit of a turn, and cruising plans changed for many of the boaters. High seas on Sunday resulted in a few members extending their vacation until Monday, and everyone arrived back in home port safely. Much appreciation to the Singapore Cruise Lines Officers & Staff for a job well done!

**Captain**–*Tim Pearl*, **Staff Captain**–*Tami Pearl*, **Chief Officer**–*Bob Nemedi*, **First Officer**–*Corey Koper*, **Director of Staffing**–*Jean Koper*, **Purser**–*Tina Perry*, **Cruise Director**–*Kathy Mattison*

## Commodore's Roast by Bob Pauls



Even though summer is over, Bob Martin is showing a lot of "color". The consensus seems to be that he was sufficiently "roasted" during this year's annual event, and the color is still evident. Bob is a very big target, and was quite easy to roast. Typical for Bob, he took it in good spirit. He said he enjoyed the evening (if you can believe an outgoing commodore).

The committee and I sincerely enjoyed handling this function and particularly providing the well-deserved jabs at Commodore Martin. Even though there was an unscheduled and surprising visit from the "twins" (who seem to follow Bob everywhere), we hope you found the evening entertaining, and politically correct.

We hope you all stay warm and healthy during the winter, and we look forward to the next boating season. We hope to see you at the winter party.

## Change of Watch by Becki Zeipen



As seasons change, so does the Bridge & Board. Thank you to everyone that attended the 2012 Change of Watch celebration, to honor those that continue to serve SYC in many different capacities. It was a night filled with good friends, good food, and good memories of the year. Once again, Theresa & Mike at Coral Gables served their wonderful Filet of Beef & Salmon, and we all enjoyed the delicious Crème Brûlée cheesecake.

The “watch” officially changed as outgoing Commodore Bob Martin turned the gavel over to the 2013 Commodore Jim Gorman.

Jere Whiteley, the first ever Auxiliary member to receive the Rubber Ducky and Broken Hammer awards (both in the same year, I might add), was quite happy to pass them along to the next unsuspecting winners. When called up to the front, Jason Dedic proudly explained why his dinghy filled with lake water during the Jr. SYC dinghy handling class. I’m not sure anyone believes he was trying to teach the kids what to do in the event you’re sinking, but since he is a brand new member, we’ll pretend that’s the case. Dennis McCann, on the other hand, was not there to personally defend himself. So, Jere was kind and didn’t throw him under the bus for his bilge filling with water during the night from his dockside water hose, and his boat staying afloat with the lines until John came with the pump out system in the morning.

The evening continued with music & dancing to the band 13th Hour, and friends wishing each other well during the long winter months.

Many thanks to everyone that assisted me this past season...this was a great year and a wonderful experience to be your Social Chairman in 2012.

## Upcoming Events

### Winter Party – December 8th, 2012

Wicks Park Bar & Grille - 5:30pm Appetizers, 6:30pm Dinner

A limited quantity of rooms at the Ship N Shore Motel are available at a special rate for SYC members.

### Party in Paradise – March 7th, 2013

The Party in Paradise for 2013 will be on Thursday March 7th, 2013, and more information will follow. However, this may be a good time to look for flights, etc. and block in the date of THURSDAY MARCH 7th to your calendar.

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!