

Singapore Yacht Club

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Commodore's Comments by Jim Gorman

I am so happy to welcome all the members back to the boardwalk and the docks of the Singapore Yacht Club. Everyone is looking forward to the 2013 boating season.

There will be some noticeable changes. John Geier is interviewing to fill the position left open by David. We wish David all the best of luck and good fortune in his new adventures.

2013 has started with many challenges, and these challenges have been met head on by the Bridge and Board. I want to thank and recognize our two new members to the Board, David Holliday and Kathi Mattison. Each has been working behind the scenes getting us to opening day. Thank you to Jan Anderson, who will be filling the vacant spot on the Board this year. Greg Janik has not only been our treasurer, but is the liaison with all involved in the dredging, the permits, and letters needed from neighbors, and the disposal site at tower.

I want to thank the committee chairpersons and members for all the time and service that they provide:

Karl Thoma who took on the Social Committee;

Historians Paul & Phyllis who were taking pictures at the December party;

Kimberly & Joe Shriver for the Family Picnic;

George Supp as Harbor Committee Chairman;

Dennis McCann for Venetian Night Festival;

Pat Joyce for Cruise & Rendezvous;

Jack Querry as membership chairperson;

Becki Zeipen for the website, newsletter, and the Junior Members.

Singapore Yacht Club is a family-oriented organization dedicated to the enjoyment and fellowship amongst members who have a common interest in water sports.

I am looking forward to seeing all the families of Singapore Yacht Club come together for a fun filled boating season.



Commodore,
Jim Gorman

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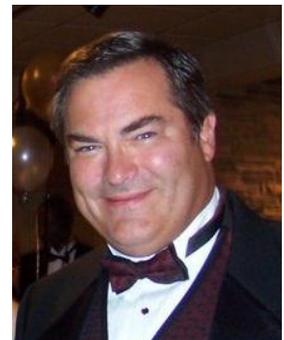
Vice Commodore's Report by Doug Peet

While 2012 was a wonderful boating season, and House and Grounds looked great with the efforts of Jim Gorman & Committee, and John Geier & crew, we now look forward to 2013 and some projects that

will improve the Club. The Board will be considering things such as security cameras, Direct TV and internet repairs, the fence around the trash area, the continuation of the mosquito abatement,

the parking lot gate reconfiguration, and edging around the sign in the lawn.

We are evaluating the water levels at the docks. Information will be sent out as it becomes available.



Vice Commodore,
Doug Peet

Secretary's Report by Mike Applegate

Welcome to springtime in Michigan. It's April 1st and while typing this report I sneak a little peak out of my window and watch the snowflakes gently falling to the ground. Other than that little detail, the signs of spring are surely here. Daffodils, Tulips, Slip Payments, and Bottom Painting are all upon us!

The Basics:

Currently, Singapore Yacht Club has 143 members including:

114 Regular, 10 Honorary, 8 Surviving Spouse, 6 Select Honorary, 4 Life, and 1 Honorary Club Manager.

Slip Renewal Contracts have nearly all been returned. As this process is completed, I will be contacting those on the move and wait lists who are "1st up" and eligible for a slip that could be available and of appropriate size.

Concerning the 2013 Edition of the SYC Roster Book, please let me know as quickly as possible if your profile information should be updated as our cut-off date for printing is coming soon.

Also, I am very aware that many of our members again experienced difficulty using the online information update process provided by our printing vendor. It is my opinion that we should continue to move toward an online solution, but the process MUST become more user friendly to be practical. As your Secretary, I apologize for the inconvenience this has caused, and will make every effort to see this process improved.

Finally, a couple of comments concerning our low water/dredging project. I am sure that the many

nuts and bolts of this project will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter, however we should all recognize the extraordinary time and effort that Greg Janik, Jim Gorman, George Supp (with his Harbor Committee) and others have invested on our behalf. Their continued efforts should ensure that Singapore Yacht Club is in the best possible position to operate successfully in an otherwise bad



Secretary,
Mike Applegate

Club Manager's Report by John Geier

At this time last year we were basking in warm spring sunshine and eagerly looking forward to our opening on April 15. We are still eager, but need the weather to start cooperating.

We are happy to report that our request for reimbursement for pump out expenses last year was approved and we have received the check. No one can recall the government working this fast. These monies are allocated through the clean water vessels act, and it covers 75% of the reported expenses.

The request for a new pool pump has also been approved. Since we are licensed as a public pool we have to apply with the state of Michigan for such equipment. It is

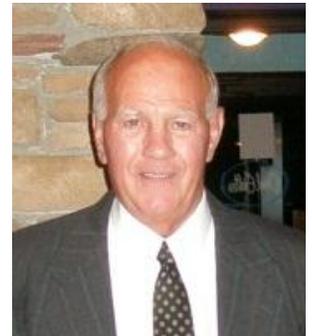
our desire to have this installed prior to opening the pool for the season.

Of course water depth is an ongoing subject of concern. Your bridge and board will cover this subject in more detail.

Dave Mulder, dock crew member, has resigned and taken a position with Grand Haven Yacht Club. We thank Dave for his service and wish him well.

Please remember that slip holders need to have their current insurance certificates, binders, etc. to the Dockmaster before they arrive for the season.

Again, looking forward to seeing everyone very shortly, and have a happy spring.



Dockmaster,
John Geier

Happy Spring! We hope you all had a terrific winter!

Our Auxiliary membership is growing by the day. We have lots of new members who we look forward to getting to know this coming season! Please, if you haven't joined, we would love you to do so.

I want to thank my Board, Phyllis, Sue, & Diane for all their help and guidance this past winter. I don't know what I would do without them!

We have been busy looking into the purchase of new planting pots for around the boardwalk and the pool area, they should help increase the beauty of our grounds.

Our first meeting of the year is May 18th @ 10 a.m. upstairs at the Butler. The Annual flower planting is on May 25th at 9 a.m. dockside.

There are many fun events planned for this coming season, including the Opening "Dinner" Party on June 1st poolside.

We hope to see you all there!



Auxiliary President,
Bobbie Applegate

Membership Committee Report

by Jack Query

As I start my year as your Membership Chairman I would like to thank Jim Curtis and his committee for all of their hard work in bringing in new members to SYC. I hope that we are as successful.

We started the year off right by taking in a new member, Mr. Sean Steele and his wife Jenni, and we have another person to interview this May, but we need more new members. The club is getting older and people are changing directions in their life.

Remember, there is a \$50.00 credit against next year's membership fee, to those members that sponsor a new member that is accepted into SYC.

**A big SYC Welcome to
Sean & Jenni Steele! Be sure to
welcome them and their children when
you see them on the docks.**

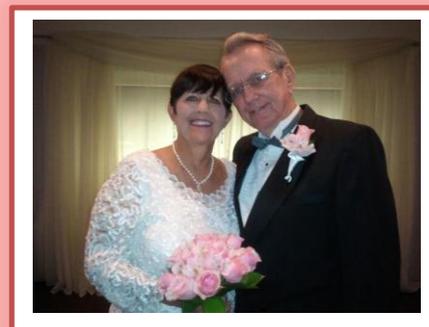


Recent Events

After a long courtship, Jack Martin and Sue Lignell were married at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas on New Year's Day. It was a small family affair attended by immediate family. We were able to enjoy the sights and sounds and fireworks of a New Year's celebration in Las Vegas.

We still have the boat moored in Saugatuck. Please stop by to see us in Slip 10 at Singapore Yacht Club if you are in the area.

Sue and I look forward to our new life together and wish everyone a great New Year.



Party in Paradise by Jim Curtis

The Party in Paradise was held on Thursday March 7th at the Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples, FL. We had 47 current or past members in attendance. The function began with a backwater cruise in the backwater of Naples. The cruise and club facilities were made available by Cory & Jean Koper, who belong to the yacht club.



After the cruise, we met in the club house for cocktails along with having conversations with those in attendance, after which we had an outstanding dinner, followed by our usual game event.

In the past years, we played several different games, such as Balloon Between the Bellies, Weenie Waggle, Bun Darts, Mary Lou Spin and of course, our Commodore Jim Gorman's favorite game "THE NOSE KNOWS".



Since the group in attendance is getting mature, we were provided a new game this year, as was developed by Jack and Noreen Bonzelaar. The game was Marine Trivia.

All had a great time and to think it will only be 11 months until the next event. Hope more members can attend.



Upcoming Events

May 18th

- Board Meeting 10am - Club room
- Auxiliary Meeting 10am – Butler
- Spring Party 5:30pm – Coral Gables

May 25th

- Auxiliary Flower Planting

June 1st

- Jr. SYC Marlinspike class

June 15th

- Family Picnic



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