

Singapore Yacht Club

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Commodore's Comments by Jim Gorman

Singapore Yacht Club is growing thanks to Membership Chairman, Jack Query, and members who sponsor their friends into Singapore Yacht Club. Thanks to Dock Master, John Geier and the dock crew for making Singapore Yacht Club grounds looking beautiful, and keeping the Boardwalk safe and inviting. When families are visiting Saugatuck and walking on the Boardwalk many inquire to come to John Geier about the club and joining the club.

June 15, 2013 was the day of the family picnic. The day started off with threatening weather, dark clouds and storms looming out over the lake heading towards

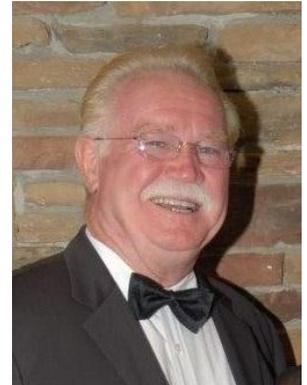
Saugatuck. Karl Thoma, social chairman, with Kimberly & Jay Shriver, chairpersons for the family picnic came together and said loud and clear that this family picnic will go on. I thank them for their commitment. The weather cleared and the picnic went ahead. Thanks to all that helped make this picnic the special day it turned out to be. The great food, the games, the prizes and the coming together to make this a memorable family picnic. I thank all who came out and supported this family picnic with their attendance and participation.

The Fourth of July parade in Saugatuck will be celebrated

with the members of Singapore Yacht Club marching in the parade. Thanks to David Holliday for delivering the Signature Singapore Yacht Club float. The kids on the float will be passing out the candy which is provided by the Auxiliary.

Dennis McCann will be contacting members soon regarding the Venetian Festival. Dennis is focused on keeping the trophy here at Singapore Yacht Club. He will be looking for participating in decorating your vessels, being in the poker run, and in the boat parade that night.

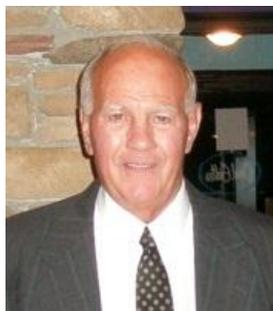
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Club Manager's Report by John Geier

The fence around the dumpster area has been completed. Staining will take place in a few weeks. It is requested that you do not "throw" your garbage over the fence. Thank you for your cooperation.



Have a happy and safe 4th of July.

Secretary's Report by Mike Applegate

Currently, Singapore Yacht Club has 143 members including:

- 114 Regular
- 10 Honorary
- 8 Surviving Spouse
- 6 Select Honorary
- 4 Life
- 1 Honorary Club Manager



Vice Commodore's Report by Doug Peet

John Geier, Tom, and Dave have worked hard to have our pool and grounds looking great. John is pleased how well the pump out system is now working. The new edging around the sign has been completed and looks wonderful.

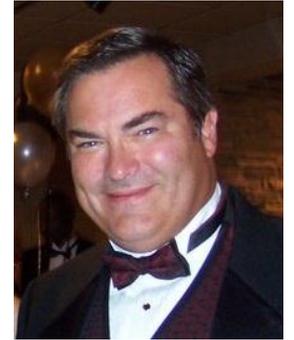
I checked with John one morning after severe weather the night before, and he reported there was clean up on the grounds and pool from the willow tree needed, and having to upright multiple grills. Boats were checked along

with their lines and SYC appears to have "weathered" the storm well. It is a relief for those of us removed from the club, to know our boats are cared for with the rise and fall of the Kalamazoo, and to have eyes on our boats.

The fence and the gates around the trash containers continues to move forward and looks great. Special thanks to Dave. Please advise everyone to open and close gates when depositing refuse and not attempt to practice their 3 point shot at the dumpster.

Direct TV continues to be problematic and I would encourage upgrading our system in the near future. Hopefully the internet is working better now. Please let John know of any problems.

We are still waiting on our new tables. Please advise all members that tables are not assigned to any dock but to be shared by all members. Also we have busy weekends upon us. Please be considerate in parking multiple cars. The parking lot is a member benefit for all members, both slip holders and non-slip holders.



Auxiliary Report by Bobbie Applegate

Summer is finally here!

The last month or so the Auxiliary has been busy purchasing and planting new flower pots for the board walk. The flowers are starting to bloom beautifully! Thanks to all who helped us plant. Our Dock Manager and crew were a huge help during these two projects and we thank them! We would also like to thank Bryan Safranski for all of his help during these projects.

On June 1st we hosted a "free" Italian Dinner. The attendance was terrific! We had about 75 people join us, and a good time was had by all. A special thanks to the Butler for their help in cooking, and allowing us to use the Squirrel Cage. There are so many more people to thank for putting this gathering together, I can't list them all by name, so thanks to all of you!

July 13th we're having "Docktails" on the Boardwalk. There will be volunteer boats for tours, and they will be serving cocktails and appetizers on the dock. Jean Koper and her committee are busy putting this together and it should be great fun! The boats are from the Ghetto all the way up to the North End.

As always I want to thank my Board, Phyllis Hanna, Diane Borneman and Sue Lignell for all of their hard work!



The Membership Committee would like to report that we now have accepted into membership (8) new members for 2013.

We started the year with Sean & Jenni Steel, and now have added Brittany Soeder, Ann Marie Uetz, Lance Winchester, Randy DeWeerd, Bill & Arlene Sowle, Carol Hoyt, and Nate Scherpenisse.

A big SYC Welcome to our New Members! Be sure to welcome them when you see them on the docks.

Sean & Jenni Steel have a slip at Sergeant's, Nate Scherpenisse & Brittany Soeder are in slip 49. Randy DeWeerd and Bill Sowle are on the wait lists for a slip.



Brittany Soeder



Ann Marie Uetz



Lance Winchester



Randy DeWeerd

Spring Party by Karl Thoma

Thanks to everyone in the club for their generosity at the spring party, it was a great success! This allows us all to enjoy all our great activities throughout the rest of the year.

A special thank-you to all who helped set up and made this a truly great party; Coral Gables & Theresa, Sheridan & Judy Treis, Brian Safranski, Diane Borneman, Bill & Bob Nemedi, Tina

Perry, Jack & Linda Query, Jim & Cathy Gorman, Kim & Nancy Hall, Ward & Mo Zeipen, Becki Zeipen, Kim Shriver, Elizabeth Boerema, Heather Myers, Dennis & MariAnne McCann, and Dave Holliday. I'm sure I forgot someone McCann, and Dave Holliday. I'm sure I forgot someone.

Members and guests were able to enjoy an array of burgers, hot dogs, brats and



Jr. SYC event by Becki Zeipen

The Singapore Jr. Yacht Club held its first event of the season on Saturday June 1st. Led by Greg Janik, ten of our younger members practiced their skills in 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. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a grilled hot dog lunch served up by Jeanie Martin & Becki Zeipen.



Family Picnic by Kim Shriver

Thanks for another successful SYC Family Picnic, where great fun was had by all. Despite the threat of rain, we are thrilled by the members and the guests who joined SYC in the festivities. The day started off for the kids at 3:00 PM when the games started under the direction of Heather and Jeff Myers.

Heather organized the children's games. Assisted by Karen Carey and Becki Zeipen, the kids played games such as Two Liter Ring Toss, Sack Race and Tug of War. The Water Balloon toss and the Crazy Clothes relay were the highlights of the day with an encore round of the Crazy Clothes relay for the parents and grandparents. We are lucky that Becki Zeipen and Cathy Gorman were at the ready to capture pictures of that event! The toddlers had great fun, digging for coins and fishing for rubber ducky's among other events.

For the adults, Jeff Myers oversaw a very competitive round of bean-bag toss. Lots of kids with poker chips kept the prize table busy, under the care of Cathy Gorman, Linda Querry and Joni LaGrand. We had a special treat this year and were visited by a stilt walker, providing authentic Island Style entertainment enjoyed by all ages. Even though the games started under the threat of rain, the weather held off and broke into a beautiful sunny evening just before dinner was served. We had a huge team of chefs coordinated by Karl Thoma and Jay Shriver. Thanks to Ward & Monica Zeipen, Bob Deacon, Dennis McCann, and all those who helped get the food prepped, cooked and served.

smoked sausage. People were able to enjoy the traditional "make your own" ice cream sundae dessert.

A special thanks to Steve and Elizabeth Boerema who helped set up all of the food tables and coordinate the logistics. To make a great picnic you have to have great help and we had the best! A special thanks to Brian Safranski and Heather Myers who volunteered for dish duty, Kim and Nancy Hall who handled tickets, and Wendell Carey & Diane Borneman who pitched in for clean-up and anything else needed. Thanks to our dock crew for setting up and putting everything away.



Upcoming Events

4th of July Parade – Thursday July 4th, 10am decorate float;
1pm meet at the high school

Jr. Members' USCG water safety class - Saturday July 6th, 10:30am

Docktails - Saturday July 13th, 4-6pm

Venetian Festival & Boat Parade – Saturday July 27th

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