

Singapore Yacht Club

April 2014 Newsletter

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Commodore's Comments by Doug Peet

I sit in my office looking out the window, and watch mass quantities of white stuff emanating from the skies. It's the winter that won't go away. In central Indiana, we will break all records for cold and snow. This pales with the winter that our friends in South West Michigan have gone through. I would guess that our poor friends in Florida have had to struggle through temperatures from time to time that were too low to help maintain those crucial tan lines!

The polar vortex may potentially affect our opening at Singapore Yacht Club. Currently, the water is a little hard for most boating activities. There has been some significant shifting of pilings and piers. Further, there more likely will be additional damage as the ice thaws. Depending on the weather over the next several weeks, and scheduling by our vendor in repairing the damage, not all the docks may be available in a little over a month.

Your Vice Commodore, Greg Janik and I will be working with John Geier to bring you updates on the status of our slips. If you are an early in the season arriver, it is possible the slips may not be ready on April 15, or you might have to temporarily slip in a slip other than your own. Please talk with John Geier several days before your scheduled arrival. Thank you, Mother Nature for a winter that will gain possibly a full foot of water over last year!

Please let spring begin!



Commodore,
Doug Peet

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

Secretary's Report by Mike Applegate

Currently, Singapore Yacht Club has 140 members including:

112 Regular
12 Honorary
6 Surviving Spouse
4 Select Honorary
4 Life
1 Honorary Lifetime Club Manager

All 50 slips are currently assigned.

Please welcome the following new slip holders:

Jeff Cavanagh #4
Scott Prince #5
Wendell Carey #37
Mike Boros #45

Also:

Gary Salerno moved to #9
Bob Schuitema moved to #8

The Singapore Yacht Club 2014 Roster Book is completed. Many thanks for the timely response from our Members with your completed Roster Information Forms. I sincerely hope the new Roster Books meet with your expectations. The 2014 Membership Cards are also completed. For your convenience, both the Roster Books and Membership Cards will be mailed directly to each Member.

Finally, after what can only be called a BRUTAL winter, I look forward to an enjoyable 2014 Boating season, and seeing all of you soon!



Secretary,
Mike Applegate

Club Manager's Report by John Geier

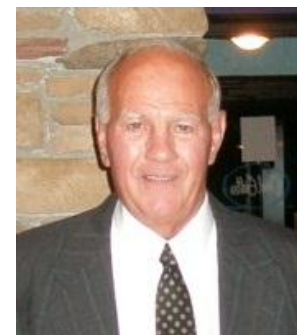
OPENING DAY DID NOT BRING IN ANY BOATS, MEMBERS OR TRANSIENTS. THE PICTURES WERE TAKEN AT 8:00 AM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15. THE PILINGS AND FINGER PIERS EXPERIENCED A ROUGH WINTER. THE REPAIR WORK HAS BEEN

COMPLETED BY LAKE CONSTRUCTION AND AS OF THIS WRITING (4/22) WE HAVE 5 BOATS IN THEIR SLIPS. AS A REMINDER TO SLIP HOLDERS YOUR CURRENT INSURANCE BINDER NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CLUB BEFORE YOUR BOAT ARRIVES.

AT THE DECEMBER 7, 2013 BOARD MEETING IT WAS COLLECTIVELY DECIDED THAT "THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED WHEN THE DOCK CREW LEAVES UNLESS REQUESTED TO STAY OPEN (BUT NO LATER THAN 10:00 P.M.) AND A BOARD MEMBER OR A BOARD MEMBER DESIGNEE AGREES TO SUPERVISE AND PROPERLY CLOSE THE POOL AREA."

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME BILL JAPINGA (JAP- IN- GA) TO THE DOCK CREW AS WELL AS RETURNING DOCK CREW MEMBER TOM NYLAND.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL MEMBERS THIS YEAR AND WISH YOU A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER.



Dockmaster,
John Geier

Harbor Report by George Supp

The water levels in our slips are up in the neighborhood of 15 inches from last year at this time. We have 6 1/4 rungs showing on the yellow ladder outside the Dock master's office.

Sergeants Marina did dredge last week several of their slips on the outer half of their finger pier and may have created some additional silt for us. Hopefully, with some of our slip traffic some of that can move further downstream.

Lake Michigan water levels are also rising and as of April 18th are up 13 inches and are expected to rise another 4 inches by May 18th.

In regards to the KLHA, the rise of water levels has tabled the need for immediate emergency dredging of channels around the perimeter of the Lake. The city of Douglas may go ahead and dredge Wades Bayou. The direction the Harbor Authority is now taking is that of a long range solution to the problem. They may decide to build islands with dredge material on each side of the river channel to speed up the water flow and hopefully keep the silt moving.

Any major work would require money to be raised from a bond issue or assessment and would require a vote of the people.

Treasurer's Report by Corey Koper

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2014. SYC is in a good cash position for the start of the seasons. Slip fees and membership dues are current and up to date.

Recent Events

Winter Party by Mike Applegate

"When it snows, ain't it thrillin'?
Tho' your nose, gets a chillin'
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,
Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland"

And frolic we did! Saturday evening December 7, 2013, Wickes Park Bar and Grill was transformed into a "Winter Wonderland" by Hosts Wendell and Karin Carey, along with Doug and Robin Peet, Kathy Mattison and Mike Applegate who welcomed the SYC winter faithful with appetizers and refreshments.

After the mingling, socializing, and catching up with the SYC family, a wonderful dinner centered around a main course of either Bacon Wrapped Filet of Beef or Baked Grouper that was served by Christopher & Christine Pierce's skilled and attentive staff.

The frolicking continued late into the night with dancing to great music provided by the band. Special thanks to Mike and Trish Boros who captured the festivities in photographs which can be seen on Photobucket.com. Just go to <http://photobucket.com/> enter user ID "SYC09" and Password "Singapore09" then go to "Library" then "Albums" and "2014 Historian Pics" "2013 Winter Party" (it's easier than it sounds!)

Many thanks to all those who braved the elements to come to our "Winter Wonderland" We hope you had fun, we certainly did!

New Members

Please welcome our new members when you see them on the docks or at our events!

Steve & Brenday Marcy

Rick & Deborah Nykamp

Bobbie Applegate

Upcoming Events



May 17th

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

May 24th

- Jr. SYC Marlinspike class

May 31st

- USCGA Vessel inspections

June 7th

- Auxiliary Summer Kick-off Cocktail Party

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