

Singapore Yacht Club

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Commodore's Comments by Doug Peet

I know everyone is happy to finally get some warmer temperatures. It's great to see our members using the pool facilities and visiting friends on our old and our two new tables. It's great to renew old friendships and develop new ones. What a special club we have!

Many thanks to our Social Committee, and to all who helped out at the Spring Party and Chinese Auction. Also, many thanks to those who helped strong arm our members to buy raffle tickets. Congratulations to Kim Shriver and Heather Myers for selling the most raffle tickets. Our grounds are looking great thanks to John Geier and the dock crew and with the addition of our flowers courtesy of the Auxiliary. We look forward to our Auxiliary pool party this evening.

We again look forward to next weekend for the family picnic chaired by Becki Zeipen, with the Shriver's leading the games, Tim Pearl heading up the grilling, and participation of so many of our members.

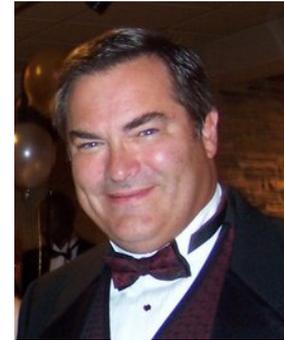
Our great Social Committee, chaired by the Zeipens, Pauls, and Martins are working hard for the club, with preparation of Cruise and Rendezvous well under way along with chair Bob and Jeanie Martin.

I am very excited that Jeff Cavanaugh will be at the helm of this year's Venetian Festival and SYC's successful campaign to return the trophy back where it belongs. Please consider placing your boat in the boat parade, and please, everyone register for the Poker run.

Finally, I want to thank our dedicated Bridge and Board for all their efforts on behalf of Singapore Yacht Club. Also, many thanks, to all our Committees. It takes many dedicated people to make SYC run efficiently.

Doug Peet

SYC Commodore



Commodore,
Doug Peet

**Don't forget to look at all the
awesome pictures of our events on
SYC's Photo bucket account !**

Secretary's Report by Mike Applegate

Currently, Singapore Yacht Club has 139 members including:

111 Regular

4 Life

12 Honorary

6 Surviving Spouse

1 Honorary Lifetime Club Manager

5 Select Honorary

All 50 are slips are currently assigned. Please welcome the following new slip holder:

Bob Nemedi (Tina Perry) – Slip #22

It is an absolute pleasure to finally have some decent summer weather to complement our incredibly beautiful surroundings at Singapore Yacht Club!

Speaking of surroundings, there is certainly one thing missing --- the Saugatuck Venetian Fest Trophy which should be in our club room where it belongs. I know Jeff Cavanagh and his committee are working hard to bring the trophy back to Singapore Yacht Club, but it takes PARTICIPATION. Please consider one of the many ways to show your support for SYC. Possibly decorate your boat, enter the Dinghy Poker Run, or enter your decorated boat or dinghy in the Boat Parade. Remember, not only does this show pride in our club but ultimately helps those in the community who most need help. See Jeff or check out <http://saugatuckvenetianfest.org> for more details and <http://cowhill.us> to see more about helping the less fortunate in the Saugatuck/Douglas area.



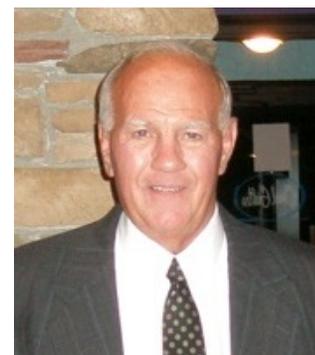
Secretary,
Mike Applegate

Club Manager's Report by John Geier

It has been a busy club since opening on April 15. The finger pier steps have been completed with fresh paint and the finger piers have been re-secured with 2 1/2 inch screws. We have started a spider "control" program (no guarantees) with the first application being applied on June 26. Dock box tops were cleaned. Boxes at the south end have an issue with sap or some kind of substance from the tree at the street end. We will be wiring the coaxial cable to the club room for the much anticipated new tv, wii, games, etc. The new internet with Comcast has been installed and we are tweaking it with the assistance of Networks IT. Directv will be here on July 9 to replace some outdated

and in operative equipment. The office (SHACK) will be going through an electrical up grade. With the increased activity in the pool we ask that you let a dock crew member know of your presence. The dock crew is familiar with many members but not necessarily of the many guests or those of you who do not frequent the pool. The board of directors has authorized after hours (once dock crew leaves) pool usage if a board member or past commodore is present and assumes responsibility. Pump outs are done on Monday with Tuesday as a backup. Turn your signs only if a pump out is needed. The dock crew continues to maintain the grounds and we are very pleased with the results. We are in the midst of finalizing transient dockage with the Chicago Yacht Club while our members are in Grand Haven.

May the second half of the season bring great boating.



Dockmaster,
John Geier

Harbor Report by George Supp

As of July 4, 2014 Lake Michigan water levels are up 14 inches over July 4, 2013. The big lake has a major influence on our water depths. We lose some to accumulated silt that settles out in our slips. Because of the higher water levels, the emergency dredging of channels that was proposed last year is now tabled. Both Saugatuck and Douglas have allocated moneys for an engineering study for a longer range solution to the ongoing silt problem and one that will identify the origins of the silt upstream. This could lead to: silt traps upstream, channels to move and direct the water faster to keep the silt moving out to Lake Michigan, farming to be farther away from the banks of the river, etc. Legislative involvement by Allegan County may be also be some of the conclusions of this forthcoming study and others once an engineering firm is selected.

Auxiliary Report by Phyllis Hanna

"The purpose of the Auxiliary shall be to help better acquaint all Members and First Mates of Singapore Yacht Club and to promote good fellowship and social activities."

The auxiliary has been very busy over the previous fall and winter months planning activities that we feel fall within the stated purpose in our by-laws.

As of this writing the Auxiliary has hosted two of the planned events for this year. Mother Nature threw a curve ball at us for the flower planting in May, but with lots of eager and resilient helpers and hands we were able to get it done. We hope everyone is enjoying them, especially the herbs. I've been told that the cherry tomatoes are starting to make their appearance!

On June 7th we hosted the Summer Kick-off Cocktail Party that I was unable to attend, but I'm told everyone attending enjoyed the evening and Mother Nature cooperated better this time! Our raffle winners were Randy DeWeert, Judy Treis and Bill Nemedi. Thank you to everyone that participated and helped out for the evening.

We have been busy finalizing plans for our future events for the club and members to participate in along with funding various projects to enhance the club. The Auxiliary has purchased the AED battery pack refresh kit so the club will remain in compliance. **It is kept in the dock shop during working hours & in the ladies rest room after hours.** We are also looking at other items that would/could enrich the club's environment.

Singapore Yacht Club will again be participating in the Saugatuck 4th of July parade. Dave and Cindy Holliday are coordinating this group along with Sue Lignell and Jack Martin. If you will be at the club on this day, please join the group walking the parade and show the Singapore Spirit!

On July 19th we will be hosting Docktails for all club members. As of this writing we have 6 boat owners that have volunteered to host stations for this event. Look for more details to come and we hope many of you will come out and enjoy spending time with each other.

On September 20th we will be hosting a Chili Cook-off. Look for more details to come on this in the future.

The dock boxes have been restocked with t-shirts and hats for sale as in previous years. We have ordered a new item for this year, a collapsible drink koozie. These are a different design than what had been stocked in previous years and when they arrive a notice will be sent to the members. Due to space constraints we can only stock a limited amount of items for sale to members and guests.

Club members that would like to purchase other items with the Singapore Burgee and/or boat names embroidered can order various items directly from Lands End. Feel free to contact me for the instructions on how to order along with the code needed for the burgee.

Hope the season continues to be a great one for all!!!!

Recent Events

Spring Party by Steve & Elizabeth Boerema

The Spring Party on May 17th was themed "Armed Forces Day". Guests were encouraged to wear anything that would honor Singapore Yacht Club Members who served in the United States of America Armed Forces. There were 18 members and guests in attendance that have served in the United States Armed Forces, and to you All we say Thank You.

The event was held at Coral Gables and was attended by 109 members and guests. Guests were greeted by Gary & Mary Battaglia and Shirley Young & Dick Clee. The evening started with Hors d'ouvres, and raffle tickets were sold by Becki Zeipen, Heather Myers, Kim Shriver, and Jeanie Martin. Attendees also had the opportunity to bid on over 20 auction items, assisted by Jan Anderson & Jere Whiteley and Wendell & Karin Carey. Almost 200 bids were placed which will keep our Jr. SYC members busy, with a Thank You note being sent for each bid received to current Armed Forces service members.

A wonderful meal was presented by Coral Gables consisting of a Mixed Green Salad, followed by either Filet Mignon topped with Boursin Cheese or Mustard Glazed Plank Salmon, accompanied with Fresh Asparagus and Basil Oven Roasted Red Skin Potatoes. Afterward, the auction and raffle ticket prizes were distributed by Joe Zeipen and Bob Pauls.

Once again the generosity and participation of club members near and far made the evening a great success. Special thanks to all the local vendors for their donations to the club, Denise Dedic for helping to pull it all together, and Becki Zeipen for rescuing us every time we needed help.

Family Picnic by Becki Zeipen

Another successful Family Picnic took place on Saturday June 14th. Great fun was had by 34 kids and 78 adults that attended on a beautiful sunny and mild day. It was the first time in a few years we weren't worried about thunderstorms getting the food wet!

The games started at 3:00pm under the direction of Kim Shriver, assisted by Karin Carey, and Heather & Jeff Myers. The game lineup included Hot Potato, Fender Roll, Squirt gun-Ping Pong Ball Race, Water Balloon Toss, Crazy Clothes Relay, Sack Race, Soda Ring Toss, and the old favorite, Tug of War. The little tykes were kept busy with the Duck Pond, searching for coins, Ring toss/Bowling, Clothes Pin Drop, and what family picnic would be complete without the traditional Clown toss. Jay Shriver presided over the traditional corn-hole game for the adults, all of whom were vying for the adult beverage prize to be awarded.

Lots of kids with poker chips kept the prize table hopping, under the supervision of Monica Zeipen, Diane Borneman, and Joanie Curtis. Everyone went home with several items, due to Cathy Gorman's expertise shopping talents resulting in lots of prizes to choose from. Parents, you have her to thank for there being no candy on the table! It seems the brightly colored t-shirts Becki Zeipen has been getting the past couple of years are so popular, we may go NEON PINK next year?

After the games, everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner of brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, watermelon, potato chips, and lots of sodas for kids and beer for the adults. The traditional "make your own" ice cream sundae bar, scooped by Becki Zeipen & Kim Shriver, was the perfect end to a perfect day.

To have great picnic for our families you have to have great help, and we had many members step up to the plate and volunteer their time! Becki Zeipen spent countless hours planning, organizing, shopping, and managing the function. Barbara Pauls printed the invites and was integral in setting up the food for the day. She was joined by Nancy Hall, Ward Zeipen, Karin Carey, Jeanie Martin, and Diane Borneman in prepping food & setting up the tables. Mike & Trish Boros made sure that money was collected and wrist bands were attached. Tim Pearl, Bryan Safranski, Wendell Carey, Dennis McCann, Jeff Cavanagh, Kim Hall, and our professional chicken griller, Dick Van Sheltema, kept the grills cranking out the main dishes. To finish off the day, our cleanup crew and kitchen staff included everyone listed above, as well as Nate Scherpenisse & Brittany Soeder. Many thanks go out to the dock crew for their help in moving the tables around, collecting garbage bags, and being there for any needs that arose.

I am sure I've forgotten someone that helped with the picnic, as so many jumped in at the last minute to assist. If I have inadvertently left someone off my "Thank you" list, please know it's only because that day is a blur. It's a good thing this year's Historians Mel Ott & Gary Battaglia took some good pics of the day's action, so I can check them out on our SYC photo bucket album to refresh my memory ☺

And to my husband Joe Zeipen, thank you for your patience as I organized yet another SYC event! ~ Becki

Jr. SYC Events by Becki Zeipen

Marlinspike Class

The Singapore Jr. Yacht Club held its first event of the season on Saturday May 24th. Seven of our younger members practiced their skills in marlinspike out on the docks, to get a more realistic feel for handling the lines. Everyone was attentive and diligent, as they practiced a few different nautical knots under the guidance of Greg Janik and Robin Peet. Somehow there ended up being a girls group and a boys group...I won't say who showed the better skills!

It was a very informative and hands on experience, with some fun thrown in for good measure. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a grilled hot dog lunch served up by Barb Pauls & Becki Zeipen.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Youth Outreach

On the morning of Saturday June 14th, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary presented their Youth Outreach safety program to thirteen Jr. SYC members. Our clan is pretty knowledgeable, so they had to "kick it up a notch" this year! Not only did they bring the boat to practice water rescues, but the kids had a chance to learn about navigation with a couple of kayaks in the pool. The lesson ended with handling some Sea Lamprey....eeewwww.

Thank you to our local US Coast Guard Auxiliary Members Gaye Blind & Charles Lang for taking time out of their busy schedules, and teaching our kids the importance of water safety.

New Members

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

Steve & Brenda Marcy, Rick & Deborah Nykamp, and Bobbie Applegate

Upcoming Events

- **July 4** – 4th of July Parade
- **July 19** – Aux Docktails
- **July 25-26** – Saugatuck Venetian Festival, Dinghy Poker Run & Boat Parade
- **August 7-10** – Cruise & Rendezvous, Grand Haven
- **August 16** – Jr. SYC Movie Night
- **August 23** – Commodore's Party



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