



# Singapore Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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### Commodore's Corner by Joe Clark



What a great summer so far. It is hard to contrast the weather between June and July. We went from near winter conditions in June to what amounts to a tropical, hot and steamy remainder of the summer. I hope all of our members have been able to dodge the thunderstorms and enjoy some safe and happy great lakes boating.

Cruise and Rendezvous was a terrific event this year. Kathy Mattison and her crew did a fantastic job with the venue and the South Haven Municipal was more than accommodating. It was a great weekend of activities and the dinner at South Haven Yacht club was outstanding. The weather even pitched in and gave some of our members a chance to practice poor visibility steaming on the way home.

For those of you who were unable to make the Commodore's party, you missed a great event. The clouds parted to a clear, cool and beautiful evening. As usual the Butler went to great lengths to accommodate us and to make sure everyone had a good time. Between Todd, Vicki, Scott, Stephen and Emily we had the whole Butler family involved. Honorary Member Verse White and his wife, Pat, even pitched in to help. Thanks so much guys.

Speaking of effort, Linda and Max Elenbaas, along with an entourage of others really went to town and deserve a great big round of thanks for putting on a show. It was a fantastic evening guys!!! I don't know how you got Charlie's Angles to show up and put on a skit nor do I understand how you got them to look a little like Doug Peet, Jim Gorman and Bob Martin dressed in drag (truth be told it was kind of scary). Also if I didn't know he was so refined I would swear that Charlie's voice was that of Mike Applegate.

Speaking of the Butler, the Bridge and Board unanimously elected to extend a special honorary membership to Todd and Jodi as well as Vicki and Scott. I hope you will all join me in welcoming them to the Singapore family and encourage them to come down and spend some play time with us down on the docks.

I am sure you all have noticed that the club grounds look fantastic. Every time I walk down the docks I can't help but feel proud to be part of Singapore. Many thanks to our Vice Commodore Bob Martin, our dock crew John, Tom and Dave, and all of the members who have pitched in this year.

As always I want to thank our Bridge, Board and committee members. I know there is so much work happening behind the scenes and that it takes a huge effort to keep our club going. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

Have a great rest of summer and see you down on the docks soon.

## Club Manager's Report by John Geier



Another year is quickly coming to a close. The dock crew appreciates the cooperation all season from the members of Singapore Yacht Club. For those of you who are interested, last year the pool was decommissioned on September 29. A date to close the pool this year has not been established. We will do our best to keep it open as long the weather cooperates.

We completed many projects this year, some were small and others were small that became large. We anticipate more positive upgrades in 2012. For example, we are investigating extending the emergency ladders for slips 49 and 50 and reviewing the possibility of adding two additional serrated steps to all the emergency ladders in the club.

The dock crew wishes everyone a safe and healthy off season.

## Vice Commodore's Report by Bob Martin



It's been another great year for Singapore yacht club House and Grounds. I'd like to give many thanks to Commodore Clark and the Board for their support during the year. Also, a big thanks to the Membership for their patience and understanding as 2011 have also had its issues. John and crew have worked through a number of maintenance and equipment failures. Things break and that is and will be for certain for now and the future. Please be assured that time is well spent and economics are considered in the repairs

and or replacements of failing stuff.

Thanks also to the members who assisted with their expertise in the effort to repair our entry gate. Bill Nemedi, Jack Martin, Jim Curtis, Chuck Richards and others who had interest. Although after much time and effort, the failing gate could not be reasonably repaired. After much discussion it was decided to go to a 1-gate system at this time. We were able to utilize one working gate with a new 16 ft board and reflectors, cut to fit and painted by our Club Manager, John Geier and crew for less than \$50.00. We realize this may not be a permanent solution but the \$3000.00 savings can apply to the future of House and Grounds.

The Clubroom project has been completed with the new Cabinets installed, countertops, new electric, plumbing and new sink. Thanks to Joe Clark and the Board for their support for this

upgrade to our Clubroom. Thanks to Mary Battaglia for all her efforts to shop, design, meet with trades, endless meetings with the Butler etc. Thanks also to the Auxiliary for their getting this long awaited project moving with their offer to split the cost. The Bridge and Board voted to not accept the Auxiliary's offer and finance the project with Club reserves set aside for grounds improvement.

## Treasurer's Report by Jim Gorman



It seems impossible that we are already in the third quarter of the 2011 boating season and it will soon be over! In spite of the economy, price of gasoline, and high unemployment, the club is looking at a financially successful season. All 48 slips are filled and have generated a total of \$189,403 for the year. The current transient dockage is \$900.00 OVER last year's total for the season. John is confident that we will reach our projected budget figures for transient boaters. This is due to hard work of the dock crew and the cooperation of our member slip holders who have diligently notified the crew when their slip would be available.

Some of the projects completed this year were the stripping of the parking lot; installing a ramp at the parking lot end of the boardwalk; and repairing of the parking lot gate at a greatly reduced cost because of the options John was able to give us. Thank you, John.

Jim Curtis and the Membership Committee were successful in bringing in five new members so far this year, generating \$3,390.00 in new members' dues and initiation fees.

After several years of waiting and a lot of follow-up on the club's part, we were able to finalize the outstanding account receivable from the State of Michigan for their grant to us for our pump-out system. The total grant turned out to be \$6,938.00, a little higher than we had been expecting. You will recall that they paid us about half of it right away but then the paper work "got lost" for the remainder of the grant. Thanks to the continued follow-up starting with Dick Christian and then John and myself, we were able to collect the account.

The Financial Committee, consisting of members Karl Thoma, Ken LaGrand, Jack Querry, and Club Manager, John Geier and myself has started work on the 2012 budget. If you have any ideas for projects you feel need addressing in 2012, the committee will take them under advisement.

## Secretary's Report by Doug Peet



The total membership as of August 20, 2011 was 138.

Regular Members – 121

Life Members – 3

Honorary and Surviving Spouse – 14

The membership committee, under Jim Curtis' leadership has been able to bring in five new members this year. The committee is developing several programs to promote additional membership and will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The ballots for the Board and Bridge elections have gone out to all members in good standing. Please remember to review them, place your vote, and return them to me or to John Geier, Club Manager in the provided envelope or one marked prominently with **BALLOT**. The nominees presented by Past Commodore, Gary Battaglia's committee are as follows:

Commodore – Bob Martin

Vice Commodore – Jim Gorman

Secretary – Doug Peet

Treasurer – Greg Janik

Directors (select two): Jan Anderson; Steve Boerema; Bob Pauls; Bob Schuitema

Results will be tallied at the Board meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> and reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting at 3:00 PM that day. Don't forget, also, that Janet Clark, wife of our current Commodore, will host a cocktail party that day, starting at 5:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer to pass; drinks will be provided by the club.

If you have any roster corrections during the year to your membership information, please e-mail them to [singaporeyachtclubsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:singaporeyachtclubsecretary@yahoo.com). My thanks go out to Mary Battaglia for her assistance in publishing the Roster, and to Mel Ott for maintaining our on-line Roster. The new Membership and Roster forms for 2012 will be sent to you with a return by date of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are a slip holder, you received your slip deposit and reservation form with your ballot package. Reservation deposits are due back by September 1<sup>st</sup> and any slips not reserved will be reassigned as per Ground Rule #37.

When a member receives his first slip assignment, per Ground Rule #3 and #32, it shall be probationary for the first year, and is contingent on the participation of the member in the club's activities. A review will be made by the Bridge and Board following the Annual Meeting to determine a regular assignment or slip assignment changes. All slip holders are **REQUIRED** to provide insurance documentation to the Club Manager annually. Failure to do so can affect your continued slip assignment.

## Auxiliary Report by Nancy Hall



The SYC Auxiliary is enjoying a very good year both in membership and revenues. We are extremely pleased with the new member attendance at our last auxiliary meeting.

We are currently awaiting delivery of the four additional pool area high back chairs which will make complete matching sets for the tables. We have also approved up to \$1,500.00 to purchase defibrillators to have available for emergency use at the club.

The SYC spirit was demonstrated to the citizens of Saugatuck during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Our “old reliable” sailboat float was remade by Cindy Holliday into a dinghy with an outboard motor! The addition of a “bubble machine” was fun for the kids, as was the candy our large contingent of marchers and riders passed out. The dinghy lunch bunch cruise was very well attended and we were blessed with a beautiful beach day of 90 degrees and flat seas that allowed us to actually leave the harbor and cruise to a white sand beach off the Saugatuck Dunes Nature Area.

The Auxiliary Change of Watch will be held at Pumpnickel’s Restaurant on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## New Members by Jim Curtis – Membership Chairman

We are pleased to introduce three new members to the club this month. Michael DeISordo and his Significant Other, Stephanie Cotton, are from Howell, MI. Michael’s boat name is “Half Full” and is slipped at Sergeants’ Marina. Paul Lewis and his wife, Sally Sparks are from Bloomfield Hills, MI. Unfortunately, we did not get a picture of Paul and his wife. Jorge Haro is from Chicago, IL and his boat name is “Pending”. Complete information on all three new members is available from our on-line roster.



Michael DeISordo



Jorge Haro

## Harbor Committee Report by Greg Janik

The following comments highlight key points of the Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee's recent meetings.

While the Harbor Committee acknowledges the slow pace at finding a solution to the dredging problem, progress is being made. The committee has had to explore many options and has encountered many road blocks along the way.

Douglas City Manager Bill LeFevere expressed concern for moving along fast enough to meet requirements in the formation of the Harbor Authority.

Discussion took place at the Kalamazoo River Protection Meeting with an estimated time line for clean-up. There is reason to believe it could be 2017 before we could see clean-up in our area, and that is if the Super Fund still has money remaining.

A draft has been created for the Inter-local Agreement which allows the creation of a Harbor Authority. Currently, the Cities of Douglas and Saugatuck are included in the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement. If Saugatuck Township chose to be included they would have to join before December in order to take advantage of PA 94.

The Harbor Committee will present its draft plan for the new authority to Saugatuck and Douglas city councils at a special meeting August 30th. The meeting will take place Saugatuck High School at 7:00 p.m.

Exciting news! The cruise ship Yorktown will be visiting Saugatuck in 2012. The 257-foot-long, which draws just eight feet, will be docking at Wicks Park. Yorktown's visit will be a great boost to the economy as well as draw attention to our harbor. The last time we had a cruise ship visit Saugatuck was in 2001. The Le Levant drew 12 feet and had trouble navigating the bends in the river.

## Social Committee Report by Mike and Bobbie Applegate

We are pleased to report the success of the 2011 "Blue Hawaii" Cruise and Rendezvous, August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>, in South Haven, and the "Average Joe (Clark)" Commodore's Party held August 20<sup>th</sup> on the Butler's lawn. Our many thanks to Kathy Mattison and her Cruise and Rendezvous committee, and to Linda Elenbaas and her Commodore's Party committee for all of their hard work making these events both fun and memorable, and to the generosity and support of our membership.

Remember to get the dress clothes and dancing shoes ready for the annual "Change of Watch" party on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Coral Gables. See you there!!

# Venetian Festival

We haven't had official confirmation yet, but we believe we, once again, won the participation trophy for the Venetian Festival. The Festival committee has not asked us to return it so it could be awarded to a different club, so I think we're home free. Many thanks go out to all the members who took the time to decorate their boats in the slip, enter the dinghy poker run, and the Classic Car show. Bill Meyers took third place with his model A Ford pickup truck. We also had Jeff Cavanagh and Bill Meyers enter Classic Boats show – the only two entries!



## Cruise and Rendezvous by Kathy Mattison

This year's "Blue Hawaii" Cruise and Rendezvous started out with wind and waves, which prevented some of us from getting to South Haven on Wednesday. But as I have found out, this is a very determined group of boaters and competitive too!!! We had a total of 25 boats in South Haven for the weekend. Thanks to all who came and helped make this year's rendezvous a great success.

Thursday we overcame the obstacles and got to South Haven just in time to have the Jim Gorman and Jim Bauer cookout for lunch. Then we were on to our Blue Hawaiian Tiki Party, featuring appetizers prepared by Gary and Nancy Mein, Chris & Shelley Dibble and Jan Anderson and Jere Whiteley. A special thanks to Greg and Al Delinski for their generous contribution of the alcohol which we used to concoct two different "Blue" Hawaiian drinks.

Friday was the Digital scavenger hunt, which of course is when I first really discovered the competitiveness of this group. Wow, I now need to make changes to the rules, fun was had by all, including lots of the South Haven residents!!!! The stories are still being told.

Saturday was the "Minute to Win it Games", with all the hard work being handled by Chris and Shelley Dibble, great job to the both of them!

Saturday evening was our dinner accommodated and held at the South Haven Yacht Club. We had Hawaiian themed dinner choices of Hawaiian Chicken, Flat iron Steak or Salmon, and as I understand, they all were good. Our band for the evening, "Decades" provided the musical entertainment.

My thanks goes out to Gary and Nancy Mein, Chris and Shelly Dibble, Jim and Cathy Gorman, Jan Anderson and Jere Whiteley for all their help in making this year's rendezvous a success, I couldn't have done it without them.



A great number of additional photos of the Cruise and Rendezvous can be found on-line at our Photobucket.com location. E-mail me if you need the user name and password.

## Commodore's Party by Linda and Max Elenbaas

In spite of a rejection from the Liquor Control Commission for our permit to serve liquor for the Commodore's Party honoring "Average Joe" Clark, and a weather forecast that included severe thunderstorms, cooperation of the Butler and the weather resulted in a very successful party for the 84 attendees. The White and Phelps families joined to prepare a wonderful dinner with top-notch service by their staff. The storms came – and went – leaving a bright sunny day.

After the dinner and dessert, Past Commodore Bill Kaye and his wife, Ruth, along with a large group of "Average Joe's" family and friends, showed us all how "Average Joe" Clark spends his down time at home. And to make the evening complete, a surprise visit by "Charlie's Angels" Bridge members, trying to solve a problem that could threaten the club, resulted in a lot of fun and laffs.

Our thanks to Bill and Ruth Kaye, Mike and Bobbie Applegate, Shirley Young, Joanie Curtis, and Kathy Mattison plus a lot of volunteers who all pitched in to make sure the party was one to remember.



Go to [www.photobucket](http://www.photobucket) for more pictures of the Commodore's Party.