



SUNSET SHORES YACHT CLUB HAILOR

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COMMODORE

Bill Roberts

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING DIRECTORS NEEDED TO FILL POSITIONS

Dear Members - Welcome to S.S.Y.C. 2014.

Please review your enclosed Shareholder billing to make sure that all your information is correct: name, address, telephone numbers and E-MAIL addresses. If any information is incorrect, or you want to add new phone numbers or E-MAIL addresses, please make the corrections on the billing and return it to the club's PO Box.

We are currently appealing our tax assessment for 2013 and should have the results of the appeal by the Annual Meeting.

Our assessment will be \$550.00 this year. The dock loan principal & interest is \$141.38 per share so the total for those with dock loans will be \$691.38. The dock loan will be paid off in November, 2015. Please send your payments to **Sunset Shores Yacht Club, PO Box 488, Bay City MI 48706.**

Respectfully, **William G. Roberts, Commodore**

The **Annual Shareholder's Meeting** will be held April 26, 2014, at Sunset Shores Yacht Club Community Room. The meeting will start at **9:00 a.m.** with coffee and doughnuts provided.

Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers. This year we need to fill three vacancies on the board. Therefore, we are looking for interested members to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. If you have two hours a month to volunteer, please see any board member or call Bill Roberts at 989-695-2888.

OPERATIONS
John Cederstrom

We were happy with the new mowing and cleaning services contractor last year so all contracted services will remain the same as last year.

We will need to treat our ash tree for the emerald ash borer this year as the two year treatment was last done in 2012. We will wait and see what Bay Landscaping recommends this year in regards to treatment for cottony scale infestation. The lawn will again be treated for weed control, fertilization and insects.

We will be surveying the docks this spring for winter damage to determine if we need to contract for straightening and/or driving posts.

Board Member, Don Leidke, will again assume the duties of club maintenance person.

Electricity will be turned on and the gates unchained by April 8 so those members who have paid their dues will have access to the Club. Water will be turned on by April 21, weather permitting.

FLEET CAPTAIN
Tom Duch

During the 2013 boating season at SSYC we had 130 boats registered:

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| 99 Powerboats | 47 Shareholders |
| 31 Sailboats | 83 Renters |

Nine (9) slips were sold during the 2012 season.

Please include your slip number and name on all paperwork. It helps when recording the information.

The information concerning slips for rent and sale needs to be updated. Please e-mail the Fleet Captain fleetcaptain@sunsetshoresyachtclub.com with your updated information. Even if you want the information to remain the same we still want to hear from you.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION
Tom Pomerville

The Member Participation Committee (MPC) was established in 2009 to: (1) help eliminate some of the labor costs associated with the operations and maintenance of OUR Club (2) Assist OUR Board of Directors with their duties. With the help of our many VOLUNTEERS, both Shareholders and Renters, we have saved thousands of dollars in the last four years.

Projects completed in 2013 included:

- Weed control on the rip-rap
- Spring cleanup
- Floating trees and debris were removed
- Yearly audit was completed
- Community room updates including: concrete block painting, tile floor and cove base installation and installation of a new TV
- Sprinkler heads were marked on the asphalt drive with yellow paint
- Roadway lines were repainted
- Summer boater's party was held
- A new road drain was installed to prevent washouts near slip 84
- A washout at slip 99 was repaired
- Rip-rap was repaired at several areas
- Several other small projects

We have projects scheduled for the 2014 season, if you are interested in volunteering, Please contact any Board Member or myself at pomervillet@yahoo.com or 989-430-1959

Thanks to all of you who volunteered last year, we met new friends and enjoyed good times.

CLUB OPENING DATE
2014

Sunset Shores Yacht Club is scheduled to open this season on April 8, 2014. The electric will be turned on but not the water so the gates will operate but water will not be available in the bathrooms until about April 21.

Keys will be sent to members when the annual dues are paid. Please be sure your paperwork is in order before using the club.

Happy boating.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

ANTI-SIPHONING DEVICES

Please do not remove the anti-siphoning devices from the hose hook ups. They are required by law to be there.

DOCK BOXES

Please level up your dock boxes. Besides being unsightly, many are collecting rain water and providing breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

DOCK MODIFICATIONS

Modifications to your docks must meet club standards which require you to fill out a form to make those modifications. If your modifications are above or below the club standards then a variance must be applied for via a variance form, (See Don Leidke for forms). Owners please inform your renters of this requirement.

BIKE RACKS

Please use the racks and do not store bikes in the laundry rooms or back rooms of the bath houses.

NO FISH GUTS IN THE DUMPSTERS

Please, the dumpsters are not emptied often enough to make large deposits of fish guts in the dumpster acceptable.

CHILD SAFETY

Life jackets are to be worn at all times by all unsupervised children twelve (12) years old or younger when on club property.

PETS ON LEASH

Dogs must be kept on leashes when not on the boats of members, renters or guests. Please pick up after your pet, No pets allowed in the club buildings.

PERSONAL STORAGE

Please refrain from using the laundry and/or maintenance rooms for storage of personal items.

POWER SQUADRON

The power squadron will be at the club on June 14 & 15, 2014, 10:00am to complete a boat safety inspection. Sign up at either club house building and be safe out there.

EXTRA KEYS/OLD KEYS

If you need an extra key, contact Debbie Salisbury and Bill Roberts. Please drop old keys in boxes in bath houses.

DOCK LOWERING/RAISING

Members can adjust their own dock per club recommendations or Don Leidke and his team will adjust your dock for \$100 per side. Remember to discuss this with your dock mate.

DREDGING TOM POMERVILLE

2013 was a busy season for dredging at SSSC and BCYC.

In March, the spoils from previous years stored in the BCYC berm were hauled to the Whitefeather Landfill.

Also in March, Busch Marine was contracted by BCYC to mechanically dredge the North and South Waterway entrances and haul the spoils to the Island. While anchored in the South Waterway the dredging barge was struck by a freighter grounding it in the South Waterway.

In June, Michigan Marine was contracted by BCYC to hydraulically dredge the remaining areas. They removed 879 cu yds from the North Waterway entrance shared by SSSC and BCYC.

In September, Causley Marine was contracted by SSSC to mechanically dredge two problem areas inside our Club (the curve coming into the Club and the area from Slip 51 east to Slip 137). We removed 260 cu yds of very hard clay and hauled it to Whitefeather Landfill. A special thanks to Bay Aggregates for the use of their dock to unload our spoils.

To date our dredging expenses for 2013 are \$32,362 plus we owe 11.6% of the cost to remove the spoils in the berm from last year.

Many thanks go to our volunteer Members who spend countless hours checking water depth, marking shallow areas and monitor dredging operations for the safety of our boaters.

BoatUS

Sunset Shores Yacht Club is a BoatUS cooperating group (Group ID Number: GA82524Y). SSSC currently has a number of members who have enjoyed half-price BoatUS memberships.

BoatUS represents recreational boaters by working on Capitol Hill, ensuring safe boating and clean water for generations to come and by resolving Member disputes with boat dealers or manufacturers.

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