



SUNSET SHORES YACHT CLUB HAILOR

SSYC JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

GREETING FROM THE COMMODORE

Bill Roberts

I would like to welcome all of you to SSYC summer of 2015. The Board would like to thank Jeff Butcher who is an outgoing Board member. He did a wonderful job and is to be congratulated. We welcome our newest Board member, Jillian Piper, Share #164.

The Power Squadron will be conducting vessel safety checks at SSYC on June 13, 2015, at 10 A.M. This is a good way to keep your boat current and safe for the summer.

Please make sure you run your power cable up out of the water and out of the way and that it meets the club rating code.

My boat, NO SNOW, is in slip 105 and ready for summer. Please stop by with comments, suggestions or just to say Hi!

Have a good summer. Bill

Share your Hailor with your renter(s).

BOATING PARTY

The boating party has been scheduled for August 8, 2015, starting at 6:00pm. The theme this year is "The 60's". So bring out those clothes, drinks, food and attitude from that era. This is a combo beer and brats/wine and cheese event. We will have a DJ playing your favorite music, a 50-50 raffle and good eats.

Please bring your favorite beverage and dish to pass. Come early for the meet and greet. For more information please contact Diane Brown, slip 40, at 989-792-4909.

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale this year will be held at 10:00am on June 13. Bring all that boating related stuff from your basement, closet, garage and boat to sell so someone else can use it or store it. Contact Renate Roberts at 989-751-5009 or 989-695-2888 for more information.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Vicky Sowden

SSYC's Annual Meeting was held April 25, 2015 in the community room. Commodore, Bill Roberts (#105) welcomed the Board of Directors and all in the audience and declared there was a quorum for this meeting.

*Treasurer reported income of \$101,509 and expenses of \$139,689.

*SSYC owns two shares. Slip 77 has been rented and slip 138 is for sale or rent.

* Violations last year include: a slip used without payment, a slip was used without insurance form and a renter/owner used the rip rap to try and load his boat on a trailer. Club rules signage has been updated.

*We will not need to dredge this year as the water is at least 7' throughout the club and waterway.

* Slips #61, #62 and slips #149-#152 have washouts that require the slips to be closed until they can be repaired.

*Projects that need to be completed include setting the flagpole base, filling and leveling dirt around the new asphalt and rip rap repair.

*Spider spraying may be expanded to include all the docks. We are also looking at geese deterrents.

*The property tax re-evaluation process is continuing

*The Club is looking for approval from members to construct a pavilion where the hill was removed..

*A hearty THANK YOU and recognition to all outgoing BOD members: Mike Stevens, Bill Roberts, Robert Huber and Jeff Butcher. Members elected to the Board of Directors are Mike Stevens, Bill Roberts and Robert Huber. Also a new member on the Board is Jillian Piper slip #162.

DREDGING Tom Pomerville

With the higher water this year, dredging does not appear to be needed. Measurements show at least 7' depth throughout the waterway and club.

OPERATIONS Stan Musial

So far this spring we have stripped and polished the community room floor and installed new paper towel dispensers in the rest rooms.

Docks 60-63 & 149-152 have had repairs done to the rip-rap around their docks. The work was completed by an outside contractor.

Some docks around the big peninsula have been repaired at the shoreline and other docks on the list are to be done this season.

Lawn maintenance has started and we will be checking on the upkeep of the trees at the Club.

A fence post and chain link fencing were repaired on the east side, near the exit gate. It appears someone might have backed into it and bent it in half.

FLEET CAPTAIN Dennis Reinke

Prior to any boat being put into a slip, a current mooring form and a copy of proof of insurance must be on file.

The section of the boat insurance policy must be submitted with the name of the insured clearly showing the date of expiration, and a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage. If your insurance expires during the boating season, a new insurance form needs to be submitted before the expiration date. Please mark the slip number at the top of each form submitted.

Presently we have 91 vessels at SSYC, 69 power and 22 sailboats.

If anyone is selling their slip this year, please contact the Fleet Captain for information as to the proper procedures. If you want to list your slip for Rent/Sale you can contact me, at 865-9287 or fleetcaptain@sunsetshoresyachtclub.com.

Sales of slips at SSYC were up last year, so if you are going to sell your slip, please contact me and we will get all of the necessary paperwork together for the sale.

Please look for a complete listing of slips for sale/rent on our new website at sunsetshoresyachtclub.com.

We wish all boaters a safe and happy boating season. We are happy to be of service to you.

Please share the Hailor with your renter.

VIOLATIONS

Sunset Shores Yacht Club (SSYC) tries very hard to ensure that members are protected and safe while using the facilities. That is why we are adamant about getting our members and their renters to abide by the rules of the Club before using the facilities. Per our bylaws, before accessing and using our club grounds, Shareholders and renters, must meet the following criteria:

- A. Payment in full of current year's assessment.
- B. Completed current year mooring form.
- C. Current season's proof of insurance for the boat on the mooring form.

All members of SSYC must meet these requirements each year. If any of these conditions have not been met, then you are in violation of using club grounds without authorization as you are not in "good standing." As stated in the bylaws, "If not in good standing the Association member shall not have the right and privilege to enter the grounds or have use of the property of Sunset Shores Yacht Club until such time good standing is restored." This means that you should have the required paperwork filed with the Fleet Captain prior to you or your renter mooring at the grounds.

This reminder is for two reasons. First, it's our top goal to keep our members safe and protected. You invested in a slip and a vessel and if the person next to you doesn't have insurance, then both you and the club foot the bill if a fire or some other problem occurs. Secondly, we wish to help you avoid fines ranging up to \$500 dollars and even expulsion in an extreme case. Please take this as a friendly reminder to get ALL the paperwork to your Fleet Captain before using our grounds.

Also, members are responsible for their renter's behavior, including their fines. Please make sure you give your renter a copy of the SSYC Association Rules available on the website which is required in our bylaws.

Please have a safe and fun boating 2015 season.

GIN POLE USE

To use the gin pole, contact Dennis Albee, Bill Salisbury, or Deb Salisbury. Dennis can be reached at 989 835-6847. The Salisbury's can be reached at 989-860-9142. Please plan ahead and give them at least two days' notice.

SPIDER SPRAY

Spider spraying was a big hit last season. The spraying focus was on the buildings and some experimental usage on test docks. Around mid-season, a test was made to obtain the details regarding what it would take to spray all of the docks. It was decided that because of the spider spraying popularity with our boaters we will spray docks this year along with our buildings. We are looking for volunteers to help because it is a time consuming job.

Please contact Kris Martek, at violations@sunsetshoresyachtclub.com if you are interested in helping. Once we have enough people, a schedule breaking up the docks into sections along with spraying directions will be developed. As always, we are grateful to our volunteers. Without them our club costs would skyrocket.

GOOSE REPELLANT

This year our big experiment is with goose repellent. We all know of the mess these birds make and they never clean up after themselves. We are making a test run with a product called Migrate Goose Repellent. It will be used in specific areas to discourage the geese from nesting and hanging out there. The product is very similar to pepper spray to the birds but does not bother humans. No harm is done to the geese but the birds may not find Sunset Shores Yacht Club a very comfortable place to hang out.

If this product works as good as it claims, we should be relatively goose free in no time. Also, please do not feed or encourage the birds in general. We all like them but not the mess they leave behind or on our boats.

HELP US SAVE-GIVE US YOUR EMAIL

We are looking to save money by trying to email the Hailor to all Shareholders. The Hailor can then be passed easily on to your renter. Please make sure we have your email address by sending it to the Fleet Captain fleetcaptain@sunsetshoresyachtclub.com. This way we will have your accurate email address.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Tom Pomerville

Volunteers are needed for our 2015 projects. If you would like to help or take the lead on any of the following projects, please contact any Board Member, one of the volunteer leaders or myself at pomervillet@yahoo.com.

Spray weeds on the rip-rap – Jeff Brown (989)792-4909 – June/July

Power wash buildings – Stan Musial (989)893-8763 – June/July

Rip-rap repair – Tom Pomerville (989)430-1959 – June/July

Audit – (need Lead) – June

Boaters Party – Elaine Strzelecki (989)686-3887 – August 16

Painting Projects

Paint sprinkler head locations on new asphalt

Paint floor and step in Gazebo and grill platform

Paint all doors in bath houses and community room

Paint file cabinet

Paint picnic table legs

Touch up painting on fence

Come out and volunteer, have fun, meet new friends and support YOUR club.

OIL BOOM

The club has 40' of oil boom (4 boxes) stored in the east grill storage area. These boom sections are to be tied end to end with a small overlap to contain and absorb the spill around a boat or boats or across the waterway as we did with our first spill two seasons ago. We also have a box of oil absorbent pads stored in the west maintenance room. Contact any board member for access. These pads are used to float on the surface of the spill to absorb oil.

Please, insure your bilges are clean and that oil and other pollutants are not pumped overboard by the bilge pump. Oil releases, no matter how small, are required by law to be reported.

NEW Wi-Fi SYSTEM

Some of our membership and renters stated concerns about the old Wi-Fi's signal strength and its tendency to get easily overwhelmed. Well, your Board of Directors heard you.

SSYC now has a brand new, state-of-the-art, Wi-Fi system by Tricon Services Marine Wi-Fi. Want to access your key business and recreational websites or stream your favorite movies? No problem. This system has a strong signal and a fast band width to better serve our membership.

It's new so remember that it may need adjustments to make it perform at its best. So let us know if you experience problems. We want your experience to be the best we can make it.

Check in with a fellow SSYC member or contact a member of the Board of Directors for access details.

NEW WEBSITE

Sunset Shores Yacht Club now has a brand new website. Same old web address (www.sunsetshoreyachtclub.com), but that's where it ends. Take some time and check it out. It has all the current events and information you need to fully enjoy Sunset Shores Yacht Club. As we have events, we'll inform you about the details on the website.

Need a mooring form, a rules book or some other document for yourself or a renter? The website is the place to get it. There is a lot of information there so it should be the first stop for questions and concerns.

You can post comments and we can even create post categories focused on special interests. Want a category for sailing, power boating or maybe someone wants to form a Euchre group? You can post your details under the category you want and get the message out.

The website is also the best place to post your slip's information if you decide to rent or sell it. It's where people will go to check out our Club's features. There's a small fee to list on the site to help us cover the cost of maintaining a website. However, it's a deal if you consider that people wanting to moor a boat at SSYC are very likely to pick their slip of choice while at the website.

Remember, we're a non-profit organization so it helps us in the never ending battle to keep costs down.

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.

CHILDREN 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 13, 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 Bill Roberts 989-695-2888. Please drop old keys in boxes in bath houses.

SHORE POWER CORDS

For safety reasons, improper power cords should never be used. Power cords to provide shore power to individual boats must be of sufficient size to support the current rating of the breaker at the post and also must be grounded to reduce electrical shock hazards and prevent possible galvanic corrosion. Power cords must also be capable of withstanding the wet environment normally associated with marine use. Therefore, all power cords supplying power to boats in Sunset Shores Yacht Club must be three-conductor #10 marine grade AWG wire with insulation designed for use in wet environments. Where two cables are spliced together an approved marine grade connector must be used.

A cable not meeting this specification should never be used to connect shore power to your boat even for short periods of time and must not lie in the water at any time.

BoatUS

Sunset Shores Yacht Club is a BoatUS cooperating group (Group ID Number: GA82524Y). SSYC 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. BoatUS provides valuable benefits and services to keep you safe both on and off the water. Join BoatUS now.

