

SUNSET SHORES YACHT CLUB HAILOR

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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING DIRECTORS NEEDED TO FILL POSITIONS

Dear Members - Welcome to S.S.Y.C. 2015.

Please review your enclosed Shareholder billing to make sure that all of 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 **\$600.00** this year. The dock loan principal & interest is \$94.46 per share so the total for those with dock loans will be \$694.46. The dock loan will be paid off in 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 25, 2015, 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 four vacancies on the board and 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.

CLUB OPENING DATE 2015

The club is scheduled to open **April 8, 2015.** 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.**

OPERATIONS Stan Musial

We were happy with the mowing and cleaning services contracted last year, so both contracted services will remain the same as last year.

Ash trees were treated for Emerald Ash Bore in 2014 and should be good for two years. We will see what Bay Landscaping recommends this year in regards to treatment for Cottony Scale infestation. The lawn will, again, be treated for weeds & insects and be fertilized as needed.

We will be surveying the docks this spring for winter damage to determine if we need to contract services for repairing or straightening or driving in dock 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 for paid up members to have access to the Club. Water will be turned on by April 21 weather permitting.

FLEET CAPTAIN Dennis Reinke

During the 2014 boating season at SSYC we had 170 boats registered:

113 Powerboats	58 Shareholders
35 Sailboats	95 Renters

There were (17) boater/renter switches and Two (2) slips were sold during the 2014 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 for OUR Club.

Projects completed in 2014 included:

- Buildings were power washed
- Spring cleanup
- Floating trees and debris were removed
- Weed control on the rip-rap
- Yearly audit was completed
- Bug control in and around the buildings
- Sprinkler heads were marked on the new asphalt drive with yellow paint
- Summer boater's party was held
- Rip-Rap was repaired at over 35 areas around the Club (lunch provided and prepared by volunteers)
- LED dock light bulbs were installed
- Overseeing dock pole repairs
- Over 50 docks were raised for winter protection (lunch provided and prepared by volunteers)
- Overseeing the hill removal
- Several other small projects

Even though there were a few more Shareholder/Renter volunteers last year, it is mostly the same people all of the time. Let's give them a break and step up to volunteer. We have projects scheduled for the 2015 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.

Please share Hailor information with your renter.

VIOLATIONS Kris Martek

Last year we had an increase in the number of violations and/or issues being reported to Board members. As a result, I have highlighted some trouble spots.

- Slip Owners are responsible for their renter's actions and any damage or fines should a renter violate club rules. Please make sure your renters are given SSYC Association Rules.
- Everyone must use the correct size power cords (**three conductor #10 marine grade AWG for wet areas**). Regular extension cords are not acceptable.
- Stay off the rip-rap. Absolutely no trailers on the rip-rap to launch watercraft.
- No trailers within the fenced area on club grounds.
- A current year *Mooring Form* and a *copy of the vessels current insurance policy* (minimum \$300,000 liability) must be on file before using the club. **Do not provide keys to renters before this requirement is met.**
- Gas cans on club property cannot exceed **six (6) gallons.**
- Park sensibly and not on the grass or in front of the main gates. Try to avoid creating a bottleneck situation.

**Remember that safety is our primary concern.
Have a safe and fun summer.**

SSYC OWNED SLIPS FOR SALE/RENT

SSYC has acquired ownership of two Club shares. Slips/Shares #77 and #138 are for sale or rent for the 2015 season.

Slip #77 is for sale by SSYC for \$2600 or for rent for the season for \$750.

Slip #138 is for sale by SSYC for \$4000 or for rent for the season for \$900.

The sale prices include the 2015 Annual Dues.

Please contact Fleet Captain, Dennis Rienke, for information.

LETTER TO MEMBERS CONCERNING THE HILL REMOVAL

As our Club is aging, we are dealing with more problems with our basin walls. The mat under the rip-rap is rotting away, the land is shifting and a lot of people are abusing the rip-rap with inflatables, foot traffic and trailers.

Over the last 15-20 years we have installed sheet piling in two different areas where washouts have occurred and also a new drain on the northeast corner of the roadway. In 2013 volunteers installed a new drain on the northwest corner of the roadway where we had a large washout. Last spring we installed a new wedge of asphalt approximately 12 ft. wide to the north and northwest roadways in order to divert water away from the basin (\$29,000).

In the last few years volunteers have been doing a great job of repairing areas with new mat and stone and in some places new timbers to retain the rip-rap in place but we are still encountering washouts. Thanks to the operations person and the Board the areas were repaired by contractors so as not to interfere with our boating season.

Last summer a group of Board members and volunteers invited one of the original civil engineers, Gary Barto, from the then RC Engineering to help evaluate what we might do to prevent these washouts and he also inspected the areas that were repaired over the years. Mr Barto stated that we were doing the right thing by repairing on an "as needed" basis. When we looked at the area of the hill, where mooring posts are leaning 2-3ft. towards the basin, he stated that the pressure from the weight of the hill pushing out on the basin was probably close to 2000 Ton.

He suggested we remove the hill for two reasons:

1. The weight and the water runoff.
2. When we do have a problem (which we will) there is no way to get equipment into the area for repair.

We had five contractors bid the hill removal and Dave's Contracting Service was the low bidder. Total cost for the Project was \$17,000 including the sprinkler replacement.

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 requiring a Modification Form. Variances from the standard can 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

Storage of personal items including **gas cans are NOT allowed** in any club buildings.

POWER SQUADRON

The power squadron will be at the club on Saturday and Sunday June 13, 14, 2015 @ 10:00am to complete boat safety inspections. Sign up at either club house building. Be safe out there.

EXTRA KEYS/OLD KEYS

If you need any extra keys, contact Colleen Brandy or 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

Thankfully our water levels have risen this season so dredging was not necessary in 2014 and so far we do not anticipate any in 2015.

We did have to contract to Causley Marine to repair dock and mooring poles that were damaged by winter ice in 2013 and 2014. Work completed by Causley consisted of:

- Straightening 110 poles
- Drive 12 poles
- Install 7 new poles

Total cost for this work was \$15,800

Thanks to our Shareholders who volunteered many days, while Causley was on site, to ensure that there wasn't any damage done to SSYC or to any Shareholder properties.

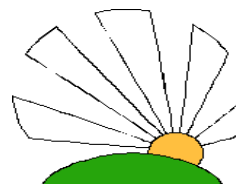
Also this year (December), the dredge material, from the 2013 dredging, was removed from the berm at BCYC of which our share of the cost was \$4,140.94.

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.

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