

SUNSET SHORES YACHT CLUB HAILOR

SSYC JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

GREETING FROM THE COMMODORE

Bill Roberts

I would like to welcome all of you to SSSC summer of 2016.

The Power Squadron will be conducting vessel safety checks at SSSC on June 11, 2016. 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 6, 2016, starting at 6:30pm. The theme this year is come as you are. The club will be furnishing hamburger, hot dogs and table ware. While talking with fellow members we have decided to go back to a more laid back party. This year's party will be more about enjoying each other's company. We are looking for someone with a P.A. system that we could use that night. Please bring your favorite beverage and dish to pass. Come early for the meet and greet. For more information please contact Nan Turner at slip #93 or call 832-993-1212.

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.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Jillian Piper

SSYC's Annual Meeting was held April 23, 2016 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. We had a great turnout and even welcomed a new member to the club – Mike Krzyminski who is the proud owner of the unique home to the west of our club.

*Treasurer reported income of \$112,979.24 and expenses of \$125,370.00.

* Violations last year include one major violation of a renter's guest causing damage to our facilities which required approx. \$3,000 in repair fees. Please ensure your renters are aware of our policies. We've posted a lease agreement on the website for owners to use if they wish for their renters.

*We will hopefully not need to dredge this year as the water level is still quite high.

*Spider spraying may be expanded to include all the docks. The geese deterrent will continue to be sprayed and we have received tips on when and where that will hopefully prove better results this summer.

We said good-bye to Vicky Sowden as our Secretary and nominated Jillian Piper, #164 as the standing board member and secretary

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

Water and electricity is on and ready for 2016 boating season!

The sprinkler system was turned on for the season, so please be mindful of the sprinkler heads to avoid parking on them.

The community room floor was stripped and polished for the season.

New toilets were installed in all restrooms and newly painted stall partitions were reinstalled. We also have new soap dispensers in all restrooms.

Lawn Maintenance Co. has started and we are checking on spraying the ash trees.

Thanks to a great group of volunteers that helped edge along the black top drive around the entire site.

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.

(mooring forms can be accessed from the website)

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 134 vessels at SSYC, 111 power and 23 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 989-865-4267 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 and SSYC Rules 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. Dennis can be reached at 989 835-6847. Please plan ahead and give him 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 Gary Bates, 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 repellant. 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.

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.

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.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

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.

We need your help!!! If you have some spare time, please volunteer to help or be a leader on a Project. The following are some of the projects we plan to complete for 2016

April 9: Toilet replacement/bathroom partitions: Leader, Jeff Chartier/Tom Pomerville-**Complete**

April 15: Goose spray: Leader, Kris Martek-**Complete**

April 23: Spring clean-up: Leader, Stan Musial-**Complete**

May 1: Insect spraying: Leader Kris Martek-**Complete**

May 2: Lawn edging: Leader Stan Musial-**Complete**

May ?: Repair divots in grass leading to peninsula: Leader ?

Check Water depth in channel: Leader Tom Pomerville

Power-wash buildings: Leader Jeff Brown

May 13: Screen in grill room: Leader Tom Duch,**Complete**

June 1: Insect spraying continues

June ?: Weed spraying on rip-rap: Leader Jeff Brown, Faye Valley

June ?: Yearly audit: Leader

July: Insect spraying continues

August ?: Summer boaters party: Leader

October ?: Dock raising: Leader

October ?: Winterizing: Leader

Just put your name and phone number in the Fleet Captain's box and let us know where and when you can help out. Thanks, Tom Pomerville
pomervillet@yahoo.com or (989)430-1959.

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.

WEBSITE

Sunset Shores Yacht Club now has a new website. Same old web address

(www.sunsetshorseyachtclub.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 11 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.

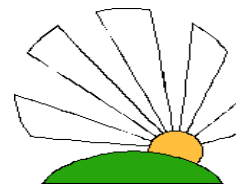
SHORE POWER CORDS

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.



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