



SUNSET SHORES YACHT CLUB HAILOR

SSYC MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE Bill Roberts

Welcome to SSYC's 2020 season! Please review your enclosed Shareholder billing to be sure your information is correct. Send any corrected information in with your payment.

Please review our Club Association Rules (located on the website) and ensure you, guests and renters know and follow them.

Tom Pomerville & Jim Rubis, former Directors, have become Associate Members in order to allow them to continue to retain their positions despite no longer owning shares at SSYC.

Our Treasurer, Colleen Brandy, has resigned after many years of great service. We have had no volunteers to take over this very labor-intensive job and have hired a bookkeeper, Carol Johnson.

Please thank Tom, Jim and Colleen for all of their time devoted to the Club

We will have a work party after the annual meeting to open the club. Please stay and help us with this task.

This year's assessment is **\$625.00**.

Please send your payments to:
Sunset Shores Yacht Club
PO Box 488, Bay City MI 48707
Respectfully, William G. Roberts
SSYC, Commodore

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING DIRECTORS NEEDED FOR POSITIONS

The **Annual Shareholder's Meeting** will be held April, 25, 2020, 9:00AM at Sunset Shores Yacht Club Community Room. Coffee and doughnuts provided.

Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers. We need to fill FIVE vacancies on the Board and are looking for interested members to serve for three-year terms. If you have time each month to volunteer, please see any board member or call Bill Roberts at 989-695-2888.

CLUB OPENING DATE 20200

The club is scheduled to open **April 1, 2020**. 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 20**.

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
Jim Rubis

Welcome to SSYC for the 2020 boating season. I hope you all had a safe and fun filled winter.

We are pleased to welcome a new lawn cutting contractor T.R. Adcock from Lawns and Mower. This is a local firm with many contracts in the area. The lawn will be mowed each week on Thursday. All other service providing contractors will remain the same.

We have a very efficient bathroom cleaning staff here at SSYC but also realize that accidents do happen and people may become ill unexpectedly. If there is such an occurrence and an emergency clean up needs to happen please contact a board member and it will be addressed.

Don Ledke will be our maintenance person again this year. There are white boards in each laundry room to list any repairs that may be necessary. Feel free to use them to list needed action or repairs.

Please share this information with your renters, if you have one. Have a safe, relaxing, fun summer. Please return old keys to the key return box located in each of the restrooms.

DREDGING
Tom Pomerville

Our water levels are currently at a high mark and it looks like they may be higher than last year.

We will need to check the depths of the BCYC and SSYC entrance from the river for any possible silting problems. Volunteers will be doing this around the first week in May

BCYC and SSYC have an additional three years on the current dredging permit.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Summer Party is
Scheduled for August 8th
Sure to be a Good Time

FLEET CAPTAIN
Dennis Reinke

Welcome to the 2020 boating season. We have had a lot of interest recently in slips for sale and rent.

BEFORE MOORING A BOAT AT SSYC you must have your **Proof of Insurance and Mooring Form to the Fleet Captain**. You must have at least \$300,000 liability and the expiration date on the insurance form. Mooring forms can be completed on the Website. Completed Mooring and Insurance forms can be but in the FLEETCAPTAIN BOX by the community room, sent to SSYC PO Box 488, sent via Email to:

fleetcaptain@sunsetshoresyachtclub.com

or mailed to 7188 Andrews Rd, St Charles MI. 1-989-928-4627. Please include your slip # and name on all paperwork

Last year we had 163 boats registered:

139 Powerboats	60 Shareholders
24 Sailboats	103 Renters
16 Slips were sold	

Hope to see you at SSYC this season:

Dennis and Linda Rienke, slip #95

To list your slip for sale or rent on the SSYC Website please contact Kris Martek, 734-495-0766, ssyctechdir@sunsetshoresyacht.com with your information. There is a \$20 fee to list on the Website. If you do list on the Website please be sure to keep the listing updated.

BOAT US

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

VIOLATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

Kris Martek

Violations:

Last season we had a record number of 78 docks that needed to be raised because of the unusually high-water levels we have been experiencing. This year is expected to be just as bad since the water levels are continuing to rise. Most of work was done by volunteers. Sadly, these volunteers seem to be the same faces time after time. And their numbers are starting to thin. Additionally, new volunteers are becoming harder to find. Some individuals have been relying on the good nature of our volunteers to avoid helping with this very labor-intensive process. They then balk at the fee being charged for having it done for them. Everyone is responsible for seeing their own dock raised to the required minimum height.

There has been some confusion regarding the SSYC notice that is posted yearly regarding bringing your dock up to the required minimum height. This height is based on the “SSYC Dock” (formerly known as the “Gin Pole dock” next to 180). Here is where we set the reference height that is used as the season’s *standard minimum height* required to be compliant with Club Association Rule 21. This dock will be set by the BODs by September 15th each season. All members are to have their docks raised by the second Saturday of October. Each season, workgroup dates will be posted on our website and the bulletin boards to aid in achieving this goal.

We are formally defining what is required for the foreseeable future to end confusion regarding what you are to do. If your dock is flagged to be raised, you and your dock partner are responsible for meeting one of the following requirements: *1. Raise your own dock with your neighbor and provide a signed note saying it’s done for verification and credit. 2. Participate in a dock raising work party and prove that you have done so by signing in with a BOD member. 3. Pay the \$100 fee.* We realize that not everyone is physically able to raise a dock. You may instead perform other lighter duties (i.e. handing out tools, helping with lunch or clean-up). You may also send a representative in your place. Just let us know what you’re doing so you get credit.

If you can help in any of our work party groups, please contact a BOD member and see where you can help. All of us like the reasonable annual-assessment fees we enjoy, but we can’t maintain them if we are forced to go outside for hired help.

REMEMBER: KEYS WILL NOT BE SENT OUT UNLESS ALL FEES ARE PAID.

Technology:

We are aware that there are problems with the north end of the club’s Wi-fi, and we are addressing it. Most of the club has been reporting good connections and streaming ability but we still have some dead zones that need attention. It takes time to learn who is having problems as we only know when people report the issues to a BOD member. Not all issues are caused by the Wi-Fi. Sometimes the problem is your boat. If you are deep inside the boat and experiencing problems, make sure you try moving around to ensure that interference from the boat itself isn’t the real issue. Right now, our testing and reports coming in seem to indicate that the only real problem area is the North side of the club. We are working with the Wi-fi company that installed our Wi-fi distribution devices and are considering putting in another pole in that section. These changes take time to work all the bugs out but should prove to be great improvements in the long run. Please report any Wi-fi issues after testing that your issue isn’t caused by your device and/or interference from your boat.

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 rainwater 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. Gas cans on club property cannot exceed **six (6)** gallons.

POWER SQUADRON

The power squadron will be at the club on June 6 and 7, 10:00am to complete a boat safety inspection. Sign up at the club house building and be safe out there.

EXTRA KEYS/OLD KEYS

If you need an extra keys contact Colleen Brandy or Bill Roberts (\$10 ea). 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.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

Tom Pomerville

With the opening of the 2020 boating season, we have some new challenges facing us due mostly to the highwater issue.

After the Annual Meeting on **Saturday April 25** and also on **Sunday April 26** we will need volunteers to raise most of the dock ramps and pull the docks forward. The docks are so high due to the water levels that accessing them may be difficult without alterations. This is a time- consuming effort, so if you can give a few hours of your time it would be appreciated.

Volunteers make the Club work. Lack of volunteers, force us to pay others to do the tasks that need to be completed to make SSYC viable. Please help.

Thank You,
Tom Pomerville

