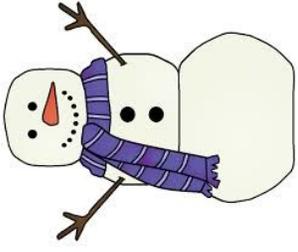




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Notes from Commodore Sausser

Dear Members,

My time as Commodore is quickly winding down. To serve in this capacity is a humbling yet worthwhile endeavor. There is a huge time commitment that affects your life in ways you cannot imagine. I would encourage more people to think about serving our club, because it is a rewarding experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on this voyage.

This year Vice Commodore Vern & Linda Brant put on a wonderful regatta. Rear Commodore Jordan & Molly Powell did a fantastic job planning and coordinating their parties and events. It truly is a team effort when it comes to the parties, events, and decorating. Congratulations to Heather Milicevic who will be the Rear Commodore in 2024. She and Miro will be great additions to an already strong Bridge.

David Dunn and his management team have done a fine job so far this year. We had one of the busiest summers on record. It seemed like there something going on every single day. Managing a club like ours is not an easy task, and our staff work very hard to serve you. Each member of our staff deserves our thanks and appreciation. Thank you!

I have to give a special thanks to my incredible and supportive wife, Amy, and my family. I would not be able to accomplish anything without their help. She has been a rock when it comes to our involvement with SYC. We will soon be celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary. We were married in the ballroom in front of the fireplace at Christmas. Truly wonderful memories of our home away from home.

We have much more for which to be thankful this year. Bring your family and friends to SYC starting with the Holiday Kick-Off Party on Sunday, December 3 from 2-7 p.m. Do not forget the Tom & Jerry Party on Christmas Eve.

The course is set. I am leaving the helm in capable hands. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commodore. Working with this Bridge, Board of Trustees, and Management Team has been a pleasure. I would personally like to thank them all for their service and dedication to The Sandusky Yacht Club. A club of our caliber is a rare treat. Amy and I will see you at the Club!

Family– Friendships – Memories
What SYC is all about.

Andy Sausser
Commodore 2023

2023 - 2024 Sandusky Yacht Club



Vice Commodore
Vern Brant



Commodore
Andy Sausser



Rear Commodore
Jordan Powell

2024 Sandusky Yacht Club Bridge		
Vice Commodore Jordan Powell	Commodore Vern Brant	Rear Commodore Heather Milicevic

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SAVE THE DATE FOR SYC'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI PARTY
PRESENTED BY R/C HEATHER & MIRO MILICEVIC

SYC's Spaghetti Party

A Night In Tuscany

JAN	SAT	5PM
	27	

FEATURING

THE SWIZZLE STICK BAND

TUSCAN INSPIRED BUFFET

RAFFLE BASKETS

\$32++



Holiday

KICKOFF PARTY



3 December | 2-7 pm

Music By:

Cruisin w/ Ron Howard

\$35++

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Wear your cocktail attire or your ugliest
sweater for a prize

No Regular Dining Today
Reservations required



SANDUSKY
YACHT
CLUB

Champagne & Bubbles

Tasting



\$20++
Per
Person

Join us for a
champagne
tasting in the
Ships Room

NOVEMBER 17TH

5:30PM - 7:00PM

GET READY FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON AND POP
THE CHAMPAGNE THIS YEAR
WITH SOMETHING NEW.

SHELLY FROM EUROPEAN
WINE IMPORTS WILL GUIDE
YOU THROUGH HER
PORTFOLIO OF BUBBLES.



SAVE THE DATE

2024 REGATTA

JULY 25 - 28

1787

December 2023

Dear Members of the Sandusky Yacht Club,

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and the hustle and bustle of the season will soon be upon us. As we shop and wrap presents for friends and loved ones, decorate, and give thanks, we still find time to enjoy the season. Many of us will spend time at SYC enjoying parties, buffets, and dinners. It is that time to reflect on the people who work daily at SYC to provide services to all members. SYC has many full and part-time employees that are devoted to making our dining, boating and social experiences exceptional.

This is the time of the year when we remember and say thank you to our hourly staff at SYC. To that end, the **SYC Employees' Fund** has been established as a long-standing tradition. It was created as a way to reward our employees at the holiday season. All contributions from our generous SYC members are divided fairly among all hourly employees, including many who work behind the scenes. Our hardworking employees are extremely grateful for their Holiday gift.

Please send or drop off your contribution in care of the **SYC Employees' Fund**. Please consider making someone smile who more than likely made you smile this past year. I would like to thank you in advance for your contribution.

To all of you, I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Andy Sausser
Commodore 2023





Please help us deliver Joy!
Drop off bins are located inside both southside entrances. **Last drop off date is Dec. 9th.**



Normally this time of year we are wrapping up the previous season and looking back. This year, there is so much momentum that we are full steam ahead. Countless hours have already gone into the 2024 season. Entertainment is being booked, committees are being formed, and dates are falling into place. Why do we do it? The SYC community is strong and well, and we just keep building upon it year after year!

Right now, we sit with 47 members on the waitlist putting us at around a 14-16 month wait. The marina is still full, but we are seeing movement on docks 36ft and under. Anyone interested in 2024 dockage in that size needs to get on a list now. Fall club parties have been strong and we open for our first Turkey Buffet tonight with 50% more reservations than we had last year. The SYC community is strong and well.

Already we have been looking ahead to build our team for next summer. Kent State University has a 4-credit class devoted to Club Management and I have traveled there twice this season to talk with students about our industry. We start November with a summer hiring campaign throughout the region to grow that team. Our seasonal staffing swing is 45 people to almost 95 seasonally. Recruiting is a large part of what we do this time of year. This fall we welcomed Timmy, Katelynn, Gina & Nicole to our year around team. Stop in often to keep them busy. The SYC Team is strong and well.

With the increase of Capital Dues to \$200 for 2024, we break ground on the Marina Wall Project and look forward to our annual shutdown when we FINALLY redo the flooring in the ballroom. I want to say a big thanks to the women's auxiliary for their \$6500 donation to the club which will allow us to redo the Bar Top in the casual side this February as well. The SYC Community is strong and well.

Lastly, it was an interesting summer for me as I tried to wear too many hats. I look forward to a family trip next week that will give me time to reconnect with those that support me day in and day out. It will also be a time to reflect on the summer and get inspired for next year as we rebuild and grow our management team. We currently have 3 openings in our mid management team that we are hoping will allow all of us on the current team to personally grow and be stronger in the future.

We hope to see you soon and often here at SYC.

Dave Dunn

Tom & Jerry Party
 1 - 4pm Sunday December 24
 Celebrating the Holiday Season with one of SYC's oldest December traditions
 Happy Holidays to you & your family!
 From the Trustees, Officers, Staff & Management of the Sandusky Yacht Club
 Complimentary Tom & Jerry's, Bushwhackers, & Hors D'oeuvres!
 This party is free for SYC Members & Immediate Family. \$10 for guests
 Club closes promptly at 4pm.
 No regular dining today.

SYC AUXILIARY KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY
 DECEMBER 9TH
 Registration 10am
 Musical Sing-a-Long 10:30am
 Brunch Served 11am - 12:30pm
 Kids 10 & under eat free
 Adults \$18++
 Santa & Pictures 11am - 1pm
 Balloon Sculptures 11am - 1pm
 Games, Gifts & Crafts
 SYC Auxiliary Holiday Party
 Saturday, December 9th, 2023 10am - 1pm
 Admission is \$12 for each child or grandchild (Children ages 10 and under are invited)
 Please return this form by December 6, 2023
 Children ___ x \$12 Adults ___ No Charge
 Total House Charge \$ _____
 Name _____ Member # _____

Winter Hours

Sunset Lounge

Office Hours

	<u>Lounge</u>	<u>Casual Dining</u>	
MON	Closed	Closed	Closed
TUES	Closed	Closed	9am to 4pm
WED	11am to 10pm *	11am to 9pm	9am to 5pm
THUR	11am to 10pm *	11am to 9pm	9am to 5pm
FRI	11am to 11pm *	11am to 9pm	9am to 5pm
SAT	11am to 11pm *	11am to 9pm	9am to 5pm
SUN	11am to 4pm *	10:30am to 3pm	9am to 4pm

* indicates the lounge will close earlier if no one is present.

Reservations are Appreciated

Clubhouse Hours are Subject to Seasonal Changes

Sandusky Yacht Club Auxiliary

Hi Ladies,
Thanks to Dixie Vermeeren and the Simply Swank ladies for the fashion show this fall! Our lovely models were Carol Buderer, June Copper, Becky Montague and Kathy Parzynski.

Our Happy Hour in October was a fun evening. We'll have another evening gathering in the spring. If you know members who aren't available at the time of our afternoon luncheons please let them know there's another way they can enjoy Auxiliary!

Our Trunk or Treat on October 29 was led by Mary Dahlmann. The children and adult helpers all enjoyed this event!

Thanks to Carol for organizing tours at the State Theater in November. The Childrens' Holiday Party will be on December 9th. Look for the flyer in this issue for more details.

Our December luncheon this year is a festive Surprise Party! Carol Phillips has planned holiday themed games and prizes. Wear red or green and get extra credit! Please remember to bring **men's gloves and hats** for our Care and Share tree this winter. There is a great need for these items.

Kathy and Jack Runner will present information about Sandusky's Power Squadron for our January program. I'm looking forward to finding out more about this organization.

Please note that we will not have a meeting in February due to the club's annual closing schedule.

See you at the Club,
Susan Meyer, President



Guests
Always
Welcome

Auxiliary Schedule:

11:00 am - Board Meeting

All committee persons are cordially invited

12:00 Noon - Social Time

12:30 pm - Business Meeting

1:00 pm - Luncheon & Program

Luncheon:

November- Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

December- Holiday Prime Rib Luncheon

January- Caesar Salad Shrimp Scampi Red Velvet Cake

PROGRESSIVE



CLEVELAND

BOAT SHOW

January 18-21 2024

Volunteer to work the SYC Booth and help promote your club as the best on the lake!

Call to sign up and join us at the show.
We look forward to seeing you!
419-625-6567

Friday - Gathering at The Aviator Room Block - Hilton Garden Inn Airport

Please remember to send in your donation for the SYC Employee Holiday Fund. All donations are **GREATLY** appreciated. Thank You.

SANDUSKY YACHT CLUB

2024 NEW YEARS EVE Party

DECEMBER 31, 2023
MUSIC BY:

- MICHELLE ROMARY TRIO IN CASUAL DINING 5PM - 8PM
- THE MIDTOWN BAND W/ KEARSTEN KOPF 8PM - 11PM

GRAND BUFFET \$45++
5:00 - 8:00PM

 LOBSTER BISQUE, SALAD BAR
 CHILLED SEAFOOD & CHARCUTERIE TABLE

 SNOW CRAB LEGS
 CHICKEN TOSCA | LEMON CREAM SAUCE
 AHI TUNA | ASIAN SLAW | SWEET SOY SAUCE
 SEARED SCALLOPS | PESTO RISOTTO
 PORK MEDALLIONS | WILD MUSHROOM RAGU

 GARLIC & HERB POTATOES
 ROASTED VEGETABLES

CARVED HERB ROASTED TENDERLOIN

 DESSERT BAR
 BANANAS FOSTER STATION

Reservations Requested

You are cordially Invited to the
CHANGE OF WATCH
 2024

We will celebrate
 Commodore Sausser's
 year of service as
 Commodore Brant
 takes the helm and installs his
 Bridge & Flag Officers.

January 7th, 2024

1:00pm

\$20++

Our Annual Shutdown Dates for 2024

February 5 - February 28

We will be ready to greet you on February 29

In Memory

The Flag Officers, Board of Trustees, Membership and Staff, of the Sandusky Yacht Club wish to extend our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of

William Bossetti