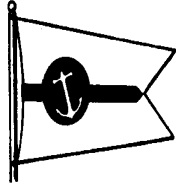


April 2011

The Ditty Bag



Sandy Beach Yacht Club
Grand Island, NY
www.sbycgi.org

From the Rear-Commodore

The calendar says that spring arrived last week, but I don't think the weather got the message. As I write this it is 35 degrees, but the sun is glistening off the ripples on the river and the birds are thoroughly enjoying themselves: flying, floating, singing. A barge just went upstream. All signs that we really will be putting our boats in the water shortly.

The winter has gone by rapidly for me, just going from one great SBYC party to the next. Many thanks to the Women's Org. for the dinner theater (which saw our commodore transformed into the Baby New Year!), Bob Zielinski for chairing the Valentine's Dinner/Dance, Gary LaRussa for the really fun 116 Days to Summer party and The Ward's for chairing the St Patrick's party. These events have really helped Sue's Sunset Saloon get off to a great start. Marty Scholl has been a tremendous asset as Bar Manager. There is a lot to learn about running the bar business and Marty and the many bar committee members have really eased the transition. We could use a few more bar tenders for the summer events, if you are interested, please let me know.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Our treasurer, P/C Wargala learned last fall that our license was extremely limited and didn't allow any alcohol to be taken out of the house! He worked tirelessly with the SLA for many months and we now have a license which allows us to consume alcohol any place, within the fenced area of our property. NO alcohol purchased at our bar may be taken outside the gate. Please don't jeopardize our license. Thanks Ed for your hard work!

We are all looking forward to the many parties already

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From the Women's Organization

Hello from the Women's Organization. Hope everyone had a great winter wherever you spent it. I know we are all looking forward to a warm summer. I have to give kudos to Bob Zielinski for the new SBYC Home page. It is so nice and looks so professional. Great job, Bob.

The Women's Organization charity donation for January and February went to the Smile Train at Children's Hospital. This organization arranges surgeries for thousands of under privileged children with cleft lips and palates each year,

Our organization has lots of plans for the spring and summer. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 14. All members are invited to attend our Board meeting. We are all looking forward to opening day. That is always a nice morning. We'll see everyone this summer.

Darlene Hricek,
Entertainment Chairperson

From the Membership Chairman:

Welcome aboard Chris Taggart, his wife Marty and their children Hannah, Lauren and Sarah. Their sponsor is John "Jack" Taggart the III.

Thanks, *Fritz Dusel,* Membership Chairman

Fellow Party Chairperson:

Please be reminded that you are asked to complete a "Party/Financial Report" for the event you run. This two page form may be printed from the "Document" link of the Sandy Beach Yacht Club web site.

In addition to reporting expenses and income, which is necessary for Club finances, it provides a means for documenting tips and shortfalls that can be passed

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in the planning stages for this year. The highlight for me is Opening Day. Ray Ode has the details taken care of and Bob Buzby and Ray Schmidt are working on the menu. Bob warns you that reservations are limited to 110, so please call in yours today! The information is included in this Ditty Bag. Hopefully, with the celebrations occurring on May 1st, we will have a mild, sunny day to make up for the driving rain of last year! Spring clean up is April 30th starting about 8:30. With a good turnout, we will have our club looking beautiful for the Opening Day ceremony.

Mothers will be honored with a Brunch at the Club on May 8th. Information included in this Ditty Bag, please take care of reservations soon. Also in May is the kick off for summer, The Past Commodore's Punch Party. Another not to be missed event. TGIFs will be held every Friday, starting with the night before the punch party, May 27. Paul Hricak has agreed to coordinate the TGIFs. To avoid his arm twisting, the Calendar is on the wall near the bar. Pick a date and sign up. For new people, the TGIF is generally a fairly simple meal which can be sold for about \$7.00. Could be anything from sandwiches to stroganoff. Often two couples get together and sign up for a night. Some of the TGIFs will include a band which makes for a good party night. Hopefully, you won't have to fight the bridge congestion this year. The Sunset Saloon would like to see lots of members and guests this summer.

Dennis's house committee put a tile floor and a drain stand pipe in the Cooler Room (or is it the Ice Machine Room?), which gives it a nice finished look and keeps the drain water off the floor. Stop by and take a look. Thank you for your help with this.

Dave Fleischman (the busy man behind the scenes) is helping with the bar chits this year. Thanks, Dave. Is there anyone who would like to assist? Basic computer skills are necessary. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. We are considering using email to send out the bills. If you do not want your bill emailed to you, please let me know and we will mail yours.

I was asked to let you know that the Safe Boating Class will be held at SBYC on June 4. Details to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you at Sue's Sunset Saloon!

Rear-Commodore *Sue Robinson*

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on to future chairpersons.

Distribution of the forms is noted with their final resting place in notebook binders located in the Club Office file cabinet. Bill Pilkington kindly made labeled binders for this purpose. Feel free to review previous reports to assist in planning your party.

You are always welcome and encouraged to ask questions of the Entertainment Chairpeople, Wayne Dubrawsky and Carolyn Taggart.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wayne and Carolyn

Entertainment Co-chairs

SBYCers,

This year we will be canceling the trip to Port Colborne. We have a very entertaining event scheduled at our club with Inner Club. This will be a 2 1/2 day event with a lot of fun activities for everyone. An email was sent out not long ago to get the general memberships feeling about another date or canceling the event for this

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Claudia O'Neil
2 Susan Ventry
3 Bob Isaacs
6 Nancy Sanderson
6 Shari Seitz
9 Joe Agnello
9 Judy Shahan
9 Stacey Lenhard
19 James Machynski
19 Rudy Nutz
20 Lew Smith
21 Marilyn Bush
22 Carl Hepp
25 Dawn Coniglio
26 Judy Nutz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

7 Gary & Mary Ann LaRussa
11 Dennis & Ivy Sundholm
13 Dave & Joanne Fleischman
14 John & Margie Boyce
20 Hank & Mary Buck
23 Dennis & Sue McDonald
30 Bob & Judy Buzby

Jane R. (Warriner) KAMMAN | Visit Guest Book

KAMMAN - Jane R. (Warriner) Formerly of Town of Tonawanda, NY, entered into rest March 6, 2011, beloved wife of the late Joseph R. Kamman; daughter of the late Frank C. Warriner Sr. and Helen (Mullen); loving mother of Elaine (Douglas) Donaldson, Dr. Robert (Nina) Kamman, Barbara (late Lawrence) Kreutzer, Daniel (Cheryl) Kamman and Michael (Linda) Kamman; sister of H. Joan (late Harold) Booker and the late Frank (late Loraine) Warriner Jr. and Ruth (late Albert) Ingraham; cherished grandmother of ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; survived by several nieces and nephews. Friends may call Tuesday 4-8 PM at the LESTER H. WEDEKINDT, INC., FUNERAL HOME, 3290 Delaware Ave., where funeral will be held Wednesday at 8:15 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Amelia's Church at 9 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Buffalo Foundation.

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year (being the Port Colborne trip) and the majority of response's where in favor of cancellation.

In an effort to keep the boats from collecting too much dust, P/C Gary LaRussa will be heading up a trip sometime in June up the canal through the locks to Middleport. This would be a great trip for everyone to take part in as the waves are generally under 2 feet and shore is not more than a short swim away. The less than enthusiastic lake travelers will be able to enjoy the ride as well as the scenery on their vessel. I know my wife now has a comforting smile about this trip I've never seen before, hmmm. Thanks to all who responded to our poll. Jeff Sornberger, unemployed cruise director

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Sharon Hauser
3 Italo Baldassarre
5 Gregory Beehler
5 Mary Ann LaRussa
11 Linda Isenhardt
13 Judy Buzby
13 Ellen Ode
16 Barbie Giambra
16 Jodi Sornberger
17 Bob Bemisderfer
17 Lori Scholl
18 Sue Robinson
20 Jeff Sornberger
22 Mary Buck
23 Tony Giambra
23 Robert Warnock
24 Shirley Mohr
27 Bill Pilkington
27 Dennis Sundholm
28 Melissa Keel
29 Traci Bissonette
30 Elaine Hepp

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ed & Helen Wargala
4 Wayne & Linda Dubrawsky
10 Rudolph & Judy Nutz
13 Bob & Pat Dunlop
14 Ron & Peggy Bastian
17 Roy & Ruth Brinkerhoff
19 Dave & Traci Bissonette
26 Carl & Elaine Hepp
27 Bob & Kennie Dubil

Get out the platforms, bell bottoms, minis and sequins.



CLUB DISCO INFERNO

TGIF July 1st
more to come...

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB OPENING BREAKFAST



SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2011

0900 HOURS

BREAKFAST PREPARED BY BOB BUZBY, RAY SCHMIDT
AND CREW AND SERVED BY OUR NEW MEMBERS
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY.

\$10.00 PER PERSON

RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 22ND – CLOSED PARTY

(Limited to first 110 reservations)

Ray Ode 913-0629, Ellen Ode 913-0621, Judy Buzby 773-2273

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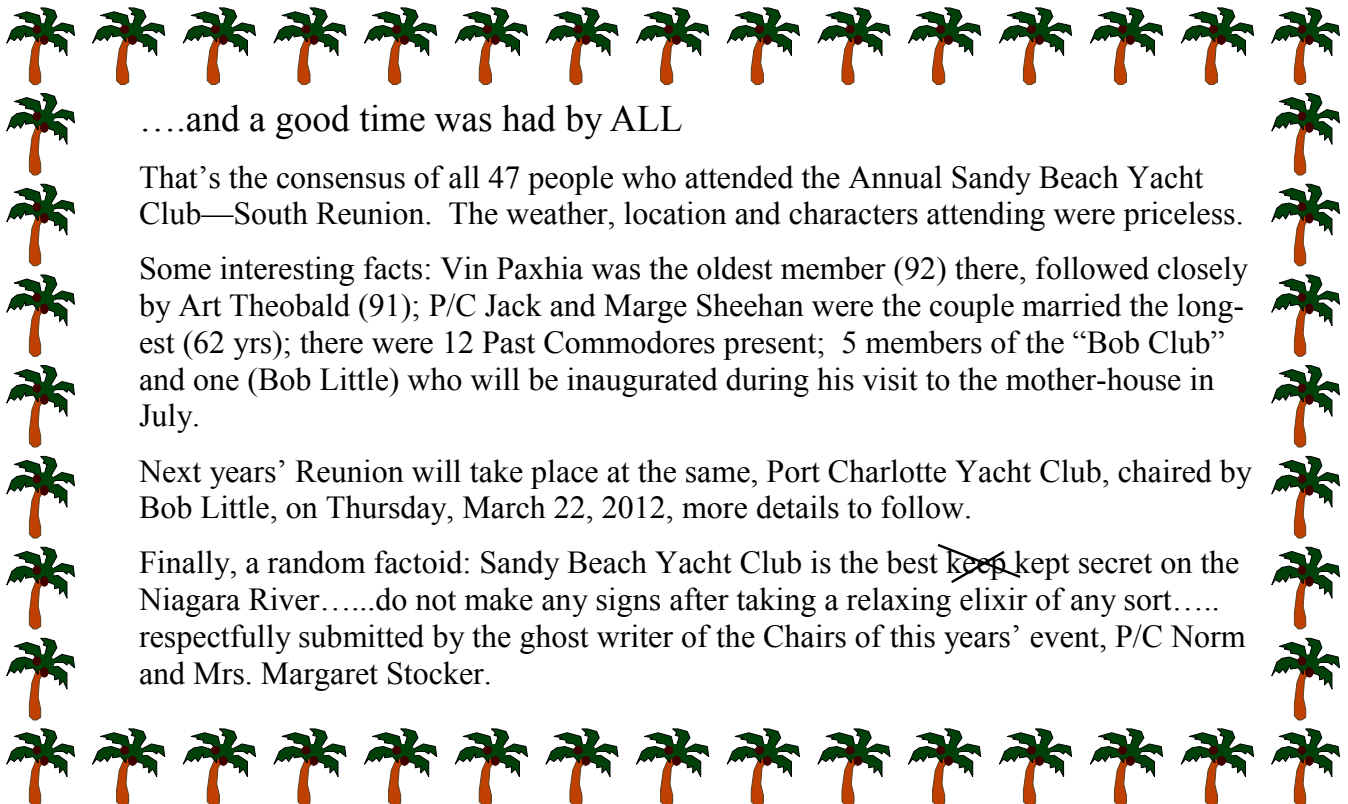
“THOSE WERE THE DAYS”

June 3, 2011

T.G.I.F.

*Appreciation for Past, Long Standing, Current and
New Members.*

Great Picture Show of Historical Fun



....and a good time was had by ALL

That's the consensus of all 47 people who attended the Annual Sandy Beach Yacht Club—South Reunion. The weather, location and characters attending were priceless.

Some interesting facts: Vin Paxhia was the oldest member (92) there, followed closely by Art Theobald (91); P/C Jack and Marge Sheehan were the couple married the longest (62 yrs); there were 12 Past Commodores present; 5 members of the “Bob Club” and one (Bob Little) who will be inaugurated during his visit to the mother-house in July.

Next years' Reunion will take place at the same, Port Charlotte Yacht Club, chaired by Bob Little, on Thursday, March 22, 2012, more details to follow.

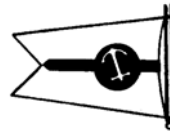
Finally, a random factoid: Sandy Beach Yacht Club is the best ~~keep~~ kept secret on the Niagara River.....do not make any signs after taking a relaxing elixir of any sort..... respectfully submitted by the ghost writer of the Chairs of this years' event, P/C Norm and Mrs. Margaret Stocker.

April 2011

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| 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Work Night</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Women's Org Meeting</i> | 15 | 16 |
| 17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 18 | 19 <i>Work Night</i> | 20 <i>BOD's Meeting</i> | 21 <i>Ditty Bag Article Due</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 24 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 25 | 26 <i>Work Night</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Spring Clean-up weekend</i> |

May 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>Opening Day Breakfast</i> | 2 | 3 <i>Work Night</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <i>Mother's Day Brunch</i> | 9 | 10 <i>Work Night</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Women's Org Meeting</i> | 13 | 14 |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Work Night</i> | | | | |



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