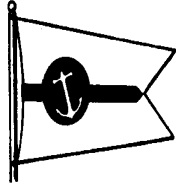


October 2011

The Ditty Bag



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From the Commodore:

This is my last Ditty Bag Article. It has been an honor to serve you, the members, over the past six years as an SBYC Board of Director and a Flag Officer. I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for all your support and help over the past four years while I was going up the chairs.

Well, Fall is here and the boating season is coming to an end. The Snowball Cruise was held at Beaver Island State Park. Well, we both couldn't make it, Jo Ann & I were both sick. I heard that the weather was good and the Friday night TGIF spaghetti dinner chaired by the Bemisderfer's, the pancake breakfast, Rex's famous chowder, and Roy's fabulous Rib Dinner all added up to making it a great weekend. The Saturday night music by our own Sandy Beach Bum's made it a great time for all who attended.

Fall also means that we host the annual Haul-Out Regatta that is the last sail boat race of the season. Thanks to Carolyn Taggart and her committee the weekend was a great time starting with a sign in TGIF and a steak dinner on Saturday night with a band. The weather did not cooperate especially with the light winds on Saturday. Sunday there was one race late in the afternoon.

Next, is our Commodore's Ball and I have been looking forward to this all year but it does mean that boating season is over for another year and that is sad but I hope to see you all at the Ball.

Commodore *Jim Ward*

The nomination committee for the 2012 BOD are P/C Greg Bush, Joe Agnello, and John Taggart. Check out the candidate's bios in this issue of the Ditty Bag and on, www.sandybeachyachtclub.com,

From the Women's Organization

With Labor Day behind us, the Snowball Weekend and the Haul Out Regatta just memories, fall is upon us. Sundays are now for football games-go Bills-not for sailboat racing.

Our charity for September and October is Harvest House, a retreat center open to all generations and denominations. Their Baby and Children's Ministry serves over 5,000 children in need each year.

Ladies of SBYC-look forward to a questionnaire from the Women's Board of Directors. Party chairmen take note: please replace the blue oilcloth table covers or just put tablecloths over them and secondly, Judy Seebauer will oversee cleaning of our new washable cloths.

Our next meeting, open to all, will be October 13 at 6:15 PM, with wine glass painting at 7:15PM. A reservation must be made for this event and the instructor can accommodate a maximum of 20. Call Marilyn Bush, 632-2708 for a reservation.

Margot Smith, Treasurer

JUST A QUICK NOTE TO BRING Y'ALL UP TO DATE. I SPENT LAST WEEK IN THE MILLARD (GATES CIRCLE) AFTER BEING TRANSFERRED FROM MILLARD SUBURBAN. I HAD COLLAPSED AND STRUCK MY HEAD SAT. NITE AND WAS DAZED CONFUSED AND SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT. AFTER MUCH TESTING THE DOCS DISCOVERED IT WAS A SERIOUS MEDICATION FOUL-UP, CAUSING ME TO HAVE SYMPTOMS MIMICING A STROKE. ALL IS WELL NOW AND I FEEL 100% BETTER. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL REAL SOON. THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR CARDS, PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS. I LOVE YOU GUYS !!

TOM MAGUIRE

The photos and bios on pages 4, 5 and 6 are presented for your information. These nine gents have decided to serve on the Sandy Beach Yacht Club, Board of Directors. It is a privilege that should not be taken lightly. The commitment is serious, time consuming and honorable.

Please acquaint yourself with these candidates. Come to the General Membership meeting on, Friday, November 4th, hear their final request for your vote and vote your choice. Absentee ballots will also be available.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kevin O'Neil
7 Norma Schmidt
13 Bob Dunlop
13 Nancy Dusel
14 Ray Ode
14 Ed Wargala
16 David McKay
17 Kathy Zielinski
18 Dave Bissonette
19 Gary LaRussa
21 Ruth Brinkerhoff
21 Lisa Fabiano
25 Judy Carmen
27 Tena Maguire
27 Barb Warnock
29 Mary Ruth Baumler

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Tony & Barbie Giambra
6 Kenneth & Cathy Knight
6 Dick & Kathleen Rozicki
10 Bob & Barb Warnock
12 James & Linda Isenhardt
15 Jose & Dorothy Garcia
16 Gail & David McKay
26 Paul & Darlene Hricak
29 Dennis & Debra Walsh

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Russ Bauer
4 Margot Smith
5 Jennifer Lenhard
5 Chris Taggart
6 Henry Buck
6 Kristina Elmer
6 Tom LaRussa
6 Norm Stocker
10 Bill Bosworth
11 Claudia Knight
12 Mike Matusiak
12 Kathy Pruchnowski
14 Sherry McDonald
14 Mike Murphy
17 Leah Baldassarre
17 Gary Burkhart
18 Cathy Knight
18 Kathleen Podgorny
20 Emily Rosenbluth
23 Helen Wargala
28 Andy Baranyi

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Daniel & Wendy Brown
1 John & Judy Seebauer
2 Louis & Lisa Fabiano
5 Fritz & Nancy Dusel
7 Mike & Pat Matusiak
17 John & Renee Taggart
19 Charles & Dorothy Kristich
24 Joe & Michelle Agnello
25 Rex & Shari Seitz

Dear Sandy Beachers:

Thank you for all your prayers and cards!! The prayers worked !! I am on the mend and in cardiac rehab three days a week.. The cards were beautiful!!!

Thank you again, *Irene Kristich*

I would like to thank all the members of SBYC for their cards e-mails and prayers during my recovery from surgery at Rosswell. The surgery was a success but full recovery will take time.

Thank you and may God bless _____
Gene Komasa



Hey everybody! I hope you are all doing well. I enjoy reading the Ditty Bag and sometimes even miss putting it together! I especially miss SBYC and all of the wonderful members. It's hard to believe that it's been over 13 years since we moved from Grand Island. Wow! Liza just graduated from Indiana University and is moving to North Carolina to work with Teach for America for two years. Marlo is attending Cincinnati State to become a Pastry Chef with a bachelor's degree in business. Barbie is working on her PhD in nursing. Me? I'm just enjoying the good life!! Some pictures attached! Hello to everyone at SBYC.

Miss you guys, Tony Giambra

Last month P/C Ed and Helen Wargala were invited to a Lions Club meeting/dinner. It was more than just a dinner. The officers and members of the New York State Lions Foundation extended congratulations for being recipients of the ROBERT J UPLINGER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

The certificate read:

“You are among those who are honored by Lions and Lioness clubs for generous service. This distinction is significant because this honor was awarded to you by others and cannot be purchased by an individual. The pin you receive with this tribute will identify you as someone who has done more than his share and truly believes in the motto of Lionism, "We Serve".”

Ed and Helen are not members of the Lions club, and stated they were honestly surprised when receiving this New York State-wide award. The Sandy Beach Yacht Club, Officers, Board and members salute the Wargala's never ending commitment to giving, without reward. They are our "Lions".

Would you be interested?

◇in learning to paint a wine glass.....4 more openings!

Pam Bock of Pam's Painting & Craft Studios is willing to come to SBYC and teach a class on how to paint a wine glass on Thursday, October 13, at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$15 a glass and Pam will furnish the glass and all the supplies.

We have 11 people that want to attend and Pam can take a maximum of 20 per class. If you are interested, please send an email to mjbush@aol.com.

Pam Bock is a certified One Stroke Instructor and has taught many glass and decorative classes. The class will take approximately 2 hours. Special thanks to Candy Hoolihan for referring Pam to us.

Marilyn Bush, President
SBYC Women's Organization



Ten years ago, I, Italo Baldassarre, joined Sandy Beach with my family because we were impressed with the people that make up the Sandy Beach Family. Since that time, my family and our many friendships have grown in kind. For us, Sandy Beach has become a home away from home.

Over the last few years my family has enjoyed serving our membership at the many TGIF dinners we have hosted, and socializing through club sponsored trips and events. Personally, it has been a pleasure to support our membership and Rear Commodore as a longtime member of the bar committee, and recently, our sailors as a race committee volunteer.

With your support, as a member of the Board of Directors I will continue to advocate for creative and inclusive club activities that promote the ideals of our founders, and continue to make our club a safe and happy place for all of us to be.



Sandy Beach Yacht Club members: Please consider me, Dave Bissonette, as an interested candidate for the upcoming board of director's election. With your support, I believe I would bring an added dimension of leadership to the hardworking board that currently exists.

My credentials include accomplished Health, Safety and Environmental professional. Most recent high profile accomplishment was successful coordination of the crash of Continental Airlines flight 3407 which crashed on February 12, 2009 killing all 49 persons on board and one person on the ground. My enthusiastic and strong communication skills would be effective for Sandy Beach Yacht Club. My passion for change, improving the quality of life and making a difference are all qualities I possess.

I have been a member of the club for the past 11 years and have participated on various committees such as building and grounds, dock reconstruction, bar committee, and the David Brinkerhoff fund raiser.

When elected, I would be pleased to work towards the best interests of Sandy Beach Yacht Club.



I have been a member of the Sandy Beach Yacht Club since 2009 (and what a wonderful and fortunate experience it has been to me to say the least). I have a beautiful wife Gail, & together we have five children and two grandchildren. I have been an avid sailing enthusiast and racer for just about 23 years and look ahead to many more.

I am a Print/Media Specialist (business) and have been so for most of my adult life. In the past I have served on the Board of Director's with the Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club (2001-2003), as public relations.

I feel it being quite an honor to be nominated and to be a considered member of the Board of Directors of the Sandy Beach Yacht Club. Looking forward to full-fill a new awareness to our club and our community.

Respectfully Submitted, *Mike Brady*



I, Dan Brown, with wife Wendy and daughter Erin, have been members of SBYC since 2009. I returned to the Island as a resident in 2005. Previously lived on Grand Island from 1970-1975 (Grand Island High School Class of 1974). I work as a, Program Analyst, Department of Homeland Security, Buffalo, NY. I am a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve 1975-1980, and Air Force Reserve 1981 to present. I have sailed many times and plan to buy a sailboat in the coming year. I desire to be member of the Board of Directors to help SBYC grow in size and attract younger members.



I (Fritz Dusel) have been going to board meetings for 3 and a half years and a board member for 3 years. Over the past year I have been the Dock Master, Membership chairman, auxiliary Fleet Captain, Head of the Corn Roast committee and founding member of the Sandy Beach Bums Band. I have also helped out on many other committees and events. I come to Work Night just about every week. My goal is to follow in my Father's foot steps and be Commodore in 2015. I've made the commitment and I've done the work. Your vote for me is a vote of confidence in my ability to carry out the duties ahead. To stand in front of the membership January 1st in uniform will be one of the proudest moments of my life. I'm not a sailor; I'm not a motor boater. "I'm a Sandy Beacher"



I've been a proud member of SBYC for over 22 years. I've had the honor of being your Commodore in 2000 and I've served on the Board for 11 years, enjoying every minute of it. I've chaired many important committees throughout the years. As recent as this year, I've chaired the Grounds Committee and served on the Membership Committee. I've also chaired or worked on several major parties. I bring a strong work ethic to the table and I lead by example. I have no agenda; I want to make SBYC as good as it can be. My goal if elected is to restore the honor of becoming a board member. I want to make it a fun

and positive experience and encourage others to run for election. There is no greater honor than to serve your club. Your support is greatly appreciated.

P/C Gary LaRussa



Should you not know me, I am **Kevin O'Neil** and I have been a member since 2006. Together with my family and our many friends here at Sandy Beach we have enjoyed the parties and celebrations that make this such a special place to be. Of course none of this is possible without giving back and I would enjoy the opportunity of joining the Board of Directors and helping keep our club the best it can be.

I bring along a strong work ethic, a desire to help and the ability to listen. SBYC has a vibrant history and unlimited potential for the future that I would be honored to support.

Thank you for your consideration



Lynn and I joined the Club in 2004. My son Nick has been a Junior Member since 2010.

There are so many wonderful reasons to join our Club, but the number one reason is the good people that make up the membership. In my time as a member, I have made so many fine friends. I am honored to have been nominated for the Board.

Although I have never served on the SBYC Board, I do have experience and know how a committee functions and the role of its members. For years I was on the Council at the University Club of Buffalo. I am also Chairman of the Peer and Ethics Review Committee of the Erie County Medical Society and have served on the Executive Committee of the Sisters of Charity Hospital many times.

If elected I will do the best I can working for all the membership—the jet skiers, the power boaters, and sailors.

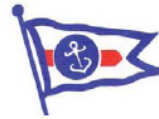
Sincerely, *Ralph C Sperrazza*



Fellow members, I (Ed Wargala) would like to go back a few years, well, maybe a little longer, o.k..... Into the last century.....June 1982, I was approached by a few members of the board with the statement " would you like to fill in for the remaining six months of Don Schoonmaker's term on the board, he is moving out of town"..... Sure, no problem, I would be honored. Well I stayed on, became Commodore in '87, and "temporarily" filled in as treasurer. Now it's October 2011, still on the board, and I am asking for your support as I am running for office again. A lot of members look at S.B.Y.C. as a place for very good friends, a lot of fun, and a lot of work. I look at S.B.Y.C. the same way.... plus also, as an operating entity with financial responsibilities and obligations. Fellow members: please be free to contact any of my previous 23+ bosses for references (the P/C's I served as treasurer for) and thank you for your support.

Celebrate the Holiday Season with

Sandy Beach Yacht Club



Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2011

6:00PM Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

7:00PM Dinner

*6 oz Filet and 5 oz Stuffed Chicken Breast
Rolls & Butter, Salad, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert & Coffee*

8:30 pm Music by Penelope

\$85.00 per Couple

*For Reservations e-mail: Mickey.Agnello@yahoo.com
Or Toni Sargent at: visaversa@verizon.net*

*Payment must be received by December 1, 2011
Please make checks payable to SBYC and mail to:*

*Joe Agnello
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716-773-1960*

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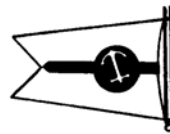
15th—Bill Pilkington—Private Party (after
Fall Clean-up)
22nd—John Ventry—Private Party

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Commodore's Ball</i>
2	3	4 <i>Work Night</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Work Night</i>	12	13 <i>Women's Org. Meeting</i>	14	15 <i>Dock Clean-up</i>
16	17	18 <i>Work Night</i>	19 <i>BOD's Meeting</i>	20	21	22 <i>J. Ventry Private Party</i>
23	24	25 <i>Work Night</i>	26	27 <i>Ditty Bag Articles Due</i>	28	29
30	31					

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5th—Tom McDonald
13th— P/C B. Warnock

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Work Night</i>	2	3	4 <i>General Membership Meeting</i>	5 <i>Tom McDonald Private Party</i>
6	7	8 <i>Work Night</i>	9	10 <i>Women's Org. Meeting</i>	11	12 <i>Harvest Dinner & Awards Nite</i>
13 <i>P/C Bob Warnock Private Party</i>	14	15 <i>Work Night</i>	16 <i>BOD's Meeting</i>	17	18	19 <i>Club Clean-up</i>
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The next deadline for submittals is Thursday, **October 27th** for the
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