

# SUN PARLOUR BOAT CLUB

Ship's Log - December 2023



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Immediate  
Past Commodore



Vice Commodore



Commodore



Secretary



Membership



Fleet Captain



Rear Commodore



Treasurer



Communications

Casper holds the position for anyone man-enough or woman-enough to assume that role and keep our Club alive.



**When**

**Event**

**Where**

Dec 8

**Flyer** Change of Watch

SPBC Clubhouse

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Pat Brough



## Commodore's

## Report

Thank you to the volunteers and others who made my Commodore's Ball so special. Thank you to my ball committee headed by Pat Bastien. Everything was perfect. I was so proud to show what Sun Parlour Boat Club is about to my 2022 & 2023 Commodore friends, to the AYC & I-LYA "royalty" who attended, and most of all to my family. They were all very impressed. And what about that band, eh!?!

The past two years have been a whirlwind, to say the least. Some people have been asking me if I'm happy that my service to our club is done; and honestly, I have to say it's bittersweet. I look forward to spending more time with my family and working on some of my other goals, but I will miss being Vice-Commodore & then Commodore of our great club. The past few years are a time full of memories I will cherish. I know that Gerry and I will be welcomed all over the Great Lakes, and in particular throughout Lake Erie and that we will continue to be involved, but at the PC level (Pick & Choose!). I sit on the board for one more year as the consulting PC and am ready to support our incoming officers.

We still have a few positions available for our 2024 board. As someone who is just completing my term, I can honestly say the commitment is worth it; especially if you are an avid boater, so don't be shy, put your name forward!

Well, Christmas is almost upon us, and shortly after that, the end of 2023. I wish everyone health, happiness, adventure, and unforgettable memories in 2024.



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Marilyn St. Pierre



# Vice Commodore

November is almost over . The biggest event this month was Pat's Ball. Wow it was a beautiful event. Everything went great and there were so many compliments. A nice touch was seeing all the pictures as the Commodores were marching in. I have been to a lot of Ball's and have never seen the pictures very nice.

2023 is coming to an end. Dec. 8th is the Change of Watch. I will have served my V.C. term and now become your Commodore for 2024. Pat did an outstanding job as your Commodore for 2023. I hope I can follow in her footsteps and do as well, being Commodore for 2024. Thank You everyone for a great year.

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Gerry Veerman



# Immediate Past Commodore's Report


I have been thinking the past couple days of how I would handle my last report as a member of the board. It truly has been an honour and pleasure to serve this club, and although we have had struggles, the ups definitely outweigh the downs. I would first of all like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support, your involvement and words of encouragement. You have made serving this club an experience I will always cherish.

Although my official duties are coming to an end, my involvement and service to the club will continue. I look forward to supporting the new board and bridge members, and look forward to the continued growth of this amazing club.

Our change of watch is quickly approaching, and I look forward to seeing everyone attend to support the new board and bridge.

The official end to the year for the class of 2023 happens at the annual AYC Commodores Ball weekend coming next February. We currently have 35 members of our club attending that have purchased tickets from me. If you have never attended before, I encourage you to consider going as it's an amazing weekend of food, fellowship and music.

I would like to close in wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and I look forward to 2024 for SPBC and all it has to offer.



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Patricia Bastien

# *Membership Chair*

## **Report**

The Commodore's Ball was a great success! Those who missed it, missed a terrific event! Gerry Veerman and I led this event, but we could not have done it without the help of the best committee. (Dan & Sheila Fitzpatrick, Marsha Quinn, Mary & Ken Porter, Bob Skeates and Julie Holmes, Bill and Linda Deans, and Marilyn and Paul St. Pierre.) Joe Gatfield, the professional he is, was the best MC. Border City Brass was an awesome band that had everyone dancing to the end of the night! Katrina Johnson from St. Clair Centre who is new to this venue could not have been more helpful and co-operative to all our ideas! Everything just fell into place and was perfect! It was a true tribute to our Commodore.

On another note, I am resigning my position as Membership Chair. This decision does not come lightly, and I have thought long and hard about this but there are reasons for it.

Our club has problems. I have been a member since 2014 and in those 9 years, either Neil, both of us or I have been sitting at the head table for 7 of those years. In all those years and for many before them this club has fought to keep a bridge and board together. In those 9 years this club has gone through 7 treasurers! Most of them recycled from other positions. There has been three husband and wife teams, which makes the work required for each position harder, since two people are doing the work of four. This causes frustration and burnout. And a member of another club stepped up to be our vice commodore this year and there is only the past commodore to work with her! I think this is unacceptable.

We have 124 memberships, so about 230 members! Pat and Gerry have tried very hard to engage some of the new members and try to coax them into taking positions. I understand new members don't want to take up positions when they don't really know what the club is all about, but 230 members did not sign up last year! More than half of those people I have not met in 9 years! The same 29 or 30 members show up for all the meetings, help with Regattas and ball preparations and are true club members, but the rest only want a card to party someplace else.

I count myself as one of the true club members. I am not tooting my own horn here, but I contribute to most of the events and head up regatta and ball committees because putting these events together is fun for me. And I have had fun and made so many friends from this club, but I think I have done my stint and am ready to pass the torch on to someone else.

So, please, think about stepping up and take on an open position. It is a great club, and it would be shame to see it go for lack of leadership.





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 and a  
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# George Winter

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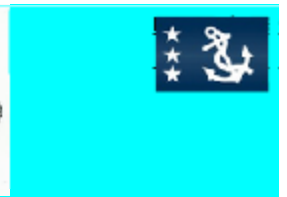
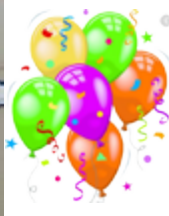
## General Membership Meeting and Change of Watch

Friday December 8th at 7pm  
at the Clubhouse

Note that no alcohol is allowed during the meeting, but feel free to celebrate your new Board of Directors and enjoy some fellowship afterward.







### December Birthdays

Darlene Percy	Dec. 1
Debbie Easter	Dec. 3
Dan Fitzpatrick	Dec. 5
Sheila Fitzpatrick	Dec. 10
Bryan Miller	Dec. 12
Kathie Louks-Moore	Dec. 13
Rick Ingalls	Dec. 13
Gerry Veerman	Dec. 14
Luigi DiPierdomenico	Dec. 14
Theresa Farao	Dec. 16
Laura Rochemont	Dec. 16
Gerry Piccinin	Dec. 17
Vaughn Sigrift	Dec. 18
Leslie Logan	Dec. 20
Jackie Hamilton	Dec. 24
Craig Ascott	Dec. 25
Sharon Ohearn	Dec. 25
Jeanne Walker	Dec. 26
Mary Porter	Dec. 28
Sam Italiano	Dec. 29

### January Birthdays

Tim Predhomme	Jan. 3
Patricia Brough	Jan. 5
Brenda Owen	Jan. 6
Valarie Richard	Jan. 6
Celeste Traubert	Jan. 7
Pedro DePeiza	Jan. 15
Kevin Mutterback	Jan. 19
Tammy Cikalo	Jan. 20
Janet Coulter	Jan. 22
Bill Fairlie	Jan. 28
Wayne Bastien	Jan. 30
Tina Walters	Jan. 30

### Past Commodores

1968/69	Jerry Rice
1970/71	Lyle Blonde*
1972/73	Shad Richard*
1974/75	Ted Bulmer*
1976	Orv Mackey*
1977	Bob Morley
1978	George McKee*
1979	Stan Beneteau*
1980	Jack Northwood*
1981/82	Mike Martin*
1983/84	Ken Thoms*
1985/86	Bob Walker
1987	Murray Byers*
1988	Al Kersey*
1989	Gerry Murphy*
1990	Vera Haller
1991	Jack Robertson*
1992	John Glover*
1993	Brian Hale
1994	Drew Paupst
1995	Steve Willing
1996	Bill Fairlie
1997	Bob Coulter
1998	Sue Laporte
1999	John Taylor*
2000	Don Gulick

### \* Denotes Deceased

2001	Jim Cyrowski
2002	Dave Wright
2003	Gary Frowley
2004	Gary Coles
2005	Chris Amlin
2006	Bill Woods
2007	John Bowers*
2008	Marty Zamparo*
2009	Shawn O'Neil
2010	Reg Major
2011	Sharon Amlin
2012	Jerry Taylor
2013	Matt Morrison*
2014	Reg Major
2015	Doug Potier
2016	Keith Postma
2017	Izzie Dulmage
2018	Rick Ingalls
2019	Neil Bastien
2020	Bill Deans
2021	Dan Fitzpatrick
2022	Gerry Veerman

### December Anniversaries

Greg Jolie & Mary Brannigan	Dec. 2
Douglas & Michelle Pflug	Dec. 4
Russ & Shelly Mino	Dec. 7
Ken & Mary Porter	Dec. 18
Steve & Shirley Willing	Dec. 27
Randy & Celeste Traubert	Dec. 30
Bill & Linda Deans	Dec. 31

### January Anniversaries

Pedro DePeiza & Stacey Greenwood	Jan. 19
Jim & Lorene Cyrowski	Jan. 23

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Vice Commodore	Marilyn St. Pierre	519-988-9695
Rear Commodore		
Fleet Captain		
Immediate P/C	Gerry Veerman	519-819-8890

### Directors

Communications	Rick Ingalls	519-735-7345
Recording Secretary	Michele Clark	
Treasurer	Doug Potier	519-564-5550
Membership	Pat Bastien	226-757-1747
Fleet Chaplain	Fr. Stan Fraser	519-919-0678



**When**

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Dec 8

Change of Watch

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