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Sun Parlour Boat Club

# ship's log

JUNE | 2011

## commodore's report



**Sharon  
Amlin**

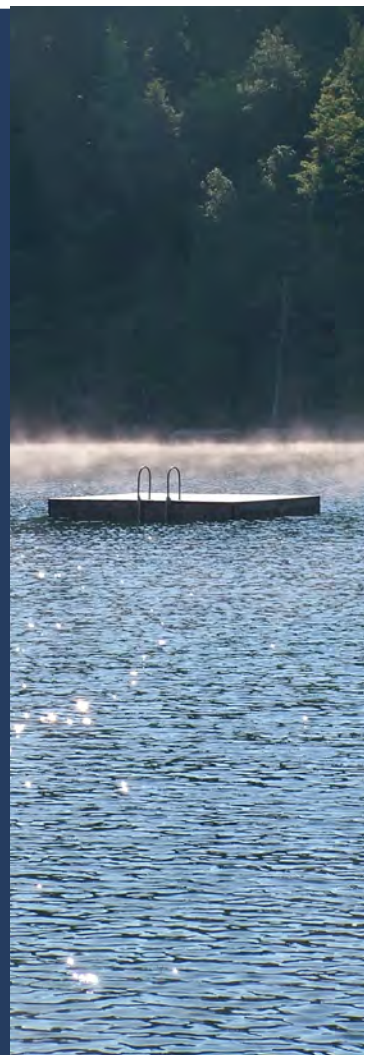
YOU MISSED IT ! George, the Ghost, paid me a visit during our Shakedown Cruise to Idle Hour Yacht Club and we were welcomed with open arms. Some of their members even hinted that they may pay us a visit during our Regatta. And speaking of Regatta, please let V/C Jerry know if you would like to volunteer on August 26/27. Thanks Jeff (and George) for a great weekend. Thanks also to Dawn for taking the night shift, to Fleet Captain Matt for sacrificing sleep and taking the ferry over to Harsen's Island to supply our Caesars. Also thanks to P/C Reg and Lady Laurie and P/C Jim and Lady Lorene for hosting the annual wine and cheese party. George had more than his share !

Please remember any time you visit another Club, bring an extra Ship's Log and Membership Application. You never know who might be interested in our Club's adventures.

Thank you Jim and Judy and all the models and assistants for turning a very inclement day into a red carpet day. Just proves that when SPBC is presented with lemons, we love to make lemon aid.

Our Club has again had a very successful Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for Windsor and Essex County Hospice. Thanks to all who attended, including my Dad (Clare) and my Aunt Annette who donated an extra \$25. each.

Hope to see everyone at Elba Mar Games for the June 4 & 5th weekend, ALL of the Poker Runs and as many Regattas as you can attend. SPBC is on the road to grab another flag. Let's see some team spirit !!!  
Later Gators



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE

- 06 | 01 SPBC Auxiliary meeting
- 06 | 04 - 05 SPBC & Elba Mar Games
- 06 | 09 Burger Night

## JULY

- 07 | 06 SPBC Auxiliary meeting
- TBD Membership Appreciation BBQ
- 07 | 15 Burger Night
- 07 | 23 - 26 Summer Cruise

## vice commodore's report

Hello everyone, I hope all are doing fine.

May was a busy month and I would like to thank everyone that came out to events, and, thanks to people that put on these events, and everyone who helped. GREAT JOB.

June will be a busy month at the club as well. There is an Auxiliary meeting on the 1st. and I'm sure Maria will welcome anyone wanting to be a part of this very important part of our club, Elba-Mar games on the 4th and 5th, this has always been a lot of fun, and a burger night on the 9th.

Opening of the Islands is a full weekend of events at a number of Clubs beginning the 10th, and there are two Poker Runs as well. If you want to attend any of these events, please check the Log, the Web Site, or contact any Board Member for all the details.



**Jerry Taylor**



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## fleet captain's report

Just putting the finishing touches on the Blessing hopefully the weather will hold out for us. Lady Maria and myself are looking forward to attending the opening of the ports looks like it will be a very busy weekend.



**Matt Morrison**

See ya around the club

Matt

## ROSTER CORRECTION

We inadvertently missed:

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6 | 02 Doug Decker  
 6 | 07 Sandy Mino  
       Laurie Major  
 6 | 10 Shirley Meloche  
 6 | 11 Louise Potier  
 6 | 13 Patrick Zonjic

## BIRTHDAYS

6 | 15 George Levack  
 6 | 21 Sharon Amlin  
 6 | 27 Doug Potier  
 6 | 28 Zoran Zonjic  
 6 | 30 Terri Patterson

## ANNIVERSARIES

6 | 06 Bill & Luanne Maindonald  
 6 | 10 Tom & Nikki Pilutti  
 6 | 11 Don & Lisa Davis  
 6 | 20 Joe & Shirley Meloche  
 6 | 26 Patrick & Charyline Zonjic  
 6 | 29 Robert & Karen Swiecki

# rear commodore's report

Just as soon as you thought you were rid of me...I'm Baaack.

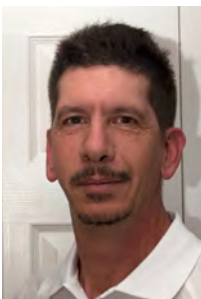
Unfortunately, before my new duties were bestowed upon me, I had made previous plans at the ILYA fundraiser, which forced me to miss the Shakedown Cruise. With the exception of some early bedtimes, I've heard nothing but great things from it, congrats Jeff & Dawn. The club has already had many great happenings this year, hopefully I'll see each and every member at a few of the next events.

Speaking of which, your P/C Steve Willing & Lady Shirley will be having a BBQ on the 24th. Come on out and support a deserving couple.



**Shawn  
O'Neil**

# membership report



**Jeff  
Cowan**

Finally a nice weekend and just in time for the annual Shakedown Cruise. Thank you to all those who attended. We even had members drive over for parts of the weekend.

I think that 'boutTime was the only vessel with any issues – we broke a shift cable leaving our dock at Holiday Harbour. Thankfully it was early afternoon, Dawn drove like the wind to pick up the new cable, Jay was available to install it (I helped a little), Jerry and Shirley circled around back to the dock and waited for us to complete the repairs, a phone call from our attendees already enjoying the hospitality of Idle Hour Yacht Club wondering where we were and if we were ok, fuelled up at Great Lakes, and we were off. A little late but still made it on friday with time to enjoy all the pot luck goodies.

Dawn and I really enjoyed visiting a new destination (for us) and hope everyone else did as well.

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# GET READY FOR SUN PARLOUR - ELBA MAR ANNUAL GAMES



SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2011

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SUNDAY: 10:00 CAESARS - Don't forget your SPBC Caesar mug  
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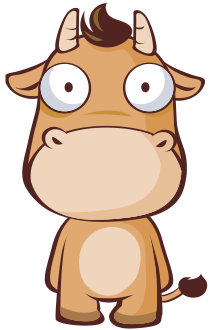
Registration required before Monday, May 30  
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# P/C BBQ!



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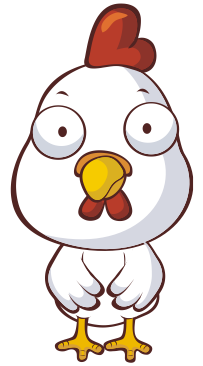


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# 2011 POKER RUN

June 17<sup>th</sup>- 18th at Toledo Sail Club

June 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> at Wyandotte Yacht Club



July 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> at Swan Boat Club

August 12<sup>th</sup>- 13th at Ford Yacht Club

August 19<sup>th</sup>- 20th at Bayview Yacht Club



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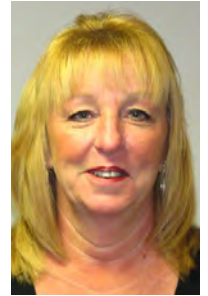


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## regalia officer report

Thanks to the membership the Regalia Sales are going well. I now have men's tank tops in stock as well as bath towels embroidered with our logo available in colors. We have SPBC burgees and burgee covers (embroidered) in a variety of colors among other items of shirts and hoodies. The Fashion Show & Wine Sipping event went very well. Special thanks to SPBC member Nancy Bauer for her generous donation of a beautiful painting which was won as the door prize by SPBC member Charyline Zonjic. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful. Thanks to P/C Reg Major for the music.



**Judy  
Lennon**

## auxiliary report

Welcome Spring and the hot weather! May's Burger Night and Planting Ceremony was amazing. Thanks to Dayle for picking up the plants and shrubs and to everyone who had a chance to come out to help us weed and plant the garden. The ceremony was perfect. Fr. Stan recognized each item planted, the past Auxiliary President it was planted in honour of, and said a beautiful prayer over it. We could not have asked for a better night. Once again none of this could have been possible without the assistance of the Auxiliary members and husbands.



**Maria  
Morrison**

Our next Auxiliary Meeting is set for Wednesday, June 1st at 5:45. Everyone is invited to attend. Burger Night is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th from 6 to 8pm. Please join us with your family and friends for an evening of food and friendship. And, don't forget to bring a can for Fr. Stan - each total can donation entitles you to one free ticket for the Fr. Stan raffle basket. As always, a themed raffle basket is also available to be won. Tickets are 3 for \$5.

See you soon.

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## p/c report

I want to thank all the Past Commodores who came out for both the Fish Fry and the Hospice Spaghetti Dinners. It was very cool to work with all of you and see all Members appreciate how their former Leaders can still pull off back to back great events! I have no idea how P/C's Shawn & Laurie on the fish and Jim Cyrowski & Dave Wright managed to accomplish cooking the best Fish `n Fries ever despite of some totally crappy weather. Great job by all!



**Reg Major**

Congrats to Regalia Chair Judy & Jim Lennon for a very fun Wine & Cheese Fashion Show. It was good to see a lot of supporters working hard to make this event great, Dayle Kettlewell was a wonder in the kitchen, again, I can't name everyone, but you know who you are. Take a bow!

June 24, the Past Commodores & Ladies are hosting a Steak & Chicken Fundraiser for P/C Steve & Shirley Willing's year, watch for the flyer and hope to see you there.

## communications report

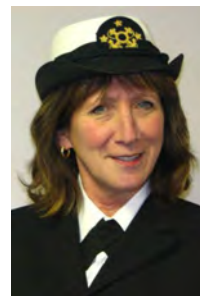
Thanks to those brave members who travelled for the Shakedown Cruise. As Jeff said, after an eventful start, we finally made it to Idle Hour. A huge shout out to Reg and Laurie Major for hosting the Wine and Cheese party on Saturday and to everyone who drove over to join us. As well, thanks to Laurie O'Neil for her prize donation and Judy Lennon for the regalia donations - all went to the very creative participants of the scavenger hunt. Once again, the ideas presented to the judges proved very entertaining.



**Dawn Cowan**

## ayc report

Matt Morrison, Fleet Captain Extraordinaire, is gathering names of those going to the Poker Runs. Let's show him our support. The first one is on June 17/18 at Toledo Sailing Club, so Gentlemen and Ladies... "Start Your Engines" and I don't just mean boat engines. Come to the Non-Poker Runs by car or boat, and SPBC will get points. Let's start enjoying the summer.



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# The International Order of the Blue Gavel & Sun Parlour Boat Club

By P/C Stephen Willing, International 1st Vice President, IOBG

In the 1960's, Sun Parlour Boat Club started as a boat racing club on the Detroit River near Peche Island. (The boats are called "Sea Fleas" and modern versions are still raced today.) As the racers grew older and lost interest in the sport, SPBC developed into a social club. Many times over the years, SPBC discussed owning property and it's own clubhouse. At that time, the general consensus of the members was to stay as a travelling club, so travel they did. Boating trips were held every two weeks during the warm seasons, and a land activity was held once a month in the off season, to keep the fun going.

Although several clubs recognised SPBC as a legitimate club, and welcomed us to use their facilities, many referred to us as a "paper club", and held us in disdain. Over the years, even the clubs that did not approve of "paper clubs", conceded that we were here to stay, and our members were welcomed to visit their clubs and join their activities.

In the late 1980's, Michigan Liquor Control started to crack down on private clubs allowing non-members into their facilities. The American clubs asked SPBC to become associated with an organization such as the Inter-Lakes Yachting Association, Associated Yacht Clubs of Toledo, or the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Under Michigan law, persons who were affiliated in this manner could legally visit Michigan clubs. SPBC approached AYC, and while we had a great deal of support, we were not accepted for various reasons. I-LYA stated they would like to have us as members, but we did not meet their requirement of having a permanent meeting location. SPBC applied for an IOBG Charter under District 9, and was immediately accepted. This was the first organisation to recognise that SPBC met the standards to be accepted as a legitimate club. (SPBC was accepted into I-LYA in 1994, and AYC in 2002.)

## PASSING THE GAVEL

The International Order of the Blue Gavel was the brain child of Ev Henry, the 1952 commodore of the Rainier Yacht Club, Seattle, Washington. He was IOBG's first President in 1955. The mission of IOBG is to recognize past commodores of the international yachting community and unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting, and preserve its customs

and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. The organization has grown over the years and includes members from United States, Canada, England, New Zealand, Mexico, Marshall Islands, Japan, and Diego Garcia Military Base in the Indian Ocean. It also has an Auxiliary (IOBGA) for the spouses/domestic partners of IOBG members, and a charitable arm known as the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

In December 1995, at the SPBC Change of Watch, upon becoming Past Commodore, I was sworn into the IOBG. I was active in District 9, and joined the Executive Board of District 25 in 1997. I continued through the chairs, becoming District President in 2000. I also served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation in 2003 and 2004, and at the International level as North Central Vice President in 2005 and 2006. Each year, out of over 2,000 members, only one is chosen to join the International Executive Committee. I became International 2nd VP in October 2009. This means that in October 2012, I will be sworn in as the International President.

## HOW DOES THIS INVOLVE SPBC?

For the entirety of this journey of involvement in the IOBG, it has always been recognised that Shirley and I represent SPBC. IOBG members in far off places now know there is a club, called Sun Parlour Boat Club. Soon they will be coming here to see the club, and enjoy the hospitality for which SPBC is known. Over the years, Shirley and I have received honours that few in the IOBG have attained:

Shirley:

- IOBG Auxiliary Founder and President, Districts 9 and 25
- International IOBG Auxiliary President 2002
- Recipient of the IOBG Past Presidents' Award for outstanding service 2006

Stephen:

- Recipient of the IOBG Humanitarian Award for outstanding service 1998
- Recipient of the IOBG Past Presidents' Award 2004  
(Note: the IOBG P/P Award is not awarded every year, and there are approximately 15 recipients total.)

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Over the years, Shirley and I have missed many SPBC events, while we were away representing the club at IOBG functions. However in almost 25 years, I have attended almost all of the SPBC membership meetings. My blazer crest is crossed burgees of IOBG and SPBC, and my licence plate is proudly SPBC 95.

SPBC is now preparing for the visit of boating dignitaries from all over the United States and Great Britain. This will be one of the most prestigious and historic events ever held by IOBG as well as the first outside of the United States. I hope the SPBC members are proud of this accomplishment, and will embrace the publicity and goodwill that will flow from having an International Convention hosted by SPBC.

I know that members are concerned that this event may be extremely costly for the club. The convention fund raising committee is working very hard to eliminate this concern. Fund raising events will be occurring throughout the year. Please mark them on your calendar, and show your support, by attending and having fun.

Shirley and I are proud to be members of Sun Parlour Boat Club, and appreciate the support you have given us over the years. Thank you, see you at the club.



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*Regalia Officer Judy Lennon and husband Jim exchange club burgees with Charlotte Harbour Yacht Club in Port Charlotte, FL during a recent vacation.*

# 2011 officers

## sun parlour past commodores

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