

Swan Boat Club

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View from the Bridge Commodore's Report



Hello Swannies,

Hello Swan Boat Club,

I am starting out this month, asking any and all members attend this month's membership meeting. We are going to have the first reading of one and second reading of another article to amend Swan Boat Club's by-laws.

Swan will soon have our Gun a Day raffle available. We have secured a great selection of guns from Cabela's in Dundee. Rick and Jenine have designed the ticket and we are waiting for the license number from the State to go to print. This style of raffle is widely accepted and popular. Swan members can accomplish this task. This raffle will single handedly support our Blue Gavel/ Passed Commodore's tuition fund and fund the majority of our commodore's ball. I am proud to report that the ball committee decided we are going to have this year's ball here at Swan. I love it, it's a great idea!

Next, we are short members and dock rental income. We all know this. PC Chris Mulligan at our March membership meeting suggested that we offer a one year "transitory

membership". This type of membership is a one season, only. For example, the season would be May 1st or 15th, ending October 1st. It allows perspective members and boaters to get to know us while supporting our club financially. This model of transitory membership has worked quite well for Ford Yacht Club that reports having a retention of transitory members turning them into new members of up to 90%. Secondly, we are having a two-day Fishing Tournament, Fishing Expo and Open House the first weekend of June. We will be advertising in the Downriver Walleye Foundation publication and encouraging their members to participate along with us. We are also planning a mailing directed at potential membership households around Newport along with some of the downriver communities, welcoming them to the Expo in June and Swan's Regatta in July.

Well, it was a heck of a great weekend at Swan! Larry Deja, our Power Fleet Captain, organized our first club run. We went first to RVC then to PPBC, ORYC and ended our epic afternoon at Bayview. Every one of the clubs welcomed us and all had a great spread

of food and treats. Thank you, Larry, and thank you sister clubs! That was Saturday. Sunday, bad bunny day was an absolute success! Gloria and I have been collecting gifts and prizes for quite some time. Gloria didn't realize and neither did I how many Dollar Stores there are and how many trips are made collecting all these treasures. I want to thank all the volunteers that made this event a success. Our club turned the pavilion into Easter Bunny Land! I played the bad bunny role unsuccessfully. Yes, I was caught in the moment, sitting there waving at the crowd, all the smiling little faces looking back at me. I truly had a good time I will remember fondly for years.

Rear Commodore, Bill Tumminello has a list of updates and plans for modernizing our club as well as he is planning to paint areas of the interior of the club. He plans to have the ventilation vents taken down, power washed, painted and reinstalled. There are various electrical updates, light bulbs need to be replaced all around the club. He wants to have our building, grounds and docks in top shelf condition for Regatta. Bill is at the club pretty much every day, call him. If you

can't reach Bill, call me. There are many small jobs that are volunteer friendly. I hear from members that time after time step up and volunteer for our club say, "It would be so much easier if we had help!" I agree, we can start today by showing up to membership meetings and sharing your ideas with us collectively. Transitory Memberships was suggested at the March meeting. I had never heard that term or idea. If PC Mulligan was not there, we wouldn't have had that term or idea included as new business.

Members, new members especially, support your spouse or significant other to join Swan's Auxiliary. Lastly, on that note, please get involved today.

See you at the Club soon. Please keep in mind we need to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Commodore Rob

Food for Thought



Hello everyone

I would like to start out by thanking Chris Johnson and the whole kitchen crew for the Saint Patty's Day dinner. Everything was amazing. And then I would like to thank Terry, Dan, Martin, Jeff, and that whole crew for doing the fish fry on Friday, our first fish fry which turned out great.

We are having another fish fry on Good Friday will need as many volunteers as we can get to help out make everything work smoothly.

Our next big event would be Mother's Day breakfast that will be happening May 9th at 9 a.m. until noon. We need new faces in the kitchen volunteers. Help would be wonderful.

Looking forward to a good, full, and positive year with the club.

ViceCommodore
Richard Liberty III

From the Bar



Hello everyone.

Hope you are all well.

Spring is here and the boats will be going in soon. Hope to see you all at the club enjoying your boats.

The bar will soon be open for summer hours.

Rear Commodore Bill Tumminello

TREASURER'S REPORT



We are in the process of bringing the roster current and if you received an invoice, the information we have on file was listed on your invoice. Any members that do not receive an invoice due to being a Life Member, it would be appreciated if you submit your current info too. In the near future we would like to notify members of any club news via email for those that have one. Please update any changes and return to the treasurer in one of the following ways:

Text to (734) 778-0042

Email to: sbc.treasurer@yahoo.com

Mail to: Swan Boat Club PO Box 94,
Newport, MI 48166

Drop in treasurer mailbox.

Info we need is:

1. Current address
2. Home number if you still have a landline

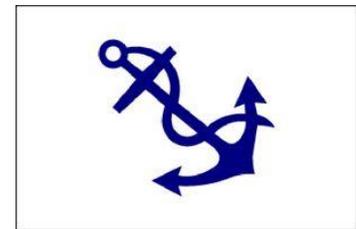
3. Your cell number
4. Your spouse/significant other name
5. Your spouse/significant other cell number
6. Your birthdate
7. Your email address .

Please do not hesitate to call, text or email me with any questions or concerns.

Sheryl Stiles
Treasurer 2020
(734) 778-0042

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POWER FLEET CAPTAIN



Hello everyone!

Taking the shrink wrap off is such a good feeling!

The bus trips from Cooley Canal and Bayview were great! They all had a good time and we had a good time with them! I want to thank everyone for all the good food and all the help preparing, setting up, serving and cleaning up, and showing them how much fun, we have at Swan Boat Club!

We did a last-minute burgee run, to River View, Pointe Place, Ottawa River and Bayview. What a blast! We took their burgees and got a couple of ours back!

We have 2 incoming bus trips from Elba Mar and Ottawa River. They will be here on April 10. Elba Mar will be here at 3 and Ottawa River at 4:45.

As always, we'll need help with food donations and help with serving food, greeting and hanging out with them.

There are sign-up sheets at the club and you can call myself, Chris Wright, Rich Barron or Rick Liberty with any questions. It's also posted on the chat board and Facebook.

Spring is in the air! Looking forward to seeing you at OUR club!

2021 Power Fleet Captain
Larry Deja
734-740-3207

2021 Asst Power Fleet Captain
Rich Barron 734-770-3080

2021 Vice Commodore
Rick Liberty
734-673-0475

SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN



Good day

Spring is just around the corner and time to start talking boat. Speaking boat we need members. So, while you are out and about talk boat to your friends. And while you are at West Marine buying paint, talk Swan Boat Club. We have 40 empty docks. We need to fill them. The guy who had the two sailboats is not coming back. Oh well.

Now that the club is starting to open up, need to see you out there. Get your work hours in early. I need help fixing the electric where the ice broke some conduits.

Sail fleet captain. Chris Wright

SUNSHINE REPORT



A very happy spring to all!

This month has been rather slow for Sunshine. There were only 3 get well cards sent out- one to P/C Doug Hogan, another to Scott Paschen and the last one to P/C Marshella Chidester. Praying they all are feeling better. Hope everyone enjoys the warmer weather.

Brenda McNaughton
Sunshine Lady

**Membership in Swan Boat Club
is available.**

**Sponsor
a friend
or family
member.**



Applications are behind the bar!



The Other Half Auxiliary Report

Things are starting to get back somewhat to normal with the vaccine, hoping Summer 2021 will be more normal than 2020 was. The Auxiliary still doesn't have any upcoming events planned at this point, but we are looking at some events with things opening back up. Follow Swan on Facebook and check the Swan website and/or chat board regularly to get updated information on upcoming events. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for events. Come to our next meeting with your ideas!

Auxiliary meetings are the same time as the membership meetings, next meeting will be April 11 at 2 pm.

Auxiliary President
Rachel Thomas

Questions! Please reach out to myself or any board member at the club or you can also reach me by email:
rlthomas25@gmail.com

EDITOR'S CORNER

Finally the light at the end of the tunnel can be seen on many fronts.

Monkeyshine wants her shrinkwrap off! Me too!

Please stay vigilant and wear your mask, if not for yourself, then for others.

Sam Gaudette
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