



Sand Pointe Yacht Club  
 Sounder  
 January 2008




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## *Commodore's Report*

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The annual Christmas party turned out great. The food was provided by Kent at Sugar Bush Tavern, a superb party. Thanks to all that worked so hard at putting together another great party for Sand Pointe. The New Year is here and I'm already thinking of things Gator Bait can use. The new boating season is in four months.

I want to say what a great job Tony has done for Sand Pointe. I'm sure we will see him all summer long!

Please give him a warm friendly hand shake at the Commodores Ball. It takes a lot of dedication going through four years of being on the bridge. Let alone doing it twice! Once again Tony deserves a pat on the back, and let him know what a fine job he has done!

As the Commodore's ball approaches, we desperately need your bottle of cheer at this coming meeting. The wrapping party is Saturday February 9th at Six o'clock at Terry and Debbie Giannico's. All volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated to attend. Also, bring your ticket money and your favorite boat picture for the display board to the meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Once again Happy New Year and welcome to another great boating season with Sand Pointe!

*You're Incoming Commodore,  
 Jeff Deffen*

### 2008 Bridge Members

Jeff Deffen	Commodore
Gary Szczesniak	Vice Commodore
Brian Fox	Rear Commodore
Len Bruley	Fleet Captain
Kim Fox	Secretary
Corinne Christensen	Treasurer
Gary Knapp	Membership
Doris Solecki	Sunshine Delegate
John O'Leary	Assistant Fleet Captain
Tony Fralowicz	ABYA Delegate



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## Vice Commodore Report

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101 more days until launch. I hope everyone had time to enjoy the holidays with friends and family. The Christmas decorations are on their way back in the storage boxes in the basement. Spring-cleaning will begin soon and then "wax on...wax off".

I look forward to serving the club as Vice Commodore this year. I will focus my efforts this year on the 2009 Commodore's Ball and assisting the board and bridge in whatever they need. For now, lets all try to sell as many raffle and dinner tickets as we can for the 2008 Commodore's Ball. Jeff has worked very hard and we can assist him by selling as many tickets as we can to make it a success.

I know Len has been working hard on the 2008 Float Plan. The outings have been a lot of fun lately in large part because of events Corinne has planned for us at the outings.

Therefore, if you have not attended one lately, check out the float plan and sign up for the ones you can attend. Len is also planning some fun surprises for the club as well. It will be fun and as always, good eating too!

Happy New Year to everyone, and see you at the January meeting at the VFW hall on January 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

*You're Vice Commodore,  
Gary*



### Special Interest

- \* January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is at **3:00pm** at the VFW hall, due to Past Commodore breakfast at Mac & Ray's
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> official outing is at Penna's in April
- \* **SELL, SELL, SELL** those Commodore Ball tickets !!!
- \* Did you pay your dues yet?



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## Rear Commodore Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year !!

Ready for 2008, the beginning of another great season for Sand Pointe Yacht Club. I know Jeff is hard at work putting the finishing touches on our Commodore's Ball. Len has a great float plan for all of us this year as well. Our new Assistant Fleet Captain, I'm sure, is ready to assist. We also have a new Treasurer, Corinne Christensen and a new Secretary, Kim Fox. Me, well I've retired from Fleet Captain and I'm now solely responsible for writing an article and sending out the sounder on a monthly basis, a much needed break if I say so myself. Fleet Captain was great, a little challenging, but a good time. With all of the help throughout the season, everything comes together.

The Christmas party at Harbor Club North was a bit hectic in the beginning, but overall, with everyone's help, I think we had a great time. Thanks to all of those who helped me throughout the year; cleaning, cooking, prepping, etc., and thanks to all of those who participated in the 2007 season outings to make them fun events. I'm sure Corinne is hard at work brainstorming what other animals we can send to the finish line => ... horses and fish are already used up!!

Please let me know if you are unable to open the Sounder on your computer. If you can't, I will mail you a copy in the future. I will also have copies at the meeting on January 13th at 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall. The meeting is starting at **3:00pm** due to the Past Commodore's breakfast at Mac & Ray's.

Please remember to bring your bottles of cheer, the sold raffle and Commodore's Ball tickets, along with the money, to the meeting January 13th. Also, if you haven't paid your dues yet, they are officially due by January 15th, so if you'd like to pay them at the meeting, don't forget your checkbooks!!

*Rear Commodore,  
Brian*



### For Sale



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### Sun Shine Lady

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Rich Bewick's father passed away Friday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

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Ralph Solecki's sister passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>



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## *Fleet Captain Report*

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Happy New Year to All !! I finally have most of the 2008 Fleet Plan in place. I will have copies and sign up sheets available at the January 13th meeting. As I explained before, most of the outings are somewhat close to home and this was done in an effort to help try to make next summer "affordable".

Our first official "outing" will be the fitting out party at Penna's in April. You will hear more about this event as the season progresses.

This summer's extended cruise is again scheduled for Lake Erie. It should begin with the Jazz festival on Bob-Lo on July 25 and moves to the Toledo Yacht Club, and then three days at Put-in-Bay, before a stop on the way home at Ford Yacht Club on Grosse Ile.

We have two outings set up at Smuggler's (Radlin's) – Memorial Day and Labor Day. Chris has promised to give us a break on dockage for being there twice.

We encountered some major problems with Harbor Club North and the Christmas Party, and as a result, we are looking for a new place to hold the 2008 event.

If you know of a similar set up, where we can have it catered and bring in our own refreshments, please let me know.

If you have any suggestions for themes or meal choices at our outings, let me know.

Finally, if you sign up for an event and realize that you cannot make it, please let me know as soon as you can. Most of these places require a deposit and it becomes extremely difficult to recoup dockage at the last minute.

*Let's have a GREAT YEAR!*

*Len*





## Upcoming Events

SPYC Meeting

Jan. **13th** (VFW)

**Dues need to be paid**

**No Later than Jan. 15th**

Commodore Ball

Feb. **16th**



JANUARY						
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### Birthdays

Eva Buckner	Jan 17
Jeff Deffen	Jan 18
Mariann Lindeman	Jan 18
Joyce Withers	Jan 19

### Anniversaries

Brian & Kim Fox	Jan 28
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