



# **Smugglers Cove Boat Club**

## **February 2023 Newsletter**



*Good Day Smugglers!*

*Another winter month has passed us, bringing us one month closer to boating season!*

*I just flew over Lake Erie on Saturday, it's not frozen as of yet, which is hopeful for an early Put-In... weather permitting!*

*Bryant our Rear Commodore has sent out the dock intention forms. Please complete and return them ASAP so he can start this year's dock exchange. Submission of this form is mandatory for all and also acknowledges you have read and understand our Code of Conduct.*

*Our upcoming February general meeting is when we will be presenting our proposed budget for the 2023 season. Lorne will review it line by line with the membership. Any questions on our budget will be answered at the meeting.*

*We now have two new committees which will help us move forward improving how we function as a club.*

- 1. Kim Woods will be leading the **Website/Digital Committee** composed of Erika Lovasi, Kelly Davis and Dennis Angle. They will be assisting Drew Young and Shalom Levytam who will design our new web-based system.*
- 2. Dan Grignon will be leading the **Boat Length Committee** composed of Chris Bull, Josh Perlstein and Jason Smyth.*

*I would like to thank all the volunteers for signing up for these committees. Whether or not chosen, your commitment is appreciated and demonstrates the teamwork approach we need for which all SCBC members benefit.*

*Frank Lovasi our new Vice Commodore House, has been working on the New Cleaning Schedule along with some new ideas to help improve keeping our club looking ship shape.*

*Miles Milligan will be supplying us with cleaning supplies and instructions on how they will be used so there won't be any questions as to which products and tools go with which cleaning tasks.*

*All cleaning supplies will be stored in our new cleaning supplies storage closet, located inside the gatehouse, next to the ice machine. Thanks again to Greg Wardle for getting that built.*

*As previously advised by our Secretary Chris Tufnell, our past Treasurer, John Johnson suddenly died a few weeks ago in his home in Victoria, British Columbia. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Josie and the Johnson family for their loss. He will be missed.*

*We have sent flowers to the family. Thanks to Past Commodore Bill Salton and Gail Davidson who leads our Sunshine Committee, for locating the contacts and sending them to the Johnson family, on behalf of the Club.*

*Reminder that our next meeting is this Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM via Zoom. This is an important meeting since we will be presenting 2023 budget for approval. Please plan to attend.*

*See you then.*

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### ***Message from Vice Commodore Operations – Greg Wardle***

*I hope everyone is as excited about the upcoming season as I am. Nancy and I are looking forward to getting out on our new powerboat. (Or as us sailors like to say, going to the dark side!)*

*It may seem like we are a long way off from hanging out at the club but, that day will be here in no time. We are now halfway between Haul-out and Put-in, and we have gained almost an extra hour of day light since the Winter Solstice!*

*Storing our clubhouse in the water, unprotected at Queenston Dock, is a bit of an experiment. Niagara Jet boats have been keeping their river boat in the water there for years and have not encountered any issues or problems to date. Their docks are in a well protected area that never ices up. Our only concern is if we get a large release of ice from Lake Erie.*

*Fortunately, so far, the ice coverage on Lake Erie is almost nonexistent. Terry Chunick is taking over from Bob Mennie checking on our buildings. Between Terry and the Jet Boat staff, the buildings are being well looked after.*

*There was some concern voiced at the last meeting about how our buildings were moved up the river last fall. We are all in agreement that we need to make some changes before attempting to move the buildings upriver again.*

*This spring we will move the buildings downriver, one at a time, using our own work boats. No concerns are anticipated. We will however determine what needs to be done to the clubhouse to improve its tow and/or push abilities before we attempt to move it next time. Constructive feedback is always welcome.*

*Enjoy your off season and see you soon at the next meeting.*

**Greg Wardle**

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