



# ***Smugglers Cove Boat Club***

## ***March 2023 Newsletter***



Good morning Smugglers!

Wow did February just slip by us? Apparently not without a fight!

Leah and I arrived home from our vacation in *Mexico* and were greeted with the white stuff. My driveway is an ice rink, and I am glad I have an all-wheel drive vehicle. For those who were home during this past ice storm, I hope you made it through unscathed.

The good news is winter is slowly coming to an end. *Lake Erie* is still wide open and ice free, which is the first time in my life that I can remember it not freezing over completely. The other good news is that we won't be delayed this year for *Put-In* and the possibility of an earlier date. We will update you more when the *Bridge* settles on a firm date.

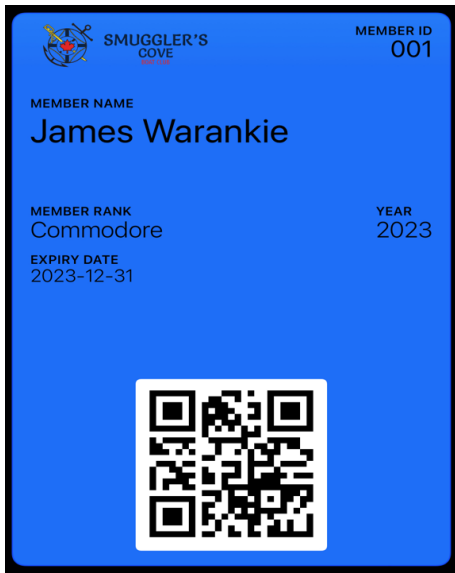
We now have newly formed committees are now meeting. *Kim Woods and Dan Grignon*, each leading their respective crews. They will update us as they progress through their mandated tasks.

I've asked *Shalom Levytam* from our *Digital* team to design a new *Digital Membership Card* that can be stored on your smartphone. I am excited to say he has come up with a preliminary design that can be uploaded to the *iPhone wallet*. He is working on getting it to work on other company platforms.

If you haven't already filled in your dock intention forms and signed that you have read the *Code of Conduct*, please do so ASAP. Please fill it out completely, sign it and email it back to our Rear - Commodore.

Lastly, Lorne will be sending out the invoices this week for our membership dues. As our past Treasurer used to say, "No Cash No Splash!"

Have a great day and see you all on the Zoom call scheduled for this Wednesday March 1.



Cheers!

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

Our boating season is in sight. By the next newsletter, we will be focused on *Put-In* and getting our boats ready!

There is still little ice on *Lake Erie* which is good news for the buildings floating up at *Queenston*. The ice will not be a consideration as to when we can assemble our club.

*Terry Chunick and Bob Mennie* continue to check on our buildings and adjusting lines as needed. They have reported that everything is in good order.

As the temporary approver of *Track It Forward*, I really appreciate all the details included with the work hour submissions so far. This information is important as it gives us a true picture of how many hours it takes to run our club and where our labour is required.

Please continue to submit your *work hours* as you complete it and include sufficient details as to what you were doing. If you are having trouble putting your hours in, please talk to me when you have completed the work...not at the end of the season!

We had a record number of *work hours* completed last year thanks to the great involvement of many of our members. I hope this will continue again this year. We don't have the large project of the new *Clubhouse* but there is still lots of work to be done.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the *Zoom* meeting Wednesday night.

Cheers!

***Greg Wardle***

***Vice Commodore***

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***Message from Communications Officer – Lori Thwaites***

I want to make sure that the members are aware that we have recently sent out several **Punchbowl invites**. If you have not received them, please check your junk or spam folders.

- *We have included a copy of Punchbowl instructions - How to use Punchbowl with this Newsletter.*
- *Members, please refer to these instructions as you respond to the invitations.*
- *Please always respond to these RSVP requested events. Your input is required for planning purposes.*

We have sent **3 Save the Dates** (No response required) for :

1. **Sailpast - June 24th**
2. **Pig Roast - Aug 12th**
3. **Commodore's Ball - Nov 4th**

The **Invitation to Pub Night - April 14th** to be sent out (today) - February the 27th.

The Pub Night Punchbowl invite **requires a response** from all members.

- *Pub Night* space is limited so you must respond to the Punchbowl with a **YES or NO**.
- At this point in time we are only allowing spouses or significant others as *Guests*  
**(make sure you change the word guest to their full name).**
- If after the cut-off date, we still have room available we will open it up to general guests and an announcement will come through *Punchbowl* that this is available to do.

Please always check your *Junk or Spam* folders if you don't see your *Punchbowls*.

If you have any questions or need help please contact *Lori Thwaites* at [nautibear2004@gmail.com](mailto:nautibear2004@gmail.com) or by phone 905-708-4204.

***Lori Thwaites***

