

From the Commodore of 1989 P/C John Boyce

1989 the year of our 50th anniversary. The final touches were put on the addition that was begun two years earlier, the club was painted and we were in debt for about \$18,000 and the biggest dues increase in the club's history (\$30) was put into place. The women's organization bought 150 padded chairs which brought to an end the use of the folding chairs for parties.

The most notable event was the 50th anniversary party. A three day affair that started out on Friday night with a cocktail party open to members and friends of SBYC, tents were set up to handle the expected and realized overflow crowd of about 250. What we did not expect was pouring rain and ground water levels high enough to cause a stream of water to come out of the hinges on the men's room door flooding the basement floor for the 47th straight year. Gifts were received from the Inner Harbor YC (clock), BCC (Clock and barometer) and the BYC (a case of champagne). Saturday started with the opening of the bar at noon, followed by cruises on the river in Mike Murphy's 59 foot cruise ship the LOCKVIEW III. The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday dinner/dance at which 28 PC's were in attendance among the total party of 150. Sunday, Father's day included a brunch for 200, boat rides and an old timers race.

From the Commodore of 1992 P/C Ron Gates

My year was full of the same quantity and quality of parties that is a regular staple of Sandy Beach. The primary event/project in 1992 was the removal of the old windows at the front of the club and their replacement with sliding glass doors. Bill Bosworth headed up the project and, as usual, a number of club members were there to tear out the old windows and create the opening where the window company could install the new ones.

I went through my commodore's book and the only other thing that might have been new that year was the "Taste of Sandy Beach" party. I wasn't sure we started that party my Commodore Year or whether it was a preceding year. As you may recall, we had Sandy Beach from WBEN as our guest for that event. At least he was there for the first one and I'm not sure if 1992 was the first one.

From the Commodore of 1993 P/C Lew Smith

Prior to 1992 the riverside of our clubhouse consisted of a series of multi-paned windows and overgrown, unattractive shrubs on the outside. In '92 we embarked on a 3-year program which resulted in the present configuration. P/C Ron Gates removed the old windows and installed the sliding glass doors. The shrubs were removed and cedar steps were installed during my year (1993) and the pavers were put down under the direction of P/C Norm Stocker. Needless to say we were assisted by a number of members headed by P/C Bill Bosworth, P/C Henry Buck, Don Vivier and many others.

From the Commodore of 1994 P/C Norm Stocker

Main project was the siding of the club which was completed in 1994 but with some carryover into 1995.

Installation of stone patio

New tables for the patio.

Water line on the dock.

Boulder installed near the flag pole

From the Commodore of 1995 P/C Bob Warnock

Finished up on siding project with shutters.

Finished up on the patio.

Umbrellas for the tables.

From the Commodore of 1998 P/C Robert Dobil:

The best way to start a happy story is at the beginning. After being a director of the Sandy Beach Yacht Club while serving as Secretary and Ditty Bag editor for several years, I was asked if I wanted to “go through the chairs” as a flag officer. That was a no-brainer and so I progressed through being the Fleet Captain to Commodore in 1998.

The well wishes expressed during the New Years’ Day Open House were sufficient enough to carry me through the rest of the year.

1998 was the year the Broncos played the Packers in the Super Bowl and just another opportunity to party. The Valentine’s Party, new dish washer dedication, SBYC Naval Academy hot tub and sleepover, St. Patrick’s Day and Chowder Night all happened before annual spring clean-up and opening day.

Spring clean-up was ultrabusy in that this was the year of putting a new roof on the clubhouse and a major reroofing of the gazebo. Opening Day was celebrated in ship shape and Bristol fashion.

On May 23rd we celebrated the 59th Annual Past Commodore’s Punch Party while also honoring the 50th anniversary of P/C Bob Brunton’s membership to Sandy Beach Yacht Club. Do you believe we find any reason to party?

The year progressed with the Mother’s Day Brunch, Spaghetti Dinner, a “taste of Sandy Beach” party and several Commodore’s Balls at neighboring yacht clubs.

The New Boat Christening was a special one, in that we dedicated an ash tree on the property, next to the gazebo, in honor of dear friend, sailing captain and member, Don Vivier, who died way too early and is sadly missed.

The 4th of July Party, 5th Annual Middleport Rendezvous, 3rd Annual River Regatta and July Caribbean themed Party preceded the annual P/C Cruise aboard P/C Mike Murphy’s, Lockport Locks Cruise ships. The annual Corn Roast and Snow Ball Cruise at the West Canal Marina followed. More Commodore’s Balls followed with my Ball, which was the event to beat all.

There was a T.G.I.F. during each of the Friday’s of summer, run by members, fall clean-up, Christmas Parties and an appreciation dinner sponsored by this very grateful and honored Commodore of 1998

From the Commodore of 1999 – P/C Michael Matusiak

I had the honor of being the last Commodore of the millennium. The projects that were completed were both minor and major. Landscaping stones were placed on the downward slope of the lawn adjacent to the Park Club. They were installed for safety reasons as cutting the grass in this area was treacherous. Most of the lawn was destroyed by winter mold. We replaced large sections of it with sod and the rest we replanted. The major project for the year was replacing the back beer cooler with a built in walk in cooler. We acquired a complete commercial sectional cooler that had the perfect dimensions that could be installed in the back bar room. After completely dismantling all of our current compressors and old beer locker, we were ready for the install. There was one major unforeseen problem. The cooler had an infestation of carpenter ants and could not be salvaged. After some quick research, with our backs against the wall, we constructed a cooler. For the short term, it worked to perfection. We had plenty of cold beer all summer long.

From the Commodore of 2008 -- P/C Robert J. Zielinski

The major project of 2008 was the building of our garage. Planning, excavation, construction, wiring, and landscaping took the efforts of many club members for an extended time during the spring and summer.

Additionally, with the help of P/C Tom Hauser we established both a long range financial planning spreadsheet to help forecast the need for increases in club revenues and the use of electronic documents for the future club officers as a guide to what needs to get done. These have been passed down to officers following through the chairs.

From the Commodore of 2012 P/C Dennis McDonald

Here is a list of the accomplishments in my year.

The bar project, the bar and surrounding area was completely gutted and remodeled.

There were more floating jet docks approved and added.

The retaining wall was completed.