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Photo – Courtesy of Tim Stubbs

Message from the Commodore – Pat McDonald:

Hello SBYC Members! It's 2023! It looks like the Pandemic (and its affects on us sailors) has pretty much been alleviated. Are we grateful? Never enough!

So now that we are pretty much back to 'normal', even in the depths of winter, we can begin to dream about spring, warmer weather, getting our boats all shiny and ready for those summer days! I'm thinking 2023 is going to be an amazing year for SBYC.

As we get ready to launch 2023 I think it would be a good idea to reflect on some of what your SBYC Board has accomplished in 2022. Our objective this last year was to ensure that we, as a board, accomplished a couple major tasks:

1. Complete and ratify a new long term Land Use agreement for SBYC with the Cook family.
2. Complete a full-scale review, create a more current document, and ratify a newly minted and updated Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.

We have accomplished these objectives and while they may not be something that most of us think about all the time these two items provide SBYC years and years of smooth sailing from a governance perspective.



To this end, as Commodore for the last year, I want to express my sincere appreciation and publicly thank all the current Board members for all their incredible hard work, dedication, and focus to help complete many of our goals for the year, some of which, while critical for the club, are just not that obvious.

And now that we are getting ready for the season, we do have a very important event coming up on March 31st. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM). I would encourage each and every member to take the time to join us for our 1st “all in person” event in the last few years. It would be great to see each of you attend this event as there are important issues to review, and your help is important.

Hope to see you all there!

Pat MacDonald - Commodore

Winter Social

Winter Social went off with a 1920's bang!! We had 44 people in attendance plus a live band and bartender:) Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and the planning committee came together to set up, decorate and make it a great evening for all! Acapella was the caterer of the evening and the food was hot and delicious!



Thanks to the numerous people who helped throughout the evening and for the cleanup as well as to the committee. Bonnie Reib, Bonnie's friend Pat, Kate McGovern, Nicole Sharman, Ralph Fergusson, Richard Schlachter, Deneen Lawrence, Brad Barber, Emily Barber and Lee Chrystal to name a few. Our fabulous band was organized by Robin Cameron and included Bernie Rieger, Robin and Jeff

Our bartender, Ash, has been seen crewing on Bonnie's boat and learned a ton real fast in the evening.

Carol Humphries was recognized by the board for her contributions in the re-making of our Articles of Association. This task took many, many man-hours to complete and Carol's experience really helped us to save time and money.

Looking forward to another boating season in 2023!

Cheers!!

Nicole



SBYC 2023/24 Season Initial Events Schedule

Date	Activity	Other Info	Host Club
March			
Friday 31	Annual General Meeting	7pm sharp – West Edmonton Toyota WEM	SBYC
April			
Tues 11	Board Meeting		SBYC
Sat 29	Facilities Open/Docks in (Tentative)		SBYC
May			
Sat 6	Facilities Open/Docks in (Alternative)		SBYC
Sat 6	Boats In (Tentative)		SBYC
Tues 9	Board Meeting		SBYC
Sat 13	Boats In (Alternative)		SBYC
June			
Jun 3/4	Lawrence Lemieux Clinic (Tentative)	Coaching Clinic	SBYC
June 10	Sail Past	Meet and Greet and Wine and Cheese	SBYC
Tues 13	Board Meeting		SBYC
Wed 14	Pursuit Series Race #1	Start Time 19:30	SBYC
Sat 17	Down the Lake Race	Start Time 10:00 Awards 1-hour after the last finisher	EYC
Wed 21	Pursuit Series Race #2	Start time 19:30	SBYC
Sat 24	Spring Series Race Day #1	Start Time 1100h	EYC
Sun 25	Spring Series Race Day # 2	Start Time 1100h	EYC
Wed 28	Pursuit Series Race #3	Start time 19:30	SBYC

Tentative dates Only – go to www.sunshinebay.org for most recent post

**Office of The Environment** <https://www.sunshinebay.org/environment>

It looks like spring is just around the corner--the ice fishing huts are being moved off the lake to make room for the sailboats.

At SBYC, much preparation by the SBYC Board of Directors and individual members is now underway to launch a new sailing season and, within this external activity, the natural setting of the Sunshine Bay and greater lake area is quietly emerging into this new season too.

Spring is an opportune time to remind us all to care about and for the health of Wabamun Lake and its watershed which includes, but is not limited to, our SBYC leased lands.

On Wabamun Lake, SBYC provides leadership for sailors on 'lake and watershed' stewardship.

The SBYC Position Statement on the Environment states

SBYC is committed to the protection and restoration of its local environment, and to demonstrating climate leadership for the sport of sailing on Wabamun Lake.

SBYC members are encouraged to read / review in full the SBYC Position Statement on the Environment and other environment resources for sailors found on the www.sunshinebay.org > Environment.

A quote from the Green Boating Guide (2021) website resource (Note: this is also a highly relevant read for SBYC sailors):

"As boaters, we are intimately connected to our waterways. We have witnessed their beauty, their tranquility and power, and even their degradation. Our oceans, coastal waters, estuaries, rivers and lakes provide us with joy, adventure and solace. One of the best ways to preserve our local waters is by proactively managing and maintaining our vessels.

The Green Boating Guide is designed to provide information, tips and product suggestions to prevent pollution and reduce our impact on the environment. Every day, we can make choices to boat in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner to help protect our precious waterways for our children and their children."

Each SBYC member can demonstrate leadership on the environment!

**Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC)**

For historical and latest information on Wabamun Lake and watershed stewardship and ongoing implementation of the [Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan](#):

Please visit [WWMC.ca](#)

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In my role as the current WWMC Board Chair, I would be happy to respond to your questions, comments and/or have a chat with you re: lake and watershed management - info@wwmc.ca

Snow Covered Wabamun Lake 3.19.2023

All the best to SBYC members for a great start-up to the 2023 sailing season! - Sue Styles

This and That:**How Lake Ice Melts**

A wonderful description of how lake ice melts away appeared on the web blog "Air Mass", hosted by the Star Tribune's Bill McAuliffe. Ed Swain, of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency describes the process of freezing and thawing lakes.

1. In the late fall, the lake loses heat to the atmosphere, and then on a day or night when the wind is not blowing, ice forms. The ice gets thicker as long as the lake can continue to lose heat.
2. In most January's and February's, snow both reflects sunlight and insulates the lake. With a thick snow layer, the lake neither gains nor loses heat. The bottom sediment is actually heating the lake water slightly over the winter, from stored summer heat.
3. Around March, as the air warms and the sun gets more intense, the snow melts, allowing light to penetrate the ice. Because the ice acts like the glass in a greenhouse, the water beneath it begins to warm, and the ice begins to melt FROM THE BOTTOM.
4. When the ice thickness erodes to between 4 and 12 inches, it transforms into long vertical crystals called "candles." These conduct light even better, so the ice starts to look black, because it is not reflecting much sunlight.
5. Warming continues because the light energy is being transferred to the water below the ice. Meltwater fills in between the crystals, which begin breaking apart. The surface appears grayish as the ice reflects a bit more light than before.
6. The wind comes up and breaks the surface apart. The candles will often be blown to one side of the lake, making a tinkling sound as they knock against one another, and piling up on the shore. In hours, a sparkling blue lake, once again!



Parkland County Boat Launch Update



Oct 2022 – channel open – but still need ramp, docks etc

No updates on line, but looks like this won't be ready to us until late summer / fall

More information about the launch can be found on Parkland County's website (parklandcounty.com), search for Wabamun Lake Boat Access.

Summer Moorage Available

We have moorage slips available this summer – Some of these could be available to potential Provisional members or as season rentals – contact for membership for more details

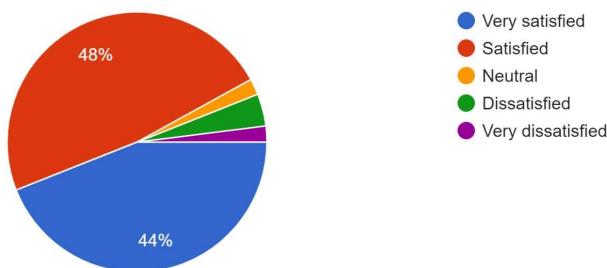
Camping Trailer Sites Available

We have 3 camping trailer sites available for shareholder members with a boat on the dock this summer – contact facilities or membership for more details

2022 Survey Results

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the SBYC board as a whole and their management of the club

50 responses

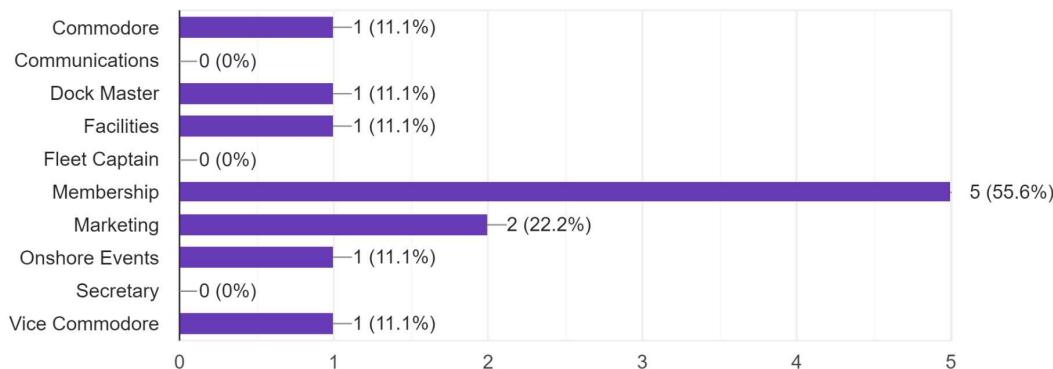




Please indicate any of the following Board positions you may be interested in for the 2023 season.

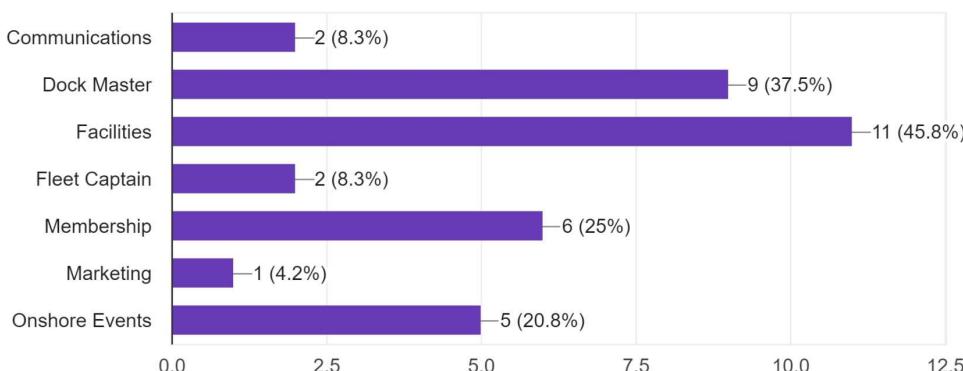
Select as many as you wish.

9 responses



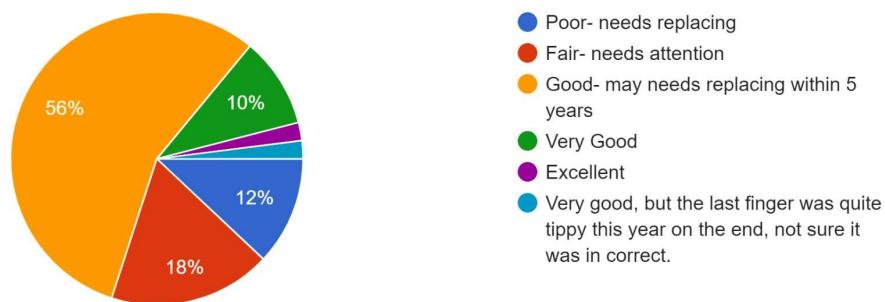
Please indicate any of the following Committee positions you may be interested in for the 2023 season. Select as many as you wish.

24 responses



How would you rate the condition of your dock finger you were assigned?

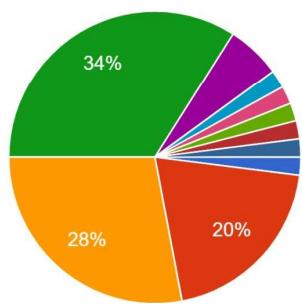
50 responses



**Incorporated 1981**

How would you rate the current conditions of the SBYC facilities? (Clubhouse, Deck, Gazebo, Storage Sheds, Other)

50 responses

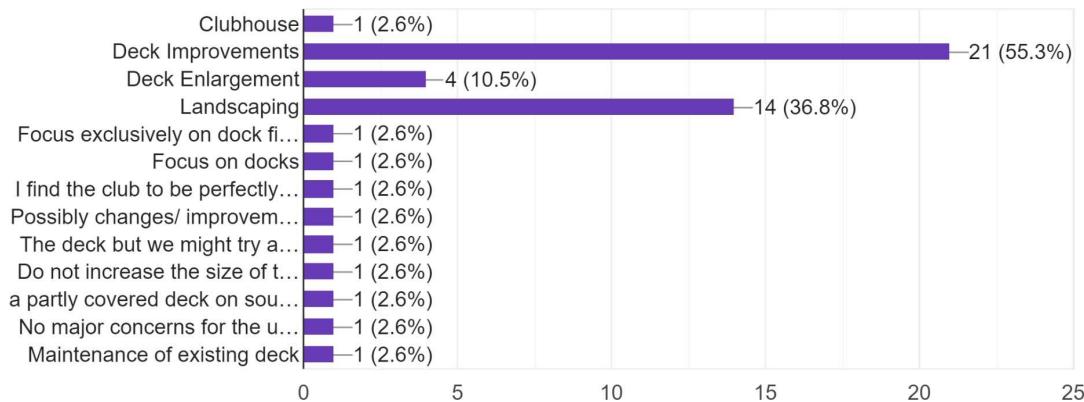


- Poor- needs replacing
- Fair- needs attention
- Good- may needs replacing within 5 years
- Very Good
- Excellent
- Deck steps and ramp need attention
- Keep doing annual repairs as identified
- Deck needs attention sooner than 5 years

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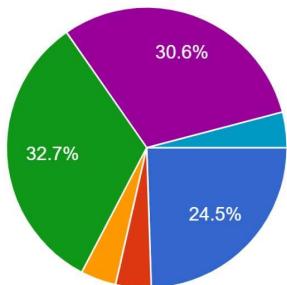
With inflation and operating costs rising (7% YTD), our membership and moorage fees will also see increases for the 2023 season in order to remain ...e do you see the board focusing on improvements?

38 responses



Overall, how would you rate SBYC racing and training events?

49 responses

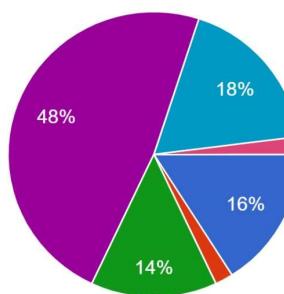


- I/we did not participate in any races or training
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent



Onshore Events puts on various social events. Overall, how would you rate these events?

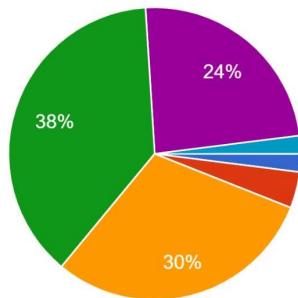
50 responses



- I/we did not participate in any onshore events
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent
- Good. Really liked the events that were tied to sailing somehow.

Overall, how would you rate the Club's level and methods of communications?

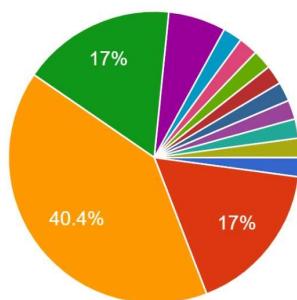
50 responses



- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent
- You're asking two questions and want one answer. This is communications?

Overall, how would you rate the current SBYC merchandise/apparel products and purchasing model?

47 responses



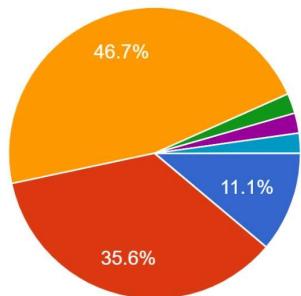
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent
- Needs more advertising
- Have not purchased any but look good
- I haven't purchased merch/apparel

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How often should SBYC produce a calendar from members' submitted photos for members and friends to purchase?

45 responses



- Never, I wouldn't buy one
- Every Year - I love them and would pay \$30 to have one
- Only on special anniversary years
- Only undertake calendar in years when a minimum # of members pre-order
- tough one, I love calendars. But get my own made up.
- Annually, for cost plus 10%

Your Comments

- Keep up the great work
- Club needs to be more inclusive!
- Good value for the money
- Very Happy with being a member of SBYC. Dock Fingers do need attention and funds
- Thanks to all the leaders for your excellent work
- Thanx for all the Board does. It is appreciated
- Thank you all on the board for your service to the club!!!!
- Why were there not surveys through out the year?
- The club is still a great place to be to enjoy the lake, the atmosphere with others, the facilities.
- We still really enjoy it.
- It would be great if there was more family specific activities, to attract new members and make everyone feel comfortable to hang out there with kids/teens.
- The photo contest this year had multiple categories but only 1 photo was chosen overall? Why not one per category like last year?
- Great club, great people. Looking forward to next year.
- Thanks for all the hard work by the board.
- Need to include the position of Treasurer in this survey list next year, just to identify those able and interested.
- I think that the club is being run reasonably well. I would like to see improvements, etc. kept to a minimum to keep costs down. Although I did not participate in any of the races this year, I have in the past and I usually go out and watch the Wednesday night races.
- Thank you to our Volunteer Board for their hard work and contributions.



The new board will review the results, comments and put together an action plan in conjunction with the 5 year strategic plan – more to follow in the coming months

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