



SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB

The Harbor of Hospitality



OUR HISTORY



1913: Club organized by Bay View residents with a shared passion for sailing

1921: SSYC merges with Steel Mill Yacht Club

1935: SSYC Juniors formed to expand youth sailing in Milwaukee

1963: First bank of slips constructed

1996: Helen "Cookie" Mueller elected first woman commodore

2012: 75th sailing of the Queen's Cup

2020: Storm caused damage to many of our slips, which is why you see the new breakwater.

1915: Schooner LILY E purchased as a floating clubhouse

1921: LILY E scuttled; now beneath the parking lot near the main gate

1938: Present clubhouse dedicated; Queen's Cup Trophy dedeed to SSYC

1988: 75th anniversary; club becomes fully co-ed

2006: Largest renovation project in club history completed

2013: SSYC celebrates its 100th anniversary

Today: One of the largest, friendliest, and most respected clubs on Lake Michigan

MEMBERSHIP



- **Convenient Marina Facilities:**
 - We operate a full-service marina with 230 slips, crane, fuel dock, tender, dry-sail storage and winter storage.
- **Access to Events:**
 - We stay busy all year thanks to regular theme nights and private parties. Come down for any of our regular holiday celebrations, such as the Change of the Watch and the always-sold-out New Year's Eve bash.
- **Reciprocal Privileges with Partner Clubs:**
 - SSYC has secured reciprocity privileges with more than 500 yacht and boat clubs in the United States including Alaska, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands through our membership in the Yachting Club of America.
- **Facility access**
- **Voting Privileges**
- **Use Club facilities (per policies, bylaws, and rules)**
- **Sponsor guests to use facilities**
- **Vote for Club directors and approve capital improvements**
- **Serve on Committees or the Board**
- **Nominate or approve membership candidates rights**
- **Committee participation**



COMMITTEES



Our club thrives through the work of many active committees, and we are always looking for members who want to get involved. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your ideas, energy, and skills help strengthen our community and shape the future of our club.



BY-LAWS

Reviews and clarifies the By-Laws, interprets their intent, and oversees the change process.



FINANCE

Assists the Financial Secretary, helps prepare the budget, and monitors committee spending.



INSURANCE

Reviews insurance needs, secures coverage, processes claims, and submits an annual budget.



IT

Provides tech guidance and hands-on support, reports to members, and submits an annual budget.



MEMBERSHIP

Promotes membership, hosts orientations, guides applicants, and presents new members for swearing-in.



NOMINATING

Notifies members of open positions, recruits candidates, and prepares the annual election slate.



GROUNDS

Maintains grounds, oversees dry dock storage, coordinates volunteers, and manages contractors.



HOUSE

Oversees clubhouse operations and policies, works with the GM, and leads improvements.



SLIPS

Manages slip assignments and dock services, oversees applications, and coordinates maintenance.



WATERFRONT

Oversees lift operations, storage, fuel and dock services, and member support.



ENTERTAINMENT

Plans member events, manages holiday decorations, and coordinates committee activities.



SAIL RACE

Promotes and manages sail racing programs, supports multiple fleets, and coordinates volunteers.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Plans and executes annual Queen's Cup Race.



POWERBOAT

Hosts inclusive social boating events and organizes signature outings and activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SSYC is guided by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors committed to preserving the club's traditions while planning thoughtfully for its future. Board members work closely with staff, committees, and members to ensure the club remains financially strong, welcoming, and responsive to the needs of its community.

In addition to overseeing club operations and long-term planning, Board members lead and support the club's committees, helping coordinate events, programs, and initiatives that keep SSYC active and thriving. Through regular meetings, open communication, and careful stewardship, the Board helps shape policies, guide major projects, and support improvements that enhance the member experience.

Their leadership reflects a shared passion for SSYC and a deep appreciation for the club's history, values, and membership. Serving on the Board is one of the many ways members can get involved and help guide the direction of the club for generations to come.

6 OFFICERS+ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore | Becky Archibald

Vice Commodore | Tony Hetchler

Rear Commodore | Scott Burke

Corresponding Secretary | Amelia Bifano

Treasurer | Mark Verhein

Finance Secretary | Sally Parente

Directors | Scott Langlois, Cheryl Kelly, Joe Arcara, Paul Boersma, Paul Schwab, David Smith, Dan Lentsch, Dan Germonotta, John Sutphen

IPC | Mark Humphrey

Junior Chair | Erin Alberte

Special Events | Cheri Kent

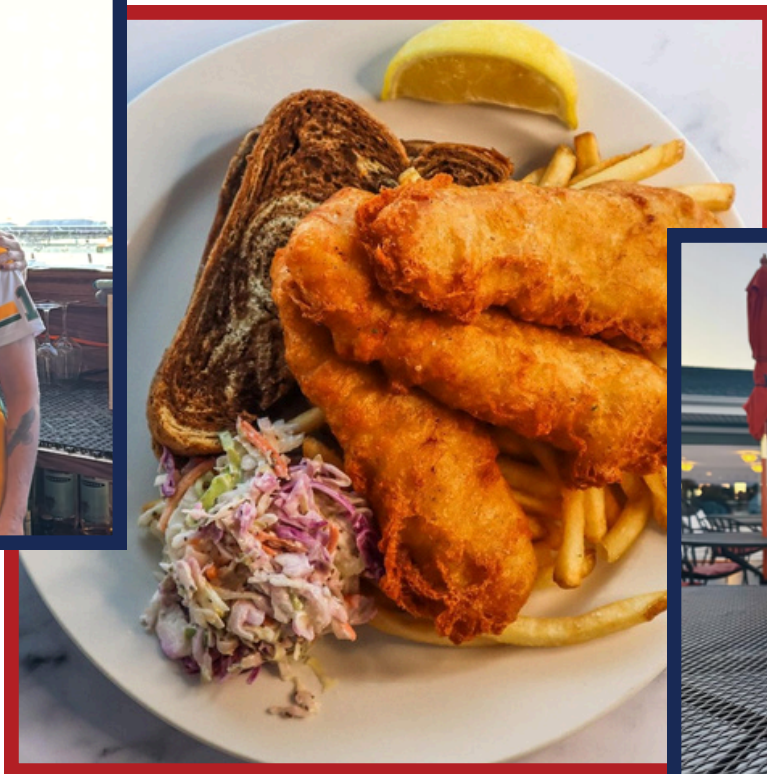
DINING & BAR



At SSYC, the bar and dining room are at the heart of club life, where members gather for good food, great drinks, and easy conversation. Our seasonal menus, weekly-changing Friday features, and popular Friday Fish Fry keep things fresh and exciting, while regular drink specials add to the fun.

Chef Ramzi and his talented team work hard behind the scenes to create consistently excellent dishes, from longtime favorites to new seasonal offerings. Our friendly, attentive bartenders and wait staff help make every visit welcoming and enjoyable.

Under the leadership of Food & Beverage Manager Kristen, the dining and bar experience at SSYC reflects a strong commitment to quality, service, and member satisfaction. Whether you're stopping in for a casual lunch, dinner with friends, or an evening cocktail, the clubhouse is always a great place to relax, reconnect, and feel at home. Please see the Club Hours page for current bar and kitchen hours.



SLIPS, DRY SAIL, & OTHER SERVICES



Marina Services at SSYC

South Shore Yacht Club offers a variety of marina services designed to support boaters of all kinds—from sailors and powerboaters to families enjoying a day on the water. Availability varies by service and season, and we're always happy to help members find the best fit for their boating needs.

Slips

Slips are available to all members. Our marina includes 230 fixed slips ranging from 40 to 60 feet and accommodates a variety of boats, including powerboats, sailboats, and pontoons, with some as small as 20 feet. Slip assignments are based on availability.

Dry Sail Storage

Dry sail storage is available to members with boats that can be launched using our small derricks, which can lift up to 3,000 pounds. This option offers convenient access with minimal maintenance.

Winter Storage

Seasonal winter storage is available on a limited basis. We can store approximately 80 boats each year; early planning is encouraged.

Fuel Dock & Pumpout

The fuel dock offers gasoline, diesel fuel, lubricating oil, and holding tank pumpout. Hours coincide with tender service.

Tender Service

Tender service operates daily from 9:00 a.m. until dusk, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Hours may vary for special events.



MEMBER EVENTS



SSYC hosts a wide variety of member events all year long, including but not limited to: social gatherings, live entertainment, and seasonal celebrations. From relaxed weeknight get-togethers to special club traditions, there is always something happening. With a full and diverse calendar, it's easy to stay connected, meet new friends, and enjoy life at the club both on and off the water. Whether you're looking to unwind, celebrate, or get involved, SSYC offers something for everyone, every season.

- **New Year's Eve Party & Dinner**
- **Cigar Club (NEW)**
- **Mardi Gras Party**
- **Music Series**
- **Lecture Series**
- **Open Mic Nights**
- **Wingo Bingo**
- **Easter Brunch**
- **Kentucky Derby Party**
- **Mother's Day Brunch**
- **Review of the Fleet**
- **Queen's Cup Party**
- **Day at the Lake**
- **Corn Roast**
- **SSYC Golf Outing**
- **Power Boater's Gala**
- **Tom & Jerry Christmas Party**

AND SO MANY MORE!



SOUTH SHORE SAILING FOUNDATION



The South Shore Sailing Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization that supports sailing at SSYC through strong leadership, fundraising, and community involvement. It is home to the club's racing and youth programs and plays a key role in preserving SSYC's sailing traditions.

The Foundation supports a wide range of racing fleets, including the South Shore Sailing Series (SS/SSS), Soling, Lightning, VX One, MBWSO, MBOS/PHRF, South Shore Cruisers, Doublehanded, MBPS, and DF65 remote control sailing.

Each summer, the Foundation hosts its Junior Sailing School, led by a talented and experienced instructional team. The program offers a fun, safe environment where young sailors build confidence, learn seamanship and teamwork, and develop a lifelong love of sailing.

The Foundation also oversees the historic Queen's Cup Race, one of the oldest continuously contested trophies in world yachting, dating back to 1847 and brought to SSYC in 1938.

Through dedicated volunteers and strong leadership, the South Shore Sailing Foundation ensures that SSYC's sailing programs continue to thrive for future generations.





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