

THE SOUNDER

JANUARY 2004

SAND POINTE YACHT CLUB



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ho Ho Ho I hope your holidays were festive, and your plans went well. Santa told me that every one in the boat club was on his nice list, and that he was bringing lots of gifts and toys for all the girls and boys (around Christmas we are all girls and boys). I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy new year.

Plans for the Ball are moving along well, the time line from past Vice-Commodores has been very helpful, also all the suggestions everyone has given me has helped. Rooms are still available for that night, when booking mention that you are with S.P.Y.C. as there is a small discount for our group. The rates are

\$79 standard double queen, \$89 king Jacuzzi or \$99 double queen Jacuzzi. Contact the Best Western at (586) 493-7300 to book your room. Tickets are still available thru Larry & Barb Aliotta at the January meeting or you may contact them at (586) 465-4899 bring a friend or ten for a night of fun.

See ya sooner or later, hopefully soon. Rich



COMMODORE
RICH PRENTISS
VICE COMMODORE
NANCY HORTON
REAR COMMODORE
CAROLE MARTIN
FLEET CAPTAIN
TONY FRALOWICZ
TREASURER
CHERYL JAKINOVICH
SECRETARY
LYNDA MAREK
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
GARY KNAPP
SUNSHINE LADY
MEREDITH SCHAEFFER

BIRTHDAYS

EVA BUCKNER 17
JEFF DEFFEN 18
JOYCE WITHERS 19
TERRY SWEJKOWSKI 19

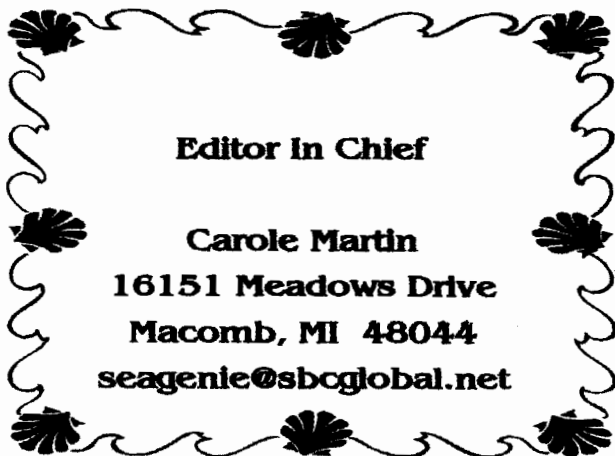
ANNIVERSARYS

BRIAN & KIM FOX 28

Voice of the View

Hello everyone. Reggie and I are presently doing the "Christmas Thing"...over stressed trying to get ready for the Holiday Season. But, once Christmas comes, it will have been worth all the work (even the loss of our hair).

But, the knowledge that "The Sounder" is now in the capable hands of Carole, is soooo comforting to me. Last year working on the club's paper really was a challenge for me—being the "computer illiterate" that I truly am. Now, I am working on setting up 2005 Commodore's Ball. I have been in contact with the Concore Inn to set the date. The idea that we can continue to enjoy ourselves after the Ball is over and that we do not have to drink-n-drive is a wonderful benefit to



all that attend. For those of you that have spent the additional money for a limozine, they will agree that the cost of the room is basically the same.

But, I am still open for suggestions. So, if you have any, please give me a call and let me know.

Happy Holidays To Everyone!!!

Nancy



Thought for the day.....

Life at work is like a tree full of monkeys, all on different limbs at different levels.

Some monkeys are climbing up. some down.

The monkeys on top look down and see a tree full of smiling faces.

The monkeys on the bottom look up and see nothing but assholes.

COOKS CORNER

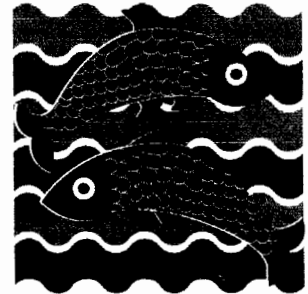


WARM BLACK BEAN DIP

1 small onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon canola or vegetable oil
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup diced fresh tomato
1/3 cup picante sauce
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend or cheddar cheese
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
1 tablespoon lime juice
Baked tortilla chips

In a large nonstick skillet, saute onion and garlic in oil until tender. Add the beans; mash gently. Stir in the tomato, picante sauce, cumin and chili powder. Cook and stir just until heated through. Remove from the heat; stir in cheese, cilantro and lime juice. Serve warm with chips. Yield: 2 cups.

WATCH OUT GUYS
THE MARTINS
ARE COMING!



FROM THE REAR

Happy New Year to all! We are heading to sunny Florida until Commodore Ball time. If you have current events, items for sale ect, please E-mail seagenie@sbcglobal.net. My computer is traveling south with me. Next meeting will be last call for pictures for our boards. Snapshot size please A reminder the Y KNOTS Commodore's Ball is February 7th, they support our ball faithfully. Congratulations to our new Bridge, we look forward to a wonderful boating year with Tony heading the Fleet. An article in the Free Press told of a new \$45-million satellite aimed to increase the accuracy of GPS signals. Older systems are running low on power. This satellite should be up and running by January 16, 2004. Many thanks to Rich and Nancy for helping me get the Sounder rolling. Carole