FROM THE HELM........................

When I looked back at the calendar for August, there were very few days that the club was not occupied by our members and guests, whether it was the Junior Sailing, Junior Sailing Regatta, Summer Party, Dinner meeting or the Single-Handed Race. If this is not busy enough for us, we will cap the month off with the Labor Day Cruise to the Oyster Farms Marina in Cape Charles. All of this can only happen because of such a great group of club members willing to volunteer their time and talents to make our club such a success. I am not sure how to properly thank all those members who stepped up to take on a leadership role in these activities and the many volunteers it takes to make these events a success. However, I want to say “THANK YOU!” for volunteering your time and energy for S.Y.C.!

In addition to all of the SYC activities, many of our Parrot-Head members headed to Virginia Beach for the Jimmy Buffett Concert and all the tailgating they could muster. Four of our boats steamed to Smithfield for less strenuous activities for a couple nights—laying in the pool, drinking, eating and repeating, said activities were a few of them. Brad and Angee Berry, Art and Cindy Dister, Jimmy and Betty Ann Jones and Barbara, Jake Smith and I, on our boat, listened to Buffet music and kept in contact with our intrepid members who braved the multitude at the concert. Early in the morning, Jimmy and Barbara, braved rapid walking led by Angee! Others backed out of the early morning activity. We would highly recommend Smithfield Station and Inn.

The Butterfosses went to Cape Charles in their boat and double-checked on reservations and activities scheduled for S.Y.C.’s Labor Day Cruise and then went on to a second night in Kiptopeke. These short outings are a good way to get to know our fellow boaters and use your boat. If you would like to plan one, or join one, please, put the word out at the pier or at one of our meetings. You will surely get some takers to join you.

The Junior Sailing regatta was a chance for our young sailors to show off their skills and talent from the training they received from Red and his crew. We had two fleets of
Opti’s, two fleets of Lasers and one fleet of Four-twenties with twenty-one kids participating. Three sailors sailed in the Laser’s and Four-twenties. Many of the family members were shuttled out to Art and Cindy Dister’s boat to view the races. Many of the parents said they enjoyed the short boat rides and the chance to see the Dister’s beautiful boat, as much as, they did the racing.

Boarding such a boat as Art and Cindy’s is quite a treat.

From my observation, I am not sure who enjoyed the day more; the kids, the parents and families, or the club volunteers. I would say it was a toss-up. After the races, Jeannette Webb and her team served a fantastic lunch of burgers, hot dogs and my personal favorite ICE CREAM—with candy toppings. What more could a kid want? (Some kids are older than others!). Thank you, Bill Wilshire, Paul Hutter, Jeanette Webb and their team of volunteers.

The Summer Party was chaired by Julie and Greg Choney and featured, Dorothy, the pig. She was delicious thanks to the expert grilling of Greg Choney and Jimmy Jones. Julie chose a theme of “pig-nic” with Dorothy presiding over the proceedings. The table settings were in keeping with the theme and one lucky winner at each table took home the centerpiece. It was a great meal, with music provided by Greg and Lizz Epperson. Several of our members took advantage of the music to dance before shifting to karaoke. We were all delighted to learn that we have a very talented-singing Dock Master, Kevin MacRitchie. He exposed his hidden talent. Greg and Lizz shared their wonderful talent with us, as did a few others. Thank you Julie and Greg for taking the leadership role to sponsor the Summer Party.

Keep an eye-out for more to come and information on the Stay Cruise (at our home dock) scheduled on September 20th.

Happy boating!

Cecil Adcox, Commodore.

Racing News

Single Handed Race, August 24th

Our Singlehand Race occurred August 24th. We had 5 boats out for the race with 14 to 18 knot winds. Dan Smoker on “Smoke” won 1st place, Chuck Eldred on “Gail Force” was 2nd, and John Leist on “Ramanus” was 3rd. Unfortunately, Mike Webb on “Greenwing” and Dave Crossett on “Flipper” did not finish.

Our thanks to the race committee Pete Showalter, Tom Feldhaus and Paul Blais on “A Pretty Penny.”
What’s your nautical IQ?


1. CYCLE OF ECLIPSES. A period of about 6586 days, which is the time of a revolution of the moon’s node; after the lapse of this period the eclipses recur in the same order as before, with few exceptions. This cycle was known to the ancients under the name of Saros.
2. DIFFICULTY. A word unknown to true salts.
3. FIDDLE. A contrivance to prevent things from rolling off the table in bad weather. It takes its name from its resemblance to a fiddle, being made of small cords passed through wooden bridges, and hauled very taut.
4. FLOTSAM. In legal phraseology, is the place where shipwrecked goods continue to float and become derelict property. Sometimes spelled flotson.

~ Barry Shrout

ROAD KILL DINNER

All meat is GUARENTEED Fresh!

It is September and that means time for the yearly Men’s Road Kill dinner!

Make sure to RSVP when the committee calls and Bring your dancing shoes!

SUMMER PARTY PICTURES

1st pic—Greg Epperson, our DJ for the evening was celebrating his birthday; so, all the women sang happy birthday to him.
2nd pic—Julie and Greg Choney and their helpers hosted the party and provided us with delicious roasted pig. Her name was Daisy and she was 91# and hailed from Moyock, NC (she’s on the table).
3rd pic—Tina and Kevin MacRitchie entertained us with their wonderful singing—a true hidden talent!
Seaford Woman's Club elects new officers

The Seaford Woman's Club recently elected new officers. From left are outgoing president Barbara James, incoming president Kelly Dayton, first vice president Susan Shaw, second vice president Bonnie Bennett, recording secretary Kelly Hayhurst, corresponding secretary Flo Rush and treasurer Marilyn Lamb.
The August SYC dinner was a delight of Middle Eastern cuisine! Members and guests dined on appetizers of olives, hummus and pita chips, followed by a dinner of lamb kabobs, orzo salad and grilled vegetables, with baklava for dessert. Thanks to Jandy and Randy Strickland for hosting, and to all their helpers – Donna Gilroy, Lillian Downs, Laurie and Walt Ulbricht, Alita and Bill Small, Dale Calender, Mary and Toby Ommundsen, Paul Blais, Jeannette and Mike Webb, Tina and Kevin MacRitchie, Carol and Mike Brower. Beer-meisters were Tom Feldhaus and Mark Hinman.

The tables were graced by lovely fresh flowers from Lillian and Jeannette’s gardens. Among the guys on the grill was Grayson Kelly, the youngster in that group of veteran helpers. Thanks for volunteering, Grayson!

SYC logo clothing and other items were on special with 20% off. Folks got bargains and supported SYC.

The next monthly dinner will be on September 17, hosted by Art Dister and Tom Feldhaus and their team of manly men offering the finest “road-kill” cuisine. You’re not going to want to miss this one, bring a guest! Be sure to make your reservations when the calling committee member calls.

~ Carol Sadick and Donna Nitchie
Monthly dinner co-chairs

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**Wanted:** Volunteers to help with the Christmas Party, Dec. 14, 2019.

We need helpers with the kitchen, serving, decorations as well as set-up and take-down. We'll be constructing an oyster-shell chandelier and want help with that. Please contact if you can help us: Jo Longnecker at longneckerjo@gmail.com or Bob Strieter at robertstrieter@yahoo.com or by phone at (757)645-3711. Thanks!
SYC BoT Meeting Summary  
—August 13, 2019—

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cecil Adcox, Pete Showalter, John Leist, Carl Early, Jandy Strickland, Winnie Feldhaus, Janet Beilhart, Bill Edmonds, Tina MacRitchie, Sandy Shem, Donna Nitchie, Jimmy Richardson

Guests Present: Randy Strickland, Kevin MacRitchie, Brad Berry

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the July 9th meeting previously distributed, were approved. Jimmy motioned to approve the report, Donna seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report: Detailed reports are available on the Member’s only section of the web site. Jimmy motioned to approve the report, Sandy seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

Building Committee and Finance Committee: Randy reported on status of building committee. He indicated that Tariffs have increased construction costs. Bids have been received from three contractors, all within the same price range. One of the contractors would do all the work without allowing for SYC in-house work. Randy mentioned that interest rates have fallen so some money will be saved on the loan. The board requested confirmation that all three proposals covered the same scope of work. When the board decides they have enough information, they will be presenting options to the membership to get their input in how to proceed.

ABC License: Jandy reported that the information, required by the ABC board from each board member, has been received from all but one board member.

Electronic Fund Transfer: Since the missing funds from Tri-City have been recovered, the board decided to discuss the option of electronic fund payment to Tri City. This procedure would simply payment and eliminate the need for a exact payment check at beer and wine delivery. Jimmy motioned to proceed with the electronic fund payment, Bill seconded.

New Business

Club Rental: The club voted by email to approve a club rental by Jo Trowbridge on November 23 for a 90th birthday party.
Dock Master: Jim Blotter transported a replacement tank for the pump out station from Michigan to SYC, saving the club the cost of shipping. Kevin noted that SYC could possibly recover the cost of tank ($1000) by applying for grant from the Clean Marina Program.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm
Respectfully submitted by Winnie Feldhaus, SYC Secretary

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LESLIE NEWTON, SEMAPHORE EDITOR

All your news, photos, reports or ideas for new/additional content should be sent to: Leslie.r.newton2.mil@mail.mil (not the directory e-mail address)

Please send early and often!! Deadline for submissions is September 24, 2019