FROM THE HELM

Yes we are still in these crazy COVID-19 coronavirus times but finally things are starting to look better. Again we had to cancel almost all events in May and many June activities as well.

The June monthly dinner meeting has been canceled and Junior Sailing has been pushed back two weeks (the first session will now begin on July 6th). The Staggered Start Race is still on for June 13th with a pot luck to follow on the dock. The rescheduled Flag Raising that we hoped to have on June 14th has been postponed again. As we learn how to adapt and adjust to the current situation, we hope to get back on track in July.

The Board of Trustees has been meeting online every month using the Zoom platform. Despite the lockdown and self-isolation of the stay-at-home orders, we have had a lot of business issues to discuss. So even though there have been no events at the Club, there has still been a lot going on behind the scenes. The beautiful new building should be completed later this month. I can’t wait for everyone to see it!

We did manage to squeeze in a limited gathering, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and psychologically uplifting Club cruise to Deltaville over the Memorial Day weekend. Despite the challenging weather many of us were so eager to get out on the water that I think we would have carried on even with a gale warning forecast! See the recap from cruise captains Jimmy and Mike for full details.

We will defer canceling any events after June just yet, but expect to be forced to make some modifications to our regular events unless there is a change in the COVID-19 situation. Keep tabs of SYC updates and events on our new Facebook group page for members. (https://www.facebook.com/groups/139382387447353/)

Commodore Pete
SYC MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE 2020

SYC’s first cruise of the season was to Regatta Point Marina in Deltaville. Five power boats and four sailboats made the trip and a pontoon boat joined the fleet on Saturday. Saturday’s weather was fantastic and we ended the day by ordering individual pizzas for each boat. Sunday started with Bloody Marys and Mimosas on the deck followed by our dinghy tour of Broad Creek led by Mike Webb. After the tour, the blind dinghy race created some excitement. The blindfolds were, shall we say, “innovative”? Eventually Brad and Brandon Berry won the hotly competitive race in a photo finish. Everyone returned safely on Monday and mostly under their own power.

Stay tuned for details about the July 4th Cruise.

- Submitted by Jimmy Jones, Fleet Captain of Power -

Click HERE to see more photos from the 2020 SYC Memorial Day Cruise.
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE HAPPY HOUR
We will have an outside happy hour on June 12th contingent on the virus regulations and the weather. Stay tuned earlier in that week for updates. We will send out an email and post updates on the Facebook group saying whether or not we will have a happy hour.

- Submitted by Joan Edmonds, Happy Hour Committee Co-Chair-

SYC SUMMER PARTY
honoring our past and sailing into the future

Hosted by Jaclyn Smith

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, August 1st

Join us for outdoor games, memories from the past, activities for the kids, happy hour, dinner, drinks, dancing, karaoke, and more!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are evaluating procedures and ways to create a fun and safe atmosphere. Details are still in the works and we will update you on the plans for the party next month.

Hope to see you there!

SYC FLAG RAISING CEREMONY & BRUNCH

POSTPONED
Looking to reschedule in July.
Stay tuned for updates on our social media pages and an email for updated information once a date is chosen for the event.
From the Racing Committee

Upcoming: Staggered Start Race postponed to 6/13
The Staggered Start Race is our first race for this season. It has been postponed from Saturday, May 2nd to June 13th, the day before our tentative Flag Raising. Mike Webb will sponsor the Staggered Start Race. The race schedule and remaining races that need sponsors are posted on the SYC website.

At 5:00 PM a Potluck dinner on the dock under the canopy will follow the race.

The race schedule and remaining races that need sponsors are posted on the SYC website.
Click HERE to access the SYC Race Schedule
Click HERE for the race entry form.

- Submitted by Tom Feldhaus, Racing Committee Chair-

Get Involved
The DNA of SYC is made up of all of the members that volunteer their talents and time to make the club a success! Check your directory for a list of the committees and members.
If you would like to join a committee, reach out to the committee chairs. It is a great way to get to know many members of the club and continue the SYC tradition of volunteers.

Committee Spotlight of the Month: Housekeeping

The Housekeeping Committee does a whole lot more than keeping the Clubhouse tidy and looking good!

Role: Assure that SYC club facility is clean and well supplied for club activities
Chair: Jeanette Webb

Responsibilities:
- Maintain “Housekeeping Binder” in kitchen containing cleaning contract, cleaning and dishwasher schedules, and all appliance manuals
- Purchase supplies for dinner meetings and special events
- Purchase paper and soap products for bathrooms and kitchen
- Maintain cleaning supplies for the clubhouse and bathhouse
- Negotiate and prepare cleaning contract for club house and bath house. Present proposed contract at January BOT meeting for approval and officer signature (2-yr. Contract)
- Oversee janitorial service and make yearly schedule of when to clean (Feb – Jan)
- Oversee dishwasher for monthly dinners and special events, e.g., Annual Meeting.
- Maintain order of pantry and storeroom.
- Purchase coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, brooms, mops, and other items to make kitchen functional for food preparation and cleaning.
- Organize upstairs storage rooms
- Schedule professional carpet cleaning (usually twice/year)
- Oversee kitchen and bathhouse spring and fall cleanup days
- Before rentals and special events, ensure club house/bath house are fully stocked with soap, paper towels, toilet paper and clean trash containers

Housekeeping Committee Reminders:
Recycling bins are ONLY for recycling. Please put your trash in the dumpsters that are not marked for recycling. The can by the dinghy rack is only for recycling.
We have NO cleaning service at this time. That means please clean up after yourself. This includes restrooms in the main house and the bathhouse. The Housekeeping Committee will still maintain toilet paper, soap and hand towels.
DENIZEN OF THE DEEP

Denizen of the Deep is making a comeback in the Semaphore! Longtime members will remember this column and we hope all members will enjoy trying to figure out the person(s) behind the Denizen of the Deep! Great way to get to know things about members that you might not know.

Each month you will receive clues about a member(s) of the club and members will submit a guess who they think is this month’s Denizen of the Deep. Your guess will be submitted in a basket at the Monthly Dinner Meeting. The correct answers will be put into a drawing to win a prize at the dinner meeting.

Thank you to Tempy Barbru for agreeing to work on this column for the Semaphore! Please contact Tempy at tempybarbru@gmail.com if you are interested in being highlighted as the Denizen of the Deep. (Don’t be surprised if she contacts you if we don’t get volunteers.)

CAN YOU GUESS THE IDENTITY OF THIS SYC COUPLE?

He grew up in the Midwest and she grew up in the Northeast. They have been members of SYC since 1995. They have both served on the Board of trustees and well as other committees. The youth sailing program was run by them for 4 years as well. In a need for more boats for the program they searched the Peninsula and the Southside. In that search they acquired 4 Lazers that are still used for the program. They are the second Legacy members to join SYC.

Submit your guess at our next dinner meeting! Look for the Denizen of the Deep basket and entry forms.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!

John LaRoche is 90! Friends and family (including SYC members) celebrated John LaRoche’s (Past Commodore 1986) big day with a parade by his house on Saturday, May 23rd. About two dozen cars joined the parade to celebrate.

After his parade celebration, members of SYC surprised him with a Zoom Happy Hour. Many joined from the deck at Regatta Point to say hi from our cruise weekend.

Cheers to you, John! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Get to know Charter Member Carol Collier! Carol and her late husband, Cliff Collier, were founding members and integral in making the Club what it is today.

The Collier family of 6 (4 teenagers) moved from Michigan to Virginia in 1973. Cliff was working for M&M Candy Co. In 1977 he opened AAMCO Transmission shop on Jefferson Ave. His son, Cliff, continues running the business to this day.

The Collier family had no boating experience so they started out in a 22 ft. Catalina sailboat. They graduated to a 27 ft. Tartan and then moved on to a 30 ft. Catalina. Their boat’s name was High Cs. Cliff was lucky to live as long as he did. Carol almost killed him many times with her novice sailing skills. However racing every weekend with SYC helped her and she got the hang of it. They did many trips up the Bay with the Club and weekend raft-ups, the Colliers also made 2 trips down the Intercoastal Waterway and got to the Bahamas in 1985, Carol Collier was instrumental with starting SYC women’s cruises. The first women’s cruise in 1983 was successful. Women of SYC sailed up the Bay ended up in Annapolis with fun stops along the way. Crew: Carol Collier, Ginger Smith, Carol Wyder, and Mary MacIntosh.

Carol can remember hosting SYC dinners (weather permitting) as picnics outside at our new property. She made the meals happen by cooking the meals at home using neighbors’ ovens and keeping things hot in coolers lined with newspaper. (Great tip from Jean LaRoche).

The first SYC Board meetings were held in the homes of the original founding members. Cathy (Collier) Hudgins babysat for Jake’s 2 year old during one of the meetings at the Collier house, but Jake failed to tell Cathy the child’s name. (Turns out the kid’s name was Jaclyn Smith. Cathy could not understand the child when she tried to tell Cathy her name.)

She has fond memories of when SYC was at the first Harborfest, before Waterside was developed and built and downtown Norfolk was revitalized.

Carol was instrumental in getting the Yacht Club sailboat races moved to later start times on Sundays, so people could go to church.

Carol has 4 children (Cheryl, Sue, Cathy, and Cliff). Two of her children, Cliff Collier and Cathy Hudgins, are long time members of the Club and (along with their spouses) were the first Legacy members of SYC. Through their marriages Cliff (husband to Vikki Waller Collier) and Cathy (wife to Steve Hudgins) ties the Collier family to 3 past SYC Commodores: Cliff Collier (charter member), Bill Waller, and Lee Hudgins. Carol has 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Three of her grandchildren celebrated their weddings at SYC.
“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.”
~Theodore Roosevelt

CLUB BURGEE
The original Club burgee was designed by Cliff Collier and made by Jake and Ginger Smith. It consisted of the white letters SYC in monogram style on a blue pennant background.

The original burgee was mounted on the front of the bar in the old Barnacle. Currently it is being stored at Jake & Ginger Smith’s house.

The burgee design was later modified to have Navy blue SYC letters in monogram style on a white diamond shape, mounted on a dark blue pennant background.

BURGEE SWAP
Over the years Club members have traveled far and wide frequently visiting other yacht clubs. Many of those members visiting other clubs offered to swap club burgees. In the Barnacle we have burgees from numerous other yacht clubs displayed from many places around the world. SYC burgees are displayed throughout the country and the world as well. Be on the lookout in your travels to see if you can spot one!

CLUB LOGO
The Club logo was designed in 1984 by Barry Shrout incorporating the existing burgee design. The Membership Committee came up with the idea of a logo intended to be used for vehicle decals to sell to the members as a small fundraiser and also to help raise awareness of the Club’s existence. In 1987 the membership voted to adopt the design as the official logo of the Club. The color of the logo is Navy blue like the official burgee color.

SIGNAL CANNON
Bill Reiser constructed and donated a signal cannon to the Club in 1990. He dedicated it to the memory of Past Commodore Cliff Collier. The cannon is fired at the Annual Flag Raising and on other auspicious occasions. Bill has trained Mark Hinman and other Club members in the care and operation of the cannon.

-Information pulled from documents from Barry Shrout, SYC Historian-

If you would like to submit a feature on the history of the club for the next Semaphore, please send your article or any ideas, memories, and/or photos you would like to highlight in this monthly section of the Semaphore to SYCSemaphore@gmail.com.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Construction update in pictures:

Click HERE to see more photos from the clubhouse renovation.

SYC COOKBOOK

Correction from the May Semaphore: Carol Shuleburg did the illustrations for the cookbook. Thank you for the information, Gladys Wagner!

PAT PHILLIPS UPDATE

From Nancy Kane: Pat Phillips is now at Dominion Village, Room 19, 531 Wythe Creek Rd., Poquoson 23662. The virus restrictions are very hard on him. No visitors are allowed except on the phone outside his window. Please send cards to brighten his days. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Nancy Kane.

NEW SYC MEMBER APPLICATION

ATTENTION: EXCITING NEWS! WE HAVE A NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION!!!

Robert and Linda Reviea’s Membership Application is posted at SYC. Please stop by SYC or click HERE to familiarize yourselves with the Reviea’s application!

Sincerely,
Membership Committee
Barbara Adcox, Chair

SYC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our pages. Don’t forget to tag or check-in to Seaford Yacht Club in your photos when you are at the club or boating! Click HERE to join our private Facebook page for members for the latest club updates.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SeafordYachtClub/
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Twitter: https://twitter.com/SYC_Yorktown
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Pinterest: https://www.pinterest.com/seafordyachtclub/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/seaford-yacht-club
SYC BoT Meeting Summary – April 14, 2020

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

Members Present: Pete Showalter, Jimmy Richardson, Stephen Riley, Brad Berry, Tina MacRitchie, Donna Nitchie, Jandy Strickland, Sandy Shem, Jerry Dooley, Cecil Adcox, John Leist, Kathy Moore

Member Guests Present: Randy Strickland – Building Committee, Angee Berry – Finance Committee

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting previously distributed were approved. Jimmy motioned to approve the report; Pete seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report: Jandy presented the monthly treasurer’s report. Motion made by Jimmy Richardson to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Seconded by Stephen Riley. Vote: Unanimous

Building Committee – Randy discussed the Building Committee report and Change Orders. Note on the Change Order - the gas logs are actually a credit of $600 and not an expense.

New Business
Pete contacted Sandy Hopkins for assistance reviewing and updating the Member Guide in reference to rental procedures and fees, with a goal of simplifying the current structure. There was discussion regarding fees for members, nonmembers and non-profits groups and how the club can be used going forward. Pete motioned to keep the three current categories and to simplify our policy. Brad seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Kathy noted that Commodore Pete signed the reciprocal agreement letters and they were sent to other clubs.

There was discussion regarding the Flag Raising ceremony. Flag Day/June 14th will be set as a tentative date.

Jerry made a report about ice usage. It was recommended our current pricing for ice be adjusted as follows:
7 lbs. $2.50
20 lbs. $5.00
Jerry motioned to approve the increase for the price of ice; Steve seconded. Vote Unanimous

Pete reported that game and card nights have been canceled until further notice. He noted that the Virtual Happy Hour on Zoom, hosted by Jaclyn Smith, was well attended and hopes they will continue to help keep members in contact with one another.

The beer tap has been removed and cleaned. Beer service will resume when we have our next dinner meeting.
We will continue to seek new members and hope to get some creative ideas that will spark an interest for new members to join SYC.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Moore, SYC Secretary
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**JACLYN SMITH, SEMAPHORE EDITOR**

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