

From the Helm—April 2021

If someone were to ask what the mission of the Seaford Yacht Club was he or she might hear a response that goes something like this... “to promote boating, seamanship, and maintain facilities for the education, recreation, and social use of our members and guest”. That description comes right out of the club’s mission statement, but I would like to take that one step further. Our real underlying motivation should include the ingredient of “making boating fun”. Let’s face it, we give of our time, our money, and our talents to make our club a great place to meet with friends and have fun talking about and sharing in our passion, the water. Everything we do starts with that premise. To be sure we share many benefits like parties, cruises, races, happy hours, sea dog series, or just teaching the next generation to respect and enjoy the water, but our No. 1 goal is to give our members more reasons to come to the club and ensure they have a great time every time they cross the threshold of the clubhouse, step out on the dock, sit on the deck, or board a boat.

We are committed to keeping pace with our changing times, health considerations, boating accommodations, personal desires, attitudes, and the ever- evolving culture of our club. We hope to use boating as a welcome distraction from our sometimes divisive, complex and disconnected world. Over the past year we have been challenged to find new ways to reconnect and make boating fun and rewarding while learning to make it easier and safer to participate and develop more reasons to do so.

I challenge each and every one of you to keep the faith, get involved when you feel you can, and go out and explore the bay and beyond. Near or far, the adventures of a lifetime are still out there waiting if we are willing to take that first step of the journey. We have incredible assets at our disposal, but we should remain focused on the water as our common starting point on the road to our future as a club. I trust that identifying and communicating our common interests in the coming year will direct us on a clear path to determining how and where we will have fun together.