

From the Helm—May 2021

Once again the Seaford Yacht Club activity schedule is in full swing after a long pause. Last year was difficult, but with the leadership of a hearty crew of folks led by Pete Showalter we persevered. Our club has demonstrated resilience and is poised to surge back stronger than ever with the help of our loyal members.

Many of you may have noticed a few modifications to the club recently. We owe a debt of gratitude to our house chairman, Jim Blotter, for grading the sidewalk and eliminating the tripping hazard from the uneven edges. Our Lighting in the parking lot is a bit brighter thanks to Jim and Bob Beilhart. Our past commodore, Pete Showalter, came up with an innovative approach to providing the club with ice by personally stocking our ready ice cooler. Through his efforts we now have ice for cruising at the best price in town. Rental request for our beautiful facility are beginning to come in once again. If you have requests for using our facility for a private event please contact Penny Showalter who will be happy to get your application process started. The club's Barnacle television is now receiving air TV as well as Internet Streaming Channels through the efforts of our dedicated members facilitated by Greg Epperson. With the newly implemented internet access we have opened up a few more avenues to utilize information technology and improve club security. The lasers and, puffer, and opti fleet is much cleaner thanks to Mike Webb and crew. Additionally, your board of trustees has been working diligently to improve our club's compliance with the bureau of Alcohol and Beverage Control guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all of our members. Our house, grounds and housekeeping crew are continuously ensuring we are ready and open for meetings, parties, and other club activities. I believe these examples make it quite clear that behind the scenes our sense of volunteerism is a critical component of making our club a premier location to spend our leisure time and enjoy each other's company.

Socially, the month of May was ushered in with a well-attended and colorful potluck Kentucky Derby Party conceived and hosted by Jaclyn Smith on May first. The Next Morning Mother Nature smiled on us with a gorgeous day for coming together during the annual Seaford Yacht Club Flag Raising hosted by the Showalters. The Barnacle was put to good use as we enjoyed a tasty and gratifying Friday Happy Hour on the seventh of May. The Ancarrow's hosted a private event using the club facility on the 15th of May. We welcomed two more new members into the club, Mickey Monahan and Paula Holyfield, at a wonderful and well-attended May dinner meeting hosted by the Edmonds and company. Right around the corner we have the Memorial Day cruise to Dozier's Marina that should prove to be a great time.

In conclusion, I urge everyone to get vaccinated so we can expand our attendance numbers safely, read the ByLaw revisions on the club's web site (which will be easier to access now thanks to the guidance by Joe Mitchell), and become familiar with event sign up procedures. Joe has worked hard to make sign ups more seamless on the website and Linda Blotter is striving to have everyone on board in order to more accurately plan our dinner meetings and other events.

It is a pleasure to serve you all. I wish you all the enjoyment possible and look forward to seeing you all out on our little slice of the Bay.

John Leist
Commodore, SYC