

From the Helm--September 2021

The Dog Days of Summer 2021 will soon be but a memory. The balmy days and afternoon thunder showers will be replaced by crisp clear mornings and the early signs of fall. Seaford Yacht Club has plenty of events on our calendar yet to come as fall looms just around the corner. A club cruise to a charming destination destination, Cape Charles, is always a great time. The venerable Road Kill dinner meeting and Oyster Roast are in the not so distant future. But before I get too far ahead of myself we should reflect on the huge accomplishment you all contributed to in the past month.

Our August Dinner Meeting/Annual meeting was a huge success. The decorations and food were superb. The meeting was well attended and we accomplished many things that were placed on standby by the moratorium on gatherings that we experienced back in February. It has been a distinct pleasure to see the Yacht Club emerge on the other side of the many restrictions imposed. In many ways we as a club are now much better off than before. We have a state of the art facility, great offerings for our youthful successors in the Junior Sailing Program, a reinstatement of our great parties and happy hours, cruises, and very importantly a brand new set of ByLaws. These improvements will benefit the club and guide our path through the coming weeks, months, and hopefully for many years to come. We now have consistent, revised, polished, and more relevant ByLaws. I want to extend a personal thanks to all who took the time to review, publish, and continually update the drafts. The ByLaws Committee, Webmaster, and your Board of Trustees worked tirelessly to bring the final draft to the club for a vote. The overwhelming positive response to these changes voted these revisions into law for the club on 17 August 2021. This daunting task could not have been accomplished without much help. The collaboration, and careful review by members demonstrated a collective willingness to bring our club's ByLaws in line with the current operations of the club. Again, thank you all.

As we live in this world that is by no means totally back to normal we deal daily with the many stressors that constantly wear us down. Be they geopolitical, economic, or health issues, we should all be thankful that we have many likeminded friendly folks to share in our sanctuary from life's challenges. Seaford Yacht Club is that sanctuary, and I am truly grateful for such a great crew that signed on for this incredible journey.

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