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FROM THE HELM

SYC Beer Stein Holding Champions...

If you read last month's semaphore you'd know that I was training (physically and spiritually) to take my Stein trophy back. Apparently, I was not the only Kelly household member with visions of Guinness dancing in my head. Lynn shocked the SYC world (and made her hubby incredibly proud) by coming out of nowhere to win the ladies Stein-holding competition.

Thanks again to Bill and Joan Edmonds, Tom and Fran Butterfoss and the rest of the crew that helped put on a great St. Patrick's day themed dinner! I'm not sure if selling a boat is the best way to appease Jupiter (Roman god of the sky) but Jim and Linda Blotter figured something out because the weather was amazing for the Burn Your Socks party this past Saturday. With clear skies and temperatures in the 70's, it was a great night for anything and everything outdoors. Johnny St. Clair did a great job of entertaining us. I hope to see him performing at the club again soon! A big thank you to the Blotter family for everything they did to make it memorable night.

Hard to believe it's almost April but I hope to see all of you at Club spring cleanup Saturday (April 1st - no foolin') morning at 0900. Tina MacRitchie and Jim Blotter have developed a list of tasks to get accomplished. Many hands make light work! Pizza will be served at lunchtime for all helpers.

As of this writing there are 4 slots available for those willing to donate blood at the Club on April 12. If you're not willing to donate blood, this Commodore definitely likes chocolate chip cookies and I could surely use a snack after donating. So, if you wanna' ease the sting of giving blood, help put a smile on a donor's face by bringing some fresh baked deliciousness for folks to munch on while recovering.

Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to schedule your appointment today.

We're now registering kids for the summer sailing camps. Get a flyer at the Club or visit our Facebook page. If you have a kid, grandkid, or neighbor interested in learning to sail, send them our way. Camps run for 7 consecutive weeks, from June 19 ending with the sailing regatta on August 5. With the warmer weather the Club seems to get busier and busier. Please check the calendar for a full listing of events. I hope to see you at a Club event soon!

Thanks, Jody Kelly, Commodore

March Dinner Meeting 2023

Tuesday night was the greatly anticipated St. Patrick's Day dinner hosted by Joan and Bill Edmonds. As always, this was a well-attended dinner and there were over 100 people in attendance.

The food was delicious – corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, onions, Irish soda bread and a host of different desserts. Traditional Irish fare and all loved it!

The beer stein holding contest for lads and lassies was good fun – Lynn Kelly won in the women's contest and Jody Kelly took the men's honors. Looks like a family affair!

Helping leprechauns included Bob and Janet Beilhart, Nancy and Barry Shrout, Fran and Tom Butterfoss, Tina and Kevin MacRitchie, Celia and Tim Whitlatch, Lisa Carrington, Amanda Hockaday, Al and Audrey Moore, and Mark and Nancy Hinman. As always, thanks to our biermeister, Tom Feldhaus, and the host and hostess at the Hinman's Irish Pub - Mark Hinman and Lisa Carrington. And, thanks to Jim and Linda Blotter for collecting the money.

Dan Okleson talked about the cruising schedule and Sandy Alexander talked about the Spring Outdoor Market. Our newest members, Roger and Miki Bogert were recognized and received their SYC burgee and new member paraphernalia. The Shanty Grass Band entertained us before, during, and after dinner. The next dinner event will be the April Dinner Meeting on April 18th. Remember, your calling committee person will either call or email you to remind you to sign up on the SYC website. Your calling committee person will sign you up if you are unable to take care of it yourself.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Blotter

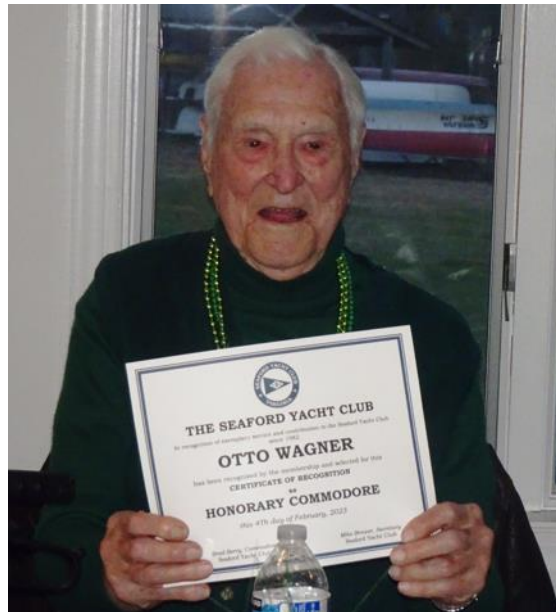


Commodore Kelly presents the SYC burgee to new members
Miki and Roger Bogert

Additional Awards Presented at the March Dinner Meeting 2023

Honorary Commodore

Otto Wagner



Outstanding Member Award

Sandy Alexander



Burn Your Socks - 2023

The first sock burning event began in the Spring of 1978, when, after a snowy winter, boatbuilder Bob Turner bid his oppressive sock-wearing days farewell for the summer by throwing them into a campfire. The Seaford Yacht Club continued the vernal equinox tradition with their annual Burn Your Socks event held Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Event hosts were Linda and Jim Blotter – for the 8th consecutive year! Their many years of experience were evident by the expertise and precision with which they led the team of volunteers to ensure a delicious and fun-filled event. Linda runs a tight ship in the kitchen with her three-ring binder full of recipes, check lists and instructions. Jim and his team held their own outside - shucking corn, preparing for the bon fire, and ensuring the grills were ready for the main event. Our own Bob Beilhart retired his tool belt for the day to decorate the chandelier with socks of all shapes and sizes. I know his heart grew larger and larger with every sock that he hung.

The day was balmy and began a little cloudy, but the sun was shining in time to greet members as they arrived at the club. Johnny St. Clair provided the foot tapping, hip swaying musical entertainment. Of course, the signature activity was attending the roaring bonfire that was peppered with socks throughout the evening. Roasted marshmallows, chocolate bars, and graham crackers were in abundance for the customary gooey smores. Many members spent the rest of the evening gathered around the campfire enjoying each other's company.

The party assistants: Mark and Nancy Hinman, Bob and Janet Beilhart, Bill and Joan Edmonds, Tom and Winnie Feldhaus, Laurie and Tasha Ulbricht, Kevin and Tina MacRitchie, Lisa Carrington, Cliff and Vikki Collier, Dan and Maria Linville, Tempy Barbru, Michelle Calloway, Jaclyn Smith, and Troy Waller.

A big SYC THANK YOU to Linda and Jim and their many volunteers for making this a very memorable "Sock Burning."

Submitted by Michelle Calloway



Picture from the Past

SYC Flag Raising 1986



Cliff Collier, Ben Weeks, Jack Kane, John LaRoche, Phil Hopkins

Hard copy of above Image provided by John LaRoche; scanned (and ID'd) by Rosalie Mitchell.

Also, many thanks and much appreciation goes to Joan Edmonds for the all the current, fine photos!

UPCOMING EVENTS – April



Help save a life.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.

SYC Red Cross Blood Drive - April 12th

SYC is proud to be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 12th, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Please consider donating to help save a life.

Click on this link to sign up and schedule a time: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results>

or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-(800)RED-CROSS.

Shakedown Cruise 2023 4/22-4/23

Marina: York River Yacht Haven, 804-642-2156, 15 slips reserved

Event Chairs: Mike Webb, John Kehoe, and Dan Okleson

This cruise may be attended by land yacht too, 30 sign-ups available! If you have a slip at York River Yacht Haven, sign up not required. Limited slips are available this year.

Activities:

Sat. 22nd

Coast Guard Inspections 2 - 4:00 pm

Traditional Happy Hour - 5:30

Potluck - 6:30 pm - under the awning at the pool

Sun. 23rd

Potluck Brunch - 9-10 am with Mimosas and Bloodies!

Depart

All Club members bring food to share

Those traveling by land yacht, please sign up as "Land Cruiser"

Name, email and phone number, boat name, length, beam, draft, power, and water requirements must be specified.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



UPCOMING EVENTS – May

Staggered Start Race is our first race for this season. It will occur on Saturday, May 6th - the day before Flag Raising. Mike Webb is the sponsor. 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.

Flag Raising - May 7, 2023

Event Chair: Past Commodore Brad and Angee Berry

DETAILS:

Time - 11 AM

Dress - Business Casual/Sunday Best

This is a free event for SYC members.

Guests will be charged \$15.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the event. RSVP by 5/1

Members will be charged if a reservation is made but you do not attend. No take-out meals.

Last day to RSVP and/or clear your reservation is May 1st.

Agenda -

11 AM - Social Hour

Mimosas, Bloody Mary's, Wine, Beer, Coffee, Tea and hors d'oeuvres

12 Noon - Brunch Buffet

French Toast, Breakfast Casserole, Assorted Fruit, Ham Sandwiches, Muffins, Dessert

1:15 PM - Flag Raising Ceremony



SYC Spring Outdoor Market - Saturday May, 13

9 AM - 2 PM

Please join us for this outdoor event for great shopping and fun.

- Large assortment of crafters

- Bake sale

- Kid's craft table featuring a Mother's Day project

Vendor fees support Junior Sailing and other programs.

If you are interested in being a crafter at this event, please contact syc@seafordyachtclub.com.

Event is open to the public.

This outdoor event will be held rain or shine.



2023 SYC Cruises

Whether you come by cruiser, sailboat or car, welcome to SYC's summer cruising season. Cruises can be the highlight of the year for SYC Club members. A great time to get out on the water-and relax with friends at wonderful Chesapeake Bay locations. Our Sail and Power Fleet Captains will set the cruise's itineraries including planned activities, group meals or happy hours. Please sign up for cruises on this website. The Fleet Captains will make the reservations for your boat with the marinas.

SEAFORD YACHT CLUB CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR 2023 SUMMARY

CRUISE	DATE(S)	DESTINATION
Shakedown Cruise	April 22-23	York River Yacht Haven, Gloucester, VA
Memorial Day Cruise	May 26-27-28-29	Regatta Pointe, Deltaville, VA
Four Rivers Cruise	June 16-17-18-19	Anchor, and Marina Hookup, Mobjack
Knot July 4th Cruise	July 7-8-9	Cape Charles Town Marina
Commodore's Cruise	July 28-29-30	Tidewater Marina, Portsmouth, VA
Labor Day Cruise	September 1-2-3	Urbanna (TBD)
Stay Cruise	October 6-7	SYC Docks
Christmas Cruise	December 15-16-17	Cape Charles City Docks

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for cruises. Note: Some cruises are not available for sign up at this time. Stay tuned. You must be logged in to sign up for cruises.

Make sure you include your boat name, length, beam, draft and power requirements. Also, let the Fleet Captains know if your plans for arrival or departure differ from the planned cruise itinerary. Let's see you on our next SYC cruise !

As always, safe boating !

- Fleet Captains Power

John Kehoe, at jkehoe3@cox.net or (757) 218-5445

Dan Okleson at (757) 897-2587 or dmokleson@gmail.com

- Fleet Captain Sail , Mike Webb, at sailboatmike@hotmail.com or (757) 810-8318

To sign up for a cruise you must be a logged-in member of Seaford Yacht Club. You may also sign up by calling John Kehoe, Dan Okleson, or Mike Webb.

SYC RAFT-UPS

Besides organized cruises, any member can call an impromptu "raft-up" for any weekend or evening. Just send an Email to our communications committee at syc@seafordyachtclub.com. Let boaters know if they are expected to prepare food or drink to share. By late afternoon, boats meet at a raft-up location – on a river in the Mobjack or even at the Yorktown Marina. When Club parties are planned, boaters reserve transient dockage or "raft-up" at our SYC dock.

SAVE THE DATES

Spring Cleanup – 4/1 (*Spring Cleanup Rain Date – 4/8)

[SYC Red Cross Blood Drive](#) – 4/12

April Happy Hour – 4/14

April Monthly Dinner Meeting - 4/18

[Shakedown Cruise](#) – 4/22-4/23

Kentucky Derby Potluck (weather permitting) –

Staggered Start Race – 5/6

[Flag Raising/Brunch](#) – 5/7

May Happy Hour – 5/12

Spring Outdoor Market – 5/13

May Monthly Dinner Meeting– 5/16

Memorial Day Cruise (Regatta Point Yachting Center, Deltaville, VA) – 5/26-5/29

Four Rivers Cruise (anchor & marina hook up Mobjack Bay) – 6/16-6/19

June Monthly Dinner Meeting – 6/20

Knot 4th of July Cruise (Chape Charles Town Marina, Cape Charles, VA) – 7/7-7/9

July Happy Hour – 7/14

July Monthly Dinner Meeting – 7/18

Commodore's Cruise (Tidewater Marina, Portsmouth, VA) – 7/28-7/30

Summer Party – 8/5

August Happy Hour – 8/11

August Monthly Dinner Meeting – 8/15

Single Handed Race – 8/26

Labor Day Cruise (Urbanna, VA) – 9/1-9/4



SYC SUGGESTION BOX – Electronic option added

We are excited to introduce the SYC Electronic Suggestion Box! This option is in addition to the physical suggestion box located in the Barnacle. All suggestions are welcome and submitted anonymously to the Commodore. You can click the image below for the SYC Suggestion Box form.



SYC SHIPMATE PROGRAM – Seeking Volunteers

We are implementing a Shipmate program to help welcome aboard the new members at SYC! The goal of the new subcommittee is to promote camaraderie, provide support, encourage participation, help with communication/questions, and mentor new members. In addition to the sponsors of the new member(s), this program will allow for the new members to meet even more people in the Club.

We are seeking members that are interested in being a buddy/shipmate for a new member(s).

Jaclyn Smith is chair of this subcommittee. Please reach out to Jaclyn Smith or send an email to syc@seafordyachtclub.com if you are interested in becoming a Shipmate and learning about the program.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

NOTE - Club Email Update:

Going forward please send any request for an email to be sent out to the Club membership to syc@seafordyachtclub.com.

NOTE: Please do not send email requests to a personal email address.

NEED TO CONTACT SYC?

- Email us at syc@seafordyachtclub.com
- NEW! SYC is now set up on Google Voice!
 - Call us at 757-231-6967 and leave a message
 - Text us at (757) 231-6828
- Message us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Our Communications Committee will answer you or get it to the right person to help and get back to you asap!

SYC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

All minutes will be posted on the SYC webpage in the Member's Area.

You can access the link via <https://seafordyachtclub.com/minutes-board-meetings/> to see all BoT minutes. The latest version will be updated on the site after the Secretary submits the document.

You will need to be logged into the website to access.

The minutes will be included in the copy for members that do not have digital access to the newsletter.



April 2023 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30						1 Spring Cleanup -9:00
2	3	4	5	6 Bridge Club - 12:30	7	8 Spring Cleanup Rain Date
9	10	11 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00	12 Red Cross Blood Drive 1- 6	13 Bridge Club - 12:30	14 Happy Hour - 6:00	15
16	17	18 Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6:00	19	20 Bridge Club - 12:30	21 Hedge/Alexander Event Setup	22 Hedge/Alexander Event Shakedown Cruise
23 Shakedown Cruise	24	25 Semaphore inputs due	26	27 Bridge Club - 12:30	28	29



In the clubhouse is available
Network Name: Seaford Yacht Club
Password: GoBoating!

To see more images/pictures:

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139382387447353>

Please send your news, some photos, reports, or ideas for new/additional content to:
SYCSemaphore@gmail.com or rlcalloway12@gmail.com

Submissions for the May issue are due April 25, 2023