



# SEMAPHORE

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## FROM THE HELM – of a very wet sailboat



Thank you to Dan, John, Mike and the rest of the crew that helped put together a fantastic Shakedown Cruise! Friday arrivers saw plenty of sunshine and lots of orange crushes! Saturday evening was the great poluck dinner with drinks furnished by Troy Waller and North Point Yacht Sales. Thanks Troy! Saturday night brought some foul weather and put the "shakedown" on our boat. The only place my boat wasn't leaking is from underneath. Every topside hatch and window was dripping - making for a long night. I now know what I must fix prior to heading north for the Memorial Day Cruise.

Before we get to Memorial Day, we have the Staggered Start Race, Kentucky Derby Potluck Party, and Flag Raising on May 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Unfortunately, I'll miss both of these events as Lynn and I will be traveling to Duluth, MN to see our niece graduate from college. Ya' you betcha! I'm sorry to miss the Flag Raising tradition, but I know that Brad, Chris, Glen, Linda, Sharon, and the Fleet Captains will cover for me. And don't forget our Spring Outdoor Market on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

As we get into boating season folks may be wondering where the ice cooler by the pump house has disappeared to. Well, it's a long story - but have no fear - there is a replacement. Art Dister graciously donated a new deep freezer, which resides in a boat shed corner. Bob Bielhart and Jim Blotter put a cipher lock (code 8040) on the boat shed door in case you forget your key. Pete "Iceman" Showalter still bags ice to put in the freezer for members to purchase (\$2/bag). That came in handy for me heading over to York River Yacht Haven last weekend.

If I don't see you beforehand, I hope to see you all at the May (16th) dinner meeting hosted by Paula Holyfield and Janet Bielhart.

Thanks!  
Jody Kelly, Commodore,

## **WIFI ON THE DOCKS!**

SYC has extended it's WIFI to the docks so members can use their devices when at the dock or on their boats if docked at the club. The WIFI is also be available to visiting members of reciprocal clubs staying at the docks.

The WIFI Logon and Password are the same as for the WIFI in the Club House and is always available on the website to members that have logged in by selecting "Photos/Links/Help" then "Help" then "Internet and WIFI Info".

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**Password: GoBoating!**

Let's thank Scott Hummer, Greg Epperson, and Bob Beilhart for their work in getting WIFI to the docks. They ran wires in the building, installed a point-to-point antenna system to get the WIFI from the Club House to the Dock without having to bury a cable through the yard and a Mesh System on the docks with a node located at each corner providing complete coverage. So next time you're on the docks, updating your boats equipment or staying on your boat for an event ...

Happy Streaming!!

## **New Freezer in the Boat Shed!** **(Same code as the bath house)**



## April Dinner Meeting 2023 Write Up

The theme was "A Taste of Virginia" and it was a huge success. Mike & Sandy Alexander introduced us to a "new" meal which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The grits bar was something most had never experienced and it turned out to be a very delicious appetizer. The chicken & waffles with bacon jam & berries were also excellent, especially with the outstanding bacon jam! We ended the dinner with apple or cherry pies topped with ice cream. Plus, we had a "Bourbon Bar" to sample several Virginia bourbons.

Thank you to Mike & Sandy and their crew for a delicious meal and a good time. The crew consisted of: Pete & Penny Showalter, Brad & Angee Berry, Bob & Janet Beilhart, Phil & Sandy Hopkins, Celia Whitlatch, John Brooks, Dan & Maria Linville, and Ben & Cheryl Huggins. And thanks to Doris Smoker for brewing the ice-tea, Tom Feldhaus for the beer, and Jim & Linda Blotter for taking the money.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Beilhart



Kitchen Crew



Yes, Virginia,  
there was a  
bourbon tasting



## UPCOMING EVENTS – May



The **Staggered Start Race** is our first race this season. It will occur on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30. 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 will follow as part of the **Kentucky Derby Potluck Party!**

Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

There will be a make-your-own Mint Julep Bar. BYOBourbon!

Bring \$1 bills if you want to place bets on a horse(s). Click [HERE](#) for more info.

### **Flag Raising - May 7, 2023**

Event Chair: Past Commodore Brad and Angee Berry

DETAILS:

11 AM, Dress - Business Casual/Sunday Best

Free to SYC members., guests \$15.

Reservations have closed. Please contact Angee Berry if you have not signed up and want to attend.

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 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](mailto:syc@seafordyachtclub.com). 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
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](mailto:jkehoe3@cox.net) or (757) 218-5445

Dan Oklessen at (757) 897-2587 or [dmoklessen@gmail.com](mailto:dmoklessen@gmail.com)

- Fleet Captain Sail , Mike Webb, at [sailboatmike@hotmail.com](mailto: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 Oklessen, 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](mailto: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

Staggered Start Race – 5/6

Kentucky Derby Potluck (weather permitting) – 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





# May 2023 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Bridge Club - 12:30	5 Sunday Event Setup	6 Staggered Start Race - 10:30 Kentucky Derby/ Potluck Dinner-5:00 Sunday Event Setup
7 Flag Raising/Brunch - 11:00 am	8	9 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00	10	11 Bridge Club - 12:30	12 Happy Hour - 6:00	13 Spring Outdoor Market - 9:00 - 2:00
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6:00	17	18 Bridge Club - 12:30	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Bridge Club - 12:30 <u>Semaphore inputs due</u>	26 Memorial Day Cruise	27 Memorial Day Cruise
28 Memorial Day Cruise	29 Memorial Day Memorial Day Cruise	30	31			



In the clubhouse **AND THE DOCKS**

is (now) available

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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](mailto:SYCSemaphore@gmail.com) or [rlcalloway12@gmail.com](mailto:rlcalloway12@gmail.com)

**Submissions for the June issue are due April 25, 2023**