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From the Helm



of the Roastmaster General

Thank you to Art Dister who cooked his last possum this month! Art has led the annual Roadkill Dinner for 15 years (I've been told) but announced that he's turning his shovel aka pavement scraper over to Tom Feldhaus. A big thank you to Art for his many years of service preparing the Roadkill Dinner. We had a great turnout at the Club on 9/19.

As Ophelia skirted us last week, I want to thank all those who descended on the Club to make sure that lines were secure, furniture was secure, water and power were turned off, and the Club was generally prepared for the storm. Kudos to Kevin MacRitchie, Mike Webb, Glenn McDermott, Jerry Dooley, Jim Blotter, Mark Hinman, and Bob Beilhart!

October is a busy month at SYC! Greg Epperson and the Seaford Fire Department are hosting an AED training class at the Club on October 4. The always popular Stay Cruise is back again this year on October 6 and 7. Boat drinks and a Jimmy Buffett concert on the back deck...it doesn't get any better does it? Mrs. Commodorable, Lynn Kelly, will be running the October-themed dinner meeting (10/17) complete with schnitzel, brats, german potato salad and hammerslagen (German hammer game). What could go wrong combining beer, hammers, and nails??? THEN, on October 21, we have a FULL day of activities with Tom and Will Schrade running the annual SYC Oyster Roast Race. Bob and Janet Beilhart are hosting the annual SYC Oyster Roast with yours truly serving as Roastmaster General for 10 bushels of fresh Eastern Shore oysters.

Lastly, the US Army Corps of Engineers has asked SYC to host a public hearing regarding the dredging of Back Creek on Thursday, November 16, from 5-7 pm. This will be a topic of interest to many SYC members so please come out and let your voice be heard.

I hope you all had a great summer but I look forward to see you all at some "fall" events at SYC! See you soon!

Thanks,

Jody Kelly, Commodore

September Monthly Dinner – Roadkill!

Tuesday was the annual Roadkill Dinner. This meal is prepared and served by several male members of SYC and they did a fantastic job. No women are allowed in the kitchen! Art Dister and Tom Feldhaus and their amazing crew created a spectacular dinner. There were 85 people in attendance who enjoyed the wonderful food.

The plates were heaped with pork, broccoli with cheese and corn on the cob. The sauce on the pork was so flavorful and each table held a bowl of croissants. Cheesecake rounded out the meal.

Art and Tom's helpers included Kruno Abramusic, Rodney Hockaday, John Leist, Jack Klevecz, Dan Smoker, Greg Choney, Toby Ommundsen and John Brooks. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone! Please accept my apology if I did! A special shout-out to our biermeister Tom Feldhaus and Jim and Linda Blotter who collected the money.

Guests were introduced. Sandy Alexander talked about the Holiday Craft Fair and the new items in the Barnacle Boutique. Mike Webb talked about the Stay Cruise.

The next events will be the October Dinner Meeting, October 17th and the Oyster Roast on October 21st.

Remember your Calling Committee person will email you to remind you to sign up on the SYC website. Your calling committee person can sign you up if you are unable to take care of it yourself. Just let them know!

The Calling Committee will no longer exist after this year. Members will receive emails from SYC@seafordyachtclub.com with the information about events.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Blotter, Dinner Co-Chair

Upcoming Stay Cruise



"THIS ONE'S FOR YOU - IT'S BEEN A LOVELY CRUISE"

Hopefully you have signed up by now. This year's event will honor Jimmy "Bubba" Buffett. Jimmy will provide our entertainment with a past concert played on a big screen.

Friday, October 6th. 6:00 PM - Happy Hour (BYOB) - Margaritas provided as well. Potluck Dinner following Happy Hour. Bring a food item to share. Dessert provided. Jimmy Buffett Concert to start on the back lawn after dinner (weather permitting). Bring a chair.

Saturday, October 7th. 9:30 AM - Bloody Marys and Mimosas on Dock.
1:00 AM - Past Commodores' Challenge Cup
2:00 PM - Family Fun Boating. Small sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards will be available. Cornhole also on site.

Chairs: SYC Fleet Captains - Mike Webb, John Kehoe, Dan Okleson

October Dinner Meeting - October 17, 2023

Hosts - Jody and Lynn Kelly

Time - 6 PM

Dress - Casual

Last day to RSVP and/or clear your reservation is October 15th.

The Kelly's will be hosting the 3rd annual Oktoberfest-themed dinner. The menu is listed below, but the festivities will include polka music and a game called Hammerschlagen. You can wear lederhosen and dimdi dresses if you want!

Menu

Appetizer will be large soft pretzels with assorted mustards and beer cheese.

Pork Schnitzel (chicken schnitzel available).

German Sausage

German Potatoes

Red Cabbage

Sauerkraut

Pickles

German Chocolate Cake

Apple Streusel

Cost - Adult (13 years old and over) \$15, Child (ages 6 through 12) \$6, Child under 6, no charge.

Annual Oyster Roast - October 21, 2023

Hosts - Bob and Janet Beilhart

Time - 5 PM

Dress - Casual

The last day to RSVP and/or clear your reservation is October 15th.

Menu - Happy Hour - Oysters, Shrimp and Clam Chowder

Dinner - Chicken, Baked Beans, Salads, Dessert

Cost - Adults \$30 (anyone 13 and over), Children \$10 (those 12 and under)

Racing News

The Oyster Roast Race is approaching quickly – October 21st. This race usually has ideal racing conditions and SYC often has a good turnout of racers. Also, please join in for the Oyster Roast Saturday night after the race. Will Schrade will sponsor this race.

2023 SYC Cruises – left to go!

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 |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 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



- Fall Cleanup - 11/4
- November Happy Hour - 11/10
- Fall Cleanup Rain Date - 11/11
- November Monthly Dinner Meeting – 11/14
- SYC Holiday Craft Fair – 11/18
- Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade – 12/2
- SYC Christmas Party – 12/9
- SYC Red Cross Blood Drive – 12/13
- Christmas Bonus Cruise (Cape Charles, VA) – 12/15-12/17
- 1/1 - New Year's Day Race
- 1/1 - New Year's Day Potluck
- 1/5 – January Happy Hour
- 1/13 – Seadog Series
- 1/16 – January Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 1/20 – Welcome Back Potluck Dinner
- 1/27 – Seadog Series

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.



October 2023 Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Edmonds Event | 2 | 3 | 4 AED Training – 7:00 | 5 Bridge Club – 1:00 | 6 Stay Cruise Happy Hour | 7 Stay Cruise |
| 8 | 9 Columbus Day Observed | 10 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 | 11 | 12 Bridge Club – 1:00 | 13 Hudgins Rental Setup | 14 Hudgins Rental |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6:00 | 18 | 19 Bridge Club – 1:00 | 20 Oyster Roast Setup | 21 Oyster Roast Race Oyster Roast |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Bridge Club – 1:00 | 27 Brinkley Event Setup | 28 Brinkley Event |
| 29 Brinkley Event Clean up | 30 | 31 | | | Semaphore inputs due | |



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Password: GoBoating!

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new/additional content to:
rlcalloway12@gmail.com

Submissions for the November issue are due October 26, 2023