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FROM THE HELM

Hi Friends!

In case you missed it, hurricane season is in full swing. Dan Linville and Kevin Miller did a fantastic job planning our first Small Boat Poker Run, and, unfortunately, it was cancelled for weather. Then, as the professional weather-guessers at NOAA predicted a tumultuous Commodore's Cruise weekend, we cancelled that one as well. Of course, within two days of cancellation, the forecast turned perfect, so there's proof-positive that God has a great sense of humor!

Hampton Roads has been relatively lucky so far this season, but there's plenty of season left, so please check your dock-lines for wear and tear; and if you see a neighboring slip-holder who needs adjusting, please give them (or the Dockmaster) a call.

Many thanks to Joan and Bill Edmonds who hosted the Happy Hour, and thanks to Tom Feldhaus and Greg Choney who picked up Art Dister's annual "Roadkill Dinner." Some of the best racoon I've ever tasted!

October is a busy month ahead with the Stay Cruise, an Oktoberfest Dinner Meeting, the Oyster Roast, and our first Halloween Party.

Finally, if you see the Linvilles, give them a pat on the back. As Hurricane Helene ripped through the South, Dan, a native of western North Carolina, decided to make a trip down to check on family and friends. But, before he made the trip, he collected and loaded up two trailers full of relief supplies. Well done, Dan!

I'll see you out there!

Commodore Chris Treacy.

"Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port, and the other was an atrocious liar." — Don Bamford

Submitted by Sandy Hopkins, as told by Jo Trowbridge



Oh Dear, a Deer

On August 25 Jo Trowbridge, member and our SYC neighbor, had an unusual experience at her house. Her daughter, Julie, noticed some activity in her mom's pool but wasn't sure what was making it. Swimming and trying to get out of the pool was a juvenile deer. It was scared to death, and kept swimming from side to side, but not able to find a way to escape the water.

Her Mom, who is 94 years old, started to slowly get out of her recliner, grabbed her rollator walker, and went to the door which leads to the deck. In the meantime, Julia grabbed a long-handled brush and tried to "herd" the deer toward the steps. After some time, the deer finally made it to the steps, ran out of the pool, and continued running up the stairs to the deck, and into the house. The wet deer ran by Jo so quickly, that she barely saw it and thankfully avoided being knocked down by the deer.

The deer ran into the kitchen where it came face to face with a big black dog. The deer turned around and headed down the hall. Julie grabbed the dog and put it in the bathroom. Then Julie began searching for the deer. She found it in one of the bedrooms, and closed the door. How were they going to get the deer out of the bedroom?

First, Jo called her grandson, Jonathan, but he was taking a shower. Then Julie called the neighbor to the east of the house, and he brought a friend with him to corral the deer. Each of the men brought a wind breaker jacket with them. They went into the bedroom, slowly approaching the deer. One of the men threw his jacket over the head and front legs, the other man threw his jacket over the rear and back legs. They were lucky and caught it on the first throw. The men each grabbed the deer and tried to get a secure hold on it. One of the men, Matt, said, "She's wiggling too much and I'm losing my grip. Let's go out the nearest door."

Julie then opened the bedroom door and ran ahead to open the front door. As soon as the men and deer were outside, the front door was closed, the deer was dropped on the lawn, the deer shook off the wind breakers, and off the deer went never to be seen again. You can imagine what a mess the deer made in the house and also broke a floor lamp and wooden horses which were purchased in Ethiopia.

A few days later Jo noticed the water in the pool had dropped considerably. She called the pool company, and they came to inspect the pool. The deer's hooves had torn the liner in two places. The pool representative made a temporary repair, and told Jo she would have to replace the entire liner.

The moral of this story is if you have a pool near your house, don't leave any doors open! You'll never know who will walk or run in!



SYC WOMENS' CRUISE LOG

July 9, 1984 to July 11, 1984

Crew: Carol Collier (SYC Charter Member), Captain, Mary MacIntosh, Janet Lockhart, Connie Holmes (friends of Carol)

Vessel: Collier's 27' Tartan, *High C's*

Accompanying Vessel: Smith's 28' Pearson Triton, *Classical Gas*

Crew: Ginger Smith (SYC Charter Member), Captain, Carole Wydur, (SYC member), Marguerite Finnerity, (SYC Charter Member) and Charlotte (Ginger's friend)

7/9/84 We left York Point at 9:46.20 approximately. We forgot the following: Janet—SYC T-shirts, tapes including *Cats* and *Footloose*, bottle of wine; Connie—5'8" poles for canopy. Carol and Mary were "perfect".

We sailed gleefully with the 170 and just couldn't get out of sight first York Spit Light and then New Point Comfort Lighthouse. We motosailed a lot and lied to the crew of the *Classical Gas*! Janet and Connie wasted 3 hours getting the feel of the tiller. Captain Carol, our industrious role model, could not get the automatic pilot to work.

We daintily lunched on fresh turkey breast, classical lettuce and tomato, uppity Gray Poupon mustard on exotic pita bread. We proceeded to Fishing Bay meeting our friends. We deftly docked at Rourk Marina. Our friends from *Classical Gas* (Capt. Ginger Smith, Carole Wydur, Marguerite Finnerity and Charlotte) joined us for happy hour and dinner. Menu: Hawaiian Chicken a la Janet, marinated veggies veggies by Carol and Mary's Turk's Turbin. We progressed to the *Classical Gas* for dessert—Connie's chocolate cheesecake (alias—the heavenly survivor). We filtered back to the *High C's* to challenge and defeat the *CG* crew in a game of Trivial Pursuit. Good night, John Boy! PS. Nice shower facilities.

(Because of the impending inclement weather, Classical Gas decided to stay in Deltaville. The Classical Gas crew didn't keep a log and the Captain's memory of the rest of their trip is foggy. Since no cell phones were available at that time, we could not keep in contact with High C's. Radio range would not reach Onancock.)

7/10/84 We started off our morning with an exercise session! Jan and Mary went on a 30 minute run and Connie, Carol and Carole W went on a 45 minute walk. Afterwards we showered. (Note: Key to the showers is kept on the top of the Coke machine.) Because the sky looked threatening, we headed for Windmill Point just north of Deltaville. When between R2 and Stringray Light, we realized a rain storm was quickly approaching from Windmill Point. We rapidly and calmly lowered the 100 jib and the main and secured the boat. Due to the bad weather, we changed our course to Gwynn's Island just off Deltaville, our previous night's docking. Clad in raincoats and at time life jackets, we motored our way south to Gwynn's Island in the pelting rain for 1 ½ hours. Slip 102 was assigned to us at Narrow's Marina. The strong current at Narrow's Inlet makes docking rather tricky. After changing to dry, warm clothes, we played a very close game of Trivial Pursuit. The weather cleared permitting a short walk through the area. We had hors d'oeuvres at the Island Restaurant. The bathroom facilities were very lacking (dirty). Jack Shepard's boat, *The Sparkle*, was also docked there. The evening ended with drinks on the end of a secluded dock near a beach and marsh grass. Note: Swimming pool looked inviting.

7/11/84 We awoke to a sunny, beautiful morning and quickly got organized to leave at 8 am since thunderstorms were predicted for late afternoon and evening. We motored out of the inlet, sailed for about thirty minutes, and then lost our wind. Carol and Connie deciphered the automatic pilot owner's manual and we efficiently and expertly motor-sailed (main sail) with the automatic pilot across the Bay to Onancock.

The efficiency of the autopilot allowed us to relax. We sunbathed (bikinis for Jan and Mary), read, ate a wonderful chef's salad for lunch, and enjoyed the serene beauty of the Bay and the absence of land.

We relieved Ms Autopilot of her duties. The wind was such we were able to sail into the very well marked channel leading to Onancock. As Mary raised the main, she also inadvertently lowered her swimsuit top! Connie was disappointed she didn't have her camera handy. We docked a.....

(At this point there was a flash fire. Carol was changing a canister on a butane camping stove and the flame of a citronella candle ignited the fumes which had filled the foot-well of the boat. Mary jumped overboard. Carol (whose legs were severely burned) put down the swim ladder and soaked her legs in the water. Then Carol started the engine, pulled up the anchor and headed to a nearby pier. The folks there called the Rescue Squad which took Carol to the nearby hospital. The other 3 gals were treated for minor burns. Janet's husband, Dr. John Lockhart, came to Onancock and drove all 4 of the ladies back to the Peninsula. Carol was admitted to Riverside Hospital and spent several days there. At a later date, Cliff and a few buddies sailed the High C's back to Seaford.)

Seaford Yacht Club September 2024 Dinner Meeting

The men did not disappoint us with the "Road Kill" dinner again this year. Thank you Tom Feldhaus and Greg Choney for hosting a delicious dinner.

We were treated to pork loin, corn on the cob, broccoli, salad, and assorted desserts. Helpers included: Tim Whitlatch, Jody Kelly, John Brooks, John Liest, Chad Green, Jake Smith, Kruno Abramusic, Paul Hutter, Dan Smoker, Bob Strieter, and Grayson Kelly.

(See below for the new SYC members who were recognized at the dinner.)

Remember: When you sign up for the October dinner meeting and the Oyster Roast, ALWAYS go back into the website to make sure you signed up properly. Thank-you. Respectfully submitted, Janet Beilhart, Dinner Chair (still need someone to take my place!!)



The Crew



The "Kill"



Commodore Chris - Chris, Christian, Lillian, and Jennifer Hall



Chris, Kevin, Michelle, and Hudson Agee

UPCOMING EVENTS – October 2024

STAY CRUISE - OCTOBER 5, 2024

Event Chairs: [Mike Webb, John Kehoe and Dan Okleson](#)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – CORN HOLE CHALLENGES

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – BOATERS REFRESHMENTS ON DOCK

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – POTLUCK DINNER.

- ATTENDEES LAST NAMES FROM A-H PROVIDE A MAIN DISH FOR 18 PEOPLE.
- ATTENDEES WITH LAST NAMES FROM I – Z PROVIDE A SIDE FOR UP TO 18 PEOPLE.
- DESSERT'S WILL BE PROVIDED

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY CHISMAN CREEK BAND. BRING CHAIRS AND ENJOY MUSIC, FIRE PIT AND STARS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

9:00 AM – PAST COMMODORES' CHALLENGE CUP RACE

A FEW LASERS AND KAYAKS AVAILABLE TO USE (afterwards)

October Happy Hour - Friday, 10/11, 6:00pm

Bring a food item to share and your drink of choice. If you know any prospective members, happy hour counts as a "visit"!

Hosts: Joan and Bill Edmonds



Oyster Roast Race, October 19th

The Oyster Roast Race usually has ideal racing conditions and SYC normally has a good turnout of racers. Please join the club for the Oyster Roast Saturday night after the race. Rob Calloway is the sponsor for this race.

UPCOMING EVENTS – October 2024

October Dinner Meeting - Oktoberfest

Event Chairs: Jody & Lynn Kelly

Tuesday, October 15th, 6:00, Casual dress, Deadline to RSVP: 10/11

The Kelly's will be hosting the 4th annual Oktoberfest themed dinner. Menu is listed below. Festivities include polka music and a game called Hammerschlagen.

Wear your lederhosen and dimdi dresses!

Menu: Appetizer: Large soft pretzels with assorted mustards and beer cheese.

Dinner: Pork Schnitzel (chicken schnitzel available), German Sausage, German Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Pickles, German Chocolate Cake, Apple Streusel. **Cost:** Adult (13 and over) \$15, Child (6 - 12) \$6, Under 6, no charge.

Reminder - You will be charged for reservations made and not attended. You may cancel four (4) days prior without charge. When you sign up, please provide first and last names of all attendees separated by commas in the specified form area. If you'd like to sign up another way, contact Monthly Dinner Chair (Janet Beilhart).

Annual Oyster Roast - October 19th

Event Chairs: [Bob and Janet Beilhart](#)

The last day to RSVP and/or clear your reservation is October 14th

Happy Hour: 5:00 pm. Oysters, Shrimp, Clam Chowder

Dinner: 7:00 pm. Chicken, baked beans, salads, desserts, Beer, Wine, Soda, etc.

\$30.00 per person, 12 & under: \$10.00

PLEASE pay by check if at all possible

Please make sure you put first and last names of your guests.

Reminder - You will be charged for reservations made and not attended. You may cancel six (6) days before the event without charge. When you sign up, please provide first names only of all attendees.

SEAFORD YACHT CLUB 2024 CRUISE SCHEDULE

- STAY CRUISE - DATES OCT 5-6. SYC DOCKS
- CHRISTMAS BONUS CRUISE - DATES DEC. 6-7-8. CAPE CHARLES

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

Urbanna Labor Day Cruise Group Picture



A note from Susan Pettyjohn

I am writing on behalf of a former member, Jerry Lash. Jerry has a West Marine men's large rain gear (jacket and pants) - in good shape and is happy to donate this to the club or anyone who may want it. (Gerald.lash@Verizon.net; 757-291-3400)



- 10/5: Stay Cruise
- 10/11: October Happy Hour
- 10/15: October Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 10/19: SYC Oyster Roast
- 10/26: Halloween Potluck Party
- 11/8: November Happy Hour
- 11/19: November Dinner Meeting
- 12/6-12/8: Christmas Bonus Cruise – Cape Charles
- 12/13: SYC Christmas Party

Hurricane Helene – Relief Help

With a little over 24 hours notice via email and posts on our private Facebook group, our SYC family rallied together to collect donations and load the items onto 2 trailers and in 3 trucks to help those affected from Hurricane Helene in western NC.

Dan Linville's family lives in western NC and he was planning to get to his family to help them and their communities. The inspiration to help came from the spirit of so many.

Thank you to all who quickly purchased and dropped off donations. Thank you to Rodney Hockaday and a friend of Dan's for the use of 2 enclosed trailers to make the trip. Thank you to the big group of members answering the call to meet at the Club to help load the trailers and trucks. Thank you Dan & Maria Linville for all of your hard work

Keep Dan Linville, Kevin Miller, and their friend, Johnnie, in your thoughts and prayers as they are traveling to western NC to help and donate the supplies we gathered.

We couldn't have done this without coming together as a group. Thank you, SYC! We not only say we are the friendliest people on the Chesapeake Bay, we show it. So proud of our caring members.

This outpouring of help shows that SYC truly cares about the community and people around our country. If you are interested in joining the Community Service Committee, please contact [Jaclyn Smith](#) (Communications Committee Chair). We are looking for co-chairs and more members of the team to help offer ways to bring our Club together to help.

Fair Winds,
SYC Community Service Committee

[Hurricane Helene SYC Project Reel Video 1](#)

[Hurricane Helene SYC Project Reel Video 2](#)





Let us know if you are interested in serving on a certain Committee or if you have future interest in being a leader at SYC!

[SYC Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Click [HERE](#) if you would like to help or help in the future.

SYC Volunteer Opportunities - 2025

Some of our wonderful volunteer members have let the BoT know they will be stepping down from their positions for next year. If anyone is interested, please contact the [Commodore](#) and/or the current Committee Chairs to show your interest in helping with one of these important Club volunteer opportunities.

- Entertainment Committee (Chair – Michelle Calloway):
 - **Dinner Committee Chair** (current chair – Janet Beilhart)
- Communications Committee (Chair – Jaclyn Smith):
 - **Webmaster** (current chair – Joe Mitchell)
 - We will be re-building the website using an outside company. Looking for a webmaster to update information and posts as needed
 - **Semaphore Editor** (current chair – Rob Calloway)
 - **Historian**



[SYC SUGGESTION BOX](#)

There are 2 ways to submit suggestions for the Board. There is a physical SYC Suggestion Box housed in The Barnacle on the counter and we have the SYC Electronic Suggestion Box.

All suggestions are welcome and n submitted anonymously to the Commodore.

You can click the image below for the SYC Suggestion Box form.

SYC DIRECTORY

The SYC Directory can be accessed through the Instant Church Directory app.

Click [HERE](#) for a pdf file with all of the information regarding how to download the directory and for FAQs.

If you have questions, please email syc@seafordyachtclub.com or text/call SYC at 757-231-6967.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Contacting Communications Committee:

Please utilize the syc@seafordyachtclub.com email address when directing questions to the Communications Committee or the committee chair for timely answers.

SEEKING INTEREST: Community Service Committee

The Communications Committee is looking to see if there is interest in reviving the Community Service Committee at SYC. Past community service projects at SYC included cleanup events for Save the Bay, food drives, etc.

Community Service is a great way to give back to our area and also show the community the spirit and kindness of our Club and members.

We are looking for a Community Service Committee Chair and committee members. Please reach out to Jaclyn Smith, Communications Chair, or send an email to syc@seafordyachtclub.com if you are interested.

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.

For members with @cox.net email addresses: The switch by Cox to using Yahoo as the email server seems to have fixed SYC emails going to spam folders. Please continue to monitor your spam/junk folder if you are not seeing SYC emails.

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 757-231-6067
- 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 2024 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Stay Cruise SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Bridge Club 12:30 – 4:30	4	5 Stay Cruise
6 Stay Cruise Morning after	7	8 Board of Trustees Meeting – 6:30	9	10 Bridge Club 12:30 – 4:30	11 Happy Hour - 6:00	12
13	14	15 Monthly Dinner - 6:00	16	17 Bridge Club 12:30 – 4:30	18 Oyster Roast Setup	19 Oyster Roast Race Oyster Roast
20	21	22	23	24 Bridge Club 12:30 – 4:30	25	26 Halloween Potluck Party
27	28 <u>Semaphore Inputs Due</u>	29	30	31 Bridge Club 12:30 – 4:30 Halloween		



In the clubhouse and Docks
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 November 2024 issue are due October 28, 2024