



Semaphore



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From the Helm....

Did you know that the members of our Seaford Yacht Club now number about 130+ members, and that number becomes something like 240 people when you count all the family members? The distribution between power and sailboats is about equal for boats capable of participating in the Club's cruises - our members have about 68 power boats and 51 sailboats. That is a healthy number of boats per member!



When Merle and I joined the Seaford Yacht Club 10+ years ago the Club had already morphed from an active sailing club into a club with both power and sail boats. The level of the Club's social activities was about where it is today but the interest in sailboat racing and in cruising whether power or sail was already declining.

Our Seaford Yacht Club has a great reputation for its vibrant level of activity, for its lovely facility, and for its strong organization and level of volunteerism on the part its members. And by all indicators, the members themselves are enthusiastic about our Club and are certainly active contributors. But while the level of our social activities has been and remains at an outstanding level, the number of participants in our cruises and sailboat races is decreasing steadily as the years go by. A question I hear frequently from members these days is what can be done to reverse this trend and return to a much higher level of interest and motivation on the part of our members in boating.

There are good reasons for this trend. The average age of our membership is increasing, and as the age increases the size of one's boat increases, and as the size of the boat increases, at least for sailboats, the size of the crew required to operate it increases. And as age increases the interest in racing and cruising decreases. And no matter what type of boat they own, families are busy these days with all manner of other responsibilities and demands on their free time. The list goes on and on.....

Our fleet captains work hard every year to plan and organize interesting cruise destinations and social functions at those destinations for both power and sailboat members. And our race committee puts in many hours in preparation and overseeing our eight or so Club races. Nevertheless, only about 10% of our 241 family members are participating in the cruises, and fewer than 10% of our boats capable of participating in our racing program are doing so.

Our Junior Sailing Program has certainly brought the level of sailing activity back to our dock - at least by the students. The hope is that in the future the Program might bring some of those sailors back to our Club as members as they grow older. But the number will be small.

Our Board of Trustees and the Long Range Planning Committee are actively involved in this ongoing discussion as they seek to identify our objectives for the longer term and develop a plan for reaching these objectives. They will be asking every member for their inputs. My purpose in this article is to ask you to begin to think about this challenge, and to share your insight and recommendations with the members of the Board and the Long Range Planning Committee.

Malcolm Burgess, Commodore



July, 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	2 * Summer Cruise
3 * Club Rental: Hopkins * Summer Cruise	4 * Independence Day * Summer Cruise	5 * Summer Cruise	6	7	8 * Happy Hour	9
10	11 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	12 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp * Board of Trustees Mtg.	13 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	14 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	15 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	16 * Summer Regatta
17	18 * Junior Sailing	19 * Junior Sailing * Monthly Dinner Meeting	20 * Junior Sailing	21 * Junior Sailing * Semaphore Input Deadline	22 * Junior Sailing * Happy Hour	23 * Club Rental: Dupuy
24	25 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	26 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	27 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	28 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	29 * Junior Sailing * Kayak Camp	30
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Racing News

Summer Regatta, July 16th

The Summer Regatta Race will occur on July 16th. John Bryant will be the race committee sponsor for the Summer Regatta.

Upcoming: Admiral's Cup, August 6th

The Admiral's Cup is no longer a sanctioned race, so there are few non SYC racers. We still have a good turnout of SYC racers. John Bryant is also the SYC sponsor for the Admiral's Cup race. The combination of the Admiral's Cup race and the Summer Party make for an active August first weekend.

Upcoming: Staggered Start Race rescheduled, August 20th

After being abandoned on May 21st due to bad weather, the Staggered Start Race has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 20th. Mike Webb will sponsor the Staggered Start Race.

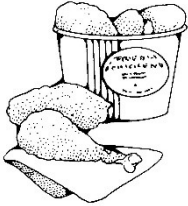
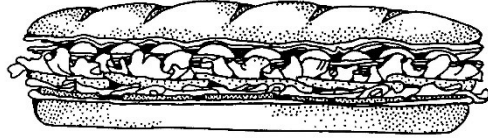
Housekeeping;

I know you think Spring Clean Up was in April. Remember what I say if you cannot make it on Saturday You can do your part at another time. All tasks were finished and I can't help but think I have the best crew. I can't thank you enough for all who helped me get the club house cleaned.

The club house is like our homes. Except we have a lot of traffic. Club members come in, now we have Jr. Sailing, Kayak camp and rentals. We have a lot of rentals. Please pick up after yourselves.

After doing the dinner Tuesday and talking to others. We need a few items added to the kitchen. I am starting a wish list. If you would like items add to make the dinners more efficient and cost effective, please email me. Subject line Kitchen.

Jeanette Webb
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Dinner News;

Jeanette and Mike Webb teamed up with Marti and David Coffield to cohost the June dinner meeting welcoming in summer in a southern living style. Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, broccoli salad and biscuits made up the menu. For dessert apple cobbler right out of the oven was served with ice cream. What a delightful dinner!

Beautiful bouquets of hydrangeas accenting the tables were arranged by flower ladies Barbara Adcox and Lillian Downs. The team of helpers for preparing and serving the dinner were Bob & Susan Alexander, Cecil and Barbara Adcox, Cheryl and Ben Huggins, Bill Heath, Linda Merrick, Geri Reichle, Robert and Noel Priseler, Mike and Carol Brower, and Al and Audrey Moore. Special thanks to Donna and Jerry Dooley for picking up and delivering the hot chicken and biscuits.

The July dinner meeting on July 19th will be hosted by Sandy and Phil Hopkins. Get out your sombreros and maracas and enjoy a Mexican meal starting with Beergaritas, chips with white sauce and guacamole. Chicken fajitas with Mexican rice and black bean salsa salad is the entree and for dessert hot fudge sundaes will be served! Be sure to make a reservation for this festive meal when your telephone committee member calls.

Bon Appetit,
Marti Coffield and Audrey Moore
Monthly Dinner Meeting Co-Chairs

Raffle:

If you wish to DONATE an item for the raffle, please let me know and I will make a sure to give you credit at the dinner meeting.

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**Summary
Of
SYC Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2016**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Malcolm Burgess, Fran Butterfoss, Carl Early, Bill Willshire, Winnie Feldhaus, Jandy Strickland, Bill Heath, Bob James, David Coffield, Bill Jones, Sharon Jones

Members Absent: Ben Huggin, Jan Briede, Toni Gay

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the May 10 meeting previously distributed by the Secretary were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer presented detailed treasurer's reports in three formats. Treasure reports were review and accepted. These reports will be posted to the member's only portion of the SYC website. The treasurer expressed some concern about the monthly meeting expenses. Last year the dinner meetings averaged \$200 income per month. Board members noted that although income from the

dinners was listed in the budget, the goal of the monthly dinners in the past had been to break even. The treasurer also mentioned that late receipts from the dinners was making it more difficult to provide an accounting of each meal in the monthly reports.

Old Business:

Clothing Sales Accounting Status

Bill and Sharon Jones attended the meeting in order to discuss the Clothing Sales activity. The BOT noted that the objective of the Clothing Sales activity is to provide a service to Club members and not to make a profit, but that the activity needs to at least break even. It was also noted that the Clothing Sales activity is not related to the Raffle activity which is intended to make a profit. It was agreed by all that there is a need for an operating budget. A motion to maintain a \$1000 working capital for clothing sales was approved. The Jones presented an example of monthly accounting that they proposed giving to the treasurer each month. The treasurer moved that the reporting format proposed by Bill and Sharon Jones be approved and the BOT voted for approval. The BOT recommended that there be a clothing sale to clear out older merchandise. The BOT thanked Bill and Sharon for agreeing to continue to manage the clothing sales and expressed appreciation for their hard work.

Changing Costco Card to Sam's Card

Housekeeping requested that the Club change the current membership from COSTCO to SAM'S. The benefit of a business membership and the convenience of multiple names on a charge card was discussed. A motion was made and approved that the club get a SAM'S SYC business membership. A second motion was made and approved that the club get a SAM'S business VISA card and that the card have a \$2000 limit.

Boating Safety Class Requirement

Malcolm reminded the BOT of the deadline for the Boating Safety Course.

Saturday Day Sailing & Thursday Family Night

The Saturday Day Sailing and Thursday Family Fun Night were discussed. The Saturday Day Sailing will be organized by Ben Huggins and will be listed on the SYC calendar, while the Thursday Family Night will be an informal gathering and not listed on the calendar. Lynn and Jody Kelly have agreed to look after the Thursday Family Night activity.

Ongoing Discussion with York River Yacht Club Leadership

Dave Wiker, past Commodore of YRYC, met recently with Malcolm in order to discuss areas of mutual interest to the two clubs. Malcolm proposed, and it was agreed, that YRYC members be invited to participate in SYC races in order to encourage interaction between the two clubs.

Security Camera Proposal

The BOT is waiting for a report from Jerry Dooley before any further action is taken on the security camera issue.

Defibrillator Training

Malcolm recommended that the BOT be trained in CPR and the use of the defibrillator. He presented several options. There is a \$70 cost per person for training with CPR/AED certification. The Fire Department would provide free CPR/AED training for a group that would not include certification. The BOT recommended starting with the Fire Department training. Malcolm will coordinate this training. The training session will be held at the SYC clubhouse at 6:30 pm on June 28.

New Business:

Workshop & Auction

The BOT has received three proposals from different SYC members recommending that SYC hold an auction. Barbara Adcox proposed using an auction to raise funds for the Christmas party. Dick Price and Bob James proposed an auction of marine equipment. There was a discussion of how proceeds would be distributed between the member who provided the item and the club. There was also a discussion of a silent auction. A workshop to prepare donated items for auction was also discussed. It was agreed that the Club would hold an auction next year of both marine and other items, that the proceeds would go toward the cost of the annual Christmas party, and that a workshop would be held prior to the auction in which the auction items would be prepared and catalogued for the auction.

Long Range Planning Committee Progress

The chair of the Long Range Planning Committee reported that the committee is planning separate discussions with three different groups of SYC members. The goal is to develop a long range plan for the Club which would then be proposed to the BOT for approval. These forums would include a working session with the BOT and Club Chairs, a working session with past Commodores and perhaps

charter members, and a working session with all interested Club members. The plan is to use the August BOT meeting for the forum with the BOT and Club Chairs.

Hurricane Committee

The chair of the Hurricane Committee reported that the Committee has met and that the minor items noted in their survey of the Club grounds are being taken care of. The Committee found that the existing Hurricane Plan did not need modification.

Reschedule Staggered Start Race

The Staggered Start Race has been rescheduled for August 20 and the calendar will be updated. The Beach Party at the Sheehan's place has been cancelled.

Landscaping and House and Grounds

BOT recognized the wonderful effort put forth by Dave and Barbara Georgianna in keeping the SYC facility landscaping looking very nice. They have spent many hours before and after Spring Cleanup Day working at the club.

A long term water leak has been repaired at a cost of \$400+. The House & Grounds Chair has requested that the thermostat for the heat pump servicing the large dining area be kept at 75 degrees rather than OFF in order to aid in drying out the club house. The other four heat pumps should be set to OFF when the clubhouse is not in use.

Bill Willshire and Mike Webb have cleaned the kitchen grease trap – a source of unpleasant odors when full and always a major undertaking!

Jr. Sailing Program Status

Al Cummings reported that the first five of six classes are filled or nearly filled. He is hoping that the sixth class using the 420s will eventually fill out beyond the 2 registrations received so far.

#8R Channel Mark Repair

The BOT will need to make a decision on repairing the #8R when quotes are obtained. If the pile is broken at the waterline, it could be as much as \$500 to replace the marker.

Dock Lighting & Power Meter Maintenance

The Dock Master reported that half of the pedestal lights and none of the floodlights overlooking the dock are working. Bob Beilhart is in the process of replacing the sensors, bulbs, and fixtures where needed. It was also reported that many of the meters on west dock may not be working properly. The BOT proposed that a multi-level fee structure for power usage be developed until the meters can be repaired. The BOT discussed these electrical issues on the dock and whether a Marine Electrician should be hired to investigate. Bob James agreed to research and recommend the names and contact information of individuals who might be qualified to assist.

Potential New Members:

Kevin and Tina MacRitchie's application has been posted on the Barnacle bulletin board.

New Rentals:

A request from Phil & Sandy Hopkins for a rental Sunday, July 3, 2016 of the deck, bathhouse and grounds was approved.

Calendar:

June 25 -	Day Sailing & Pot Luck
June 27-Jul 1	Jr. Sail, & Kayak Camp
July 2-5	Summer Cruise to Hampton Dock, Smithfield Station, Waterside, & Cape Charles
July 3	Rental: Hopkins – Family Reunion

Adjourn: 9:28pm

Respectfully submitted by
Winnie Feldhaus, SYC Secretary