



Semaphore



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From the Helm.....



*"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know
There are Spring violets under the snow." - R. H. Newell*

Does it sound like I'm having a hard time with winter? Well, let's just say, I have cruising on my mind. It seems like a long way off until we get our boats ready for the Shakedown Cruise! But the SYC Annual Meeting, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day & Burn Your Socks party give us lots to look forward to in the coming chilly months. We surely got off to a good start this year with our January super soup supper hosted by Marlene & Al Cummins. Her SYC chefs and crew did a superb job of warming us up with their favorite recipes! We introduced and celebrated our new members for 2017 with a beautiful cake as well.

Record attendance occurred at the first Saturday Seadog Seminar of the winter - thanks to Al Cummins and his Committee for nurturing our minds and adventurous side!

Since Valentine's Day is nearly upon us and my term of office as Commodore is almost over, I thought I'd share Ten Reasons Why I Love Seaford Yacht Club Members!

- #1 You had the confidence in me to select me as your Commodore!
- #2 You agreed to step up to leadership positions when your time was so valuable!
- #3 You willingly accepted voluntary tasks & exceeded expectations!
- #4 You complimented me when I did a good job & let me know when I fell short!
- #5 You supported me in making difficult decisions!
- #6 You enthusiastically joined in to make our events fun & memorable!
- #7 You created tasty meals & special treats for dinners, Happy Hours & cruises!
- #8 You enthusiastically sponsored new members & made them feel welcome!
- #9 You kept our house, grounds & marina functioning well & looking good!
- #10 You shared your vast experience, wisdom & love of boating with others!

One thing I know for sure, we have an extraordinary yacht club here and it continues to excel. As evidence of this fact:
We are in excellent fiscal shape and have paid off our loan.

We helped sustain our future with 10 new member families (and 3 more in the wings).

We have embarked on a renovation project which offers a safer and more functional clubhouse.

Our dinners, events and cruises have increased attendance and are very well supported!

February Roses:

- **Randy Strickland & Marlene Cummins** for discovering our water leaks & notifying Mike Brower & John Brooks to take quick action protecting our Clubhouse from further damage. House & Grounds to the rescue ...again!
- **All of our members** who have sponsored new members!

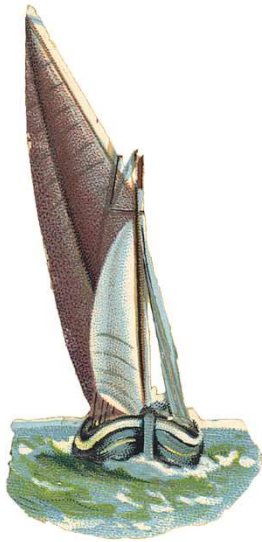
Mark your calendars to attend the Saturday Seadog Seminars and the Annual meeting & dinner dance on February 3rd. Although the role of Commodore seemed daunting at first, I truly have enjoyed myself and hope I have served you well. All of you are dear to me - I will cherish your kindness and generosity of spirit always!

Godspeed, Commodore Fran

New SYC 2017 Members



February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 * <u>Bridge</u>	2	3 * <u>Annual Meeting</u>
4	5	6	7	8 * <u>Bridge</u>	9	10 * <u>Seadog Speakers Series</u>
11	12	13 * <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>	14	15 * <u>Bridge</u>	16 * <u>Happy Hour</u>	17
18	19 * <u>President's Day</u>	20	21	22 * <u>Bridge Semaphore Deadline</u>	23	24 * <u>Seadog Speakers Series</u>
25	26	27	28			



Racing News

2018 New Year's Day Race

The 2018 New Year's Day Race was canceled due to high winds, temperatures in the teens and lack of participation. Our thanks go to the race committee, Bill Jones on "Molly Waldo".

Tom Feldhaus, Race Chairman



January 16, 2018 – Soup Supper and New Member Recognition

The popular January Soup Supper hosted by Al and Marlene Cummins and their "souper" crew was well attended by 134 members. The weather conditions did not seem to deter members from attending. With a weather forecast for more snow and cold the next day it seemed like everyone was glad to have an opportunity to get out of the house before possibly being "snowed in" again. An appetizer of cheese and crackers was served along with salad. Soup chefs Arnie Janot, Ann and Will Gwilliam, Jimmy Richardson, Barbara Georgianna, Marlene Cummins, Helmut Walters, Jan Briede, Christine Dube, Jandy and Randy Strickland and Noel Priseler served

the many delicious soups. Other helpers for the dinner were Barbara and Cecil Adcox, Tina MacRitchie, Dot Harcum, Tim Dube, Marti and Dave Coffield, Gladys Wagner and Ann Gwilliam who coordinated the kitchen, Lillian Downs, Carol Brower, Sharon Jones, Donna Gilroy who collects money, Beermeisters Tom Feldhaus and Mark Hinman. A special thanks to Mike Brower and Kevin MacRitchie for all of their hard work taking care of the leak in the overhead pipe in the men's room.

New SYC members were welcomed aboard and celebrated with two delicious cakes in their honor. A big thanks to Al and Marlene and their crew for a very enjoyable dinner! They announced that this would be the last soup dinner they would host. After twelve years of hosting this dinner, they are turning the helm over to Sharon and Bill Jones.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – March 20, 2018

Joan and Bill Edmonds and their hooligans are busy making preparations for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. They will be serving the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner in a festive Irish manner complete with shanty music. Be sure to make your reservations for this popular event when the calling committee contacts you.

THANK YOU!

A big thanks you to all of the members who have volunteered to host a dinner for 2018. We have hosts for all of the dinners! Thanks also to the members who signed up to help with dinners. Sign up will be passed around again at the March dinner meeting.

Marti Coffield and Audrey Moore
Monthly Dinner Co-Chairs



ANNUAL BURN YOUR SOCKS PARTY

Hosted by Jim and Linda Blotter

Saturday March 24, 6:00 PM until ???

DON'T MISS IT !!!



Help celebrate the Vernal Equinox and the coming of Spring

You bring SOCKS to burn.

We provide: Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Snacks, Salad, Potato Casserole, Corn on the Cob, Bratwursts and Fixings and Dessert (S'MORES and more).

\$16.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children (12 and under)

Happy Hour (drinks and snacks) at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:30 PM followed by a bonfire for S'MORES to cook and SOCKS to burn.

This is an indoor/outdoor informal SPRING party - please dress for the weather!!

Reservations with the phone committee are required (they will call you in March). To change reservations later,

call Donna Gilroy by March 15th at 757-766-1584

There will be various fun things and activities for the kids and the young at heart. Hope to see you there.



SYC BoT Meeting Summary - January 09, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Fran Butterfoss, Cecil Adcox, Malcolm Burgess, Winnie Feldhaus, Jandy Strickland, Bob James, Ben Huggins, Dave Coffield, Bill Edmonds, Dana Arenius, Janet Beilhart

Members Absent: Carl Early

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the December 12th meeting, previously distributed, were approved.
Jandy motioned to approve, Cecil seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

Detailed monthly financial reports were presented to the BOT and are available on the members' only portion of the SYC web site. Jandy reported that all slip fees and membership dues letters have gone out.

Cecil Motioned to approve, Ben seconded. Vote: Unanimous

There was a motion to pay off the loan.

Bill motioned to approve, Janet seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

Awards

The BOT received additional nominations for the Outstanding Member, Yachting, and Keel Awards. There was a discussion of all of the nominations and a final vote for the recipient of each of the awards. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

Cecil reported that a caterer and DJ have been arranged for the Annual Meeting. Bob, Jandy, Janet, Fran, and Winnie volunteered to help with preparing and setting up the event.

Building Committee

Cecil reported that the Building Committee had interviewed two architects, with plans to interview a third. The plan is to spend no more than 50% of the current value of the clubhouse and to minimize the environmental impacts.

New Business:

Clubhouse water damage & remediation

The clubhouse had frozen pipes in the men's restroom which resulted in ceiling damage. Club members are reminded that it is important to leave the kitchen heat on during winter since the kitchen thermostat controls the bathrooms as well as the kitchen.

Move Burn Your Socks party from Mar 17th to 24th

The sponsors of the 2018 Burn Your Socks party requested to move the party from Mar 17th to 24th. The vote was unanimous to approve their request.

Rental Request

Bill & Sharon Jones have requested a rental for a family wedding on June 8 & 9

Ben motioned to approve, Janet seconded. Vote: Unanimous

New Member Application

The Nitchie membership application has been posted on the board. BoT members are urged to meet the applicants who will be voted on at the February meeting.
Nitchie Sponsors – Dister & Choney

Action Items from Meeting:

Prepare Awards - Fran

Calendar (Key Activities before next BOT meeting)

Jan. 13 & 27; Feb. 10

January 16

January 19

February 3

Seadog Seminars

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Happy Hour

Annual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Feldhaus, SYC Secretary

SYC Membership Committee,
Nancy Hinman, Linda Blotter and Donna Briede





Soup Supper attendees enjoying the offering

