

Nauti News



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UPCOMING LAND EVENTS

- **Commodores Roaring 20's Ball at the Moshulu January, 18th 2020**
- **Snowflake Luncheon March 7th, 2020 Schaeffer's Canal House**

Editor's Note: Commodores Ball entre selections are: Filet Mignon, Duck, Crab Cake.

Captain's Cabin with Commodore Cheryl Murphy



Message from the Commodore...

Past Commodore Cheryl Murphy. Hmm...my upcoming role makes me feel like yesterday's news so I will enjoy my last few weeks as Commodore before we welcome Mark Fabere as our new Commodore at the Roaring 20's ball in January. Last year's ball was so much fun we thought we would do it again. Please join us on the infamous Moshulu to welcome the 2020 boating season and the new bridge officer assignments. This past boating season we saw the bridge crew really step-up to support the club. Mark, Paul, Tom, Sara, Kathi, and Don thanks so much for all you do for the club. A wonderful Snowflake luncheon at Schaeffer's, some burning socks and chili at Skipjack Cove, wacky pool Olympics, a great crab feast in Tolchester, and wonderful boat trips up and down the bay. Thank you all for participating and making it a great season. Remember, this is your club so any suggestions you have to make it even better are always welcome. With that I say my farewell as Madame Commodore...I am keeping the uniform btw...and wish everyone a happy holiday season. See you in January.

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Editors Note: The Board of Governors met at Skipjack Cove on Sept 7th in an open club meeting regarding the 2020 season. By election and succession per the club by laws the 2020 Board of Governors will be:

Mark Fabere- Commodore
Paul Davison- Vice Commodore
Tom Faux- Rear Commodore
Sara Faux- Secretary
Paul Thompson- Fleet Captain
Don Johnson- Treasurer
Kathi Johnson- Webmaster
Dan Martelli- Editor

Vice Commodore Mark Fabere



Fellow SRYC members – as you read this edition of the Nauti News, I hope you get the sense that our club has found our footing and is as strong and relevant as it has ever been. It's all about the people...isn't that always the case? No matter what organization you're a part of, it all comes down to the people, their focus and their diverse talents and personalities. We are fortunate that the leaders before us created a strong foundation. Thank you to the many past folks that have held leadership positions over the years. Without your time, talent and dedication, SRYC would not exist.

Going forward, our current officers are full of ideas and plans to implement these ideas. Our newest officer, Paul (and Cathy) Thompson, Fleet Captain, have a great start on our cruise schedule. Tom and Sarah have the Commodore's Ball well in hand. Paul (and Regina) are coming off a great season for Land Events and will be helping Lani and me with a new idea – stay tuned for details. Don and Kathi have our finances in order and our website showcasing our memories. Dan and Chris continue to produce an interesting newsletter that allows all of us to stay connected and up to date. Thank you all for your time, talents and dedication. You'll notice I included the full crew (First Mates and Captains) as I believe no matter who is listed as the officer, it's a team sport. Thank you to all our

'behind the scenes' support, it matters. As always, should any member have a desire to help with a specific event or simply have an idea to discuss, please contact any of our officers and we'll be sure to listen.

Lani and I enjoy being part of the SRYC. It provides a sense of belonging, an opportunity to meet new people and explore new towns and marinas. We're looking forward to a safe and full 2020 boating season....only ~ 120 days or so to launch!

Mark & Lani , Wonderful Life, Skipjack Cove B24

On the Beach-Land Events With Rear Commodore Paul Davison



It's been a great season! If you recall from the May Nauti News, Transcendence had a bit of a rough start to the season. After a two week launch deferral, great support by our Volvo-Penta Engine/Out Drive service provider and a refreshingly supportive boat insurance company, we enjoyed trouble-free cruising all season long. We made all the club cruises, plus we spent an extra week traveling to Washington, DC with Wonderful Life and Special K. We enjoyed Fall boating, Raft-ups and nights on the hook as we approach an early November haul-out for winterization!

With a successful Commodore's Ball and Snowflake Luncheon in the rearview mirror, planning for the summer land events continued. The first event was the Chili Cook-Off and Sock Burning gathering on April 27th. High winds prevented our outdoor gathering and sock burning! All 30 of us moved to the Captain's Lounge at Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort and never missed a beat! Sara Faux's Chili won first prize out of the 7 chili entries. We enjoyed the afternoon catching up with members, as we discussed summer boating plans!

Opening Day on May 18th brought gorgeous weather. A great turnout (50 members) gathered under the Skipjack Pavilion for food and fun! We even got our Sock Burning safely completed to usher in the warm weather. New members Ray & Patti Mancino (Gravitas) organized a sock donation collection and provided a bin of socks to Nativity BVM Church in Media, PA for assistance to less fortunate people.

Our 2nd annual Semi-Respectable Pool Regatta was held on July 13th. We had 20 brave members come out to participate in a morning of water-related competitions. Due to exhaustion, some potential rule violations and a Pizza Party interruption, the results came into scrutiny. It's tough to judge games involving Styrofoam Noodles, Beach Balls and Wet Tee Shirts (G Rated – you had to be there!) competitions. We even had the Skipjack Slip Holders simultaneously using the pool cheering us on!

The Crab Feast on August 17th turned out well. We had nice weather and a beautiful view of the Chesapeake Bay from the pavilion located at Tolchester Marina. It's been a while since we had a remote location Crab Feast as part of a weeklong cruise. We had 20 boats and 77 people attend the party. We crushed 6 bushels of crabs and had NO FLIES! If you attend the 2018 Crab Feast, you definitely appreciated a fly-less day.

Thanks to Webmaster Kathi Johnson, you can see all the pictures on our website (www.sasryc.org). Just click on the PHOTO GALLERY link and review each of the event's pictures to get an idea of how much fun was had by all!

It's been a rewarding year as the Rear Commodore of the SRYC. We made several new friends and had a great year by land and by sea. I wanted to thank the countless number of members that volunteered to pitch in behind the scenes and make every one of these events successful. A great bunch of people/Club that I am proud and lucky to serve as a Flag Officer. Looking forward to 2020 boating and service as your Vice Commodore.

Paul

Editorial by Dan Martelli

Swimming with the Dead Fishes

Ever wonder what those smelly and unsightly fenced in areas are on the Sassafras River that always seem to be in the way? They go by several names but in a nutshell they are commercial fishing traps used for the capture of baitfish. A for profit venture. Now, I have no problem with anyone making a living but it just seemed to me there were a lot of those traps in a small area, so, I became curious. Initially, my issue with them was mostly their location and the aesthetic intrusion to the natural beauty of the river, however, after contacting the Division of Natural Resources at the state level and investigating further my concern with those commercial traps changed. There are handful of regulations that commercial fisherman must adhere to identify and locate their traps. Most of those guidelines were administrative and permissive rights oriented relative to shoreline land owners. I checked 5 of the 8 traps that I know of 1 day in my dingy and they all appeared to be in compliance. Why did I check you ask? Well, much to my surprise the Division of Natural Resources...I will say that again...Division of Natural Resources has zero interest in the environmental impact of those commercial fish traps and only intervenes if there are administrative violations. So, here we are in relatively small river with massive fish traps all over the place 24/7 for profit. There is no consideration for the amount of fish taken, current fish population, impact of that loss to other species, or dead loss water contamination. That said, please find comfort in knowing that your government makes sure their paper work is in order. Personally, I feel a warm fuzzy knowing that.

Dan

At Sea- With Fleet Captain Tom Faux



What does the SRYC mean to me? This is what I am thinking as I end my time as the Fleet Captain and prepare to take on the responsibilities of the Rear Commodore. I began boating approx. 18 yrs. ago while our kids were just starting school. I was fortunate to meet some great people who also new a thing or two about boats, navigation, and how to fix broken things. As anyone who owns a boat knows there is always something to maintain or fix to keep her floating and running. Before joining the SRYC we had a good core group of friends that we could count on. Since joining the club 6 years ago it has expanded our relationships and filled not only our summer activities but the balance of the year as well. The SRYC is more than just a summer club. The Commodores Ball, Chili cookoff, Snowflake luncheon are ways we stay connected to the hobby and people we all love. The group cruises have provided shared experiences with people I would not have met if not for the club. I am inspired by the commitment of the all the club members who volunteer their time to make the events possible.

At the heart of the SRYC is a group of likeminded people who are looking to enjoy each other's company and share lasting memories. Having my wife, Sara, take the responsivities of Secretary last year keeps us fully engaged throughout the year. It is very rewarding working the BOG team, Treasurer, Web Master and Editor and getting to know all the things that are needed behind the scenes to keep the club together. I want to personally thank Paul Thompson for stepping up to the challenge of organizing the cruises for next year. We are always looking for people to be involved in continuing the success of the yacht club. A year passes more quickly than ever and before you know it we will be recruiting for next Fleet Captain. Are you up for the challenge?

Classified-For Sale by Club Member

2018 Newport Vessel 9' Dingy, Model- Dana. 1 seat included, hard floor with inflatable "V". Power suggestion- up to 10HP, storage bag included, currently registered in Maryland. Note: Available 5/1/20 due to currently being in winter storage. Sale price- \$425.00 firm. New price- \$949.00

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Webmaster- Kathi Johnson and Treasurer Don Johnson



Well the 2019 boating season is coming to an end soon. This year we have enjoyed our new slip assignment at Osprey Point Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. After waiting a year on the waiting list, we have moved to an upgraded outer slip. We now look at a 270 degree panoramic view of Swan Creek. We watched a family of Ospreys with their newborns. Relaxed at the end of the day with beautiful sunsets. A June trip with the Wonder Life and Transcendence took us to Washington DC. We would highly recommend the cruise to all. The Wharf Marina was very well situated to enjoy the city's historical and eateries. On the return trip we visited with the Lynch's at Solomon's Islands. Their hospitality was fantastic. After that "bucket list" trip we had family visits from our boys and their families. Each visit will be added to our memorable boat times. Nothing measures up to allowing your grandkids captain the boat in the no- wake zone back to the slip.

In early December the BOG met and planned the 2019 events. The enthusiasm going into the Commodore's Ball, Snowflake, Chili Cook-off, Opening Day, Pool Day and the Crab Feast was awesome. Kathi and I have been members for 5 years and on the BOG for 3 years and can honestly say that the club is exciting and rewarding! Thanks Lee, Cheryl, Mark, Paul, Tom, Sara and Dan for your support.

As we move into the 2020 Boating season, Kathi and I are once again looking forward to the cruises and events. We look forward in meeting new members and being with our longtime SRYC fellow boaters. Welcome Paul Thompson/Fleet Captain to the BOG. Congratulations to Mark, Paul and Tom on their new roles and Dan and Sara in their current positions. The Johnson's will continue with our roles as Webmaster and Treasurer. Let's stay in touch during the next couple of months and reminisce about the warm wind in our faces and calm Chesapeake Bay waters.

Shocking Public Service Editorial by Dan Martelli

One of Fleet Captain Tom's trips this year was the Baltimore Inner Harbor. This article is not about that trip specifically but if you didn't go you really missed a good one. The location was outstanding. Great views of the city and a shiny brand new marina. The new marina part is relative to this article. Chris and I had a new boat this season and we learned a little something new vs old. There were several boats on this trip that experienced the same electrical issue and we were forced to go to an older marina as a result. Basically, new electrical codes require marinas to follow a different standard than they did when most of our boats were manufactured. That presents a compatibility problem when trying to connect to shore power and the shore power breaker will trip immediately. It means that voltage is leaking from a circuit somewhere on your boat and the new shore power breakers sense that voltage and trip whereas the older shore power rigs don't. See the attached article provided by our Treasurer Don Johnson for more information. This is

something that requires service ahead of time if you plan to travel. There is not really anything you can do about it when you pull into a marina. It is a lengthy article so I am providing a link. It is worth the read. We were lucky there was another older marina near by or the whole weekend would have been compromised.

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Secretary Sara Faux



It is hard to believe that the 2019 season is coming to an end. What a year it has been! Our first trip to Havre de Grace trip proved why Tom and I joined the Yacht Club. Tom worked diligently with the help of our fellow boaters on fixing the port engine. We decided to test what he had fixed and proceeded with our trip knowing that there was a possibility we would not make it to our destination. As we were driving down the Sassafra River and close to the mouth of the Bay we started to lose power in the Port engine. Thankfully we had our fellow club members close by to offer their support. We had a beautiful cruise going 10mph with our fellow club members staying with us and making sure no boat was left behind! A bit stressful but the comfort of having your fellow Yacht Club members surrounding you was a big appreciation! That is the reason why this club is so important to me. We made it to Havre de Grace for the kick off of the season for 1st Fridays. One of my favorite trips to go on. The town is filled with vendors and great restaurants. It was such a relaxing trip that most of us decided to stay an extra day. However our trip on the way home was not so relaxing. Again we lost power to the port engine and went even slower on the way home. The weather was not cooperative either but it could have been worse. It was of great comfort to have our fellow Yacht Club members in front, behind and Lee and Fayne stayed next to us for the long journey home! This is exactly why we joined the Yacht Club! Boaters stick together and help each other if need be is the best!

As I wrap up my first season being Secretary I am very thankful to all of you for your support. It has been an adventure learning about the club and I have been enjoying getting to know more club members new and old. I look forward to 2020 and all the events we are planning for the next season. Any suggestions or ideas are appreciated by everyone. Thank you again to all of you for your continued support!

Boat US Membership Discount

Club members can get Boat U.S. membership at half price. Our Cooperating Group Number is GA 81008Y; use this number on your Boat U.S. application or renewal.

Yacht Club Reciprocity

As a card-carrying member of a yacht club, you are usually entitled to special courtesies from other yacht clubs around the country as well as on the Chesapeake Bay. These courtesies may range from simply being allowed to enter their facilities, to discounts on slip rentals. SRYC Officers have CBYCA roster books, which have information on member yacht clubs in the Chesapeake Bay area. Contact a SRYC officer for more information.

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