



Sassafras River Yacht Club
Nauti News

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Welcome to a new year! This year, we will be using the Quarterly Nauti News newsletter to introduce new members, share some fun stories and be a place to find information about all Land and Cruise events.

Our Board of Governors for 2021 consists of our Officers and our Flag Officers.

Officers:

- Commodore Paul Davison
- Vice Commodore Tom Faux
- Rear Commodore Paul Thompson
- Fleet Captain Elizabeth Mortarotti

Flag Officers:

- Treasurer Kim Nolan
- Secretary Sara Faux
- Webmaster Kathi Johnson
- Editor Lani Fabere



Commodore Paul Davison



**CY 520 Express - Transcendence 3
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip B-20**

As incoming SRYC Commodore, I am responsible for presiding over the club meetings and leading the club in a safe and courteous 2021 Chesapeake Bay boating season. This needs to be accomplished in a fun and entertaining manner while developing club member fellowship. In short, it's being smart enough to be surrounded by awesome Board of Governor Members and then getting out of their way as they collectively build an exciting season of land and sea events!

Last year was a challenge for all of us, in many ways! I'm glad that the club managed to abide by the ever changing rules of engagement to safely proceed with land and cruise events in these unprecedented times of a pandemic. Thanks to all who continued to keep the club going strong!

On a happier note, after 20+ years of boating, Regina and I purchased our dream boat. On July 17th, we handed over the keys to our water home for the last 14 seasons to the new owners. With the 2007 Four Winns Vista 358 in the rear view mirror, we walked over to the new Transcendence! The 2006 Cruisers Yachts 520 Express became boat number 5 in our boating time line. I'd be glad to share the stories of 9 scalp laceration staples, a broken toe, and almost nothing actually working on the boat (except the engines!) over a docktail this summer. As of December, 98% is fixed and we're looking forward to an April 2021 commissioning. Absolutely no regrets - we love the boat!

I excitedly look forward to our 2021 season. Although it is beginning with a non-traditional start of no Commodore's Ball or Snowflake Luncheon, we're diligently planning an exciting, fun-filled and action packed season!

See you soon!



Vice Commodore Tom Faux



CY 520 Express - Transcendence 3
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip B-20

I am honored to be your Vice Commodore for 2021. The last few years have been personally very rewarding as Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain. I have had the pleasure to know so many new boats and helped put together many trips and activities that make our boating so enjoyable. My first mate Sara and I started boating in the early 2000's with our twins, Katie and Eric, while they were in kindergarten. We are now empty nesters with college graduates living on their own. Our boating lifestyle has been a premier part of our life with the Sassafras river and the Nauti Faux as our second home.

Taking the time to reminisce my many experiences during my time as a SRYC member there are a few times that are especially memorable. Anyone who owns a boat knows that when you add water, they will break. I say the acronym for boat is Broke Or About To... and it has proven to be the case on more than one occasion. Taking trips with the Yacht club has been my saving grace on several trips and the support and shared knowledge that derived from being part of this community is priceless.

As I look to the 2021 boating season my personal goals as your Vice Commodore are to encourage the growth of the club by highlighting the comradery and seamanship that we offer to our members. Additionally, I would like to see our Ship's Store, JBA Embroidery, be more at the front of mind to our members. [JBA Embroidery](#) specializes in personalized embroidered apparel, blankets, pillows, towels and much more.

I look forward to getting to know each one of our members more in 2021!



Rear Commodore Paul Thompson



35' Silverton Sedan Bridge - Hull in One II
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip B-11

As Rear Commodore I am responsible for the planning and execution of the club's land events for the upcoming season. In a normal year these events would include the Commodore's Ball in January, the Snowflake Luncheon in early March, the Chili Cook Off & Sock Burning ritual in late April, Opening Day in May, the Pool Regatta in July, and finally the Crab Feast in August. 2021 is not starting off as a normal season of events as the Ball, luncheon, and Sock Burning have all been canceled due to COVID concerns.

Our first planned event for 2021 will be Opening Day on May 15th. Hopefully, things will improve to allow us to go forward with this event. It will be a bigger than normal event as we will combine the Sock Burning, 50/50, and a silent auction. Please mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help solicit donations for our silent auction, please let me know.

My wife Cathy and I are relatively new to the boating lifestyle. Our primary leisure activity has been golf in which we were fully immersed. Boating and golf are competing leisure pursuits, difficult to manage at times, but we continue to do both. The influence of golf is also apparent in the names we've chosen for our boats. Our first boating season was in 2016 out of Chesapeake Yachting Center in Middle River, MD. with a new to us 24' Cuddy (19th Hull) stored in a high & dry. We found the day tripping to Middle River from our home in Blue Bell, PA to be exhausting. In the fall of 2016 we moved to Tidewater Marina in Havre de Grace, MD, which was about 30 minutes closer to our home. Two foot-itis hit us in the off season, and we bought a 2' larger boat (Hull-in-One). This boat was 6" too long to fit in Tidewater's high & dry and we were forced into becoming seasonal slip holders. In the fall of 2017 our nomadic tendencies ended when we moved from North East River Yacht Club to Skipjack Cove Marina. Then, at the start of the 2019 season we bought our third and current boat, (Hull-in-One II) a 2000 35' Silverton Sedan Bridge.

Upon arrival at Skipjack we learned of the Sassafras River Yacht Club. We were interested in sharing the boating lifestyle with other boaters, and this club provided us with that opportunity. The members are welcoming, helpful, and inclusive, and we are so thankful to be a part of such a great group. We are looking forward to a new season to share with the club.



Fleet Captain Elizabeth Mortarotti



SeaRay Sundancer 340 - Halina
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip F-23

As the Fleet Captain my job is to plan and facilitate the entire cruise itinerary for the 2021 season; schedule reservations for at least one dinner for participants at each Port of Call this includes confirming source of booking reservations, coordinating communications with cruise participants.

Goals for this year: While we may see some repeat marina visits this year, I am hoping more and new members will join the more seasoned and experienced club members on the cruises. This is what made it much easier and more fun for my Captain Greg Webster and me last year. We are also looking to feature a Port of call "Docktail" for all to share from our boat once we arrive at each location (two types: Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic)

How long boating: 5 years - ever since I met Greg. He has been boating since he was a waterski spotter for his uncle and dad from his car seat. I must admit my boating has improved immensely since learning knots from Commodore Paul and Lady Regina and rafting up for the first time this year with the Nauti Faux team of Tom and Sara.

Love: any time on the water or in the water is time well spent.
Not love: when the boat is on the dry dock

Other points of note: I reside in Philadelphia: Fishtown neighborhood and am the Director of Global Services Procurement for Agilent Technologies. I have two daughters, Tori and Zabrina, and the sweetest labradoodle, in the world, Taggart. I am fortunate to have a wonderful, giving and caring man in my life, Greg, who has introduced me to adventures and love without measure.



Treasurer Kim Nolan



Silverton Convertible - Tails & Tini's Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip H-?

I am Kim Nolan and with the assistance of my Captain, Scott Nolan, we will be acting as Treasure for your upcoming 2021 yachting season with the Sassafras River Yacht Club. I will be responsible for collecting money for the annual dues, the Commodores Ball and Snowflake Luncheon, our amazing Crab fest, as well as any and all insurance payments and tax filings for the club. This is our third year at Skipjack on "H" dock. We are the Silverton Convertible named Tails & Tini's - the tails are for our two Golden Retrievers, Rebel and Lacey, the Tini's are for happy hour! Rebel and Lacey's favorite thing to do is swim and meet new people, so stop over and say hello and have a Tini!

We are from New Jersey and have spent many years boating at the Jersey

Shore until we came down to the Sassafras. We enjoy fishing and happily anticipate doing more of it later in the season. Last year we spent several months at Skipjack and then we went exploring and wound up in Rock Hall where we spent a few months. This past year we experienced rafting up for the first time and spent many nights on mooring balls in Annapolis. We are excited for this coming season to explore new destinations and meet new boaters on the way. We look forward to getting to know everyone and to making some awesome memories.



Secretary Sara Faux



Silverton - Nautifaux Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip F - 32

It has been a pleasure being your Secretary for the last 2 years and I'm looking forward to 2021. The best part of being the Secretary is meeting and getting to know new members. The events that take place with the Yacht Club are always entertaining. We have terrific events and trips to look forward to this season. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members. This has been rewarding and I feel fortunate that I am traveling with these experienced boaters down the Chesapeake Bay.

The weekends are so relaxing on the Sassafras River. We welcome anyone to come join us on our Raft Ups in the no wake zone. My favorite time of the day is the sunsets. You can't beat that! If we are not spending the night on the River you can find us at SkipJack Cove- F Dock 32- Nautifaux.

We have been boating on the Chesapeake for the last 18 years. Boating has been a great bonding experience with our family and recommended to everyone. I grew up on Lake Michigan and who knew there was water near my home in Oxford PA! What a great surprise.

I am looking forward to the 2021 season. Please contact me at any time if you have any concerns or questions regarding the club.



Webmaster Kathi Johnson



Formula 45 Express Cruiser - Special K Osprey Point Marina at D5

Hi my name is Kathi Johnson, as the Webmaster for the Sassafras River Yacht Club I have been maintaining the Website for the past 6 years. My goal is to bring the website up-to-date with a new look. This is under development now and should be published by February. An announcement will be forthcoming when ready.

My husband Don and I started boating 44 years ago in Cincinnati on the Ohio River with a 1967 16' Glaspar with a 70 hp Evinrude (psychedelic paint) outboard. By 1988, we had progressed through several boats and purchased a new 1988 28' Century Mirage aft cabin which we docked at Four Seasons Marina, within 8 miles from our house in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1991 we were transferred to Chicago, IL. We towed the boat there in December and the following spring we docked it on Chicago/Lake Michigan. Lake Michigan and the "Windy City" lived up to cold water and wind all summer long and the boys could not get accustomed to the water temperature. When we were transferred to Pennsylvania in 1993 we sold the Century Mirage and spent the next 20 years (boat less) attending football, baseball and hockey games that our two boys played in. In 2013 Don retired and we decided to get back into boating. The winter 2013/2014 many hours were spent on the internet looking at Chesapeake Bay boats and harbors. We purchased our 2003 Regal 3880 and started our new boating adventures on the Chesapeake Bay/Sassafras River at Sassafras Harbor Marina. When I retired in 2018, we purchased our current boat, a 2014 45 Formula Express Cruiser. We are docked at Osprey Point Marina at D5 with a beautiful view of Swan Creek.

We currently reside in Collegeville, PA but have become 'Snowbirds' and will be spending our Winters at our Condo on Hutchinson Island, Florida overlooking the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. We have 2 sons and daughter-in laws, and 5 grandchildren and love having them spend time with us on the boat. We love all of our cruises on the bay and feel fortunate to have made so many friends being part of the Yacht Club. Can't wait to see everyone in 2021!!



Editor Lani Fabere



**Sea Ray Sundancer 48, Wonderful Life
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Slip B-24**

Hi everyone, my name is Lani sounds like Connie or Bonnie. (blame my parents for that one) I would tell you the story behind it but since those of you who know me also know that I have a hard time getting to the point so stories are sometimes a little..... **wait**, what was I saying? Hmmm sorry - I digress.

I am the new Editor of the Nauti News.... and yes, my technological skills are few, (tho I successfully sold Modems in the early '80's...I have stories) I AM sharp enough to have enlisted my handsome and talented hubby (also known as PC Mark Fabere) to be my tech teacher to help me learn new skills and make sure the issue is done properly.

My job is to keep us informed on dates and events through the use of the newsletter while at the same time encouraging everyone to meet and get to know ALL members - new and old! In an attempt to help reach that goal there is a new column called ***The Real Dogs of the Sassafras River Yacht Club*** that I hope you get a kick out of.

If we haven't met at some point over these last few crazy years I hope we can rectify that in 2021 - Please stop by anytime!

Don't want to receive the Nauti News at this email, or have any suggestions we could pursue together? [Contact Lani Fabere](#)

The Real Dogs of the Sassafras River Yacht Club

Editors note: The order in which your 'REAL DOG' appears in the Nauti News, in no way indicates a preference by the Editor of any kind. You never know... YOUR dog might be next!



Dunkin (who before we had the boat I referred to as Captain Jack) is 13. He is a Jack Russell terrier who is now Admiral Dunkin.

He is very protective of his owners and loves the boat as much as Jim does. The only thing Dunkin doesn't like about being a boat dog is the off season or when we go somewhere that is not dog friendly. He does NOT like to be left behind!

You can find me on **MY** boat L'attitude Adjustment II



Snickers is a 13 yr old tri color beagle. He will sell us off **and** the boat in a minute for a steak. Snickers doesn't seem to care about the boat and in fact would probably prefer a peaceful day at home with everyone else on the boat as long as someone feeds him.

You can find me on **MY** boat L'attitude Adjustment II



Then there is the baby....

Bodie is 10 month old Shepherd rescue. We did the pet DNA for Christmas so should know soon exactly what he is. Bodie likes to swim and loves to be around other dogs. He is very sweet and gentle but has that awesome intimidating German Shepherd bark. So far more of a day tripper but we hope to do a few weekends this year.

You can find me on **MY** boat L'attitude Adjustment II



Lucky is 14. Fox Terrier poodle mix. Lucky loves to jump from boat to boat searching for food. He is known to jump on your boat without permission if you are making food that smells interesting to him. Chicken!! He goes crazy for chicken- no vegetables or chips- not interested! He loves to kayak with his dad to the beach. He enjoys whaler rides on a nice day. He loves his walks and being outdoors all weekend. He is the Dock dog of F dock. He has been on the dock since he was 6 months old and believes it is his dock. He patrols the dock with Roger at night to make certain all is safe. He is not fond of sharing his food or snacks with other dogs.

He loves going to SRYC events!

You can find me on MY boat - Nauti Faux



Tilly Johnson is a 5 year old Miniature Schnauzer who came to us from an Amish farm in Woodbridge NJ. When we got her she was covered in straw and in dire need of a bath. She is named after Don's grandmother Matilda. As with all terriers, she is fun loving and full of energy, even after 5 years, as many of our fellow boaters can attest to. What Tilly loves the most about the boat is going for boat rides and being outside in the cockpit sunbathing while waiting for someone to come visit her. The more she knows you, the more excited she gets to see you. What Tilly likes least about the boat is when we leave her alone as she typically goes everywhere with us. Fireworks are her absolute **least** favorite of ANYTHING!

You can find me on MY boat - Special K

Revised Calendar

2021 Cruise and Land event dates

Cruise events: [Elizabeth Mortarotti](#)

Land events : [Paul Thompson](#)

May 15	Opening Day / Sock Burning 50-50 / Silent Auction	Skipjack Cove
May 28 – 30	Cruise #1	Chesapeake City
June 18 – 20	Cruise #2	Fairlee Creek
July 16 – 18	Cruise #3	Baltimore Inner Harbor
July 24	Pool Regatta	Skipjack Cove
August 20 – 29	Cruise #4	Tolchester, Bay Bridge, Herrington Harbor, St. Michaels, Rock Hall
August 21	Crab Feast	Tolchester
September 10 – 12	Cruise #5	Annapolis
September 18	BOGs Meeting / General Membership Meeting Chili Cook-Off	Skipjack Cove
October 1 – 3	Cruise #6	Havre de Grace