



*Sassafras River Yacht Club*

*Nauti News*

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### ***Friendly Reminder***

**It's not too late to join us for the Annual Snowflake Luncheon, March 12 - Great gift baskets and donations and of course great food at Schaefer's Canal House.**

*Please contact [Elizabeth Webster](#), 302 559 8940.*

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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 2022 consists of our Officers and our Flag Officers.

#### **Officers:**

- Commodore: Tom Faux
- Past Commodore: Paul Davison
- Vice Commodore: Paul Thompson
- Rear Commodore: Elizabeth Mortarotti Webster
- Fleet Captain: Bill Carlin

#### **Flag Officers:**

- Treasurer: Kim Nolan
- Secretary: Sharon McMenamin
- Webmaster: Kathi Johnson
- Editor: Lani Fabere



## Commodore Tom Faux



**37 Silverton - Nauti Faux**  
**Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock**

My boating experiences started much like many mariners with a simple love of the water and nature. When my children were toddlers, we would visit my wife Sara's Family in Grafton Wisconsin. Sara grew up on Lake Michigan where her father was a seasoned sailor. Our summer visits always included some type of boating, either sailing on the Great Lakes or on one of the thousands of interior lakes on her brothers bow riders.

My first boating experience on the Chesapeake was in 2001 on a canoe, which I bought for trips down the Delaware or Brandywine rivers. Taking the family on a canoe on the Chesapeake is quite an experience so it wasn't long before we moved up to an 18 ft bow rider. In 2002 with a brand-new bow rider, we spent the summer zipping from Elk Neck State Park to destinations all over the Upper Chesapeake. That was the year we met the Pinto family in their 32 Carver. The kids hit it off and would spend the days frolicking the islands by Havre De Grace to Chesapeake City. After one great summer spending nearly every weekend on the water we needed a boat with a head and sleeping arrangements.

It just so happened that Mike Pinto had a spare 24 ft Four Winns which he sold me. For the next few years, the Four Winns satisfied us, and we added Dan Martelli to our weekly boating escapades. In the Mid 2000's our small crew decided to move south of the Northeast River and landed at Skipjack Cove. Our crew settled in on F dock and met some great people whose company we continue to enjoy today.

A fortunate "accident" on the Four Winns caused a bowl of hot macaroni and cheese to spill onto Sara which caused her to utter those fateful words ... "WE NEED A BIGGER BOAT!" By the end of that season, we purchased a Trojan F30 and the legacy of Nauti Faux began. We had that boat for 9 years and more than a few projects .... Our relationships with our boating friends grew and we continued to meet great people. Our 3 boat raft ups grew to up to 13 as we traveled up and down the Chesapeake. Several of our fellow boaters had joined the SRYC, and

after attending a Crab Feast 8 years ago we were sold on the fact that the Yacht Club was a pretty good idea and joined ourselves! In 2017. Fellow Dockmates, Club members and great friends Bill and Kim Fisher made the hard decision to sell their 34 Silverton and the 4 foot-it-is continued. We are now on our 6th boat and a new chapter will begin when the 37 Silverton Jesse Ann will be recommissioned as Nauti Faux (no number).

When I was first approached to be part of the board as Fleet Captain, I was reluctant as many are, but all who had the position before me were always there to help, which made my first year a great experience. During my tenure on the SRYC Board of Governors I have had the good fortune to work with and meet even more fantastic boaters. Here's to a great 2022 Boating season. I am looking forward to getting to meet and know all our club members while enjoying the waters and nature which was what got me into this crazy lifestyle to begin with!



## Past Commodore Paul Davison



**52 Cruisers Yacht - Transcendence**  
**Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock**

Ahoy to my fellow club members! As the immediate Past Commodore, I invite you all to an exciting season of land and sea events scheduled for the summer of 2022. The team has worked diligently in preparation of this year's festivities! Since my Past Commodore responsibilities only include an advisory role on the Board of Governors, it's time to relax and enjoy all the club has to offer after serving for 4 years on the Bridge of the Sassafras River Yacht club. What a wild and fun ride it's been! We have developed many long-lasting friendships as club members over the last seven years!

Our "final" vessel, Transcendence, is a 2006 Cruisers Yacht 520 Express. She resides at Skipjack Cove in slip B-20. She turns 2 years old (to us) on July 17th, so this is only our second full season enjoying all she has to offer. Additionally, having retired last June, it will be our first season with no constraints on where we will go! Barring the occasional wedding and family commitment, we're looking forward to the cruises, land events and social gatherings of the

club! Perhaps some exploring of lesser-known parts of the Chesapeake Bay to scout for the club's 2023 season may be in order! Regina and I are looking forward to our 30th wedding anniversary and our 24th season of boating on the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries! See you on the water!



## Vice Commodore Paul Thompson



**35 Silverton Sedan Bridge - Hull in One II**  
**Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock**

Cathy and I joined the club in 2018, our first year at Skipjack and the start of our third season as boaters. We were interested in learning and sharing the boating lifestyle with other boaters, and SRYC provided us with that opportunity. We found the members to be welcoming, helpful, and inclusive. We are so thankful to be a part of such a great group.

Near the end of the 2019 season, I was invited to serve as Fleet Captain for 2020. I was reluctant at first, but I received assurances there would be plenty of guidance from past FCs learning about and executing the responsibilities. I actually enjoyed jumping in and planning the cruise schedule for that year, which turned out to be the first year of COVID. Restrictions led to the cancellation of planned cruises to Chesapeake City, and Baltimore. Thankfully, we were able to complete the rest of the schedule.

I can't wait for the 2022 boating season to begin. In my view the season begins when the shrink wrap comes off. There will be a lot of maintenance and commissioning tasks to complete before she splashes by mid-April (hopefully.)

We are looking forward to a new season to share with fellow club members during all the great planned events, and of course the weekend raft ups.



## Rear Commodore Elizabeth Webster



### 340 Sea Ray Sundancer - Halina Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock

Elizabeth Webster, 2022 Season Rear Commodore - lead of Club Land Events. Originally from Colorado, learned to love boating and the water from my husband Greg. We currently reside in Wilmington, Delaware and "officially" got married in December 2021. I have two grown daughters: Tori who is a fabulous aesthetician in Delaware and Zabrina who is in her junior year at the University of Delaware majoring in Economics, Philosophy and already in a leadership master's program in Public Policy. Greg and I are proud pup-parents to our labradoodle Taggart, who LOVES the water! Our current boat is a Sea Ray Sundancer 340 "Halina" and we have plans to give her a few more years (at least while Zabrina is still finishing college).

My wish for the coming season is to invite new members to consider a role on the Board of Governors next season - there are lots of opportunities to participate, get involved and work with an outstanding team! We have worked hard to document and outline what is needed, so we try and make it easy as well as enjoyable! Have a wonderful, safe, fun 2022 boating season!!



## Fleet Captain Bill Carlin



**40 Formula PC - Sassacaia  
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, E Dock**

Hello SRYC. My name is Bill Carlin and I am your 2022-23 Fleet Captain. Last year my fiancée Holly and I purchased a 40 Formula PC named Sassacaia and are now docked on E-Dock at Skipjack Cove Marina on the Sassafras River.

Once we rented the slip and moved in, it wasn't long before we were approached by some members of the club and were invited to raft up with them on the river. I've been boating with my family in the area since the seventies and have always loved the region. Holly has never experienced boating on the upper Chesapeake and has fallen in love with all it has to offer. The two of us have met a bunch of knowledgeable, fun people since joining and are looking forward to getting back on the water this spring.

I hope to meet more members at the Snowflake luncheon on March 12 at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City when I will be performing my first Fleet Captain duty by officially presenting the 2022 Cruise schedule.

I'd like to thank the board for the nomination for fleet captain, and as this is new to me, I hope to fulfill all that is expected. Thanks again and we will see you all soon.



**Treasurer Kim Nolan**



**48 Silverton Convertible - Tails & Tini's  
Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, H Dock**

I am the first mate to Captain Scott on Tails & Tini's, a 48' Silverton Convertible. Our "paw mates" are Rebel and Lacey, 4-year-old Golden Retrievers who love to swim and go for long walks and do the "zoomies" in the tennis courts.

This is my second year as treasurer for the yacht club. This is our fourth-year cruising in Maryland. Our prior boat was a 24' Boston Whaler which we kept at the Jersey shore and spent our summers fishing in the back bays and at the reefs off the coast. We have a seasonal slip at Skipjack in slip H-14. We spend two months at Skipjack and then make our way further down the Chesapeake, spending two months at Haven Harbor North and a month, which has yet to be determined, at another marina and then back to Skipjack until it is time to winterize and then we will head up to Atlantic City to Farley Marina. We live about 40 minutes from Farley Marina, and we tend to use the boat throughout the winter as a little getaway.... I never want the boating season to end!



**Secretary Sharon McMenamin**



**3750 Cruisers Motor Yacht - Anchors Away**  
**Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock**

Sharon has been boating with her husband Mike, and sons Christopher and Jonathan since 1999. She can be found on "Anchors Away" at Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, slip B-18, or cruising the river on her 13' Boston Whaler, "Unwined".

As the new Secretary, Sharon hopes to continue the GREAT work done by her predecessors. She is responsible for Membership renewals, club communications and other administrative tasks.

The thing Sharon loves most about boating is simply enjoying being on the water with family and great friends. The stories and memories that have come from boating have been priceless (cruising the Bay, raft-ups, riding out storms, and of course the occasional dragging of anchors).

An interesting fact about Sharon, is she managed to convince her husband to get an Anchor tattoo about 5 years ago. To Sharon's surprise, her children decided to follow in their parents' footsteps and get one too. So now the McMenamin's have a family tattoo which is the reason their boat is named "Anchors Away".



**Webmaster Kathi Johnson**



**Formula 45 Express Cruiser - Special K  
Osprey Point Marina, D Dock**

I am Kathi Johnson and as the Webmaster, I maintain the SRYC website with information about our club, membership, events, news, cruises, and photo gallery. I strive to update the website in a timely manner as information becomes available for our members.

I have been serving as the Webmaster for the past 7 years and launched a new website in 2020.

Don and I, along with our schnauzer Tilly, are at Osprey Point Inn and Marina in slip D5. We currently reside in Collegeville, PA but have become 'Snowbirds' and will spend 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 and in Florida.

As we spend our winters now in Florida, we always look forward to heading home to PA and getting ready for another boating season on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay and reconnecting with our fellow boating friends. Can't wait to see everyone in 2022!!



## Editor Lani Fabere



### 48 Sea Ray Sundancer - Wonderful Life Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, B Dock

Hi everyone, my name is Lani sounds like Connie or Bonnie. (blame my parents for that one). I could 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? Hmmmm, sorry - I digress. (Ed. note. if this looks familiar, I introduced myself this way last year and this **STILL** holds true in 2022!) and I am the Editor of the Nauti News for the second year. 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!

*The Real Dogs of the Sassafras River Yacht Club* was started last year to help meet people but I introduced too many pups and am running out - so if a few of you could please bring a new canine 'child' into your family that would help me out immensely! **OR** THIS year I will start a new column called *The GRANDCHILDREN of the Sassafras Yacht Club*. Hmm - THAT sounds like a keeper - just like our Grandson William Raymond Wright who is now 9 months old and no longer on the preemies chart and has become the focus of almost all of our conversations and pictures! Mark and I are a bit proud of Sir Will and will (get it?) gladly share pictures and stories to anyone who can't walk away fast enough. Maybe once boating starts that will change?

If we haven't met at some point over these last few crazy years - Please stop by anytime - (I have pictures)! Happy Boating Ya'll let's get this season started!

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: Send those pictures of new pups or new pictures of current pups to Lani anytime.**

## 2022 Cruise and Land event dates

Cruise events: [Bill Carlin](#)

Land events : [Elizabeth Webster](#)

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>Event</u>                                 | <u>Location</u>                                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/15/22           | Commodore's Ball                             | Chesapeake Inn<br>Chesapeake City, MD                                                                      |
| 3/12/22           | Snowflake Luncheon and<br>Charity Event      | Schaefer's Canal House<br>Chesapeake City, MD                                                              |
| 5/14/22           | Opening Day Events                           | Skip Jack Cove Marina Pavilion<br>Georgetown, MD                                                           |
| 5/27/22 - 5/29/22 | Havre de Grace Cruise                        | Log Pond Marina                                                                                            |
| 6/24/22 - 6/26/22 | Chesapeake City Cruise                       | Chesapeake Inn Marina                                                                                      |
| 7/15/22 - 7/17/22 | Rock Hall Cruise                             | Osprey Point                                                                                               |
| 7/24/22           | Pool Regatta and/or Small<br>Craft Poker Run | Skip Jack Cove Marina<br>Georgetown Yacht Basin<br>Sassafras River Marina<br>Duffy Creek<br>Georgetown, MD |
| 8/19/22 - 8/21/22 | Crab Feast                                   | Safeharbor Marina: Great Oaks                                                                              |
| 8/21/22 - 8/23/22 | Annapolis Cruise                             | City Yacht Center                                                                                          |
| 8/23/22 - 8/25/22 | Saint Michaels Cruise                        | St Michaels Marina                                                                                         |
| 8/25/22 - 8/26/22 | Tolchester Cruise                            | Tolchester Marina                                                                                          |
| 8/26/22 - 8/27/22 | Recovery Raft Up Overnight                   | Sassafras River                                                                                            |
| 9/16/22 - 9/18/22 | Baltimore Inner Harbor Cruise                | Harbor East Marina                                                                                         |
| 10/7/22 - 10/9/22 | Havre de Grace Cruise                        | Log Pond Marina                                                                                            |
| 10/15/22          | Closing Day Events                           | Skip Jack Cove Marina Pavilion<br>Georgetown, MD                                                           |



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