



Sassafras River Yacht Club

Nauti News



June 2010



DEAD AHEAD!

- June 12 – Spring Fling Cruise – Cancelled**
- June 26 – Marina Mixer – Skipjack Cove**
- July 3 – July 4th Cruise – Tidewater Marina, Havre de Grace**
- July 17 – Summer Cruise – Various**
- July 31 – Marina Mixer – Duffy Creek Marina**



From the Commodore

Thank you to all the members and guests who attended our Chili feast in April. The cooks once again fired up the Chili dishes to keep your sinus' cleared for a month!

Our 2010 boating season is now officially open. Opening Day this year was highlighted with the celebration of our Club's 35th anniversary of boating the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Many visiting clubs were in attendance, along with the Queen of the Chesapeake Bay. If you missed out this year, please join us next year for this annual event. Special thanks go out to Glenn & Connie Davis for organizing both Chili & Opening Day festivities along with our many helper bees who volunteered their time. Many Thanks to all, as it takes team effort to pull off these events.

Cruises: Fleet Captain Terry See has organized and planned many events and places to visit this summer. The cruise and activity schedule is listed on the Club website. There is still time to join us on one or all of the cruises. They are a good way to meet new members and venture to new ports of call. Our Shake Down cruise was a huge success; thanks to Terry and Brenda See for their special touches with the movie night—thank god the frogs didn't travel with us!

Land Events: This year, Past Commodore Barb Emmons will be organizing "Marina Mixer" events. These are social events to solicit new membership as well as introduce our newest members to the Club. It's also a good opportunity to check out amenities of the other marinas. There are three mixers planned: June 26 at Skipjack Cove Marina, July 31 at Duffy Creek Marina, and August 28 at Sassafras Harbor Marina. All are welcome. Details of each event will be sent out prior to the event. Direct questions to Barb Emmons www.pastcommodore@sryc.org.

THE CRABS ARE COMING-THE CRABS ARE COMING! – Plan on attending, and bring a friend or two, to our annual Crab Feast on Saturday, August 21, at Haven Harbor Marina in Rockhall. Details to follow and will be posted on our Club website.

The Club now has six new members that Margaret Clements has listed in her column. Please stop by and welcome our newest members to the Club. Remember to fly your Club burgee and represent your Club proudly by wearing your SRYC clothing which can be purchased from our Vice Commodore Craig Solt, along with many other novelty items .

The current Bridge officers continue to work very hard to come up with new events and things to keep the season fun for everyone. We are always looking for fresh, creative and new ideas. It is not too early to think about becoming an SRYC officer and sharing what you have to offer with others. Start by getting your feet wet by becoming Fleet Captain. This is a nominated position to be voted on by the membership at our September meeting. The Fleet Captain is in charge of planning six to eight yearly cruises, and leads the fleet safely to different ports of call. This may be a shared position in which you or another person share the responsibility. If interested in this position, or any other officer position, we will gladly answer any questions you might have; please don't hesitate to contact me or any one of the current bridge officers.

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you have comments, suggestions, or complaints to share, please let us know, as we appreciate everyone's input.

*Hope to see you on the water,
Commodore Joanne Kane*



From The Vice Commodore

With three land events completed, that leaves only Crab Feast for you to purchase merchandise from the Ship’s Store this season. As you may know, we changed the Ship’s Store format this year. The change was based on a decision by the Board of Governors that the Club had too much money tied up in inventory carried over from year to year, averaging in the \$1,500 - \$2,000 range. In past years, the Ship’s Store pre-purchased a substantial inventory hoping to order the correct sizes in colors to suit our members tastes. Our members were then able to purchase the items at the events and take them along the same day, assuming we had the size and a color you wanted. In some cases special orders were also taken.

This year we only purchased one or two of the items being offered in different sizes and colors as samples. If the sample matched your size and color combination, you were able to purchase the sample at the event and take it with you. Otherwise you simply ordered the items you wanted in your size and color combination, prepaying up front. In order to keep the cost reasonable, we needed a minimum order of twelve items. Unfortunately, we did not reach the minimum order quantity at Chili Dinner, so the order was held and combined with orders at Opening Day. Everyone who ordered at Chili Dinner was given the option to cancel their order if they did not want to wait until after Opening Day to receive their merchandise. I am happy to say that no one cancelled their order.

Your opinion is important to us in planning how to handle the Ship’s Store next year. Did you like ordering the items in your size and color combination? Or do you prefer being able to purchase the item and take it with you the same day, assuming we had it in your combination? I suspect that many people prefer to purchase the items and walk away with them. However, when thinking about your response, we ask that you also consider the inventory carryover requirements. If you have other thoughts on how to handle the Ship’s Store, we would like to hear them as well. Please send your comments to me at vicecommandore@sasryc.com. Your comments will only be shared among the bridge members to help us plan for next year.

Regards,
V/C Craig Solt



From The Fleet Captain

Here we are with two cruises behind us. The Shakedown Cruise to Worton Creek Marina was attended by seven boats. The weather cooperated with us and the water was as smooth as a mill pond. After eating our potluck supper, it was “Movie Time.” For snacks, we had S’Mores, Banana Boats, and Popcorn. A good time was had by all while we viewed the movie “The Blind Side.” We could have done without the audio accompaniment of the local frogs, but a good time was had by all.

The Memorial Day cruise to the Chesapeake Harbour Marina was enjoyed by all those who made it to the destination. The weather was grand and the bay was at its best. Unfortunately, there were four boats that had to forego the fun and remain at their slips. The total count at the Marina was 11 boats. Since the “See Crews” was one of the boats that was unable to make it all the way, I was not able to lead the fleet. Due to the graciousness of Pat and Nancy Amato, Brenda and I did not miss out on all the fun. Pat and Nancy drove us down to the marina for the get-together on Saturday afternoon. There was plenty of food and nobody seemed to be going thirsty... All of the people that were there had a great time and had nothing but good things to say about the folks at the Chesapeake Harbour Marina. They were on the docks to guide our people in and helpful throughout the entire weekend. Our thanks go to those dockhands and the office people! Meanwhile, back at the Sassafra, the unfortunate few spent the weekend in “virtual Annapolis”, trying to soothe the pain...

We had only four boats sign up for the Spring Fling cruise to Summit North Marina. Due to health issues with one of the cruisers and boat issues with another (See Crews), we have cancelled that cruise.

We have had a great response for the balance of the cruises. Next on the docket is a cruise to Havre de Grace for the 4th of July. The town really goes all out for this holiday and I am anticipating another good time for all.

I just want to say, “Thank you!” to all of the people that have gone on the cruises and helped make them a success. It is great to be a part of this family.

Terry See



From The Rear Commodore

Summer 2010 is upon us and in full swing. We now have three events in the books for this year, and by all accounts they appear to have been quite successful. We have had a tremendous membership turnout for our land events so far this year and look forward to our members' continued participation in our final two land events of the year.

Our annual Chili Dinner was held on April 24th with approximately 60 members and guests attending. We thank all who attended for the great chili dishes, salads, and, as always, a wonderful dessert table. The 50-50 raffle netted our Club \$74.00. Connie and I appreciated all of the volunteers who came forward to help with set up and clean up.

Opening Day was held at Skipjack Marina on May 15th and what a beautiful day we had for this event. We had approximately 91 members and guests in attendance. The Queen of the Chesapeake, Kimberly Samms, also attended along with Princesses from four other yacht clubs. There were a total of 18 visiting officers and their guests from other clubs. The total for the day's event at Skipjack Marina was 114 people. A very big thank you goes out to Margaret Clements for visiting officer registration, Jim & Marie Irons for Club member registration and booklet distribution, Judy Gill for her lovely invocation, Gus Barreiro for an awesome job of emceeing this year's event, Joe Kane for the battleground sound from firing the cannon, Bill Rimmner for handling the placement of the wreath in the river in memory of Charlie Willey, our friends John & Joanne Haug for their contribution of the public address system as well as John's photography expertise, and Bill & Linda Doyle for orchestrating and coordinating the entire setup for the day's event. Kudos also to Jim and Barb Skully for their great job of selling raffle tickets for the two baskets of cheer. The raffle netted the Club \$500.

The event continued into evening at the Sassafra Harbor Marina Activities Center with a combination of lunch leftovers, beverages, desserts and music provided by DJ Shane Giel.

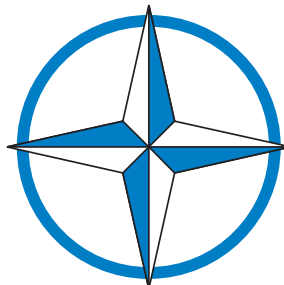
Again this year, we would like to thank all members who contributed to the food, as well as the contributions and participation in the "Silent Auction." The auction raised \$200 for SRYC. I certainly want to thank our membership for the contributions that were made towards the basket of cheer. Thank you also to Joe Smith for his continued support of SRYC and the use of the Activities Center. A special thank you also to Susan Howard for all her help scheduling the use of the Activities Center as well as ensuring the center was ready for our use. We again thank all of you who provided set up, clean up and break down of our Opening Day events, as this always makes our job much easier.

Please remember that the land events do not happen without your help. We still have room for additional helping hands for the Crab Feast and it sure would be nice to see some new faces and volunteers for this beloved Club event. To help out, please email me at rearcommodore@sasryc.org or call my cell 302-354-7989. We will appreciate your help.

Connie and I have already begun to work on our two final events for this year, the Crab Feast on August 21st, and the Commodore's Ball to be held on November 20th. The Commodore's Ball will again be held at the Mendenhall Inn. Please save the date and help us welcome our 2011 Commodore Craig Solt and his Lady Leslie. SRYC has a block of rooms reserved at the Mendenhall Inn for the evening of our Commodore's Ball.

We look forward to seeing everyone over the summer and make those plans for attending Crab Feast; it will be here before you know it.

R/C Glenn Davis





Secretary's Notes

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. Six new membership applications have been approved. Please join us in welcoming the following new members:

- Rick and Barbara Burlingame
Finally Did It – Sassafras Harbor E-2
 - Robert and Bonnie Dettore
The Cajun II – Slipjack Cove D-14
 - Jim Fischer and Maria Amoroso
Beer Money – Sassafras Harbor B-25
 - Bill and Theresa Kelly
Our Sea Clusion – Sassafras Harbor C-14
 - Dennis and Yaeko Shaub
Tokyo Rose – Sassafras Harbor C-13
 - Ralph and Nicole White
Derailed Assets – Skipjack Cove G-12
- Hope to see everyone soon,
Margaret Clements*

BoatU.S. Membership Discount

Club members can get BoatU.S. membership at half-price. Our Cooperating Group Number is GA81008Y; use this number on your BoatU.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.



Flotsam & Jetsam

SRYC members are welcome to place ads in the Nauti News for boating items. Send your ad to: nautinews@sasryc.org.



Treasurer's Report

June 8, 2010

Assets:	
Money Market Account	\$24,424
Checking Account	1,772
Pending Deposits	100
Subtotal	\$ 26,296
Less:	
Checks Outstanding	\$1,052
Cruise Deposits	6,994
Credit Card Billings	\$3,655
Subtotal	\$11,701
Net Financial Position	\$14,595

*Respectfully submitted,
John P. Boyer, Treasurer*



From The Webmaster

The boating season is well underway, and Maura and I have enjoyed three land events and two cruises so far, and we're looking forward to more. We have done our best to take pictures at these events, and I have posted them to the website for everyone to enjoy. John Haug, Glenn's friend and photographer, has sent me his pictures from Opening Day, and they are AWESOME. These pictures are worth viewing, so take a peek when you have a chance. However, we need your help, as there are several events for which we have no pictures. Even if you only manage to take one or two good pictures to share, it would be great. Take some time to view pictures from our past events, you'll be surprised at the fond memories a picture can bring. A good example is a pie eating contest at one of our cruises to Great Oak Marina. I never laughed so hard watching moderately intoxicated men and women eat pie! Or maybe...I was moderately intoxicated watching them eat pie? Either way it makes me laugh when I see those pictures. :-))

*Gus Barreiro
Webmaster*

SRYC Web Site

The Sassafras River Yacht Club web site address is: www.sasryc.org. It's a great web site with lots of Club info; check it out!

For questions about the web site or to submit an item, email to: webmaster@sasryc.org.



Well, it's been a while since I last wrote. There have been plenty of happenings in the Club and plenty of news flying around, but Sassy needs more eyes and ears...

If you missed the Chili Dinner, you would have missed hot food, not hot weather; it was toasty out. John Boyer continues to sport his beard, so we can all expect to be singing those carols in July. Surprisingly, the dishes were pretty tame, as none set our mouths ablaze. Maybe the SRYC can't handle the heat anymore? I've always heard that you lose taste buds as you age, so doesn't it stand to reason we should be kicking it up a notch? Not that I'm throwing the 'O' word around (old, outdated, etc.). Oh well, Pat Boyer knows how to liven things up, she was caught wearing a new clothing line - plastic ware.

Now we'll move on to the Fleet Captain's Break-down, uh, I mean Shakedown Cruise! Maybe flying your Fleet Captain flag will bring you better luck? When traveling next time, we need to nickname him Ryan. Terry signs off on his VHF "See Crews Out" sounding like "Siegreist Out". It felt like we were listening to an American Idol episode.

The fun continued when our Fleet Captain tried to cool us down with wintertime favorites: burning fire, banana boats, s'mores and hot cider. Too bad the weatherman screwed us up again, as we all sweated through the night with no air blowing anywhere!

Then we had movie night at Worton. Our gracious hosts Brenda & Terry supplied everything you would find or get at the movies, right down to freshly popped popcorn. The only things missing were cartoons and theater seats. We were drowned-out though by the relentless sounds of mating frogs,

Sassy Says....

which actually sounded like they were crying for help. We can put up with spiders and bugs anytime for the price of silence, or maybe we'll have to get a pair of earplugs. Otherwise, maybe we should have switched to a movie where the sound play would have been appropriate! HmMMM

Maura Bidwell has a new secret weapon, her white Westie dog Ginger. Ginger slithered around members as she took off with her very own pulled pork sandwich at dinner without anyone even noticing she had cased the sandwich. The next morning, it was two soft-boiled eggs. I think she's given up dog food for people food!

What can we say about Opening Day, except there was a whole lot of shaking going on? I think next time there should be a dance for dollars...just ask Darryl and Jacqui. I'm guessing the brief glimpses we've seen of their teen boys will be over with now. Especially as Eva so eloquently responded to Bill Gross, "Bill, why are you looking at Darryl's a** crack?" Inquiring minds would still like to know the answer to that...

We would also like to question the validity of the 50/50 drawing. How is it that two minutes after Ernie had his hands all over the bucket, he won the drawing? Oh well, the proceeds went to a good cause; the Ship's Store got another cooler purchase!

Sassy would like to take odds on another bet. Whose boat do you think will clock more travel this season, Barbara Emmons' or Todd Swan's? Although I guess it's really no contest. I think if you can only do reverse then it's negative mileage, so Barb wins!!

Sassy





Towing or Salvage?

The difference between towing and salvage for recreational boats is often misunderstood, but there is a big difference in the billing methods and costs.

Towing assistance is often covered by membership in a towing service such as BoatU.S. or SeaTow. That covers you for things like a simple tow if you run aground on a soft sandbar, have engine problems, or run out of fuel. The more involved salvage operations are covered only by yacht insurance policies.

A salvage situation occurs when a vessel is hard grounded, stranded, beached, taking on water, leaking oil or fuel, capsized, or sunk. Salvage implies that there was some degree of danger or some need of extraordinary assistance, and you'll probably need to sign a salvage contract.

Salvage does not necessarily mean that the salver then owns your boat. However, the salver does have a claim for a percentage of the value of your vessel for their salvage efforts. The dollar amount of a salvage award is determined by guidelines from maritime case law and the Salvage Convention of 1989. Salvage law applies to both recreational and commercial vessels.

All boaters should review their marine insurance coverage with their agent. The best protection against a salvage claim is adequate insurance. Check your boat insurance policy for towing coverage and salvage coverage. If you don't have towing coverage, consider enrolling with a commercial towing service. As for your salvage coverage, make sure it reflects the full current value of your vessel and that it doesn't have a ruinous deductible.

Jim Irons

(Compiled from a February '07 Chesapeake Bay magazine article and online BoatU.S. information.)

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