

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

June 2023



Commodore's Corner



Hello all,

May was a very busy month at the Club. A big thank you to all our Members who participated and assisted with the Princess Cocktail Party, The Watermen's Memorial Ceremony, Opening Day, the Blessing of the Fleet, and the membership picnic. And, of course, we finished off the month with our Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 29th.

In June, the BOG will be on June 3rd, which is a change from what was previously scheduled because we have a very large wedding planned by one of our members on June 10th. On June 17th, there is an SIYC Sailboat Raft-up, see the cruise details at the Club. On June 23-25, there is a Slaughter Creek Cruise, again details can be found on the cruise schedule at the Club.

Looking forward to July. We will, of course, have our July 4th picnic, and the BOG will be on Saturday, July 8th.

Lynda and I have been attending Pub Nights at the Club and really welcome this addition to our menu. If you haven't experienced Pub Night, make sure to drop in on a Thursday or Friday. There are some exceptions to this schedule, for example at the end of the month when we have our monthly Birthday Celebration. If you haven't been to a Birthday Celebration it's a Potluck affair and the food is out of this world. Generally at least 3 or 4 different varieties of deviled eggs. We also had pigs in a blanket last Thursday. Special thanks again to Cindy Kobrine who was the May Birthday Coordinator.

See you at the Club!

~ Commodore Greg Wanamaker





Rear Commodore's Corner

Hello all,

May was a busy month at SIYC. We had a great Cinco de Mayo pub night, followed by the Kentucky Derby after the BoG the next night. We had some interesting hats at the BoG meeting. Our Taco Team served over 100 members, keeping everyone happy, as usual.

We welcomed a new Princess to the SIYC family. Elise Werking did a wonderful job at the ceremony. The Watermen's Memorial had a great speaker, who enlightened us with very interesting history of oystering in our region. Our Opening Ceremony and picnic were enjoyed by all who attended.

We finished up the month with a Memorial Day Picnic. Good food, good friends, and good entertainment. For those who braved the windy conditions outside, we were treated to live music and dancing.

In addition to our picnic on Monday, we were advised of the unexpected, and very early delivery of CeCe's baby. Due to the early date of arrival, she was flown to John Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore. Both are doing well; however, this does change our menus a bit. We had to pull the June sign-up sheets, and will post the new menus shortly. We are also working on keeping Pub Nights. Watch for more info in my Weekly Blasts.

~ Larry Callison, Rear Commodore

RULES OF THE NAUTICAL ROAD

The next boating seminar at SIYC will take place on Thursday, June 8, at 4 p.m. upstairs at the Club. The topic will be the nautical rules of the road, presented by George Weston, Commodore of the Solomons Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This one-hour video and Q&A session presents the legal rules that boaters must follow when operating their vessels. You will learn how the navigation rules apply, the General Responsibility Rule, how accident liability is assessed and what your responsibility is for helping others on the water. You will also learn the proper sound signals to use and when to use them. The presentation will cover proper light configurations on vessels and what lights and shapes tell you on the water. You will also learn skills for operating in restricted visibility and the legal distress signals. Following this one-hour presentation, pub food and drinks will be available in the Captains Lounge.

~ Dennis Chandler, SIYC Fleet Captain



BoatUS Foundation: 5 Ways to Be Seen and Heard When You Really Need to Summon Help

When you have an emergency on the water, how do you get help? For National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27, the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is reminding boaters that having the ability to be seen and heard is critically important. Here are five ways boaters can prepare for a safe summer on the water and, if necessary, summon rescuers to your location.

1. **VHF Radio** – A VHF (Very High Frequency) radio is the most reliable way to communicate with other boats and emergency responders on most waterways. New Digital Selective Calling (DSC) radios with a red distress button can even send an emergency call and other important information such as your location to authorities automatically when properly installed and registered.
2. **Emergency Beacon** – An emergency beacon, such as an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) or PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) can be activated to send a distress signal to satellites and rescue authorities. These devices are designed to work in remote areas where cellphone coverage is not available. EPIRBs and PLBs can be rented from the BoatUS Foundation.
3. **Sound-Producing Device** – A sound producing device, such as an installed horn, a handheld air horn, and even a whistle, can be used to signal for help. Five or more blasts from a horn or a whistle indicate danger or a dangerous situation is unfolding. Sound-producing devices are required by law on most boats and can be heard over a considerable distance.
4. **Visual Distress Signals** – Visual Distress Signals (VDS) such as pyrotechnic flares and certain battery-operated SOS light beacons can be used to signal for help when you're out on the water. Flares and Coast Guard-approved distress lights can be seen from several miles away and are an effective way to signal for help when other methods of communication are not available.
5. **Distress Flag** – A distress flag is an orange flag with a black square and a black circle. If you're in distress, you can hoist the flag to signal other boats that you need assistance. This is a good alternative for use on small, wet watercraft, like kayaks and personal watercraft where traditional flares could get wet or storage aboard is a challenge.

~ Dennis Chandler, SIYC Fleet Captain



News from Membership Committee -

June 2023

Kat Tyrrell

On May 6, 2023, at the Board of Governors Meeting two top ten applicants had their First Readings. Cole and Jessica Western, sponsored by David Hazel and Steve Perrie, and Wolfgang Chadab (Roya Chadab was not able to attend) sponsored by Mike Stanton and Chris McNelis. The introductions were interesting and well received. The BOG will vote on their membership on June 3, 2023.

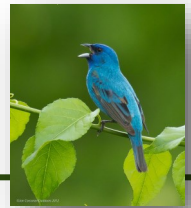


Jessica and Cole Western



Wolfgang Chadab

At the present time there are sixty-five applicants on the Membership Wait List.



Appreciation

So many volunteer their time and expertise to keep our Club running smoothly to ensure that we carefully balance what we spend and what we bring in.

Thank you - it is much appreciated!

~Maureen Wolfe



Landscape Update

June 2023

Hi, hope everyone has been enjoying the slow progression of the perennials in the Club gardens. Take a moment when you're there next to see what's blooming! See the photos below from earlier in May, with yellow and light purple dutch iris in the foreground and orange lilies in the background. And green sedum and pink dianthus in the foreground and pink hispanicum (looks like snapdragon, but perennial) and orange lilies in the background.

In addition to perennials in the other gardens, four o'clocks have come up from seeds in the exit gardens and by the crab shack. Also cosmos have come up from seed in the garden by Mystic Pizza and cosmos, zinnias and morning glory have come up from seeds in the gardens by the church. All these flowers were in these gardens last year and should continue to come up from seeds over the years.



~ Laurie Ford, Landscape Committee Chair





SIYC Yearbook Report

JUNE 2023

THE 2023 YEARBOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP!

Members- please get your free copy of the SIYC yearbook at the Club. They are set up alphabetically in boxes and located in the stairwell. Additional yearbooks are on sale for \$5. Please pay at the bar.

This year's publication features cover artwork, in memoriam, by artist Larry Waldorf. The 140-page publication boasts 47 pages in the photo album and includes 55 advertisers and 40 member greetings!

Please be sure to patronize our advertisers!

And when you do, please tell them you saw their ad in our yearbook.

Special thanks to Donna Fabian and P/C Craig Wilson for soliciting the advertisements; Carol Lightstone for gathering the member greetings; P/C Mike Snapp and Brenda Knight for sorting the database; David Harrell for contributing to the photography; Mary Gott for her upkeep of the History; and P/C Craig Wilson for his care of the In Memoriam.

Many thanks to the members who helped proofread along the way.

It takes a team to put our annual yearbook together. You all are very much appreciated!

I hope you enjoy the 2023 SIYC Yearbook!

Many thanks,
Barbara Dove Whalen
Yearbook Committee Chair



From Our Club Historian, Mary Gott

We just celebrated one of the busiest times in the yacht club calendar - Opening Day Weekend. As historian I feel we should be reminded of the importance this time is and why we celebrate this time.

Since 1937, when SIYC was incorporated, certain yearly traditions have celebrated. These are the Princess Cocktail Party, the Opening Day Ceremony and the Blessing of the Fleet all will begin and we will begin a new boating season for our boaters and new year at the Club for all our members and the community. It was May 12, 1937, 86 years ago, the first organizational meeting was held. There was no property, there was no building, but there was ceremony and a Princess and was held at the home of George Townsend, who we learned about in March. The home is now the, Blue Heron Inn, on the hill across the harbor.

Each Commodore has had the privilege of choosing a Princess to reign over his or her year. There have been 80 Princesses since 1937. The very first Princess was Althea Bowen McKenny, who we heard about last month. A cocktail party is held for the reigning Princess on Saturday before Opening Day thanking the past Princess for her service to the Club during the past year and honoring the incoming Princess who is introduced to all attending. In 2021, P/C Michael Stanton started a new tradition and invited all past Princesses to attend as guest of the Commodore, which continues today. This year Alise Nicole Werking was our Princess. She is the granddaughter of PC Bill Keefe and Carolyn Keefe.

The Opening Day Celebration is an impressive ceremony held on the balcony of SIYC and is led by the Commodore with the official flag raising by the color guard, the recognition of the bridge, board members and committee chairpersons and a great speaker. The Opening Day Ceremony is the opening of a new year for Club members, the boating members and the community.

The Blessing of the Fleet for the new year is a very impressive and rewarding ceremony where all boats attending were blessed for a safe boating season and it takes place in the Patuxent River. In 2022 we had many boats blessed.

In 1994, the then Commodore Larry Gibbs, added another tradition to the SIYC calendar, the Laying of the Wreath at the Watermen's Memorial. This is now the first activity of the Opening Day as a community event held in the morning at the monument on the boardwalk. It is a very impressive ceremony standing on the boardwalk next to the Patuxent River. For us to take time once a year to remember and honor all of those who are named on the monument is important. These are men and women who worked the waters, they fished, they crabbed, the oystered and boated the Chesapeake Bay, the Patuxent River and the surrounding creeks. Some ran oyster packing houses, crab picking businesses, operated seafood restaurants, boat building businesses, and other water related businesses and they lived their lives enjoying all that the bay, rivers and creeks had to offer. Sponsoring the Wreath Laying Ceremony is our way to show that we remember those people, the part they played in Solomons' history, their sacrifices and their professions. SIYC is all about traditions and history and is constantly doing its part to honor the history of the Solomons Area.

Continue to take part in these events, some of them celebrated for 86 years. Support the club with your attendance!

~Mary Gott, SIYC Historian ,

Hi Annie!



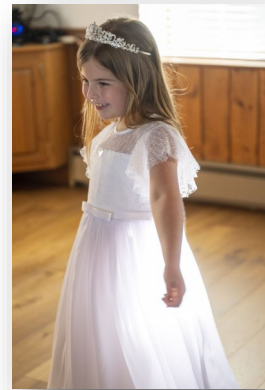
Our elevator was recently updated and correctly calibrated to the correct weight capacity. Apparently, the previous settings were incorrect, which caused frequent breakdowns.

This is great news as it should allow for a significant cost avoidance in the future.

Since Annie uses it each week, with the kind help of Ginger and Bruce Dickinson, I thought it would be fun to show her using it.

Go Annie!

~Maureen Wolfe



It's nice to be a princess...



Burgee Exchange



Burgee exchange on 17 May with Fay Powell from the Arizona Yacht Club, Tempe AZ.

Yes, they do have water!!

l to r, Curator of Burgees Carole Snapp, Vice Commodore Barbara Raley, Commodore Greg Wanamaker, and Fay Powell from the Arizona Yacht Club.

Looks like you had a Happy Birthday, May Babies!





SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to offer our condolences to Anissa Hutchins-Stanton and her family for the passing of her mother.

We extend get well wishes to Cyndi Tatar, Rita Gerred, Larry Gateau, Susan Smith, and anyone else who might be recuperating.

~ Carolyn Keefe

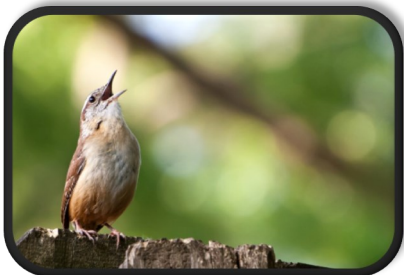


ARTIST WALL & MANTEL

Thanks to Larry Langfeldt , John Okay and Sue Stevenson for showing their pictures on the art wall this month. Don't forget to check out Rex Miller's beautiful painting next to the art wall donated by PC Mike Stanton and Anissa.

Thanks Anne Breau for another **beautiful** mantel.

~ Sue Stevenson



Do You Have Pics or Information to Share?

All are invited to share information or fun pictures to be included in the newsletter.

Please send to Maureen Wolfe.

Contact information is on the SIYC website and/or yearbook..



June Birthdays!

CALLING ALL JUNE BABIES!



It's that time again. Members who were born in JUNE celebrating at SIYC. It's a pot luck and there will be cake. Everyone is invited. Come help us celebrate and have fun with us.

5:30, Thursday, June 29

Bartending Rocks

Know how to make a rum a coke? Know how to pour a draft beer? Yes, of course you do!

Drop in on one of the slower nights - Mondays or Tuesdays - to work with the bartender on shift to see how we work the bar.

Nights we need volunteer bartenders:

June: Mondays on the 5th, 12th and 19th

July: Mostly Mondays and Tuesdays, but many nights open.



Saturday, June 3

BOG Dinner

7:00pm

\$20

Honey Mustard Glazed Salmon

Roasted Vegetables

Salad and Rolls

Dessert



Friday, June 16

6:00pm

\$10

Celebrate the “Day before Father’s Day weekend” in style with a dish every dad will enjoy, its

PIZZA NIGHT!!

2 slices of Pizza and Salad



Just Because It's Wednesday...

yum

Wednesday, June 7

6:00pm

\$20

Steamed Shrimp & Fries
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Wednesday, June 28

6:00pm

\$15

Wing Night!!
Buffalo, BBQ, and Plain
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Great food, great company.

And, just Because...

Friday, June 16

6:00pm

\$10

Celebrate the "Day before Father's Day weekend" in style with a dish every dad will enjoy, its

PIZZA NIGHT!!

2 slices of Pizza and Salad



Sunday, June 25

6:00pm

\$TBD (Market Price)

P/C Bob Kuzmick and Team's Famous
Cook Your Own Steak or Tuna Night



LINE OFFICERS

Commodore	Greg Wanamaker
Vice Commodore	Barbara Raley
Rear Commodore	Larry Callison
Fleet Captain	Dennis Chandler
Secretary	Diane Townsend
Treasurer	Mike Snapp

FLEET OFFICERS

Fleet Surgeon	Emalie Gibbons-Baker
Fleet Chaplain	Reverend Nathan Beall

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Immediate Past Commodore	Pat Healy-Catchings
2023	Jack Chenevey, P/C Adrienne Donaldson-Dreiser, Charles Hayden, Sharon Hayden, Bonnie Gateau
2024	Gary Heal, Terrie Johnson, Carol Lightstone, Dennis Lawson, Mike Pickering
2025	Kay Collins, Tom Jones, Nancy Kuzmick, Charles Mahanes, Ralph Swartwood

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

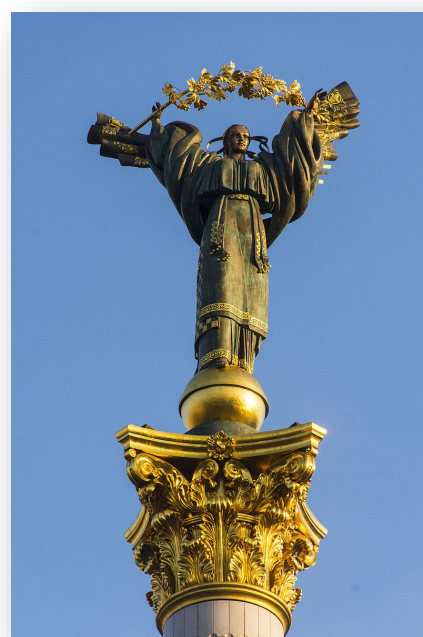
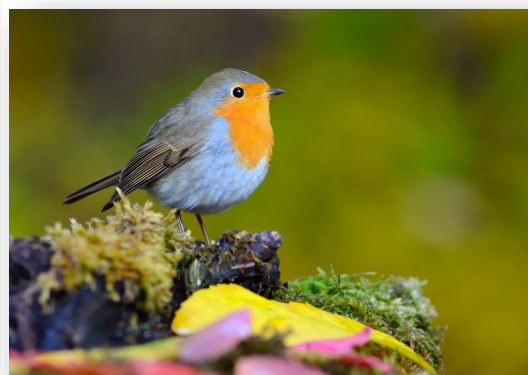
House	Jim Atkinson
Pier	Gary Heal
Membership	Kat Tyrrell
Budget & Planning	Ralph Swartwood
Audit	Craig Wilson
Facilities Improvement	Jack Chenevey
Nominating	2024 Governors
Yearbook	Barbara Dove Whalen
Bylaws	Craig Wilson

OTHER COMMITTEES

Bartender Coordinator	Jim Kiley
Beautification	Judy Okay & Anne Breaux
Bits & Bytes	Mike Snapp, Tony Baratta (back-up)
Curator of Burgees	Carol Snapp
Historian	Mary Gott
Landscape	Laurie Ford
Parliamentarian	Mike Manning & Craig Wilson
Photographer	David Harrell
Quartermaster	Sharon Hayden
SIYC Vehicle Tags	Dennis Lawson
Social Committee	Dot Sparling & Cindy Kobrine
<i>Solomons Sez</i>	Maureen Wolfe
Sunshine	Carolyn Keefe
Website	Priscilla Harrell & David Harrell

Alternate #1	Mary Gott
Alternate #2	Carolyn Keefe
Alternate #3	Priscilla Harrell

Any many more volunteers and amazing club members!





June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Click on an event - it will bring you to the online calendar with detailed information.</p>				1 Mike Snapp	2 Staff Bartender	3 Staff Bartender BoG Honey Mustard Salmon & Roasted Vegetables \$20. Sign up by 31 May
4 Staff Bartender	5 Member Bartender	6 Nancy Callison and Betsy Frye	7 Dave and Cindy Leitzel Steamed Shrimp & Fries \$20. Sign up by 4 June	8 Bill Brier and Mike Snapp Pub Food USCG Rules of the Nautical Rd, 4 p.m. / free	9 Staff Bartender	10 Staff Bartender
11 Staff Bartender	12 Member Bartender	13 Carolyn Keefe	14 Mike and Carol Snapp POTLUCK	15 Jim and Randi Kiley Pub Food	16 Staff Bartender PIZZA NIGHT with Salad, Dessert \$10	17 Staff Bartender Sailboat Raft Up
18 Staff Bartender	19 Member Bartender	20 Mike Snapp	21 Dee Peters and Maureen Wolfe Taco Night \$10 	22 Mike Snapp Pub Food	23 Staff Bartender	24 Staff Bartender
25 Staff Bartender Steak/Tuna Grill your own, Sign up by 21 June	26 Gail Gibson and Mike Snapp	27 Bill Brier	28 Gary Heal and Nancy Ririe Wing Night \$15. Sign up by 25 June	29 Carolyn Keefe Monthly Birthday Party 	30 Staff Bartender Pub Food	

