

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

May 2024



Commodore's Corner



Hello everyone,

Spring is in full swing and that means Opening Weekend is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for May 18-19.

The weekend begins with the Princess Cocktail Party on Saturday May 18th, where we will honor our 2024 princess Anna Cecile Okay. On Sunday we will have the Watermen's Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, Flag raising and the Blessing of the fleet. This is always a fun weekend.

Hope to see you at the Club.

~ Commodore Barbara Raley



Great Blue Heron on the Commodore's dock





Vice Commodore's Corner

The Annual Princess Cocktail Party is coming up on Saturday, May 18th at 5 p.m. As Commodore Barb said, this year's Princess is Anna Cecile Okay. There will be heavy hors d' oeuvres and entertainment by Bob Brotto. The cost is \$35 per person and the deadline is May 13th. Sign up in the Captain's Lounge or on the SIYC website. This is a pre-pay event, put checks or credit card receipts with attendee names in the Vice Commodore's mailbox.

Opening day is Sunday, May 19th and starts off with the Waterman's Memorial at 11 a.m. and progressing to the Opening Day Ceremony at 1p.m. Then on to the Blessing of the Fleet and a Club picnic at 3PM with live entertainment by Kevin Pollock and "Doghouse Blue".

The weekend of May 18-19 is the kickoff of our boating season, you want to be there.

Thank you,

~ Vice Commodore Gary Heal



Welcome back Glascocks!

Bruce & Jean Mason and Bill & K Glascock at the Club April 30th





Rear Commodore's Corner

This year April began just after Easter and ends just before the Kentucky Derby. What a transition as we have gone from cold to weather now approaching 90 F!

A highlight of this month was Spring Clean-Up Day where we all joined together to refresh the Club both indoors and out. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped.

The Moroccan Dinner put on by Anissa-Hutchins Stanton and her crew was "Over the Top" and royally entertained nearly 100 members and guests. Thanks to all who planned, cooked and served.

We also enjoyed some tremendous dinners including Mussels, Roasted Pork, Cajun Chicken with Shrimp Étouffée, and the Shrimp Cobb Salad. Pub Nights were well attended with many of us enjoying Cece's creative casual food menu on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are looking forward to May, which is a very busy month here at SIYC. We will begin with Cinco de Mayo week with special menus, followed by a week featuring the Cuckold Creek Raft-Up and the C&J Spring Dinner.

The Spring 2024 C&J Dinner will feature Grilled Leg of Lamb, Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables, Rice Pilaf and all of the trimmings. Look for sign up sheets in the Lounge and on the website.

Opening Day Week begins with the Princess Cocktail Party on Saturday evening. The Waterman's Memorial Service on Sunday Morning starts off Opening Day at 11 a.m. followed by our Opening Day Ceremony. The Blessing of the Fleet and our annual Picnic. It will be quite a day! Come out and enjoy our Pomp and Circumstance.

Thank you,

~ Rear Commodore Charles R. Mahanes



2024 Spring Cleanup



SIYC Fleet Captain Report

As we approach summer there is a lot more activity on the SIYC docks. You may have already noticed more transient boats coming into SIYC. This is mainly due to the "loopers" going north as the weather warms up. We expect more from reciprocating yacht clubs as the year progresses. One important reminder related to **slip reservations** is that all members **MUST** contact the Fleet Captain (FC) if you want to reserve a slip at SIYC. We only have limited number of slips available and transients often make reservations far in advance, so let me know as soon as possible. All slip reservations for both members and transients must go through the FC.

Plans are well underway for opening day on May 19, including the Waterman's memorial ceremony, and the annual **Blessing of the Fleet**. The Blessing is an ancient tradition meant to ensure a safe and bountiful boating season. The annual Blessing of the Fleet is open to ALL power and sail boats in the region and we encourage all boaters to participate. This year it will take place on Sunday, May 19, and will begin between 1 and 2 PM. Boaters are asked to gather at that time around Sandy Point, near red mark 6A, at the intersection of the Patuxent River and the Solomons basin.

When the start is announced on VHF Channels 68 and 18, the Sea Tow boat, with a flashing light will begin heading north at 2-3 kts. about 100 yards offshore. Each participating boat will follow single file up to the anchored M/V Turtle Island to announce the name of its boat. The onboard SIYC chaplain Bill Miller will bless each passing boat followed by tossing a flower into the water. The boats will then proceed upriver a short distance to where the M/V Tension from the Calvert Marine Museum will be anchored before the high bridge. The uniformed, present and past senior officers of SIYC will be onboard and will salute each passing vessel. The ceremony is then finished and the participating boats can return to their home ports.

The Cuckhold Creek sailing raft up has been canceled due to lack of participation. We hope to get more boaters interested in some raft ups in the coming months. The Wicomico Yacht Club opening day cruise is still on for May 25-27. Bruce Dickinson is the cruise leader so contact him to participate.

The Boating Safety Seminar series will start again for 2024 on the last Thursday of each month. The first session will take place on **Thursday, May 25th, at 4 p.m.** upstairs at SIYC. The topic will be Boating Safety and will be presented by George Weston, Commodore of the Solomons Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This one-hour presentation followed by Q & A's will be a useful refresher for all boaters. Other topics to follow include: rules of nautical road in June, nautical road signs in July, radio in August and weather in September. We will send reminders each month. After this one-hour session, the bar and Pub food will be available in the Captains' Lounge. We urge all members and especially active boaters to attend.

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I want to thank all member slip holders who voluntarily paid their full year slip fees this year. There are just a few who will need to convert to annual when invoices are sent next year. Last and important, I want to extend a special thanks to Butch Garren and all the pier committee members who devoted time to do repairs and maintenance of the SIYC docks and facilities during the April clean-up day. They really accomplished a lot in one day and it truly highlights the talent and willingness of our members to volunteer and keep our Club and docks in great shape.

~ Jim Kiley, Fleet Captain
410-734-2430 (new cell #)



Solomon Sez
May 2024
Membership Committee
Kat Tyrrell

On April 6, 2024, the Board of Governors favorably voted the following into Regular membership:

1. Cyndi Ward Baumgarten and Robert Baumgarten
2. Kristina and Patrick Dean
3. Jackie Randell
4. Kimberle Kenworthy

Congratulations and welcome to SIYC!



Kristina and Patrick Dean



Cindy and Bobby Baumgarten



Kimi Kensworth

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On April 6th Board of Governors meeting, Justin and Rachel Atkinson had their First Reading/Introduction. Their sponsors Ralph Swartwood and Jim Atkinson represented them.



Rachel and Justin Atkinson, First Reading

On April 6th Board of Governors meeting, Joel Johnson, Peggy Schaller, and Tom and Theresa Vandenberg were all officially welcomed in.



Welcome Joel Johnson, Peggy Schaller, and Tom and Theresa Vandenberg

At the present time there are 66 applicants on the Wait List.

~Kat Tyrell, SIYC Membership Chair



Nominating Committee Members for the 2025 Slate -

Kat Tyrrell, Nancy Kuzmick, Kay Collins, Ralph Swartwood and Tom Jones

Secretary

The Club Secretary, Diane Townsend, is stepping down at the end of the year. This position is important and rewarding. Fortunately, most secretary duties can be performed at home, but will need to visit the Club when physical files (folders) need to be filed, and upload digital files to the club computer, and any correspondence that was generated. The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer (especially during the annual dues collection), and the Membership Data Base Manager, Brenda Knight. Additionally, you coordinate with the Membership Chair and the Webmaster to make sure the data about our members is up to date and accurate. The Secretary attends monthly Board meetings to take the minutes. Bridge members and Committee Chairs usually share their reports with the Secretary to assist with the Minutes. There are members at the club willing to assist the Secretary when mailing out correspondence to general membership. Please contact, Kat Tyrrell (ktyrrell2@comcast.net) or Diane Townsend for more information. Thank you.

~ the Nominating Committee Members

From the Club Quartermaster

Spring has sprung at the SIYC merchandise store! Shirts, hats, jackets and more. New stock has arrived in many colors and sizes. And just in time for the upcoming opening weekend in May! Show your club support and wear it proud!

And as always, thank you for shopping SIYC!



~ Sharon Johnston, Quartermaster



Landscape Update

May 2024

Hi,

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer like weather! The new yacht club plants are looking good with some watering. Hopefully, we'll get a soaking rain soon, maybe next weekend. We had a fantastic turnout at spring clean up day and got almost everything done in 2 hours. Whew, 90 bags of mulch and we had to get 21 more to finish up. HUGE thanks to everyone who helped us:

Ivy and Gary Kline

Scott Johnson

Jim and Anne Hurley

John Ford

Dave Leitzel

Larry Langfeldt

Joel Johnson

Duke May

Susan Rork and Bill Rich

Bill Favor

Sue Stevenson

Carolyn Chandler

There are 2 photos below of the gardens I took on Sunday. The iris in front of the green house and in the front berm garden, in this photo the purple snapdragon look alikes are actually a perennial, *Antirrhinum Hispanicum*, common name is Spanish Snapdragon, in front the red ones are annual snapdragons that wintered over. The yellow flower, I don't remember the name, but it is a native plant and is producing new small green babies in front of it, and also the blue grass is Little Bluestem grass, also a perennial.



Yellow Iris

Thanks again for everyone's help and support!!

~ Laurie Ford, Landscape Committee Chair



Spanish perennial Snapdragons, annual snapdragons, and lovely yellow native flowers, with Little Bluestem grass.





SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to extend sympathy to Cathy Nash and family for the passing of her husband, Marty, who served as Club Commodore in 2010.

We extend get well wishes to Bernice Lawson, Pat Farrar, Bill Glascock, and anyone else who might be recuperating.

~ Carolyn Keefe

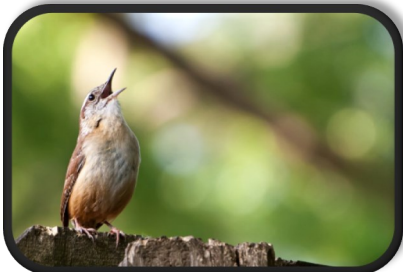


ARTIST WALL & MANTEL

Thanks to the Dove family , Mary Gott, and Adrienne Donaldson-Dreiser for letting us enjoy Pat Berube's art. We will be changing out the pictures for a special history about our clubhouse that will be provided by Judy Okay. I will be collecting the pictures on the wall this Wednesday, May 1st, at 4:30.

Mantel — Looking good Anne, as always — thank you.

~ 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.

New: For the June Sez, please send to Sue Stevenson.

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



May Birthdays!

CALLING ALL MAY BABIES!



It's that time again. Members who were born in MAY 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, May 30th

Bartending Rocks

Blueberry Mojito

Recipe: Muddle fresh blueberries, fresh mint, and simple syrup in cocktail glass, add ice, pour 2 ounces of your favorite white rum, a splash of lime juice, and soda water to fill glass. Top off with fresh mint sprigs.



Drop in on a random Monday or Tuesday to work with the bartender on shift to see how we work the bar.

May evenings we need volunteer bartenders:



Saturday, May 4th

BOG Dinner

celebrating Cinco de Mayo

6:30pm

\$20

Carne Asada Flank Steak

Cilantro Lime Shrimp

Mexican Rice

Black Beans

Dessert



C&J Spring Dinner

Saturday May 11th 6 PM \$23

Featuring:

Grilled Leg of Lamb

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables

Greek Salad

Assorted Hard Rolls

Dessert



Sign-up closes 10 AM Monday May 7th

Standby list will be provided





Saturday May 18, 5PM
Princess Cocktail Party

***You are cordially invited to attend
The Princess Cocktail party
In honor of our 2024 princess***

Anna Cecile Okay



Music by
Bob Brotto

Topside at the Club

Heavy hors d'oeuvres including:

Bacon Wrapped Scallops	Top Round on Brioche Rolls	Shrimp Cocktail
Charcuterie Board	Crab Balls	Mac & Cheese Balls
Spinach Artichoke Dip w/ Pita	Greek Pasta Salad	Fresh Vegetables w/ dip
Fresh Fruit	Brie & Raspberry Phyllo Cups	
Princess Cake with Champagne Toast		

Signup required by Monday, May 13th

\$35 per person Pre-Paid to Vice Commodore

Put checks or credit card receipt with attendee names in Vice Commodore's mailbox





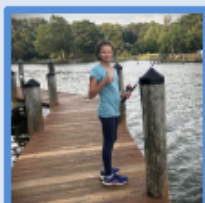
SIYC OPENING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



Saturday May 18, at 5:00PM

2024 Princess Cocktail Party

In honor of our 2024 princess, Anna Cecile Okay



Sunday, May 19, Opening Day

10:00 AM - Pastries & Coffee at the Riverside Waterman's Memorial

11:00 AM - Waterman's Memorial Ceremony on the Solomon's Boardwalk

Guest Speaker: Mary Gott

1:00 PM - Commissioning & Flag Raising Ceremony

Guest Speaker: Carol McCabe Booker

2:00 PM - The Blessing of Fleet

3:00 PM - Entertainment by Kevin Pollack & Doghouse Blue (aka Dave Lanham)

Club Picnic



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Monday, May 27

\$20

5:00pm

BBQ RIBS

FRIED CHICKEN

CUCUMBER SALAD

POTATO SALAD

COLESLAW

SHRIMP MACARONI SALAD

DESSERT



Just Because It's Wednesday...

yum

Wednesday, May 1

6:00pm
\$15

Beef and Chicken Enchiladas

Salad
Yellow Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Dessert



Wednesday, May 8th

6:00pm
\$12

Chicken Wings
Buffalo, BBQ, and Plain
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Wednesday, May 22

6:00pm
\$15

Hawaiian Chicken Thighs

Rice
Asparagus
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Wednesday, May 29

6:00pm
\$15

Pork Tenderloin with Blueberry Glaze

Parsley Potatoes
Zucchini and Squash
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



And, just because.
Great food, great company

Saturday, May 25

6:00pm
\$15

Salmon with Dill Sauce

Rice Pilaf
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



GREAT PICS!



LINE OFFICERS

Commodore	Barbara Raley
Vice Commodore	Gary Heal
Rear Commodore	Charles Mahanes
Fleet Captain	Jim Kiley
Secretary	Diane Townsend
Treasurer	Mike Snapp

FLEET OFFICERS

Fleet Surgeon	Cindy Kobrine
Fleet Chaplain	Bill Miller

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Immediate Past Commodore	Greg Wanamaker
2024	Carol Lightstone, Dennis Lawson, Mike Pickering, Mary Gott, Terrie Johnson
2025	Kay Collins, Tom Jones, Nancy Kuzmick, Ralph Swartwood, Kat Tyrell
2026	Cincy Leitzel, Pat Farrar, Nancy Favor, Anne Breaux, Maureen Wolfe

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

House	Ralph Swartwood
Pier	Pat Farrar & Regan Mullins
Membership	Kat Tyrrell
Budget & Planning	John Okay
Audit	Craig Wilson
Facilities Improvement	Jack Chenevey
Nominating	2025 Governors
Yearbook	Barbara Dove Whalen
Bylaws	Craig Wilson

OTHER COMMITTEES

Bartender Coordinator	David Leitzel
Beautification	Judy Okay & Anne Breaux
Bits & Bytes	Mike Snapp
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	Monica Simpson & Mary Jo Leitch
<i>Solomons Sez</i>	Maureen Wolfe
Sunshine	Carolyn Keefe
Website	Priscilla Harrell & David Harrell

Alternate #1	Carolyn Keefe
Alternate #2	Doug Smith
Alternate #3	Priscilla Harrell

Any many more volunteers and amazing club members!





May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Click Me!</i> <i>I am a Clickable Calendar!</i></p>			<p>1 Mike and Carol Snapp</p> <p>Beef & Chicken Enchiladas \$15</p>	<p>2 Member Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p> <p><i>HALL RENTAL 11 AM - 4 PM</i></p>	<p>3 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>4 Staff Bartender</p> <p>BoG 5 pm</p> <p>Carne Asada Steak & Cilantro Lime Shrimp 6:30 pm. \$20</p>
<p>5 Staff Bartender</p>	<p>6 Don Killatrick & Peter Hughes</p>	<p>7 Peggy Schaller and Dave/Cindy Leitzel</p>	<p>8 Member Bartender</p> <p>Chicken Wings \$12</p>	<p>9 Member Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>10 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p> <p><i>HALL RENTAL 5-10 PM</i></p>	<p>11 Staff Bartender</p> <p>C&J Dinner \$23</p> <p><i>HALL RENTAL 12-4 PM</i></p>
<p>12 Staff Bartender</p>	<p>13 Mary Gott</p>	<p>14 Carolyn Keefe</p>	<p>15 Dee Peters & Cindy Leitzel</p> <p>Taco Night \$10</p> <p></p>	<p>16 Mike and Carol Snapps</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>17 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>18 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Princess Cocktail Party \$35 prepaid</p>
<p>19 Staff Bartender Opening Day & Blessing of the Fleet</p>	<p>20 Susan Rork & Bill Rich</p>	<p>21 Kelly and Barry Friedman</p>	<p>22 David and Cindy Leitzel</p> <p>Hawaiian Chicken \$15</p> <p><i>HALL RENTAL 4-10 PM</i></p>	<p>23 Jim and Randi Kiley</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>24 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	<p>25 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Wicomico YC Opening Day Cruise</p> <p>Salmon with dill sauce \$15</p>
<p>26 Wicomico YC Opening Day Cruise</p> <p>Staff Bartender</p>	<p>27 Wicomico YC Opening Day Cruise</p> <p>Staff Bartender</p> <p>Memorial Day Picnic 5 pm. \$20</p>	<p>28 Susan Rork and Bill Rich</p>	<p>29 Gary Heal and Nancy Ririe</p> <p>Pork Chop tenderloin, blueberry glaze \$15</p> <p><i>HALL RENTAL 4-11 PM</i></p>	<p>30 Carol Keefe</p> <p>Monthly Birthday Party</p> <p></p>	<p>31 Staff Bartender</p> <p>Pub Food</p>	

