

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

“One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay”

April 2024



Commodore's Corner



Hello everyone,

I first would like to thank our Vice Commodore Gary Heal, for covering the March BOG meeting in my absence. Several members mentioned to me how delicious the Florentine Stuffed Chicken was. Thank you CeCe and staff.

St. Patrick's Day dinner and entertainment was a huge success with over 95 people enjoying the food and Ben Connelly singing Irish tunes.

Bingo has taken off!! Everyone has such a wonderful time. Thank you Dave and Cindy Leitzel.

April is right around the corner and is very welcome! In fact, we have spring cleanup at our Club April 13, please come and help.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club.

~ Commodore Barbara Raley





Rear Commodore's Corner

As I am writing this in preparation for publishing in this April issue of Solomon Sez, two primary thoughts come to mind today.

— The first is SPRING —

It's now here and it's time for our Annual Spring Cleanup. Our club-wide Cleanup, Fixup, Spruce Up, and Touch Up Day is scheduled for Saturday April 13th. Please watch for the Sign Up Sheet which House Chair, Ralph Swartwood is finalizing. It will be posted in the Lounge so look for jobs that match your talent and is something that you would really like to do. For the club. Committee Chairs and Department Chairs please let Ralph know specific tasks that you would like added to the list.

We start early and many hands can make short work of what is a truly rewarding day We will start the day with a light breakfast and then lunch when most of the work is finished!

We especially need the loan of power washers, deck scrubs, leaf blowers, etc. Please let Ralph know if you can lend these tools to the club for a day.

Thanks in advance everyone for coming out on the 13th!!

— The second is FOOD —

As we prepare for tomorrow's March Birthday Pot Luck I am reminded of the enormous wealth of culinary talent that we have in the club. Every month as I leave the Pot Luck Dinner I hear members exclaiming "Wow that's one of the best dinners we have had here at the Club".

Why not consider presenting a Volunteer Dinner at the Club? You can feature a special Family favorite, some meal that you have always wanted to share with a group, or some Holiday that we may have forgotten. The fairly simple guidelines are on page 35 of the current yearbook. Bring me your ideas and we will work with you to bring it to fruition. There are always volunteers out there that will help, especially when someone else comes up with the idea! Call or email me with your ideas and we will find a spot on the calendar.

Thank you,

~ Rear Commodore Charles R. Mahanes



SIYC Fleet Captain Report

The recent warm weather has officially started the 2024 boating season. Many boaters have started working on their sail and power boats for another boating season. SIYC slips are filling up with member boats and we have already seen some transient boats visiting the Club. In fact, we are already ahead of last year with transient reservations! More are expected from reciprocating yacht clubs and other approved organizations as the year progresses. We had some unfortunate breaks in the water lines to the piers. The water has been turned on to the main pier, but not to the Redfield pier. The pier committee is working on getting them repaired.

We have a number of cruises scheduled and encourage all active boaters to sign up. Butch Garren is leading the effort to organize cruises for members' sailboats. The first sailboat raft-up of the season will take place at noon on May 11, 2024 in Cuckhold Creek. A second cruise for all boaters will be on May 25, 2024 to the Wicomico Yacht Club opening day, led by Bruce Dickerson. Please sign up or contact Butch or Bruce if you are interested.

Plans are underway for the annual Blessing of the Fleet organized by SIYC. This year's event will take place between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2024. All boaters are welcome to participate. Further information will be forthcoming later.

We are resuming boating seminars presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Solomons Vice Commodore, George Weston. The first program this year will take place on May 23 at 4 p.m. upstairs in the Club. This one-hour topic will be boating safety as a refresher at the beginning of the boating season for experienced boaters and information valuable for new boaters. We will hold these courses on the last Thursday of each month throughout the year. Future topics will include: rules of nautical road, nautical road signs, radio, and weather.

A reminder that we plan to participate in the spring club clean up on April 13. Lastly, all members with slips at the marina should submit your payment (yearly if possible) before the end of the month.

As always, if you are interested in serving on the pier committee, please reach out to Pat Farrar or me.

~ Jim Kiley, Fleet Captain

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**Solomon Sez
April 2024
Membership Committee
Kat Tyrrell**

On March 9, 2024, at the Executive Meeting, the Board of Governors favorably voted the following into Regular membership.

1. Jim and Anne Watson
2. Tom and Theresa Vandenberg
3. Joel Johnson
4. Peggy Shaller

Congratulations and welcome to SIYC!

On March 9, 2024, at the Board of Governors meeting four applicants had their First Readings / Introductions.

1. Cyndi Ward Baumgarten and Robert Baumgarten, and their sponsors Michael Ward and Harold Ward.
2. Kristina and Patrick Dean, and their sponsors Buzz Milan and Mike Stanton.
3. Jackie Randell, and her sponsors Tommy Higgins and Jorgina Colyn
4. Kimberle Kenworthy and her sponsors, Scott Redfield, and Kat Tyrrell

On April 6, 2024, at the Executive meeting, the Board will vote on these applicants for Regular Membership.



*Cyndi Ward
Baumgarten &
Robert Baumgarten*



*Kristina & Patrick
Dean*



Jacki Randell



Kimberle Kenworth

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On April 6, 2024, at the Board of Governors meeting, Justin and Rachel Atkinson will attend their First Reading/Introduction, with their sponsors Jim Atkinson and Ralph Swartwood.

The club currently has sixty-nine applicants on the wait list.

~Kat Tyrell, SIYC Membership Chair

From Judy Okay

If anyone has photos of the front or back of the SIYC Clubhouse, taken prior to 1950, please contact Judy Okay. We would like to put together an evolution of the Clubhouse from the earliest time possible to the present. Photos with commentary will be displayed at SIYC.



Celebrating Women of the Sea

P/C Pat Healy-Catchings

Ted and I recently returned from a Caribbean Cruise with Bernice and Dennis Lawson aboard the Celebrity Beyond. When we first scheduled the cruise, Bernice and Dennis told us we were in for a treat as "the Beyond" was captained by the first American woman cruise ship Captain, Kate McCue. I did not think much about it at the time, but when we boarded the Beyond, and experienced the command of Captain Kate and the efficiency and atmosphere of her ship, I felt so pleased and proud. From talking to the crew, you could see how much she was respected and her dedication to bringing more women into command of these vessels was admired and commended. The cruise we were on had about 70 percent women officers being mentored for Captain, and Captain Kate told me a previous cruise had all women officers. This is something I could not have imagined growing up. I was so pleased. It brought joy to my heart, and I told Captain Kate as much when she greeted us all as we disembarked. I am not much on selfies, but I took one with Captain Kate to remember. (Note: She has a great sense of humor too that was always on display – as an example, her name badge says "Captain – Please don't call it a boat.")

On returning home, I read the story of Sailor Cole Brauer who made history as the first woman to race solo around the world. At the young age of 29, she placed second out of 16 sailors who competed in the Global Solo Challenge, more than half of whom dropped out. For her next feat, she intends to compete in the Vendee Globe, a single-handed, non-stop, non-assisted round the world sailing race in 2028. Another amazing woman of the sea.

These accomplished women have me thinking about all the accomplished women of the sea we have in SIYC. In the Captain ranks, there is Margie Dove, Sue Stevenson and Donna Fabian. (My apologies if there are other Captains out there. Please let me know.) Margie did charters for years, Sue Stevenson did a solo trip down the Intercoastal Waterway, and Donna Fabian regularly captains her vessel around the Bay. Then there are the first mates who do everything on the boats, not the least of which is ensuring successful docking! Many race with their spouses on vessels, including our Commodore Barbara Raley, who did many a sailing race with her husband Clarke, including the renowned Governor's Cup Race.

So, here's to all the women of the sea, near and far. You are strong, you are skillful, and you set an enduring example for all young women and for us all.



*Captain Kate McCue, Pat Healy-Catchings
and Ted Catchings*



Nominating Committee Members for the 2025 Slate -

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

Recruiting for Rear Commodore an Secretary for 2025

SIYC is a social and boating club that functions primarily on volunteerism. Pease consider volunteering. Contact Tom Jones, tjones1080@aol.com

Rear Commodore

This is a respected, one-year position for an individual willing to contribute some time to the Club. The Rear Commodore is responsible for the overall operations of the Club. A list of duties is available for review.

Secretary

The role of the Secretary is to maintain the administrative records and documents of the Club. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the membership. A list of duties is available for your review.

To be eligible to hold any office or Board position, the individual must have been a member of the Club in good standing for at least one full year prior to taking office.

~ the Nominating Committee Members



Landscape Update April 2024

Hi,

Happy Spring! Flowers and shrubs are blooming! My yard is full of color right now. The Club has come nice color coming as well! See the photos below. The first picture is various daffodils in the berm garden by Mystic Pizza. The second photo is a flowering quince, it will fill out more next year.

I've been working in my yard and at the yacht club to clean up gardens. Spring cleanup day at the yacht club is Saturday April 13th. Here's what I have planned for that day:

- ◇ We have 90 bags of mulch to spread, it is being delivered Thursday April 11th.
- ◇ We are preparing the soil for the garden where the cherry tree died, I have some perennial flowers to plant and also sunflower seeds.
- ◇ All gardens will need to be weeded if that cleanup hasn't already happened. And mulch spread in the gardens.
- ◇ I'll also have some new perennials, seed and annuals to plant that day.

A huge thanks to Mike Snapp for cutting down the dead cherry tree so we can create a new garden there. Also huge thanks to Nancy Favor and Jody Keen for cleaning up the gardens by the church last fall and planting some new tulip bulbs! I noticed some other areas have been cleaned up as well, the asters in front of the building. Thanks to whoever did that. And also, a huge thanks to Pat Farrar for spraying the weeds in the parking lot.

Please bring garden gloves, wheel barrels to distribute mulch to the garden areas and your favorite tools for cleaning up and spreading. I'll have some extra tools and gloves if you need them. I'm hoping for a rain-free day, so we can get all the work done that day.

~ Laurie Ford, Landscape Committee Chair





SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to offer our sympathy to Mary Lou Lindholm and family for the passing of her husband, Richard. We extend get well wishes to Bill Glascock, Susan Smith, Brenda Knight, and anyone else who might be recuperating.

Congratulations to Diane Townsend on the birth of her granddaughter, Sophie.

~ Carolyn Keefe



ARTIST WALL & MANTEL

It is time to say farewell to our beautiful Joe Moraski metal sculptures on the Art Wall. Thanks to all those who contributed to our display. (Carolyn Keefe, Bob and Nancy Kuzmick, Ilze King, Marie Sidleck, and Marietta and Richard Van Natta.) we will be changing the wall out on Wednesday, April 3 at 4 p.m. Our April display will include oils , acrylics , and prints by former member Pat Berube. She was a member of the club from 1974 To 2006. Anyone who has her art and would be willing to have it displayed at the Club, please contact Sue Stevenson.

Mantel — In celebration of Easter, Anne Breaux has our mantel displayed with a multitude of bunnies. Check it out. Looking good Anne.

~ 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.



April Birthdays!



CALLING ALL APRIL BABIES!

It's that time again. Members who were born in APRIL 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, April 25th

Bartending Rocks

Strawberry Vodka Tonic



Recipe: Over ice or up, pour 2 ounces of your favorite vodka, fill with tonic, top with lime and strawberries. Sugar the rim for added fun.

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

April evenings we need volunteer bartenders:

Thursdays the 4th and 11th

Monday the 29th



Saturday, April 6

BOG Dinner

6:30pm

\$20

Cajun Chicken with Shrimp Etouffee

Rice and Broccoli

Rolls and Salad

Dessert





Authentic Moroccan Dinner and entertainment In the Sahara Desert

Saturday April 20, \$40 PP/Prepay event before April 15

Register online/Captain lounge/ leave check/cash/receipt from register in RC slot

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner starts at 6pm followed by Entertainment

Appetizers



Homemade Hummus and olive oil served with pita

Moroccan salad cucumbers and tomatoes



Original Zaalook (eggplant delight)



Entree

Traditional Couscous with beef and 7 vegetables

Tagine with

Chicken Preserved lemons and Olives



Assorted deserts

Moroccan Mint tea



Just Because It's Wednesday...

yum

Wednesday, April 3
6:00pm
\$15

Garlic Mussels over Linguine
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Wednesday, April 10
6:00pm
\$12

Roasted Pork Loin
Hasselback Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad and Rolls
Dessert



Wednesday, April 24
6:00pm
\$15

Shrimp Cobb Salad with Avocado
Red Lentil Soup
Rolls
Dessert



And, just because.
Great food, great company

Saturday, April 27
6:00pm
\$15

BBQ Pulled Pork
BBQ Pulled Chicken
Coleslaw & Mac n' Cheese
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!





April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Robert and Carol Lightstone	2 Barry & Kelly Friedman	3 Dave and Cindy Leitzel Garlic butter Mussels Linguine \$15	4 Member Bartender Pub Food	5 Staff Bartender Pub Food	6 Staff Bartender BoG 5 pm Chicken Shrimp Étouffée 6:30 pm \$20
7 Staff Bartender	8 Dave and Cindy Leitzel Bartender Training	9 Robert and Carol Lightstone	10 Mike and Carol Snapp Roasted Pork Loin \$12	11 Member Bartender Pub Food	12 Staff Bartender Pub Food	13 Staff Bartender Spring Cleanup Day
14 Staff Bartender	15 Carolyn Keefe	16 Jim and Anne Hurley	17 Dee Peters & Maureen Wolfe Taco Night \$10 	18 Mike and Carol Snapp Pub Food	19 Staff Bartender Pub Food	20 Staff Bartender Morocco Dinner Entertainment. \$40 Prepay
21 Staff Bartender	22 Tom and Loretta Beaumont	23 Judy and John Okay	24 Member Bartender Shrimp Cobb Dinner Salad, avocado, red lentil soup \$15	25 Carolyn Keefe Monthly Birthday Party 	26 Staff Bartender Pub Food	27 Staff Bartender BBQ Platter- Pulled pork or chicken \$15
28 Staff Bartender New Member Briefing 3 pm	29 Member Bartender	30 Jim and Anne Hurley	<i>Click Me! I am a Clickable Calendar!</i>			

