

# SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

“One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay”



March 2024



## Commodore's Corner

Hello all,

Welcome March! February was up and down as far as the weather goes. We had a great month with several fun events. The Valentine's Day dinner and Mardi Gras Tailgate party were well attended and everyone had a great time. C&J winter dinner was over the top with their braised beef short ribs. Jack Chenevey and Charles Mahanes out did themselves. Thank you.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day, celebrating on March 16th featuring Ben Connelly entertaining while you enjoy corned beef and cabbage.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who help keep our club running smoothly.

As for me, I am well into planning Opening Day festivities. Hope to see you at the Club.

~ Commodore Barbara Raley



*Spring is on its way!*





## Vice Commodore's Corner

Greetings,

Things were quite busy last month, considering the significant number of members who "winter" in the south. Congrats to the Calvert County Luncheon Mix & Mingle on their get together on February 15 in Englewood, FL.

Winter hours will be over on March 10, and will be celebrated with a "Bubbles and Crunch" a wine and food pairing to remember. You will want to be there.

A reminder that we are taking donations to the Memorial Service Award, make your donation payable to SIYC. If you want to make the contribution anonymously or in honor of someone who has passed, please note so on the check. If your donation is received by late March, your name will be included in this year's SIYC yearbook. Checks can be mailed to SIYC at PO Box 206, Solomons MD, 20688, or placed in the Vice Commodores or Treasurers in box in the Captains Lounge.

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good people. If you are interested in serving let myself or the following people of the Nominating Committee know. Kat Tyrrell, Ralph Swartwood, Nancy Kuzmick, Kay Collins, Tom Jones.

*~ Vice Commodore Gary Heal*





## Rear Commodore's Corner

February could not have been the successful month that we all enjoyed without our cadre of faithful volunteers. We had a great Super Bowl Tailgate Party, a record Taco Night, a rollicking Mardi Gras Happy Hour, a C & J Winter Dinner, a Bingo and Pizza Sunday Afternoon, and a very special Leap Year Birthday Party. These events were all planned and executed flawlessly by our volunteers.

### THANK YOU!!

With Spring just about here, the daffodils are blooming, a few of our Snow Bird friends are trickling back, soon the pier will be bustling with activity as we look forward to the energy of warmer weather and longer days.

Here's what to look forward to this month:

#### ***"Bubbles and Crunch"***

A wine tasting with special snacks, and chocolate treats  
prepared by Chef Robert Plant

Presented by Dee Peters, Sunday March 10th at 3:00PM

A prepay event, \$35.00 per person

Sign up in Lounge or on Website by Tuesday March 5th. Place checks or Paid  
Receipts from Bar in Rear Commodore Mailbox

#### ***Chicken Florentine Dinner***

Following the BOG Meeting  
Saturday, March 9th

#### ***St. Patrick's Day***

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner  
Entertainment by Ben Connelly  
Saturday March 16th at 6:00 PM

#### ***Easter Sunday***

Easter Sunrise Service 6:15 a.m., and Easter Sunday Breakfast 7:15 a.m.  
Join us following the service for a scrumptious buffet  
prepared by Cece and team.

Thank you for a great month!

~ Rear Commodore Charles R. Mahanes



## SIYC Fleet Captain Report

Things remain relatively quiet on the docks, although some high tides have necessitated lifting the ramps to the floating docks. Special thanks to Regan, Pat, and Butch for handling that task. As you may have seen from the February BOG minutes, the BOG approved the pier committee members and the annual and transient slip rates for 2024. The good news is there will not be any changes in either of those rates for 2024.

Also, I mentioned at the BOG meeting that we would like to transition in 2025 to a once a year (annual) invoice for all members renting slips at SIYC. For this year, we are asking slip holders to voluntarily pay their slip fees for the full year when you receive your invoice in March 2024 from Butch. We hope everyone can do this as it will make the payment collection for slips much simpler. Butch will be emailing the billing statements for 2024 in early March.

Just a few updates to mention. Check out the SIYC website as we have revised the Transient Registration Form and updated the Transient Boaters web page. We continue to look for the best means to transition from paper to more of an electronic storage, database, and reservation system. The Pier Committee will have its annual training/retraining class on March 14th. Also, we plan to support the club's April 13 spring cleanup with a number of pier related projects.

Another reminder, we posted on clip boards on the wall by the kitchen the sign-up sheets for the planned outgoing SIYC cruises for 2024. Please sign up or contact the cruise leader with questions or comments. I want to highlight some of the other popular upcoming boating events, so you can put them on your schedule. The sailboat raft-up at Cuckhold Creek on May 11; the Blessing of the Fleet on May 19; the Summer Solstice on June 29; and the Ted Evans Poker Run on September 29.

Lastly, I renewed the SIYC participation in the BoatUS Cooperating Group Program. When you renew your individual BoatUS membership, you need to provide your personal membership number. If you add the SIYC source code of **GA80921Y**, then you will earn a discount on your membership and towing insurance. BoatUS also provides other discounts on fuel, slips and repairs. This is active until the end of 2024. Also, we will be getting a supply of Yachting Club of America reciprocal courtesy cards in the next couple of weeks for anyone that wants these. Just let me know.

Still waiting for a sustained warm up so we can get back to boating.

*~ Jim Kiley, Fleet Captain*

*410-734-2430 (new cell #)*



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

On February 3, 2024, at the Board of Governors meeting four applicants had their First Readings/ Introductions.

1. Jim and Anne Watson, and their sponsor P/C Michael Stanton
2. Joel Johnson, and his sponsor P/C Michael Stanton
3. Tom and Theresa Vandenberg, and their sponsor Jerry Budnick
4. Peggy Schaller, and her sponsors David Arbuthnot and Ilze King

On March 9th Executive meeting, the Board will vote on these applicants for Regular Membership.



*Anne & Jim Watson,  
with sponsor Mike Stanton*



*Joel Johnson,  
with sponsor Mike Stanton*



*Theresa & Tom Vandenberg,  
with sponsor Jerry Budnick*



*Peggy Schaller (2nd to left),  
with sponsors David Arbuthnot, Ilze King  
and Sally Arbuthnot*

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On March 9, 2024, Board of Governors meeting, there will be four First Reading/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 16, 2024, Board of Governors meeting, there will be two First Reading/Introductions:

1. Justin and Rachel Atkinson, and their sponsors Jim Atkinson and Ralph Swartwood
2. Scott and Kristine Carpenter, and their sponsors Carolyn Chandler and Betsy Cooksey

The club currently has seventy-three applicants on the wait list.

*~Kat Tyrell, SIYC Membership Chair*

## **Awesome Opportunity**

Hi, I have been Secretary for five years now, and it is time for me to hang up my pen. It's been a wonderful experience, but I want others to be able to contribute and get the rewards that I have gotten from being Secretary. First of all, it is fun! You get to know almost everyone in the club. Additionally, you can do most of the work from home. I do go to the club office about once a month to update the physical files and upload to the club computer the correspondence that has been generated. I say a prayer each time I go up those stairs!

You will work closely with our Treasurer (especially during the annual dues collection), and our membership data base manager, Brenda Knight. Since I was and still am not proficient with Excel, Brenda keeps the data base up to date. Additionally, you coordinate with the Membership Chair and the Webmaster to make sure the data about our members is up to date and accurate.

Other than wearing the white polyester uniform in the summer that makes you look like you are selling Good Humor ice cream, there are no downsides. And we can break stereotypes – I actually think a man can do this job.

Please contact me for more information if you are interested. [townsenddk@comcast.net](mailto:townsenddk@comcast.net)  
Thanks so much.

*~ Diane Townsend, SIYC Secretary*



## Nominating Committee Members for the 2025 Slate -

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

### Recruiting for Bridge and Board Positions

SIYC is a social and boating club that functions primarily on volunteerism. To be eligible to hold any office or membership on the Board, a person must have been a member of the Club in good standing for at least one full year prior to taking office. Please 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.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain the current financial records of the Club, including an accounting of Club financial transactions.

### Board of Governors

Board position is a three-year term to serve on the Board. Board members represent membership. The Board meets one Saturday per month for approximately one hour.

Alternate BOG position is a one-year term. The purpose of having Alternate Governors is to assure a quorum at monthly BOG meetings, and to enable meetings to start on schedule.

*~ the Nominating Committee Members*



## Landscape Update March 2024

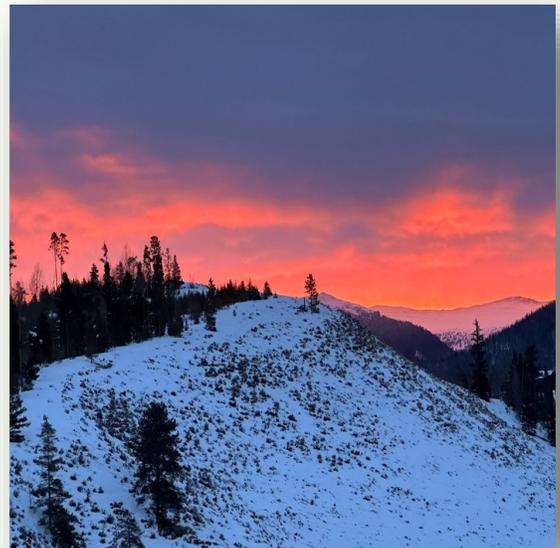
Hi, hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather this week, it looks like we're due for some more next week. I'm thinking about spring planting and cleaning up the gardens.

We have 12 garden areas at the Club. I am trying to get a person or persons assigned to each garden area to monitor and maintain. About half of them have been assigned so far to landscape committee members. If you would like an area to maintain, please let me know. We have varying sizes and it's about 15-20 minutes of work every couple of weeks. No need to be a gardener, it's simple and easy and I'm happy to tell you what should be done.

This spring we will be creating a new garden by the exit where the cherry tree died and was removed. My plan is to enhance the soil and plant sun loving, butterfly attracting native plants. If you have any that you'd like to contribute, please let me know.

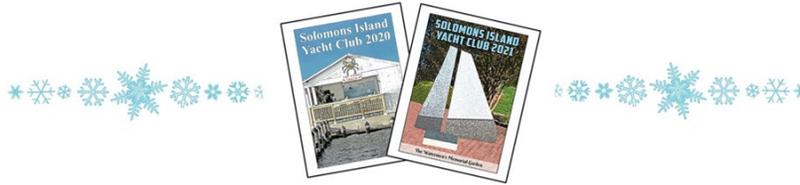
The Club spring clean up day is April 13th. I will have 90 bags of mulch delivered before that date; we will need helpers to spread the mulch in the 12 garden areas. And whatever clean up that hasn't happened by then will need to be done before mulching. I also have some special sunflower seeds we will be planting that day and some annuals for the burgee garden and to fill in the perennial gardens.

We will return from Colorado on March 6th. Here's a recent sunrise from our balcony. We've had very mild spring like weather here for a lot of the winter. As you can see much of the vegetation is not covered by snow.



*~ Laurie Ford, Landscape Committee Chair*





## SIYC Yearbook Update

March 2024

Hey Everyone!

It's not too late to send in your Member Greetings, any updates to your Membership/Fleet Rosters, or your donation to the Memorial Service Award for the 2024 SIYC Yearbook. See below for more information on each item.

### 2024 Member Greetings

Our Member Greetings section is a great way to send a special note out to all our members and even our advertisers who receive our yearbook! Please email your message along with a photograph/artwork to Carol Lightstone at [LightstoneCI@Verizon.net](mailto:LightstoneCI@Verizon.net).

The cost is \$25. Please make a check payable to SIYC and mail to: Solomons Island Yacht Club, Attn: Yearbook, P.O. Box 206, Solomons, MD 20688.

**Payment and Greetings Due: March 8, 2024.**

### Membership Roster and Fleet Roster

Do you have any changes to your Membership/Fleet Roster?

If so, please send them ASAP to Brenda Knight at [SIYCyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:SIYCyearbook@gmail.com).

Please include the following: 1) Member Name, Email, Cell; 2) Spouse/Partner Name, Email, Cell; 3) Mailing Address, Physical Address, Home Phone; and 4) Boat Name, Boat Make, Boat Length

**Updates Due: March 8, 2024**

### Memorial Service Award

The Board of Governors established the Memorial Service Award, in honor of deceased members, to be awarded annually to Club staff who have given outstanding service. The award will be made in the spring.

Contributions received by late March will be recognized in the Annual Yearbook.

Contributions can be made via check payable to SIYC noting that it is for the memorial fund and if in memory of a loved one. If you wish for your contribution to be anonymous, please note. Checks can be placed in the Treasurer's box.

**Contributions Due: March 31, 2024**

If you have any other questions or suggestions about the upcoming yearbook, please email me at [SIYCyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:SIYCyearbook@gmail.com). Your input is appreciated!

*~ Thank you, Barbara Dove Whalen, Yearbook Chair*



## From Mary Gott, SIYC Historian

Last month, I tried to answer members' questions about the SIYC history. The first was about how long has the Yearbooks been published. There were many years of yearbooks missing. Since that, one of our members, Marie Sidleck, contacted me and she had found yearbooks for 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992. There were five years we did not have. I have read the minutes on line and I know there were other years but I have not been able to find any of them.

Regarding the number of boats during those years, and for all you sail boaters, in 1984 there were 119 sailboats and 78 powerboats, owned by members.

In 1988, only boat names were listed nothing else, In 1989, five years later there were 74 sailboats and 81 powerboats. In 1992, there were 64 sailboats and 68 powerboats. So there were years that the sailboats and powerboat owners were very close.

Another SUBJECT I want to make members aware of is a project taken on by some of our wonderful member volunteers. The lecture which is used for our meetings and other events was in very poor condition. It looked like a boxer who had been many rounds and was badly battered and beat up. On one of my trips to the yacht club, I ran into Butch and Karen Garren moving the lecture into their vehicle. He said he and Jack Chenevey were going to do some repair work to cover the splitting edges and damage caused by moving the lecture around to different areas.

At the next BOG meeting there was the beautifully restored lecture looking just wonderful as you can see. They had scraped, pounded, and sanded the damaged areas. Added wood where needed, polished and stained that wood to match the other wood. Gail Chenevey had cleaned and repainted the SIYC plaque, making it look brand new. Butch removed the microphone and scraped and cleaned it, as Butch said, "I removed the many years of spit and other things that came out of speakers' mouths." He polished the metal housing holding the microphone. Jack told me that on the back of the plaque they found the following written: *Made at Island Pottery- Bermude by Nick Marsh 4/15/99.*

When you see Butch and Karen Garren and Jack and Gail Chenevey, thank them for all the work they did to bring our lecture back to life and looking so good!

~ Mary Gott, SIYC Historian





## SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to extend our condolences to Barbara Skouzes and family for their loss of George. We would also like to offer our sympathy to the Gagnon and Kavanaugh families for the passing of Ann.

We extend get well wishes to Valerie Trumbull, Bill Glascock, Susan Smith, and anyone else who might be recuperating.

~ Carolyn Keefe



## ARTIST WALL & MANTEL

Thank you to all those who helped with the display of Joe Moraski metal sculptures- Ilze King added two pieces that completed our display. For April, we are looking for artwork by former member Pat Berube. If you have a piece to display, contact Sue Stevenson.

### Mantel

I cannot tell you how many times Anne Breaux has changed out the mantel since Christmas, but it has looked great every time. Thanks 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..*



# March Birthdays!



**CALLING ALL MARCH BABIES!**

It's that time again. Members who were born in MARCH 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, March 28th

## Bartending Rocks

In honor of St. Patrick's Day — a Clover Whiskey Sour recipe -

*Recipe: Over ice or up, pour 2 ounces of bourbon, 3/4 ounce of lemon juice, 1/2 ounce of simple syrup, and shake. Pour or strain in glass. Garnish with four leaf clover.*



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

**Evenings we need volunteer bartenders:**

Mondays the 4th & 18th  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 26th, 27th and 28th



# SIYC DRINKS & BYTES

TUESDAY - MARCH 5

4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Volunteer Bartenders: David & Priscilla Harrell

Back by popular demand, the Webmaster is bartending

Sit down have some drinks, ask your website questions  
or just enjoy your drinks, we just want your company



**Saturday, March 9**

**BOG Dinner**

6:30pm

\$20

**Florentine Stuffed Chicken**

Roasted Potatoes

Butternut Squash

Rolls & Salad

Dessert



## *Bubbles & Crunch*

*a wine & food pairing to remember*

*Sunday, March 10, 3 pm*

*Limited Seating, \$35.00 per person*

*Prepay by March 6*

*Wine education & Tasting*

*Assorted wines presented by Dee Peters*

*three sparkling wines, two still wines (red and white)*

*Appetizer Pairings by celebrated chef Robert Plant*

*"White as Snow" Duck fat Fries with Parmesan cheese*

*"Finger Licks" Duck fat Chicken Fingers*

*Apple Cider Ranch sauce*

*Lite Wasabi Soy sauce, non spicy*

*Assorted Chocolates*

*Chocolate covered Berries*

*The bar will also be open for your other beverage needs*

*Payment checks to be placed in SYC Rgar Commodore's In-Box*

*For added convenience - You may also prepay at the Bar before the deadline, but you*

*must write Attendee name(s), and name of Event, on the bar receipt and place in*

*Rgar Commodore's In-Box*

*Due to limited seating and strong demand, please sign up by March 3rd.*



**Saturday, March 16**  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

**6:00 PM**

**\$25**

**Corned Beef Brisket and Cabbage**  
**Potatoes & Carrots**  
**Salad & Rolls**  
**Dessert**



# Just Because It's Wednesday...

yum

**Wednesday, March 6**  
6:00pm  
\$15

Shrimp Linguine Alfredo  
Salad & Rolls  
Dessert



**Wednesday, March 13**  
6:00pm  
\$15

Guinness Beef Stew  
Mashed Potatoes  
Salad & Rolls  
Dessert



**Wednesday, March 27**  
6:00pm  
\$15

Teriyaki Salmon  
Rice  
Asparagus  
Salad and Rolls  
Dessert



And, just because.  
Great food, great company

**Saturday, March 2**  
6:00pm  
\$15

Chicken and Steak Fajitas  
Mexican Rice  
Refried Beans  
Salad  
Dessert



**Saturday, March 23**  
Fried Chicken Dinner  
6:00pm  
\$15

Fried Chicken  
Collard Greens  
Mac n' Cheese  
Salad & 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 Kobrinc
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 Fabor, 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!





# March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Click me!</b> <b>I am a clickable calendar!</b></p>					1 Staff Bartender  <b>Pub Food</b>	2 Staff Bartender  <b>Steak and Chicken Fajitas \$15</b>
3 <b>Club Closed - Winter Hours -</b> Contact the R/C in advance if you want to open the bar.	4 Member Bartender	5 David and Priscilla Harrell  <b>Webmaster at da Lounge, bring your questions</b>	6 Dave and Cindy Leitzel  <b>Shrimp Alfredo Linguine \$15 6 pm</b>	7 Mike and Carol Snapp  <b>Pub Food</b>	8 Staff Bartender  <b>Pub Food</b>	9 Staff Bartender  <b>BoG 5 pm</b>  <b>BOG Dinner Chicken Florentine \$20, 6:30 pm</b>
10 <b>Bubbles &amp; Crunch</b> <b>Wine Tasting &amp; Chef's Appetizers 3 pm</b> <b>\$35 Prepay LIMITED SEATING</b>	11 Robert and Carol Lightstone	12 Carolyn Keefe	13 Mike and Carol Snapp  <b>Guinness Beef Stew \$15 6 pm</b>	14 Susan Rork & Bill Rich  <b>Pub Food</b>	15 Staff Bartender  <b>Pub Food</b>	16 Staff Bartender  <b>St Patrick's Day Dinner \$25, 6 pm</b>
17 <b>Club is open!</b> Staff bartender	18 Member Bartender	19 Jim and Anne Hurley	20 Dee Peters and Maureen Wolfe  <b>Taco Night</b> 	21 Carolyn Keefe  <b>Pub Food</b>	22 Staff Bartender  <b>Pub Food</b>	23 Staff Bartender  <b>Fried Chicken Dinner \$15 6 pm</b>
24 Club is open! Staff bartender	25 Susan Rork and Bill Rich	26 Member Bartender	27 Member Bartender  <b>Teriyaki Salmon \$15, 6 pm</b>	28 Member Bartender  <b>Monthly Birthday Party</b>	29 Staff Bartender  <b>Pub Food</b>	30 Staff Bartender
31 Staff Bartender <b>Easter Sunrise Service &amp; Breakfast</b> Club closes after breakfast	<p><i>March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.</i></p>					

