

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

October, 2020



Commodore's Corner

Hello to all. September was once again a very successful and fun month at SIYC. We had a lot of great dinners thanks to so many of our members. Ted Catchings' crab cakes were absolutely the best. Thank you to everyone who helped him. Great Job Ted. Oktoberfest was another huge success thanks to Jorgina Colyn and all of her helpers with a freshly prepared Oktoberfest feast and over 100 members attended. Sharon Hayden put together the annual Ted Evans poker run and we had over 76 members and guests participate. The weather wasn't the best but we had a blast and returned to the Club for a feast put together by Al Redfeild. He contracted with Chiefs Restaurant and he and all his helpers fed over 120 members and guest an awesome Lasagna dinner with all the fantastic sides. Thank you to all of our volunteer bartenders who worked to keep us hydrated. The Social Committee outdid themselves by contracting with great local musical entertainment throughout the month. Thanks Anissa and Monica. Our Rear Commodore, Pat Healy-Catchings worked endlessly to keep SIYC in compliance with all the continual changes to the clubs operations with Covid 19. October is looking to be another great month at SIYC and we hope to see you there.



Vice Commodore's Corner

Congratulations to our 2021 Bridge and BOG members who were voted in during the September Annual Meeting last month. I'd like to especially thank Commodore Mike Stanton for agreeing to serve as Commodore again next year since I am not able to move up into that position.

My V/C duties have been limited this year due to COVID-19 so there's not a lot to report. I am mostly helping out here and there as needed. I'm sure I'm not alone as I greatly miss not coming to the Club and enjoying the events with everyone. Let's hope that a viable vaccine is found soon, because I'm ready to get out of this house.

Since February, COVID-19 has presented special challenges that none of us ever expected to have to face or experience. In spite of these daunting challenges our Bridge, BOG and Committee Chairs have worked hard to open the Club and keep it open through the phased opening schedules as dictated by Governor Hogan. Please know that your Bridge Officers greatly appreciate everyone's efforts while at the Club in wearing their masks and washing their hands frequently to keep everyone safe.





Rear Commodore's Corner

September has been busy at the Club as we found more ways to safely get together. More people have been coming out to enjoy the Club outdoors and the various meals and special events. The indomitable Tacos Team of Dennis Lawson, Larry Langfeldt, Larry Reich, and Ted Catchings, assisted by Marge, found more ways to serve food not involving tacos, and adding the Labor Day picnic to their Summer picnic list. Our very own Dave Lundwall was back with his Riggi Diggi Diggi Dog cart with his really delicious hot dogs. The Social Committee hosted Oktoberfest and we celebrated in style with entertainment and German beer.

We continue to get very generous donations from members, named and anonymous to support operations and entertainment. Thanks to all these members for their generosity and support. Since we have been able to have events outside, all-in-all things have been going well considering the abnormal circumstances we find ourselves in. Watch my weekly email and the website calendar for October meals and events that are being planned.

I have gotten some response to my request for more bartenders so we are going to expand the Club hours to include Monday and Tuesday, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm effective October 5. We have now returned to regular Club hours. However, this is subject to the availability of volunteer bartenders on any given night. Please consider volunteering to bartend so we can keep the bar open.

The new hours are:

Monday – 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Tuesday – 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday – 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday – 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Sunday – 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Thanks to ALL the volunteers who keep the Club going. I cannot say enough about all the volunteers who have helped during this COVID-19 crisis and made it possible for the Club to be open. They are the backbone of the Club and what makes the SIYC special. They have my eternal gratitude.



Fleet Captain's Corner

September was an unusual month for the Club and our activities on the water. We cancelled most of our cruises this summer. Fortunately, we had a very successful poker run with over 80 participants. As always, our cruise leader, Sharon Hayden did an excellent job despite her winning third Prize!



The Poker Run stop at the Hendershot's.





Fleet Captain's Corner

(Cont'd.)



The ever-present Turtle Island making the rounds.



The Pier at the Club after the Poker Run.

As a reminder, Bruce Dickinson is the cruise leader for the cruise to Wicomico on October 10th for their crab feast. The crab feast is an experience, so please plan on attending. Contact Bruce if you are intending to go.

We are in the planning stages for the Christmas Boat Parade. Unlike previous years, I understand

the social committee is planning a different after-party. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, start thinking about your decorations. I understand the winners of our Cruise to Solomons are determined to repeat their wining ways. Can you challenge them?

If anyone has a suggestion for next year's cruises, please feel free to contact me.

I hope you all have noticed the number of transients that we have had. It's been a real challenge to the pier committee in managing all the boats. Hats off to Dennis and his team for an outstanding job.

Also, thanks to Mike Redshaw who has managed the pier accounts despite all the changes.



Fleet Surgeon's Corner

No Report.

CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

In 1884, a young British doctor published a short story based on the mystery of this ship, launched in 1861 and originally christened the *Amazon*. The author's name was Arthur Conan Doyle who would become famous for creating the sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, and his side-kick, Dr. Watson.

See Page 14 for the Answer.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Pam and Jay Morgan for their
Third Reading



WOW! 474 BURGIES
WE'RE GOING TO
NEED A BIGGER
BUILDING



Pat and Barb Whalen for their Third Reading
(Barb has already stepped up to take over the
Yearbook!!!!!!)





SIYC Annual Poker run



HAZELL'S MARGARITAS PIER





STONEYS RESTAURANT



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HENDERSHOT'S SHOTS



LABOR DAY PICNIC





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UMCES' Chesapeake Biological Laboratory presents **SCIENCE FOR CITIZENS SEMINARS** Now hosted online via ZOOM

Though UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory's doors must remain closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, our Science for Citizens seminars, now hosted on Zoom, invite you to learn about innovative research from the comfort of your own home.

A FREE Science for Citizens seminar will be presented every Tuesday at 7:00pm from September 29th through October 27. Following each presentation, there will be a moderated question and answer session.



Registration is now required: <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>

After registering, a link to join the seminar(s) via Zoom will be sent to the email address you provide.

Oyster Aquaculture:

A boon, competition or neutral for restoration and fishing

Sept. 29

Presented by Dr. Tom Miller

The Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions have committed to restoring oyster populations in 10 Bay Tributaries by 2025 - and seem to be on a path to achieve this goal. During this time oyster aquaculture in the Chesapeake has expanded to a point where its yield may soon rival natural harvests. But this growth has not been without concern and controversy, sometimes pitting different stakeholder groups against one another. This talk will explore what is involved in aquaculture, examine opportunities and conflicts and examine possible future trajectories.

Striped Bass are Built for Success:

Weathering pollution, climate change, and their own charismatic stripes

Oct. 06

Presented by Dr. David Secor

Chesapeake Bay striped bass move up and down the Atlantic coast from their estuarine birthplace. Until recently we have only seen glimpses of this movement when tagged fish are caught by anglers or scientists. Now with electronic transmitters embedded in the tummies, or chemical tracers in bones in their ears we can follow them along on their journey - learning why and when they move and how these migrations affect their growth, survival and reproduction. Hear internationally recognized expert, Dr. Dave Secor talk about his most recent work on this striped nomad of the Bay.

Registrater online to attend: <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>



Patuxent River Research Cruises: Building on a scientific & educational legacy

Oct.
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Presented by Dr. Ryan Woodland

It is critical to understand how natural and human factors affect the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystems if we are to restore, manage and sustain this unique estuary. In 2018, CBL developed the Patuxent River Research Cruise Program (PAX) to build our scientific knowledge of the Patuxent River ecosystem while helping to train the next generation of coastal scientists. This seminar will highlight the history of estuarine research and education on the Patuxent River, describe how PAX builds on this legacy, and present preliminary findings generated since the start of the program.

Decades of Change in the Patuxent River and its Tributary Companions

Oct.
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Presented by Dr. Jeremy Testa

The Patuxent River estuary has been changing for centuries, but we have relatively detailed information on the ecology of the river for only the most recent decades. In annual reports of the overall 'health' of the River, the Patuxent consistently receives poor grades, despite extensive restoration efforts. During this seminar, discover how recent monitoring in the Patuxent and its many small tributary companions has helped to reveal some of the mysteries of this river estuary to better inform its restoration.

Reducing Plastic Waste and Pollution

Oct.
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Presented by Dr. Helen Bailey

We're all used to single-use plastic, but some of it ends up in our streams, rivers, the Chesapeake Bay, and ultimately the ocean, harming the wildlife and sealife. CBL scientists partnered with restaurants on Solomons Island and with the Calvert and St. Mary's County Public Middle Schools to work together on reducing plastic waste and pollution. In this talk, Dr. Bailey will explain how businesses are "making the switch" from common single-use, petroleum-based plastics to alternative products, how scientists are working with schools, and how YOU can help!



Registrater online to attend: <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>





WHAT ARE THE DIABOLICAL LANGFELD AND HIS BAND OF MERRY MEN UP TO THIS TIME.....



VERY CLEVER



NOT SO MUCH.....



INCREDIBLE TALENT ON DISPLAY

OUR CLUB HAS SOME OF THE MOST TALENTED PEOPLE IN MARYLAND. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FELT COMFORTABLE VENTURING TO THE CLUB; JUST TAKE A LOOK.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy Fall everyone!

Can you believe we are into October already? September was a great month! Thank you all for coming out and making our events a huge success!

The Labor Day picnic put on by the TACO TEAM was awesome! The roasted chicken was a fabulous idea, let's do that again! Thank you Pat and Ted Catchings for sponsoring the singer, Kathy O'Rourke. The evening was just perfect!

Oktoberfest was well attended. Thank you Chef Jorgina Colyn, Jerry Budnick, Cindy Kobrine, Bob Kuzmick, Kim for bartending, and the kids; great job everyone. What a feast and fantastic weather. Thank you Nancy Healy for collecting \$ that night.

Dave Lundwall, thank you for bringing out the Riggi Diggi Diggi Dog a.k.a. The *Best Hotdogs in the world!* We always enjoy that day! Please come back soon.

The Moroccan dinner extravaganza is cancelled unfortunately, but look for it on next year's calendar.

There will be no Halloween party this year, as far as we know.

Our Facebook group name has changed from SIYC Quarentine 2020 to SIYC Social Network. Good job Anissa!

Don't forget to come check out Pilates at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also do Yoga with Kay Glascock on Wednesday's at 9 a.m. if she isn't off traveling the world. Thank you Kay for giving us your time and expertise.

Monica Simpson
Anissa Hutchins Stanton





ARTIST WALL

The Art wall continues with Sue Stevenson's art.

The mantle is adorned with carvings from Sue Stevenson, Wayne Joy, and Russ Leitch with accents by Anne Breaux.

CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

ANSWER

The *Mary Celeste*. She was a cargo ship that was found drifting, and abandoned by the crew of the *Dei Gratia* on December 4, 1872. There was food and water, and the cargo of commercial alcohol was intact. No bodies were found, and there was no sign of violence.

However, the lifeboat was gone as were the captain, his wife and baby daughter, along with seven crew members. The last entry in the ship's log, dated November 25, was a routine one. The mystery of what happened was never solved. In 1885, she was scuttled off the Reef of Rochelais, Haiti, in an unsuccessful attempt to collect \$27,000 in insurance money.



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend get well wishes and special thoughts to Rex Miller, Judy Windham, John Zalusky, Gerald Eastwood and anyone else who might be recuperating.

TRAVEL PRESENTATIONS

We hopefully look to restart our presentations in 2021 (or sooner if we have a vaccine). So, all travelers save your presentations for the future!

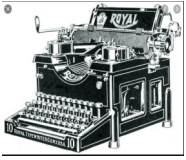


Susan Smith

As always, if you have any pertinent information or good pictures that you would like to see in Sez, I'm at:

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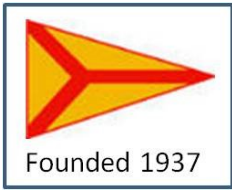




Editor's Corner

(REACH THE) BITTER END, AT THE END OF ONE'S ROPE, IN DEEP WATER These expressions refer to last part of the anchor cable that remains within the ship when the ship is at anchor. The anchor rope (now called a line) on old sailing ships was secured to an oak post called the “*bitt*,” which was fastened by “*partners*” to the deck. Securing turns were held around the bitt, as the anchor was paid out into the sea. The “bitter end” was the last part of the rope or cable, nearest the bitt. Thus to let a chain or rope out “*to reach the bitter end*” means that it has all been paid out and there is nothing left to release. It was hard work paying out the anchor. You were also physically “*at the end of your rope*” when you had reached the bitter end. If you came to the end of your rope without the anchor securing purchase on the sea bed, you were “*in deep water*” because there was no possible solution to the problem and the anchor was in danger of being lost.





October, 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mike Snapp	2 Staff Bartender	3 Staff Bartender Bog Grizzly Mountain Food Truck 5:30-7:00 PM
4 Staff Bartender	5 Bob Kuzmick	6 Mike & Anissa Stanton	7 Mike Snapp Pulled Pork Sandwich. Please sign up for a headcount by 5 Oct.	8 Al & Cynde Redfield	9 Staff Bartender	10 Wicomico YC Cruise & Crabfest Wedding using upstairs and the lawn Staff Bartender
11 Staff Bartender	12 Mike & Anissa Stanton	13 John Simpson	14 Carolyn Keefe & Chris McNelis Wings. Please sign up for a headcount by 12 Oct.	15 Jack Chenevey	16 Staff Bartender	17 Staff Bartender Baked Ziti. Please sign up for a headcount by 15 Oct.
18 Staff Bartender	19 Barbara Zeiler	20 Bob Lightstone	21 Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick Tacos, Tacos, Tacos. Please sign up for a headcount by 19 Oct.	22 Bob Lightstone	23 Staff Bartender	24 Staff Bartender Shepherd's Pie. Please sign up for a headcount by 22 Oct.
25 Staff Bartender	26 Carolyn Keefe	27 John Simpson	28 Dee Peters & Dennis Lawson Steamed Shrimp. Please sign up for a headcount by 26 Oct.	29 Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal	30 Staff Bartender	31 Staff Bartender

