

# SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

January, 2020



## Commodore's Corner

Well, "my year" has come and gone – oh so quickly. Obviously, I could not have gotten here or made any progress during my tenure without the assistance of countless club members.

With risk of leaving someone out, those without whom I would be a mere empty suit are Mike Buchko, Jim Shepherd, Gary Strausser, John Simpson, Craig Wilson, Mike Snapp, Jerry Budnick, Kat Tyrell, Pat Healy, Joe Dodson, Tony Baratta, Susan Smith, Lucy Tonacci, Bruce Dickinson, Dennis Lawson, Bruce Mason, Dennis Chandler, Nikki Goodman, Sue Stevenson, Nancy McCabe, Mark Tonacci, and Regis Johnston. However, most of all I must thank my wife and roommate Brenda Knight, without whom I'm just another old man.

As I said at the December BOG meeting, the two goals I had in my mind to accomplish were 1) to initiate a casino night (all attendees of which testified to its unqualified success) and 2) the institution of credit cards for more than just taking transients' payments. Through the diligent efforts of the technical team I put together, led by the erstwhile Pat Healy, I'm hoping that that reality will reach fruition during the first quarter of 2020. All new things take time, patience, and understanding. This effort will be no different.

I wish my successor every success in 2020, and he has already shown that he has some noteworthy ideas on new projects. I stand behind him in every way I can and pray that the club will be better off under his leadership.

Thank you again for your support. I will continue to contribute in any way I can.



## Vice Commodore's Corner

As 2019 comes to a close I would like to thank all of our members for their support over the past two years as your Rear Commodore and this past year as your Vice Commodore. Everyone of you has been great to us with all of the pats on the back and words of encouragement. It has meant so much to both Anissa and me. As we look forward to next year we are excited and look forward to making 2020 an awesome year at SIYC.





## Rear Commodore's Corner

I first want to thank each of you who volunteered your time to help make SIYC run smoothly. Your assistance helped make my job easier. I volunteered to become Rear Commodore for several reasons. First, no one else had stepped up to serve as R/C and it's important to me to give back to my community and SIYC has been my community. I also felt my past work experience would lend itself to assist the Club in a positive way. I also needed to get off the sofa before I became too sedentary and serving as R/C has resolved that problem. And lastly, I like a good challenge and my tenure as Rear Commodore did not disappoint me as this past year had its challenges and along with it came many rewards in knowing that I performed this job to the best of my ability. Anyone who has served as Rear Commodore knows that this is a busy job but it's also a very rewarding position and has been a great learning experience in many respects. My hope is that each year going forward the Club will always have someone who will volunteer to become Rear Commodore and enjoy their experience as much as I have. I leave you in exceptionally capable hands as Pat Healy-Catchings becomes the 2020 Rear Commodore. Thank you for your continued support.



## Fleet Captain's Corner

The annual lighted boat parade was a success with 15 boats participating. Awards were given to the Best in Show, the best power boat and best sail boat. Second and third places in each category were also given. All participants received a participation award.

The boats and crews were judged on technical merit, creativity, cohesiveness of theme, crew involvement, and overall presentation.

The winners were:

**Best in Show** – S/V Serenity from the SMSA High School Sailing/Sail Solomons Power

**First Prize** – M/V Miss Julie, Capt. John Ashton

**Second Prize** - M/V Turtle Island, Capt. Larry Reich

**Third Prize (tie)** – M/V Brave Heart, Capt. Roy Schultz and M/V A Luring Lady Sail

**First Prize** – S/V Blue Goose, Capt. Mike Basham/Navy Pax Sail

**Second Prize** – S/V Friandise, SCC High School/Sail Solomons

**Third Prize** – S/V Friendly, Capt. Yvonne Brand/Ship 1942

### Team Award

S/V Friendly and S/V Respite Ship 1942

Participation awards were given to each of the remaining crews.

We thank the following merchants for donating the awards:

The Ruddy Duck, Charles Street, The Pier, The Island Hideaway, No Thyme to Cook, Annmarie Gardens, Holiday Inn, The Lighthouse, West Marine, and Kingfishers.

Thanks to Dennis Chandler, Greg Wanamker and Al Redfield for helping with this year's parade.





## Fleet Captain's Corner

(cont'd.)

The cruises scheduled so far for 2020 are:

May 17<sup>th</sup> [SIYC](#) Opening Day – Blessing of the Fleet (FC)

May 23-26<sup>th</sup> [Wicomico Yacht Club](#) (Dickinson and Barrett)

June 12<sup>th</sup> [Chesapeake Yacht Club](#) (Gambrill)

June 26<sup>th</sup> [Taylor Island](#) (Slaughter Creek Marina) (Glasscock)

July 17<sup>th</sup> [Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club](#) (Dickinson and Redfield)

July 24<sup>th</sup> [Cambridge Yacht Club](#) (Langfeldt)

August 14<sup>th</sup> [White Point Yacht Club and Marina](#) (Gateau)

August 21<sup>st</sup> Cruise to [SIYC](#) (Smith and Redfield)

September 17<sup>th</sup> (tentative) [Wicomico Yacht Club](#) Crab Feast (Dickinson and Barrett)

September 26<sup>th</sup> [SIYC](#) Ted Evans River/Poker Run (Hayden)

December 5<sup>th</sup> [SIYC](#) Solomon's Island Light Parade (FC)

The following are in the preliminary planning stages:

Date TBD [Kent Island](#) (Uhlinger)

Date TBD [Miles River](#) (St Michaels) (TBD)

All dates are tentative at this time. Please check back later for final dates. Cruise details may be obtained by contacting the respective cruise leaders.

The cruises include both new, and popular old, places. So, take the time during the winter to get your gear in shape for an interesting and exciting cruise season.

Lastly, I wish everyone a Happy New Year.



## SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend our condolences to the Dixon Family for their loss of longtime member, Shirley Dixon. We would also like to extend our condolences to the Dove family for their loss of Kim's brother. We would also like to offer our sympathy to Tim Wakeman and family for their loss of his partner in life, Barbara McCashin.

We extend get well wishes to Rita and Frank Gerred, Palmer Esau and anyone else who might be recuperating.



## ARTIST WALL

The Mantle is decked out for the holidays and will continue through the middle of January. Check out the cards that came in from our members.

The Art Wall this month and through January is showing art from our own members: Susan Buckley, Ted Catchings, Larry Langfeldt, John Okay, and Marietta and Richard Van Natta.

If you are interested in decorating or showing art on the Art Wall or Mantle, sign up on the sheet located on the apparel case in the lounge. Showing usually can include a month or two.







**TRAVEL PRESENTATION**  
**JANUARY 6, MONDAY 6 PM TOPSIDE**  
**NORTHERN ARGENTINA**  
**PRESENTED BY SUZIE & RON WILLIAMS**



SUZIE AND RON WILL GIVE  
THEIR PRESENTATION ON  
NORTHERN ARGENTINA,  
TOPSIDE. SHOULD BE  
ANOTHER FUN EVENING.  
PLEASE BRING AN  
APPETIZER TO SHARE IF  
POSSIBLE!!!

## Social Committee Report

Thank you to John & Laurie Ford for December's Travel Presentation on Food, Wine and Culture trip to Umbria and Le Marche in Italy. That made everyone very hungry and thirsty! Great job. Thank you to Barbara Zeiller & Chris McNelis for bartending topside at this event.

Travel Presentation for January 6, 2020; Suzie & Ron Williams - Northern Argentina. This will be the first presentation for the new year, so we need more people to sign up please. Everyone really looks forward to these Monday night presentations!

Please continue to contact either me, Susan Smith ([susanmogansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:susanmogansmith@yahoo.com)) or Bobbie Sass ([bobbiesass@aol.com](mailto:bobbiesass@aol.com)) to let us know when you are ready for us to schedule a presentation for you to share with the club members.

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE TOPSIDE IF POSSIBLE FOR THESE PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU. We will always TRY to have a bartender for upstairs. It would help if someone can volunteer to do it. On that night, we need to have one downstairs as well.

FYI: Just a reminder of what happens on Presentation nights. Appetizers start being served at 5:30 and the Presentation starts at 6:00 pm.

December's Soup Night & Ugly Sweater Contest along with the Boat Light Parade was a big turnout. We had 41 Soups that were just delicious, and Bruce Dickinson Grilled 250 Hot Dogs!!

The Ugly Sweater Winners Were:

- 1st - Jerry Taylor - Motor Cycle Ugly
- 2nd - Sharon Strausser - Sexiest
- 3rd - Lucy Tonacci - Fishiest
- 4th - Pam Pentkowski - My Twin Elf
- 5th - Kate Wilson - Mrs. Claus
- 6th - Gary Knight - Repeat Same as last year
- 7th - Carol Snapp - Flashiest

### Honorable Mentions

- 8th - Nancy Favor
- 9th - Brenda Knight
- 10th - Karen Mayer
- 11th - Robin Langfeldt

Thank you all for coming out to watch the fun lighted boat parade.





# ***The Pasta Team Presents***

***Wednesday January 8, 6 pm \$10***



***New Year, Old tradition***

***With Susie & Ron***

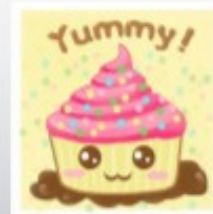
Spaghetti with meat sauce,



Spaghetti with no meat

Salad/ Fresh bread

Dessert Du Jour



# Bill Keefe Memorial Oyster Extravaganza!



*Come on down to the Club for the annual Bill Keefe Memorial Oyster Extravaganza!*

*Saturday, January 25, 2020*

*Mary Gott's World Class Fried Oysters*

*Oysters Rockefeller, Scalloped, Raw Bar, Chili,*

*Ginger's Oyster Shooters and more !!*

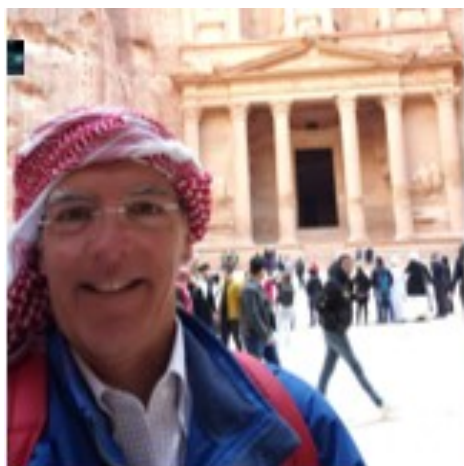
*Minimum Donation: \$10-00 per person*

*6:00 PM!*

*Come on down!!!!!!*







**TRAVEL PRESENTATION**  
**FEBRUARY 10TH MONDAY 6PM**  
**JORDAN**  
**PRESENTED BY MARK TONACCI**



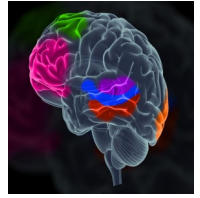
JORDAN – THINGS YOU DID AND  
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS  
WONDERFULLY INTERESTING  
COUNTRY, HISTORY AND CULTURE  
IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.  
PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER  
TO SHARE IF POSSIBLE!!!



## ST. MARY'S MUSICA



**December's Brain Teaser**  
was: What always runs but  
never walks, often murmurs,  
never talks, has a bed but  
never sleeps, has a mouth  
but never eats?



**December's Brain Teaser WINNER**  
was: Brenda Knight

**The Answer was: A River**







## Pasta Night



Pasta Team: Dot Sparling, Dawn Zott, Barbara Raley, Carol Lightstone, Gail Gibson, Anissa Hutchins-Stanton, and Monica Simpson

(Cindy Kobrine was in the kitchen)







MORE PASTA





OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS; I HAVE EXHAUSTED MY SUPPLY OF NAUTICAL CROSSWORD PUZZLES. SO, LET'S START THE NEW YEAR TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BOATS WITH A NEW GAME APPROPRIATELY NAMED

### **'CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT'?**

If you know the answer, you get..... Bragging Rights.



This three-masted frigate with twenty four guns and a crew of one hundred sixty officers and men was chosen to hunt down the mutineers from the *HMS Bounty*. She sailed from Portsmouth on November 7, 1790. Upon reaching Tahiti, Captain Edwards apprehended fourteen mutineers still on the island. Fletcher Christian and eight other mutineers had left for Pitcairn Island with some native women.

Turn to Page 18 for the answer.

















## TACO TEAM CAROLERS



# Taco Night



6 PM – Captain's Lounge

Hosted by the Taco Team  
Taco's, soft or crunchy or salad  
All You Can Eat  
Black Beans  
Ice Cream  
**Still \$8!!**

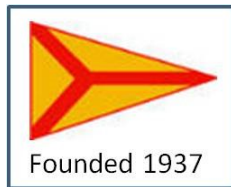


## CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

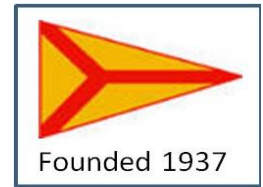


Answer: The *Pandora*. A brig or jail called “Pandora’s Box” was built on the aft section of the quarterdeck to hold the mutineers. While searching the entire area, the ship hit a reef and went down without locating the Pitcairn Island hideaway of the missing mutineers. It wasn’t until 1808 that an American sailing vessel, the *Topaz*, accidentally discovered the mutineer’s refuge. By that time, only one of the men was still alive, but they had left many descendants.





# January, 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Closed. Happy New Year	2 Member Bartender	3 Staff Bartender	4 Staff Bartender  Bog & Change Of Watch  Cornish Game Hens. Sign up required here or in the Lounge by 1 Jan.
5 Club Closed - Winter Hours - Contact the R/C in advance if you want to open the bar.	6 Bob & Carol Lightstone  Travel Presentation On Argentina	7 Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal	8 Dee Peters & Dennis Lawson  Pasta Night - Spaghetti with meat sauce	9 Chris McNelis	10 Staff Bartender	11 Staff Bartender  Chicken Andouille Sausage Gumbo
12 Club Closed - Winter Hours - Contact the R/C in advance if you want to open the bar.	13 Mike Pickering	14 Jack Chenevey	15 Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick  Taco Night	16 Bill Brier	17 Staff Bartender	18 Staff Bartender  Shepherd's Pie
19 Club Closed - Winter Hours - Contact the R/C in advance if you want to open the bar.	20 Member Bartender	21 Bill Brier	22 Mike & Carol Snapp  Fried Shrimp	23 Jack Chenevey	24 Staff Bartender	25 Staff Bartender  Bill Keefe memorial oyster extravaganza
26 Club Closed - Winter Hours - Contact the R/C in advance if you want to open the bar.	27 Member Bartender	28 Member Bartender	29 Betsy Montario & Carolyn Keefe  Meatball Sub	30 Chris McNelis  January Birthdays	31 Staff Bartender	



## JANUARY, 2020 MENUS

January 4, BOG Dinner, 7:00 pm, \$15.00

Cornish Game Hens

Buttered Rice

Lemon Asparagus

Avocado Tomato Salad

Rolls

Dessert

Coffee

January 8, 6:00 pm, \$10.00

Pasta

Salad

Dessert

January 11, 6:00 pm \$10.00

Chicken Andouille Gumbo in French

Bread Bowl

Garden Salad

Dessert

January 15, 6:00 pm, \$8.00

Tacos

Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce

January 18, 6:00 pm, \$12.00

Shepard's Pie

Salad

Rolls

Dessert

Coffee

January 22, 6:00 pm, \$12.00

Fried Shrimp

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Hush Puppies

Dessert

January 25, 6:00 pm

Bill Keefe's Oyster Extravaganza

January 29, 6:00 pm, \$8.00

Meatball Subs

Salad

Dessert

