

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

May, 2020

**STILL STANDING TOGETHER IN UNITY AND
SOLIDARITY
.....6 FEET APART**



Commodore's Corner

Hello to all. I hope everyone is doing well with the new normal. We are keeping a close eye on what our Governor is saying in reference to opening up low risk social environments in our State. I do believe there is light at the end of the tunnel. As I said in an E-mail, all of May's events are cancelled. We do have one bright spot coming in May, and that's the SIYC 2020 Year Book. Kat Tyrrell has polished it up and has passed it on to Brenda Knight to follow through with the printing. Jerry Budnick prepared the virtual edition to be available to our members soon. The hard copy hopefully will be ready in early May as well. The Club is awaiting our return, so I ask all to continue to follow social distancing and wearing your mask and gloves when you go shopping and doing other chores. This is so important to the safety of all our members so we may all return to the Club healthy.

I would also like to say that Marge and Kim are both doing fine under the circumstances and that makes us all feel good. So, stay home and stay safe.



Vice Commodore's Corner

No report this month.





Rear Commodore's Corner

It is hard to believe the Club has been closed since March 16 and how long this pandemic has lasted. Still, I am hopeful we will see each other back at the Club soon.

The Club may be closed, but a number of the Club's volunteers have remained active to ensure the Club can open quickly when the time comes. Below is one example. As you know, we have been having a lot of wind. One recent storm brought down a large limb from a tree by the church, which blocked the exit from the parking lot. Our quick response team, Ralph Swartwood, Rick Sass and Mike Snapp, with the help of Gresh Sackett's truck, went to the scene and made quick work of removing the tree debris.



Thanks guys for all you do for the Club and thanks to all the others who have been keeping an eye on things as we weather this pandemic storm. We all appreciate it and all our volunteers!

Until we see each other again, stay safe and please patronize the local businesses that remain open.



Fleet Captain's Corner

Despite the ban on recreational boating, we are starting to see boaters lining up for visits to SIYC this summer. We've just added a visit by the Kent Island YC for Labor Day weekend as well as reservations for a number of transients. We also have finalized plans for the cruise to Miles River YC. If you haven't signed up, please do as soon as we reopen as space is limited.

While we await lifting of the ban, please take time to check your boat's safety systems. Are your flares outdated? How are your fire extinguishers? Do you need new life jackets? Check your fuel lines for leaks and your electrical connections for corrosion. The leading causes of fire on boats is electrical followed by leaky fuel lines.

Concerning flares, BOAT US is offering an electronic "flare" to members at a 10% discount. These are priced at under \$100 and are approved by the USCG. Meaning for the price of 9 flares you have a suitable approved replacement that only needs periodic replacement of the three alkaline c cells.

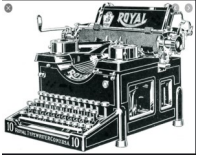
TRAVEL PRESENTATIONS

There will be no travel presentations in May. We hopefully look to restart our

presentations in June and/or July, so please..... all travelers hone your presentations for the future!

Susan Smith





Editor's Corner

Dawn Szot Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during the 1919 Pandemic. History repeats itself.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.





PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,
Mayor.

Kelowna, B.C.,
19th October, 1918.





CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

This three-hundred-twenty-five-foot converted Canadian Navy frigate was purchased by Greek tycoon Aristotle Onassis in 1954 for thirty-four thousand dollars; he spent four million dollars converting it into his private luxury yacht. King Farouk (who should know) called her “the last word in opulence.” In 2004, during the Olympics at Athens, she was booked for a two-week cruise for the nominal fee of \$1.54 million. It must be that hydraulic swimming pool whose bottom rises to be a dance floor that cinched the deal....or maybe it was the Renoir in the master suite.

See Page 11 for the answer.



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to extend our condolences to Dee Dee Hoofnagle and her family for their loss of Kenny. We would also like to offer our sympathy to Betty Liddle and her family for their loss of Harold. We express our condolences to P/C Marty Nash and Cathy on the loss of his Mother Jacqueline in Venice, Florida.

We extend get well wishes to Rita Gerred and Frank Gerred, and to Jerry Eastwood who is recovering from a stroke at Calvert County Nursing Center. We extend get well wishes to anyone else who might be recuperating.

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

nogreenpeppers@comcast.net. Kate

Social Committee Report

We hope that everyone is staying safe during this Pandemic Covid-19. We miss all of you and can't wait to go back to the new normal.

We want you to know that as soon as the Club re-opens, we will have a new schedule of Events that had to be postponed. Rest assured that we will continue our Pasta Night! Our team is ready to serve you again !!!

Meanwhile, in order to stay in communication with the members, I created a new PRIVATE Group on Facebook. Although this will not replace any new posts by RC/ Pat, VC/ Brenda or Commodore Mike, we encourage you to join the group if you have access to a computer and /or Facebook.

You can go to the search bar in FB, put my name on it, "Anissa-Hutchins-Stanton" scroll down to see the group "SIYC Quarantine 2020" and ask to join. I am the Admin and will need to accept before you join. Anyone that is already friends with me on FB has already been invited. All you need to do is click on "JOIN". Feel free to invite other members, wait listers or associate member. I thought it will be good to share what you are doing with each other, talk about your day just like if you were at the club (if you wish to, of course). A few members have already been posting photos and saying hello virtually.



**Pasta Team Reuniting via
Zoom.**



MEMBERS ON CORONA TIME

I'm going to the Skouzes for Easter dinner next year. I already knew that George made the best baklava in the world. But now Greek Easter bread too! Barbara's cake looks scrumptious.



Like so many of us, Doug Smith is eating his way through the pandemic.

P/C Wilson has been inlaying our foyer floor for 18 years. Yes, I said 18! It has been the subject of many lively discussions at our house over the years. He's finally finishing it.

It took a pandemic!





Commodore Stanton and Lady Anissa provided the Club with a lovely Easter Service. Thanks also to the Club's songbird Robin Langfeldt, Carol Snapp for reading the Lesson, and Fleet Chaplain Jane Connelly for her wonderful Message.



Nancy Shumate Hazell being grateful that there may be light coming at the end of the tunnel.



Larry and Sue Reich say hello. All is well with them!



Anne Gagnon ensconced at Asbury. Bored but safe.



Peggy Whilden picking up sticks at SIYC on her **93rd** Birthday.



Fleet Captain Tony Baratta and a few of his loyal friends.





CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

ANSWER

The Christina. She was named after his daughter. Aboard *Christina*, he entertained such notables as Winston Churchill, Maria Callas, Greta Garbo, Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, John Wayne and Jacqueline Kennedy. Jacqueline, of course, later became his wife. In those days, the ship sailed with two French hairdressers, three chiefs, a masseuse, and a small orchestra. The *Christina* has been restored to her former glory by a syndicate that now calls her the *Christina O*. The fifty million dollar restoration included replacing the infamous bar stools covered with the foreskins of whale penises (yuck) with regular leather and creating a Callas lounge with a Steinway piano. Created anew was a Lapis Lounge, which features a lapis lazuli fireplace. New celebrities aboard now include Madonna and Oliver Stone.



I just want to recognize all the people who helped me make masks and donated material and elastic: Barbara Zeiller, Susan Smith, Betsy Montano, Linda Barrett, Emalie Gibbons-Baker, Susan Holt, Becky Ironmonger, Carolyn Keefe, Bernice Lawson, Lynne Pickering, and Sharon Hayden. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

We made over 150 Masks. At one point the hospital needed stethoscopes, and I put out the word to the Club and my church. We collected 20 in three days.

When the call went out people stepped up. It was so heartwarming.

Oh, and thanks to our son, Scott. He was the delivery man who met our daughter, Mary Michele in the hospital parking lot to hand off all these items. It was a team effort. Terry Johnston

SMILE

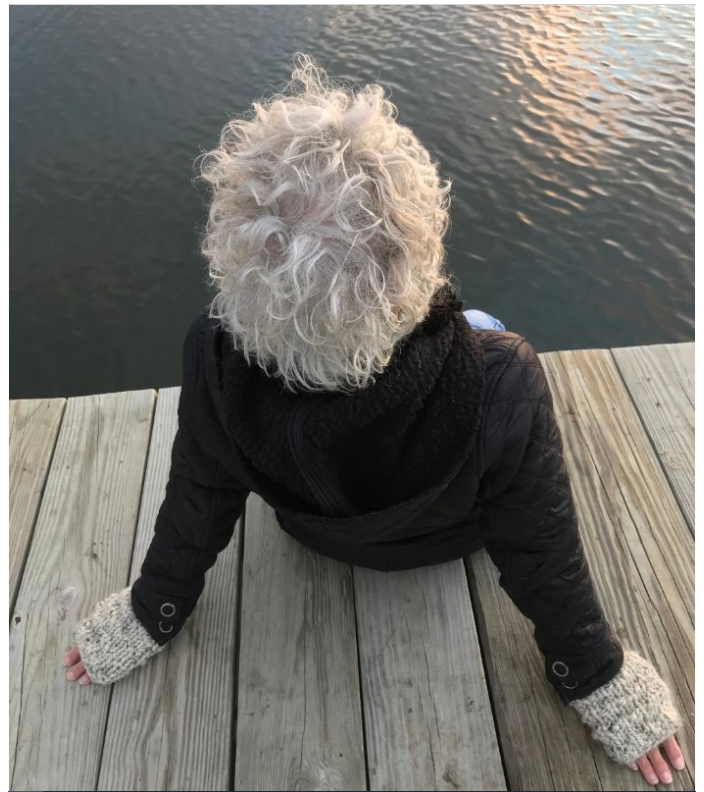
If you know of anyone in need of food, please refer them to SMILE. SMILE's Food Pantry is up and running. Their hours during this difficult time are: Monday: 9 to 10 am, Wednesday: 10 am to 2 pm, and Saturday: 9 am to 12 noon. No one is turned away, and during this COVID-19 pandemic, registration is not required.



ARTIST WALL

The art wall remains in limbo again this month. If things change during the month of May, Sue Stevenson will be displaying her paintings. Thanks to Larry Langfeldt, John Okay, Richard and Marietta Van Natta, and Ted Catchings for showing their works these past two months.

Anne Breau has signed up to do the mantle but will not decorate until after the Club reopens.



Fleet Surgeon Emalie Gibbons-Baker knows how to make the best of a pandemic!



P/C Shepherd and Lady Anita enjoy a walk around the Asbury campus.

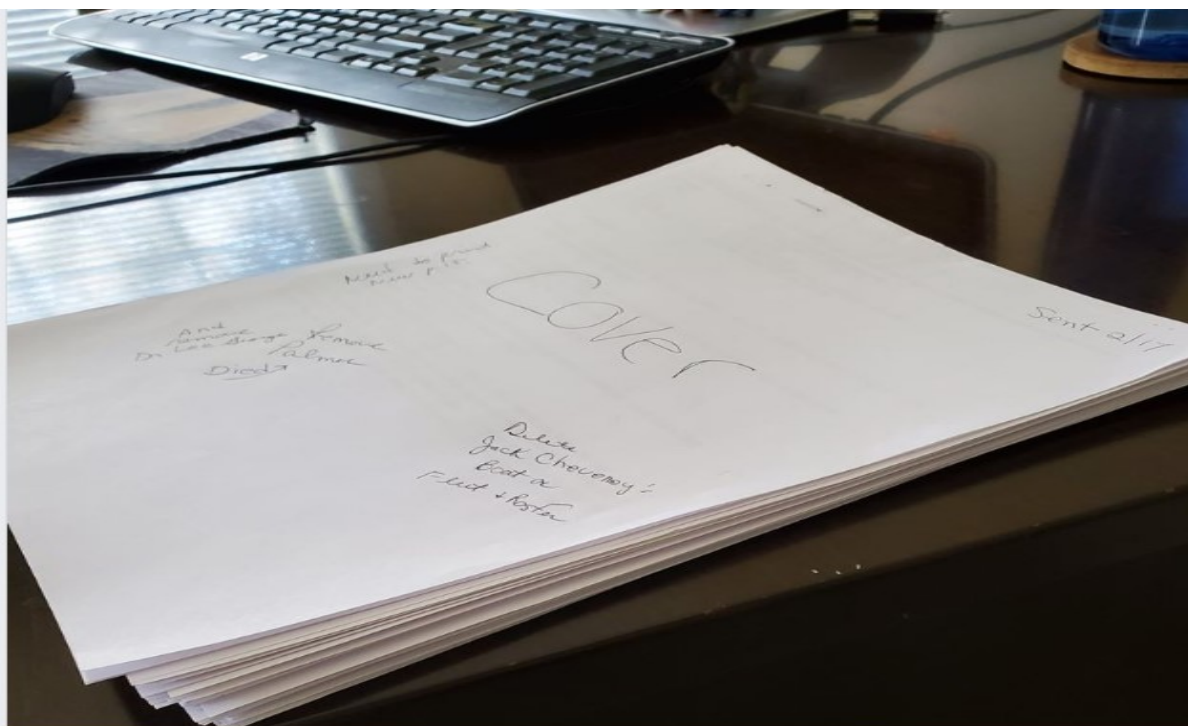


Nancy Shumate Hazell. Celebrating Easter. Just the two of us.



From former Yearbook Committee Chair Kat Tyrell.
Thanks Kat. Well done!

Good news everyone! SIYC 2020 yearbook is done! I E-mailed my last two edits to Graphics today. I should get the final version back in a day or two. Once I receive it, I will E-mail it to Brenda Knight. Brenda will send it to a printing company and will organize distribution. Fingers crossed our Yearbooks will be available in May. Below is my paper draft version on my desk.



There are many people to thank for helping/contributing to the 2020 yearbook. Craig Wilson gathered the advertisers and many SIYC business owner/members bought advertising, as well as local businesses in our community. Chris McNelis bought the back cover, Anita Huffman Shepherd put the Member Greetings Section together, Norma Powers put the Memoriam together, Mike Snapp maintains the membership database at SIYC and submitted the Membership Rosters for the yearbook, John Okay contributed, Mike Pickering created the Photo Album (25 pages). He did a very nice job on it. Brenda Knight will take care of the printing and distribution. I hope I did not miss anyone, but many, many, thanks, to many people. Many Committee Chairs, BOG members, and Bridge had to put up with me nagging them for updates. They also contributed and kept our Bylaws, policies, rules, pier, etc. all up to date.

