

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

June, 2020

TIRED OF STANDING TOGETHER IN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY6 FEET APART

(BUT WE'LL KEEP IT UP TO KEEP PROTECTING EACH OTHER BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE DO)



Commodore's Corner

Well, we are fast approaching mid-year and I am happy to say that we are seeing some relaxation of restriction imposed on SIYC. In the Governor's news conference he announced that social clubs could start having outside events following CDC guidelines. We have been planning for weeks for this, and we will be offering some outside activities in the upcoming weekends. As you may know, we have opened the pier and are now seeing some increased activity. The bathhouse is being professionally cleaned on Fridays and Mondays and in-between as necessary. If you need to use the bathhouse the combo on the door is (V II I) or 521. In this past month we were unable to have the Princess Cocktail Party, the Waterman's Memorial and Opening Day/Blessing of the Fleet. But be assured that we are planning to have these events in the future if we are able to.

Please keep an eye on the SIYC calendar for upcoming outdoor events at SIYC. I would like to thank P/C Gary Knight for his efforts in gathering up ten past Commodores for what turned out to be an overwhelming show of love from our members for our Tribute to P/C Frank Gerred. I would also like to thank Anissa Hutchins-Stanton for starting a *SIYC Quarantine 2020*, a Facebook site for members only. It has been a huge success. I would like to thank Kate Wilson, who works very hard to keep us informed every month of different activities surrounding SIYC with Solomon's Sez. I would like to thank the Bridge for our countless phone conversations pertaining to the clubs re-opening. There is no road map for what we are facing, but we are a strong family and will get to the light at the end of the tunnel together. Be safe and healthy.





Vice Commodore's Corner

The printed yearbooks are in and being distributed this year via curbside pickup since the Club is closed due to the coronavirus. This is a year of "firsts" for all of us, especially with the Club being closed and social distancing guidelines in place to protect us from getting the virus. In spite of these restrictions, a group came together to prepare the yearbooks for distribution. I'd like to give a huge "thank you" to the following volunteers who showed up with face masks on, practiced social distance guidelines by spreading out across the tables in the Captain's Lounge to place yearbooks in envelopes, add mailing labels, and place them in boxes in alphabetic order for ease of pick up. Please join me in thanking the following volunteers: Anita Shepherd, Anissa and Mike Stanton, Barbara Dove Whalen, Betsy Stoddard, Carolyn Keefe, Cindy Kobrine, P/C Gary Knight, Lucy Tonacci and Kat Tyrell.

Kat Tyrell did an excellent job as usual in collecting information, sending it to the Graphic Designer and going through several rounds of edits to get the yearbook into a final digital file to send to the printer. To help Kat, P/C Craig Wilson volunteered to work with the business advertisers and did an admirable job in retaining and gathering new business advertisers this year. Also to give Kat a break, I volunteered to take over the printing and distribution processes. The yearbook printing was done within two weeks this year when in prior years it typically took 4 to 5 weeks to complete.

Since the Club has been closed, and due to the loss of income, several changes were required to reduce expenses. One such change was reducing the number of yearbooks printed, while insuring a yearbook would be available for each member household. The cost of an extra yearbook was increased to \$15.00 to cover the cost of creating and printing the yearbook. Members living out of the area, who'd like to have their yearbook mailed to them, will need to

send an email request and prepay the postage expense due to the rising costs of mailing yearbooks that has increased to nearly \$8.00 per yearbook. Members with business ads and businesses that donated free gifts to the Club's Social Committee Chair will not automatically receive an extra yearbook. Businesses that donated gifts will instead receive a Thank You letter on SIYC letterhead that is signed by the Commodore and Susan Smith, last year's Social Committee Chair. Each business donor will also receive a digital copy of the yearbook.

In maintaining the CDC COVID-19 advice and following Governor Hogan's guidance, the yearbooks are being delivered curbside by member volunteers who are wearing face masks and gloves. Please join me in thanking all of the volunteers who've signed up for curbside delivery of the yearbooks. Since this project is ongoing at this time, the volunteer names will be identified in next month's Solomon Sez.



Rear Commodore's Corner

Unfortunately as I write this article, Covid-19 is still with us. However, Governor Hogan has instituted Phase I of his re-opening plan, *Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery*, dated April 24, 2020, which allows more places to open, albeit in a limited way, and some outdoor activities to resume subject to CDC, social distancing, and group size requirements. Although the Clubhouse remains closed, we were able to open the pier and bath houses to members and transients. That is some progress. My mantra remains, one day at a time. Here's hoping the next few weeks bring Phase II and the opportunity for more outside activities.





Rear Commodore's Corner

(Cont'd.)

In anticipation of Phase II reopening, and the possibility of more outdoor activities at the Club, I am going to begin the process of late Spring cleaning. This will be very small groups working on specific tasks to ensure social distancing. I will be reaching out for volunteers so please watch for emails.

As this event continues, please also don't forget our small business neighbors in Calvert County. Under Phase I, some have reopened and need your patronage. Many restaurants have remained open to provide carry-out food. Please consider buying a carry-out meal from one of our neighborhood restaurants to help them through this difficult time. Our neighbors and friends need us.

Please continue to take good care of yourselves. I miss Spring/Summer at the Club. Here's hoping things greatly improve quickly so we can see one another again soon.



Fleet Captain's Corner

Thankfully, the Governor has lifted the stay at home order allowing us to go out on the water. With that in mind, the pier is open for you and transients. The following rules are in effect consistent with CDC guidelines and local rules.

LIMIT ONE PERSON IN THE BATHHOUSE AT A TIME TO ALLOW USE OF SANITIZER

TO USE THE BATHHOUSE, CRAB SHACK AND PICNIC TABLES YOU MUST:

1. Follow CDC Guidelines
2. No groups larger than 10

3. Maintain 6' social distancing
4. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after use
5. Spray surfaces with sanitizer before and after use
6. Use of a mask is strongly recommended and required in all local businesses
7. If you are feeling ill please do not remain on the property

While boating the only people onboard should be members of your immediate family. Do not raft up or tie up at any restaurant or bar; sanitize your hands after handling fuel nozzles; while visiting a marina, ensure you socially distance from the staff.

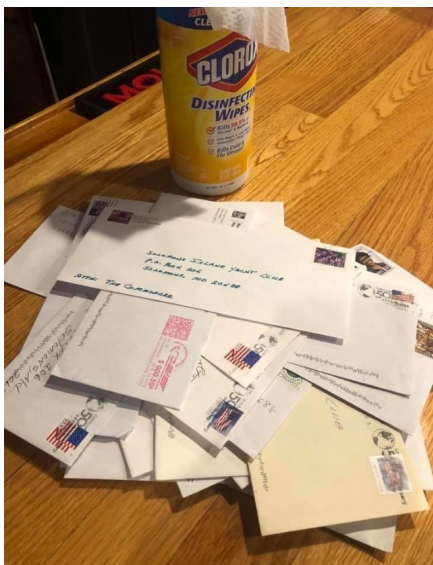
Remember many marinas have not opened their ships store, so make sure you have adequate supplies before departing. You should travel directly to your boat and not stop on the way to or from to avoid possible infection. Lastly, wipe down all rails and ladders after boarding to ensure you have not brought the virus on board.

I hope that some of our cruises will occur. As you probably are aware, the cruise to Wicomico Opening Day was cancelled to avoid exceeding the ten-person limit. The next cruise is to Chesapeake YC, led by Matt Gambril. Due to the shutdown ordered by Governor Hogan, the renovation of the piers at the Chesapeake Yacht Club are way behind schedule. They asked we postpone the cruise to a later date since they only have a very limited number of slips operational. If anyone would like to go anyway they can accommodate one or two boats. The bathrooms are open, but the showers aren't. Food is available from the restaurant. For more information please contact the Club manager directly.

THERE ARE SMILES BENEATH THESE MASKS!



YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION AT A SOCIAL DISTANCE



WE'RE READY
WHENEVER GOVERNOR
HOGAN IS.



Nanoy Roberts
 May 16 at 6:48 PM
 Hope this finds all of you safe and well. We miss you very much and cannot wait to visit and see you again soon.



Our job would have been much harder if P/C Simpson and Lady Monica hadn't been taking care of the Crab Shack through the Winter months. Thanks John and Monica.



Thanks to Sue Stevenson and the Landscape Committee.



SAYING GOODBYE TO ONE OF OUR OWN.
PAST COMMODORE FRANK GERRED



Commodore Mike Stanton organized a moving tribute to our beloved P/C Frank Gerred who recently passed away. During this epidemic, it is difficult to come together to mourn or celebrate a life. Still we were able to honor Frank and express our love to Rita through this tribute, which included a salute by the Past Commodores at Frank and Rita's house, prayers by Fleet Chaplain Jane Connelly, and a drive-by procession of members in their cars showing their love and support. Thanks to Sheriff Mike Evans for providing a deputy for traffic control. We love you Rita and are here for you.



TRAVEL PRESENTATIONS

We hopefully look to restart our presentations in July, so please... all travelers hone your presentations for the future!

Susan Smith



CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

On May 23, 1939, this U.S. submarine sank in a test dive and was trapped at a depth of two hundred forty-two feet with thirty three men aboard. She became the focus of a successful rescue attempt.

See Page 11 for the answer.

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



ARTIST WALL

The art wall remains in limbo again this month. If things change during the month of June, 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 three months.

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



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors, and General Membership would like to extend our condolences to Rita Gerred and family on the loss of P/C Frank Gerred.

We extend get well wishes to Gerald Eastwood, Rex Miller, John Zalusky and anyone else who might be recuperating.



OPENING DAY—THE COVID WAY





Social Committee Report

We hope that you are all hanging in there and staying safe during this Pandemic. Although Monica and I couldn't do anything the month of May again, we are so happy that now we can have outdoor gatherings starting May 29 at 5 pm. We will keep you posted on any June events while respecting the CDC guidelines.

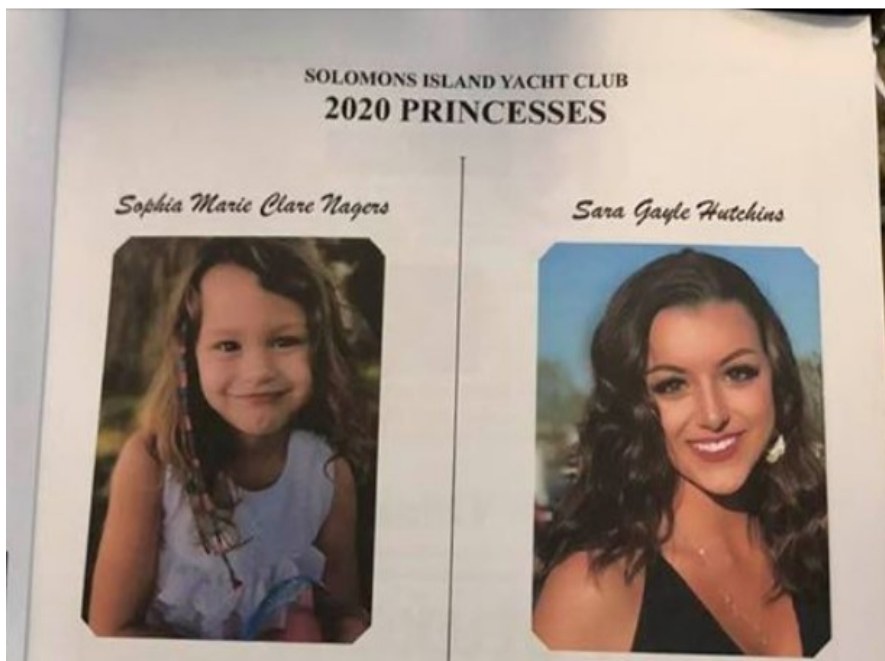
Thank you to all the members who joined our Facebook Private group "SIYC Quarantine 2020" we are now up to 95 members. Please feel free to post photos or stories...

Pilates classes will be done by Monica at The Crab Shack for now - weather permitting. But the space is limited!

See you all in June. Anissa and Monica

May 16 would have been the Princess Cocktail Party at the Club. Since we're not having it, I would like to re-introduce you to the 2020 Solomons Island Yacht Club princesses. This page is from the new 2020 yearbook. They are my daughter Sara and our grand-daughter Sophia.

Lady Anissa



CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

ANSWER

The *Squalus*. Her sister ship, the *Sculpin*, along with the *Falcon* and the tugs *Wandark* and *Peacock* joined in the attempt to save the crew. Using a new piece of equipment called the MCann Rescue Chamber (a new type of diving bell), all were brought up to the surface. When she was salvaged, the *Squalus* was recommissioned as the *Sailfish* and sank seven enemy ships.



MAY SOLOMON SEZ

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!



JUNE UPDATE

It was worth the wait.

