

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

July, 2020



Commodore's Corner

June turned out to be a much better month for SIYC than the previous three. We were able to have what we called a soft opening and overall it was very successful. Our members came out not only to support SIYC 6 feet apart and masked, but also to support local small businesses in the form of food trucks. I have talked to all the owners of those trucks and they were all very happy with the turnout and the amount of food sold and all of them commented on how pleasant our members are. I thank everyone who ventured out for their support. I would like to send a shout out to the Social Committee, Anissa and Monica, for lining up the band, Swing Away for our enjoyment. They were a huge hit and will be returning on Saturday, July 4th from 4-7. I would like to give a special thank you to our Rear Commodore Pat Healy-Catchings for all the extra time she has devoted to SIYC preparing the club for those events. She has kept us up to date on all the requirements set by our Governor for phase 1 openings, phase 2 openings and so on. She has spent countless hours reading the Governor's revisions to his Executive Orders to insure that SIYC was, and is, in compliance. So when you see Pat next tell her 'Thank You'. July is looking to be another soft but successful month at SIYC, and we hope to see you there. I would like to end by thanking all of our members who volunteered at the club helping us start the reopening of SIYC.



Vice Commodore's Corner

The 2020 yearbooks were distributed curbside by volunteers who adhered to social distancing guidelines while wearing face-masks and gloves from May 26th to May 31st. I'd like to thank our members for picking up their yearbooks, plus their neighbor's yearbooks. Please join me in thanking the following volunteers who delivered yearbooks curbside for two hour shifts between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm throughout the pickup period. The volunteers are R/C Pat Healy Catchings, Carolyn Keefe, Barbara Zeiller, Commodore Mike Stanton and Anissa Hutchins-Stanton, John and Judy Okay, P/C Mike and Carol Snapp, Cindy Kobrine, Regan Simpson and Casey Mullins, Bob and Carol Lightstone, Anne Breau, P/C Gary Knight, Dennis Baker, Ollie Kangas, Bill and Nancy Favor, Nancy Ririe and Gary Heal, Jack Cheveny, Tim Wakeman, Dot Sparling, Maureen Wolfe, Hoot and Gail Gibson, Diane Townsend, Cindy McArthur and Patrick Bowers, Butch and Karen Garren, and Kat Tyrrell.

The remaining yearbooks are at the Club and sorted alphabetically by last name and can be picked up anytime the Club is open. As usual, yearbooks were mailed to Associate and Life members who live out of state.





Rear Commodore's Corner

June has been a month of re-opening, slowly but safely. With Governor Hogan's Executive Order of June 10, 2020, we were able to expand Club access and services effective June 19, 2020. The Club hours are now:

Wednesday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday – 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday – 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

July 4 (Saturday) – 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Through July, these hours are all subject to the availability of volunteers to staff the bar.

Although we are pleased to offer expanded Club services and access to the facilities, we must continue to keep in mind that the COVID-19 virus is still with us. To keep yourself and your SIYC friends safe, we must continue to follow the established guidelines especially in indoor environments that are more conducive to virus transmission. We are a community – we need to care for and protect each other.

We have an amazing Club with amazing people in it. Some members who are not yet comfortable coming to the Club have made donations to support Club operations. We thank them all!

Volunteers, especially during this challenging time, make our collective enjoyment of the Club possible. We would not be functioning as we are now without them. The bartenders have been key to opening Club operations and they have done an incredible job getting the bar ready to open and signing up for multiple nights. I cannot thank them enough. The Landscaping, House and Facilities Improvement Committees have also been busy beautifying the Club grounds and completing major projects such as parking lot and elevator improvements. The Pier Committee welcomes transients and ensures the outside bathhouses remain in operation. When you see any of them, please remember to thank them for all they do.

We are going to try to have some in-house meals during July. If you are interested in doing a volunteer dinner, please let me know.

We will keep you posted through the weekly emails about any changes to operations and/or Governor's Orders. In the meantime, stay safe!



Fleet Captain's Corner

This year's boating season, like every other phase of our lives, was turned topsy turvy because of the pandemic. None the less, we have now had our first cruise of the season to Wicomico YC for their opening day. Twenty of our members and their friends made the trip that included a cruise from the YC to a winery aboard the Virginia Marie, where, thanks to WYC PC Laura Lockwood, they enjoyed lunch and a wine tasting. As always, the members of the WYC treated our crew to an excellent time. Hopefully we will do likewise at our opening day. More about that later.

I'm also glad to report we now have ten member seasonal/annual slip rentals. This will help us defray the cost of the reconstruction of the north pier. We are also seeing a very late transiting of snowbirds North from Florida and the Bahamas that is helping us with income. I have spoken to many of these transients, and they all appreciate our hospitality including the food trucks we have had thanks to the RC. Pier wise, we are doing well thanks to Dennis Chandler and the members of the Pier Committee.

Our next cruise is to Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club on July 17th. Those of you interested, please contact the cruise leaders, Al Redfield and Bruce Dickson. That cruise will be followed by a cruise to Cambridge YC on July 24th lead by Larry Langfeldt. Please contact Larry if interested.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Hope everyone is doing well considering all that's going on. June had more activities, yeah! First of all we cleaned the outside completely (there's always more work) thanks to John and Monica Simpson, my husband Mike Stanton (the Commodore); Kate Wilson and I cleaned the CrabShack to get it ready for our food truck party. We had Mountain Grizzly food truck again and our favorite duet "Swingaway". They sure did keep us entertained and even stayed an extra hour thanks to the members who chipped in.

We had Pizza night from Pizza Bolis; it was delicious. I was able to serve everyone with my mask on, but there was a smile behind that mask—that's the protocol and we have to follow it!

Last weekend of June was the Opening Day at the Wicomico Yacht Club. We were very nicely welcomed by their members and commodore. A lot of SIYC members were there in their boats!

On July 4th from 4-7 we'll have the Rudy Duck food truck and the return of our live music with "Swingaway".

On July 8 we'll have our First Pasta Night since the inception of COVID-19. It will be Spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh bread, salad, dessert and of course drinks. We will also offer a curbside pickup for your convenience. So come on down!!!

We also want to thank Al and Cynde Redfield for the beautiful art for the CrabShack, AND thank you to Dave Lundwal for adding 4 beautiful bar chairs for the CrabShack. Please thank them when you see them.

All other events will be announced by Rear Commodore Pat Healy!! Stay tuned.

We now have 99 members who joined our "SIYC QUARANTINE 2010" Private Facebook Group for members and waitlists ONLY during this Pandemic. Thank you to all who joined and for all your support, let's make it 150 soon.

From your Social Committee, Anissa and Monica.



WICOMICO YACHT CLUB OPENING DAY 2020





Sponsors John Simpson and John Dove welcomed Jeff and Susie Carpenter at their very casual Third Reading at the June 5 SIYC outside meal.



Clark and Barbara Raley came to celebrate their informal Third Reading.



Lee Woodfin (left) and Tommy Higgins came out for their informal Third Reading.







IT'S A LOT MORE THAN PICNICS AND FIREWORKS



In 1751, to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of Pennsylvania's original constitution, the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly ordered the Liberty Bell to be constructed. It was cast at London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry and arrived in Philadelphia in August of 1752.

The question of when the Liberty Bell acquired its famous fracture has been the subject of a good deal of historical debate. In the most commonly accepted account, the bell suffered a major break while tolling for the funeral of the chief justice of the United States, John Marshall, in 1835, and in 1846 the crack expanded to its present size while in use to mark Washington's birthday. After that date, it was regarded as unsuitable for ringing, but it was still ceremoniously tapped on occasion to commemorate important events. On June 6, 1944, when Allied forces invaded France, the sound of the bell's dulled ring was broadcast by radio across the United States.

The Liberty Bell was rung to call the Pennsylvania Assembly together and to summon people for special announcements and events. It was also rung on important occasions, such as King George III's 1761 ascension to the British throne and, in 1765, to call the people together to discuss Parliament's controversial Stamp Act. With the outbreak of the American Revolution in April 1775, the bell was rung to announce the battles of Lexington and Concord. Its most famous tolling, however, was on July 8, 1776, when it summoned Philadelphia citizens for the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.

As the British advanced toward Philadelphia in the fall of 1777, the bell was removed from the city and hidden in Allentown to save it from being melted down by the British and used to make cannons. After the British defeat in 1781, the bell was returned to Philadelphia, which served as the nation's capital from 1790 to 1800. In addition to marking important events, the bell tolled annually to celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 22 and the Fourth of July. The name "Liberty Bell" was first coined in an 1839 poem in an abolitionist pamphlet.

BUT HERE'S THE BEST PART!!! On every Fourth of July, at 2:00 pm Eastern Time, children who are descendants of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence symbolically tap the Liberty Bell 13 times. This year, our own **Lucy and Mark Tonacci** will be in Philadelphia for the annual ringing (now tapping) of the Liberty Bell. They would like all of us to join them on July 4th at 2:00 pm and ring our bells, along with bells across the nation, 13 times in honor of the patriots from the original 13 states.

"In signing of the Declaration of Independence 237 years ago, our ancestors pledged to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to establish a free and independent republic".



Great job on Rousby Hall Road by our Club 'Adopt a Road' team.

CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

Gary Hart, a United States Senator from 1974 to 1986, tried again in 1988 to win the Democratic presidential nomination after losing to Walter Mondale in 1984. He withdrew from the 1988 race after a picture of Donna Rice sitting on his lap aboard this yacht was released to the media.

See Page 10 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 mantle will be decorated for July by Anne Breaux.

The Art Wall will show some of Sue Stevenson's watercolor and pastel paintings.



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

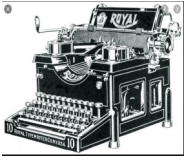
The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend get well wishes to Kathleen Stanton, Ilze King and anyone else who might be recuperating.

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





Editor's Corner

**This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.
If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
Again on fresh pastures of
promise,
Where the air will be kind.
And blushed with beginning.**

John O'Donohue



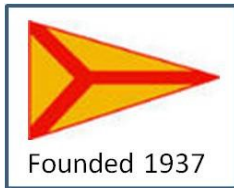
From our deck on Mill Creek.
Pandemic or not; good things are coming!

**CAN YOU NAME THAT
BOAT?**

ANSWER

The *Monkey Business*. A married man, Hart was disgraced when his relationship with the twenty-nine-year-old model was made public. The delicious irony of the yacht's name fueled the press coverage, and the ridicule he endured made any future presidential bids unlikely, although in 2004 he did flirt with the possibility.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Parking lot closed for repairs. Remove all cars! Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal	2 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Mike Snapp.	3 Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender.	4 Bar is open 3-8 PM. Staff Bartender. Ruddy Duck Food Truck 4-7 PM
5 Clubhouse Closed	6 Clubhouse Closed	7 Clubhouse Closed	8 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Carolyn Keefe Pasta Night - Spaghetti with meat sauce - Please sign up by 4 Jul.	9 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Jack Chenevey.	10 Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal	11 Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Mike Snapp. Bog Dinner TBD
12 Clubhouse Closed	13 Clubhouse Closed	14 Clubhouse Closed	15 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick Burgers & Dogs - Please sign up by 11 Jul.	16 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Carolyn Keefe	17 Indian Creek YC Cruise Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender.	18 Indian Creek YC Cruise Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender. Dinner TBD
19 Indian Creek YC Cruise Clubhouse Closed	20 Clubhouse Closed	21 Clubhouse Closed	22 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Dee Peters & Dennis Lawson. Dinner TBD	23 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Jack Chenevey.	24 Cambridge YC Cruise Bar is open 3-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender.	25 Cambridge YC Cruise Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender. Dinner TBD
26 Cambridge YC Cruise Clubhouse Closed	27 Clubhouse Closed	28 Clubhouse Closed	29 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Carolyn Keefe & Bob Lightstone. Dinner TBD	30 Bar is open 4:30-7:30 PM. Bob Lightstone. July Birthdays	31 Bar is open 3-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender.	

