

SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

August, 2020



Commodore's Corner

Another very interesting and challenging month to say the least, but we did make it through! As I have in the past, I want to thank all of the members who have stepped up and volunteered in many ways such as bartending and cooking. The pasta team had the first dinner since COVID-19. The Taco Team converted to a Hamburger and Hot dog Team and did a fabulous job. Over 75 members attended.

We want to welcome Marge, Kim, Paula, Pete, and the kids back. They came back just in the nick of time to take the load off of our wonderful Rear Commodore Pat Healy-Catchings.

We are looking forward to our first BOG meeting since March on August the 8 and our upcoming "Opening Day" Ceremony and Blessing of our Fleet.

August looks to be great, hope to see you all at SIYC (If you can).



Vice Commodore's Corner

With the COVID-19 threat still upon us and although the Club is operating at 50% capacity, many of us are still unable to attend Club functions due to the seriousness of this disease. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing guidelines and know that you are missed. When you feel comfortable, come to the Club and join in on the fun.

I'd like to give a special "thank you" to Rear Commodore, Pat Healy, Commodore, Mike Stanton, and Fleet Captain, Tony Baratta, for their efforts in generating revenue for the Club during the COVID-19 epidemic. R/C Pat has worked hard to ensure that SIYC is meeting the COVID-19 requirements and social distancing regulations that allow us to operate at 50% capacity, while staying on top of the ever changing regulations. Commodore Mike is continually making difficult decisions that we've never had to face up until now to keep us all safe. F/C Tony opened the piers to transient boaters to generate an income for the Club after being closed due to the pandemic. Many Club procedures have had to change to accommodate new safety requirements, and your Bridge members are working together to offer members a great Club experience in spite of the limitations upon us.





Rear Commodore's Corner

This has been a busy month at the Club as we slowly add additional meals and hours. The Pasta and Taco Teams returned to their usual Wednesday time slots to rave reviews. The Pasta Team offered a delicious meal of spaghetti and salad that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Due to the logistical issues, the Taco Team was unable to offer their usual tacos but countered with the inaugural Tacos Team picnic. It was a huge hit. But the best part of having the teams back was that it seemed like "old times" with good friends and our popular volunteer meals. A little bit of normalcy in these decidedly abnormal times.

We also had food trucks, entertainment and our very own Dave Lundwall back with his Riggi Diggi Dog cart. Good food, good fun. The weather cooperated so we could enjoy ourselves safely outside. All-in-all a good month.

We plan to continue the fun in August with more events and expanded hours. Marge is back and we are working on menus for regular Wednesday and Saturday meals. Details will be forthcoming via email and the website. We will be asking for informal sign-ups so we can continue to get counts. Thanks to everyone for being so responsive to previous requests.

Opening Day is scheduled for August 9th at 1:30 pm with a Taco Team picnic to follow. On August 8th, there will be a Board of Governor's Meeting at 5:30 pm. The Ruddy Duck food truck will be back from 6 pm -- 8 pm for dinner. The weekend of August 21st will be the Cruise to SIYC, a Social Committee event. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

We are looking to expand the hours the Club is open starting the week of August 5. Effective Wednesday, August 5, the hours will be:

Wednesday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday -- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

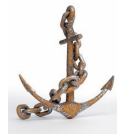
Friday – 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday – 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Sunday – 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We hope to see you all at the Club throughout the expanded hours enjoying friends and drinks.

It has been a busy month and August promises to be the same. I want to thank all the volunteers who made all this possible. I cannot thank you all enough for helping me personally and the Club throughout these interesting times. I also want to thank the many people who have donated money to support operations even though they cannot yet attend Club functions. Volunteering and contributing in some way are what we are all about. Here's to all the SIYC members. You are the best! Hope to see you all at the Club soon.



Fleet Captain's Corner

The boating season is in full swing despite the pandemic. I hope you've enjoyed meeting the transients who have stopped by the Club from time to time. The number of transients is helping the Club's financial situation. Coupled with an increase in member slip rentals, it has helped bring in almost \$15,000 of pier income to date. While not as much as last year, we do expect to be able to come close to covering expenses.

Unfortunately, our number of cruises have also been affected by the pandemic; White Point is cancelled as they are not hosting any large groups this year. We are still looking at an abbreviated Cruise to SIYC, details to follow.

I want to thank the Pier Committee for the excellent support. All the folks visiting the Club have appreciated the welcome that they received on arrival thanks to Dennis and the rest of the Committee.





Fleet Captain's Corner

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As a reminder, Opening Day is August 9th. Because of the pandemic, the ceremony will be an abbreviated one beginning at 1330 (1:30 PM for you landlubbers). We will have Father Ken Gill do the Blessing of the Fleet after the opening ceremony. Please plan on departing the Club at 1400. We will rendezvous at Red 6A and proceed upriver at approximately 1430 to MV Turtle Island for the blessing and then pass in review of the Bridge onboard MV Virginia Marie. Towboat US will lead the formation to the Turtle Island. Thank you to Larry Reich and Bruce Dickinson for providing their vessels for the blessing and pass in review.

After the blessing, will be a picnic hosted by the Taco Team.

Just a reminder, please contact either myself or Dennis Chandler for a slip assignment for Opening Day, August 9th. We still have a few slips available. On Tuesday, July 28th we will begin filling requests from Wicomico YC members.

Al Redfield will lead an informal cruise to Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club August 16th. Please contact him concerning participating.

More details to follow.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy August everyone !!! Hope you are staying cool and safe.

In the month of July, we had a few things going on and had more members attending some of the events.

July 4th, we had "The Rudy Duck" Food truck as well as "Swingaway" for entertainment. It was a great event with friends and family.

We had our first "Pasta Night" and first dinner at the club since this Pandemic started and we had to close the club in March. The attendance was great and very appreciated. Our team of Monica Simpson, Cindy Kobrine, Barbara Raley and myself prepared the food and served it in containers to the members. It was delicious. Thank you ladies.

July 10, we had Linda's Café food truck and entertainment by "FUNKZILLA" What a fabulous day, great food, great music...

August happenings:

We regretfully announce that the "Pasta Team" will return in the fall when the weather is cooler. There was not enough attendance for the club to make money.

We will however have Opening Day and the Blessing of the Fleet. Please see Fleet Captain Tony Baratta, Dennis Chandler, Rear Commodore Pat Healy or Commodore Michael Stanton for more details. Also, on Opening Day we will have John Lusky playing from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. during the picnic.

We will have Rudy Duck food truck on Saturday, August 8, after the BOG meeting.

Weekend of August 22nd is the Cruise To Solomons. Susan Smith who usually organizes this cruise and has done a great job, will not be able to do so, due to COVID-19.

The Social Committee, Monica and myself will take over. We will have the Band "Swingaway" and more information to come as we continue to get updates from the Governor. Hope to see a lot of you then.

The Facebook page "SIYC Quarantine 2020" is a private HAPPY group of SIYC members and wait listers ONLY! Get away from every day's draining Facebook posts and news! You can join easily and post photos or anything you like as long as it is NOT Politics, No Business Advertising, and no negativities. Just click on the search button "SIYC Quarantine 2020" and ask to join. I am the administrator and will accept if you are a member or a wait lister ONLY.

Monica Simpson has been busy with the Pilates and has added Yoga (Kay Glasscock teaches on Wednesdays). Please contact Monica directly for more info.

More things are happening, stay tuned and have a wonderful August!

Anissa and Monica





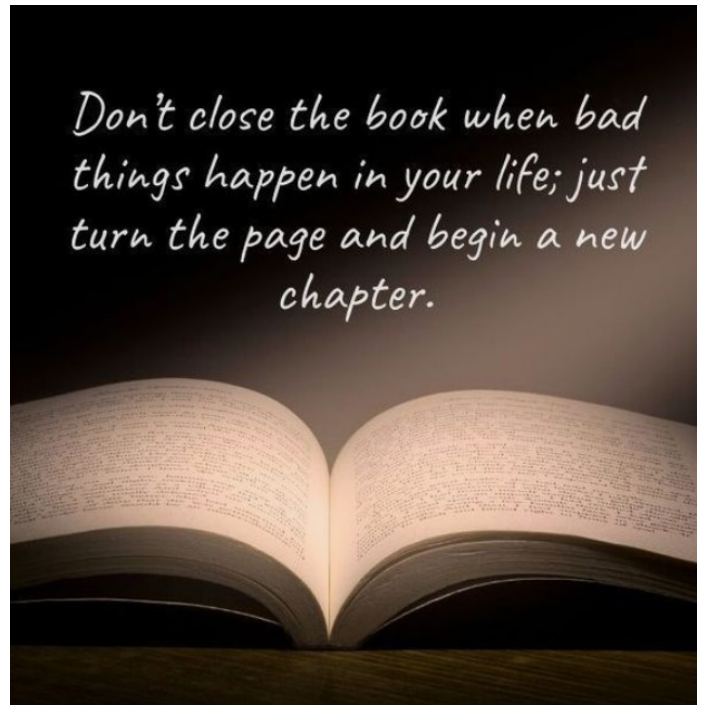




CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

George Washington Adams, the twenty-eight year-old son of John Quincy Adams, went overboard while on this steamer bound for New York City in 1829. Apparently, he had been in despair over losing a girlfriend to his brother, and was depressed and drinking excessively. In addition, there were rumors he was paranoid and thought other passengers were out to get him, so he jumped overboard to get away from their threats.

See Page 9 for the Answer





Sunday, August 9
Opening Day Picnic
\$10

Brought to you by the
Taco Team & Marge

Following the Blessing of the Fleet (~5:30 pm)

- **Hamburgers**
- **Cheeseburgers**
- **Hot Dogs**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Corn-on-the-Cob**
- **Dessert**





ARTIST WALL

Sue Stevenson's pictures will continue to decorate the Artist Wall through August and until someone signs up to replace them.

Thank you to Anne Breau for her creative mantle decorations.

CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

ANSWER

The *Benjamin Franklin*. He had been summoned from Providence, Rhode Island to meet with his father in New York. His body washed up out on Long Island Sound six weeks later.

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



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend our condolences to Carey Randall and her family for their loss of Don.

We extend get we extend get well wishes to Nikki Goodman, Carol Snapp, Wayne Joy, Gerald Eastwood, John Zalusky, Rex Miller, Carol Lightstone and anyone else who might be recuperating.

TRAVEL PRESENTATIONS

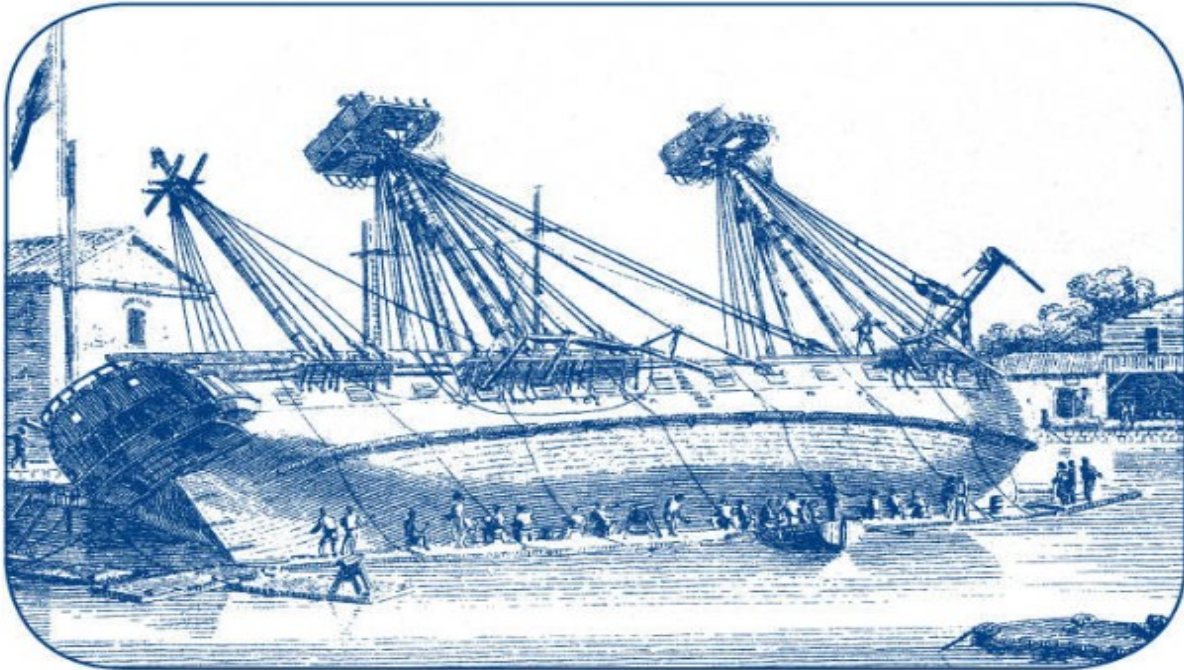
We hopefully look to restart our presentations in 2021 (or sooner if we have a vaccine). So, all travelers save your presentations for the future!

Susan Smith



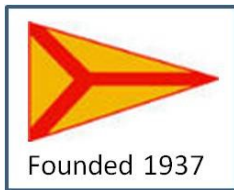


Editor's Corner



DEVIL TO PAY The first plank of the outer keel of a wooden ship was called the garboard, but it was known universally by seamen as the “*devil*,” because it was the most awkward to get at during careening (when a ship is turned over on one side for cleaning or repairing). It was the longest seam in the vessel. It was almost impossible to keep the devil above water while trying to “*pay*” oakum into its seam, hammer it home and cover it with hot pitch to seal it. “*The devil to pay, and no hot pitch*” was a desperate situation where seamen could see no means of solving a problem. “*Between the devil and the deep blue sea*” also comes from a ship’s devil, meaning that there is only the thickness of the ship’s hull plank between the garboard seam and the ocean depths.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bar is open 4-7:30 PM. Staff Bartender. Chicken salad on a croissant. Signup for a headcount by 30 Jul.
2 Clubhouse Closed	3 Clubhouse Closed	4 Clubhouse Closed	5 Mike Snapp & Carolyn Keefe	6 Chris McNelis	7 Staff Bartender	8 Staff Bartender Bog (in person format - outdoors) Ruddy Duck Food Truck 6-8PM
9 Staff Bartender Opening Day Ceremony 1:30PM. Blessing of the Fleet about 2PM Burger & Dog picnic from the Taco Team & Marge 5:30PM. Sign up for a headcount by 7 Aug.	10 Clubhouse Closed	11 Clubhouse Closed	12 Dee Peters & Dennis Lawson Dinner TBD	13 Bob Lightstone	14 White Point Cruise Staff Bartender	15 White Point Cruise Staff Bartender Dinner TBD
16 White Point Cruise Staff Bartender	17 Clubhouse Closed	18 Clubhouse Closed	19 Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick Dinner TBD	20 Jack Chenevey	21 Cruise To SIYC Staff Bartender	22 Cruise To SIYC Staff Bartender Dinner TBD
23 Staff Bartender	24 Clubhouse Closed	25 Clubhouse Closed	26 Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal Dinner TBD	27 Member Bartender	28 Cruise to Miles River YC Staff Bartender	29 Cruise to Miles River YC Staff Bartender Dinner TBD
30 Cruise to Miles River YC Staff Bartender						

