

# SOLOMON SEZ



Solomons Island Yacht Club Newsletter

"One of the Friendliest Yacht Clubs on the Bay"

September, 2020



## Commodore's Corner

August turned out to be another great month at SIYC with a lot of good food and good music. I think we should make Swingaway our house band because every time they play we have a great socially distant group of members and everyone always kicks in and they play longer. Huge thank you to our fleet Captain Tony and Dennis Chandler for Tony's creative idea for the boat decorating contest for the Cruise to SIYC Weekend. They had a good group of boats for the contest. Thank you to all who participated. Details are posted in the Social Committee report below. The Social Committee knocked it out of the park with an absolutely wonderful crab feast and country boil. Anissa, Monica, Jorgina and Cindy, thanks to all of you because it was a very special event with over 80 members attending. Everyone was outside and the weather cleared up nicely. Sunday morning brunch was another home run. The best fresh food. The weather and camaraderie couldn't have been any better.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make all the August events so successful.

Hope to see you at SIYC when you feel comfortable doing so.



## Vice Commodore's Corner

No Report



## Rear Commodore's

This has been another great month at SIYC despite the limitations imposed on us by COVID-19. For the first time since March, we had our first outdoor Board of Governor's Meeting (BOG) followed by a food truck dinner; Opening Day, followed by another fantastic picnic hosted by the Taco Team; and the annual cruise to SIYC with entertainment hosted by the Social Committee and Fleet Captain Tony Baratta. We also expanded our bar/open hours so we could enjoy our Club more. Thanks to the Taco Team, the Social Committee, Fleet Captain Tony Baratta and all the bartenders and other volunteers for helping to make the month a success!

We plan to continue to offer food and events in September for your enjoyment. First up is the Labor Day picnic hosted by the Taco Team featuring chicken cooked on the grill and entertainment. The Annual Meeting is on September 12, followed by dinner for enjoying at the Club or carry-out. Given that not everyone is able to come to the Club at this time, and our current financial situation, we will be charging for the dinner this year.



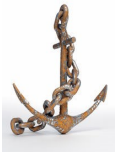


## Rear Commodore's Corner

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We are planning a special dinner featuring Ted's baked jumbo lump crab cakes with no filler. So plan to stay for dinner and enjoy the evening with friends. More details on the menu to follow.

We are planning more dinners, so watch the website and emails for details. As we make our meal plans, we are continuing to ask for informal sign-ups so we can continue to get counts. These counts are very important for planning so we do not buy too much or too little food; the earlier you sign-up the better. Thanks to everyone for being so responsive to previous requests.



## Fleet Captain's Corner

July has been a very active month on the water for SIYC. Despite cancellation of several cruises, the Club held the Blessing of the Fleet with over thirty boats participating including ten from our sister organization SMSA. Each was blessed by Father Ken of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish and then passed in review of the Bridge. Thanks goes to Larry Reich for providing his boat M/V Turtle Island for the Blessing Boat and to Bruce Dickinson for providing his boat M/V Virginia Marie for the review boat. For the first time, we were honored to have the US Coast Guard participate along with Sea Tow. Thanks goes out to both of them for their help. Our Pier Committee provided excellent support getting boats in and out during this event, thank you Dennis Chandler and the Pier Committee.

In late August, we had our popular cruise to Solomons. The cruisers nearly filled the pier. Events included a decorating contest described elsewhere. I hope we can make the contest an annual one as the boat crews who participated and our members enjoyed the ingenuity of the decorations. The theme being safer onboard in keeping with our times.

Up next is the ever-popular Poker Run led by Sharon Hayden. The event is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. But be forewarned, I understand she uses marked cards so watch your wallets. Additional details to follow.



## Fleet Surgeon's Corner

### Thoughts On The Corona Virus Vaccine

I have heard more negative comments in reference to getting the vaccine when it is available than positive. So, I wanted to share some of my thoughts and information on the vaccine for Covid-19.

We have years of vaccine experience in the US. We also have a familiarity with the SARS Corona Virus. A recent Gallup Poll showed 65% of Americans said they would take a vaccine, but 35% said they would not, even if it were free and approved by the FDA. Deciding on the first vaccine will be especially difficult if the data isn't clear, and shows minimal efficacy and side effects.





## Fleet Surgeon's Corner

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The FDA Commissioner, Stephen Hahn, said in a statement that Peter Marks, the Director of Biologics and Research, is over-seeing and scrutinizing every bit of data and vaccine candidates. His scientists will "call the balls and strikes" on a vaccine and will not cut corners. "There are no circumstances under which the FDA would allow a vaccine to be released for use by the public if it has not shown to be safe," Hahn said.

The pandemic will end only when enough people are protected against the corona virus, whether by vaccine or by already being infected. Reaching this threshold doesn't mean that the virus will disappear but with fewer hosts to infect, it will make its way through a community much more slowly. Herd immunity may be reached at 45%-50% instead of the 70% previously thought by many scientists.

We will await the data on the vaccine. It will probably not be available to us until early in 2021. Until then, continue our proven practices of hand washing, social distancing, and the most effective, according to the data, mask wearing.

### CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

This 90 foot, three-masted ship left Plymouth, England, in 1831 on a voyage to chart portions of the South American coast. The unknown naturalist aboard was seasick for the entire five-year voyage. However, his insights, which he gained from his observations on this trip, shook the world.

See Page 16 for the Answer.

Joan Kocen's sister and brother-in-law sent the following to Sue Stevenson in the hope that it would be published in Solomon Sez:

Greetings Family and Friends,

Gene and I are happy to let you know that we created the ***J.E.Kocen Endowment for the Arts***, which has (finally!) been established, in partnership with the Arts Council of Calvert County. Part of the Endowment will include a Scholarship to be awarded to a High School student graduating with a desire to pursue a study in art. Applications will be reviewed in the spring of each year and awarded by a decision of the Board of Directors.

You can visit their web site: [www.calvertarts.org](http://www.calvertarts.org). On their home page there is a list of tabs at the top. Click on **Scholarships** and you will see the announcement. Also, take a moment to see how involved the Arts Council is in many community events and charitable activities.

The Arts Council of Calvert County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. On the Scholarship page there is a DONATE button with the opportunity to contribute to the J.E.Kocen Endowment. More importantly, we hope to have honored their memory with a legacy of love, generosity and creativity.

Forever in our hearts,

Tina and Gene





## SIYC BELATED OPENING DAY



HOW MANY COMMODORES DOES  
IT TAKE TO RAISE A FLAG ?



Ten-hut!





# BLESSING OF THE FLEET



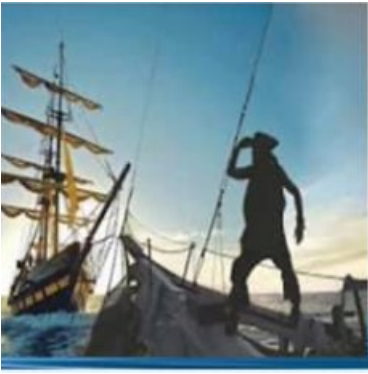








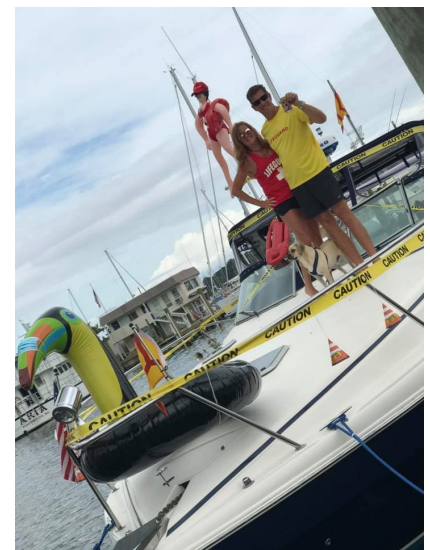
## CRUISE TO SOLOMONS



The pillaging of Solomons Island, I'm happy to report, was very rewarding. The fleet landed and Aye mates took many a prize. Captain Donna the Red of the privateer Toucan-Do, assisted by her first mate Lou, managed the best, collecting the most bounty and winning first place. Captain Fearful Cyndi of the privateer Cynful came in a very close second losing by only a doubloon. Captain Ed of the privateer Mary Be was close on the stern of both. Our judges of dubious character consisted of Captain Smiling Jack Buchko, Captain Greg Whiskers Wannamaker, and the ruthless Captain Niki Goodman.

Unfortunately, there were no winners of the plank walking contest. Aye mates, none of the losers could take ten strides without visiting Davey Jones Locker and Mr. Croc. It be known, Mr. Croc was very happy to replace his alarm clock with a Rolex courtesy of one of the plank walkers; may his soul rest in peace.

Here be a photo of the winners as they imbibe in their ill-gotten rum:  
Captain Red and First Mate Lou onboard Toucan-Do





























## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy September 2020! This is the August recap from your Social Committee.

Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet were so well attended, and the weather cooperated! Thank you, Larry and Sue Reich, for hosting the Blessing boat with Father Ken on board from Our Lady Star of the Sea. Also, a big thank you to Bruce and Ginger Dickinson for hosting the Salute boat. A great time was had by all with our awesome Taco Team preparing a very nice picnic! Our entertainment was the "John Lusky Duo".

The Annual Cruise to Solomons was a great hit! Thank you, Fleet Captain Tony Baratta, and Chair Dennis Chandler for helping to put all this together. What a great idea to have a "SAFETY" themed boat decorating contest! It was very entertaining and fun! FIRST PRIZE winners are Captains Lou and Donna Fabian on TOUCAN-DO. They received either a free boat slip rental for the remainder of the year or have credit towards next year's rental. SECOND PRIZE went to Captains Cyndi Tatar and Grayson Wilbur on the CYNFUL. They received a SIYC cap and shirt. THIRD PRIZE was awarded to Captain Ed and Mary Bahniuk on the MERRY BEE. They received a bottle of wine. It was nice to have honorable mention on our new boat MOJO! It was her first contest and event at SIYC. She is happy to be in her new home!

The crab/shrimp boil was over the top! Thank you Jorgina Colyn for leading this dinner. It was a huge success and a delight to work with you! Thank you, Cindy Kobrine, and Bob Kuzmick for donating the corn and your help in the kitchen and, of course, Anissa, you are our networking guru! Al Redfield, thank you for the Special RUM PUNCH. It was delicious! Swing Away was our entertainment and once again we encouraged them to stay a little later so we could keep dancing.

As always, we really appreciate Kim, our bartender, and the kids are just amazingly professional and helpful. What a big help they are. Sunday brunch was put on by Jorgina Colyn and what a spread she put out! Waffles with fresh berries, sausage gravy/biscuits, Spanish omelet and so much more! Wow! Thank you again to Anissa for all her hard work and our kitchen helpers who were chopping and slicing away, Lou-Anne Breaux, Kat Tyrel, Jerry Budnick, and Cindy Kobrine. What a wonderful weekend full of events and so much fun!

September is upon us and we are making some plans for another great time at the Club! Stay tuned for Oktoberfest and a Lasagna dinner (more info to come). Pilates is available to all! Please contact Monica Simpson for more details.

The golf outing initially proposed for September 25th has been postponed.

Thank you to all who post and comment on the "SIYC Quarantine 2020" Only positive comments, no drama, no politics, no religion, and no advertising allowed. Thank you. Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the club! If you are not comfortable going there yet, we wish to see you when this is all over. Thank you.

Your Social Committee: Monica Simpson, Anissa Hutchins-Stanton, and Peggy Whilden







## ARTIST WALL

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

The mantle will be decorated with carvings from our SIYC carvers.

## CAN YOU NAME THAT BOAT?

### ANSWER

The *HMS Beagle*. The naturalist was Charles Darwin, whose thoughts were impacted by the flora and fauna on the isolated Galapagos Islands that led to his theory of evolution.

## 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



## SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Bridge, Board of Governors and General Membership would like to extend condolences to Jim and Anita Shepherd on the loss of their daughter-in-law Lori.

We also extend get well wishes to Barbara Zeiller, Gary Knight and anyone else who might be recuperating.



## NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Congratulations to Doug and Susan Smith on the acquisition of their new boat. She's a beauty.

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](mailto:nogreenpeppers@comcast.net). Kate



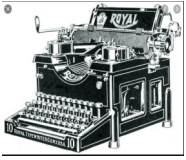




Long time Club member Jack Estridge. Honored for his service.  
Arlington Cemetery.



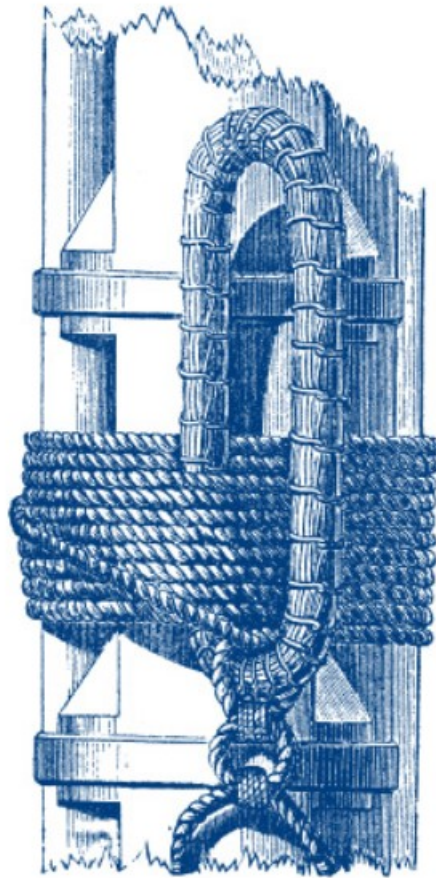




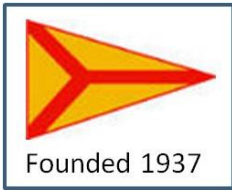
## Editor's Corner

### KNOW THE ROPES

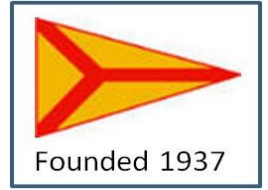
If sailors aboard a sailing ship did not know all the functions of the hundreds of ropes that made up the rigging; and, were not experts at dozens of knots, their ship could neither catch another vessel nor escape from superior forces. The rigging could comprise more than 10 miles (16 km) of ropes and cordage in the largest vessels, and the individual ropes had hundreds of different names and functions. The ropes were usually the same thickness and color, and so could only be told apart from the precise position in which they were secured.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 Carolyn Keefe	3 Chris McNelis	4 Staff Bartender	5 Staff Bartender Riggi Diggi Diggi Dogs by Dave Lundwell 4-7PM
6 Staff Bartender	7 Staff Bartender Labor Day Picnic. Please sign up for a headcount by 4 Sep.	8 Clubhouse Closed	9 Jack Chenevey	10 Bob Lightstone	11 Staff Bartender	12 Staff Bartender Annual Membership Meeting Membership Dinner - Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes. Please sign up for a headcount by 9 Sep.
13 Staff Bartender	14 Clubhouse Closed	15 Clubhouse Closed	16 Kat Tyrrell & Jerry Budnick	17 Bob Lightstone	18 Staff Bartender	19 Staff Bartender Oktoberfest Dinner. Please sign up for a headcount by 16 Sep.
20 Staff Bartender	21 Clubhouse Closed	22 Clubhouse Closed	23 Nancy Ririe & Gary Heal	24 Carolyn Keefe	25 Staff Bartender	26 Ted Evans Poker Run Staff Bartender
27 Staff Bartender	28 Clubhouse Closed	29 Clubhouse Closed	30 Mike Snapp			

