

DOCKLINES

SPECIAL EDITION 2008



Coming Events

Fall Cruise to Wine Festival	Oct 17th-19th
Oyster Roast	Nov 1st
Annual Meeting Deltaville Community Center 12 Noon	Nov 2nd
Holiday Party	Dec 6th

2008 Club Officers

Commodore:	Paul Davis,	804-346-5541 s/v Phoenix, E-31
Vice Commodore:	Chip Powell	804-360-2504 s/v Brigadoon, F17
Rear Commodore:	Tim Rohmoser	804-745-0125 s/v Moon Shadow, F-12
Secretary:	Jean Garrett	804-651-1647
Treasurer:	Dale Holcomb	804-306-7911 s/v Someday Came, D-09
Fleet Captain:	Carl Hawkins	804-776-7718 s/v Doctor's Orders, D-60

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Remember to visit our website at
www.Stingrayhyc.com

Slate of Officers Announced

The SHYC Nominating Committee has announced their proposed slate of officers for the 2009 election. The unanimous selections are:

Commodore	Carl Hawkins, <i>Doctors Orders D-60</i>
Vice Commodore	Ralph Sell, <i>Sandpiper A-25</i>
Rear Commodore	Lenny Lipscomb, <i>Liberty D-59</i>
Secretary	Pat Anderson, <i>Sable D-2</i>
Treasurer	Jim Wood, <i>Quadrant II D-63</i>
Fleet Captain	Bill Boggs, <i>Molly Brown D-49</i>

Please join the Board in congratulating the proposed nominees on their selection and in thanking them for their offer to serve.

All members in good standing are eligible to serve as officers of the club in any capacity unless prevented due to rules of consecutive service. In addition to the proposed slate of officers, nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor before the election.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Stingray Harbour Yacht Club annual meeting will be held on Sunday November 2nd at Noon at the Deltaville Community Center, Deltaville VA. Business before the membership at this meeting includes the election of officers, reports from each of the board members, and any items of concern brought by the members. A meeting agenda will be emailed to all club members on or before October 15th.

From the Commodore



We may have dodged a bullet earlier this month when Stingray Point took only a glancing blow from tropical storm Hanna. Our marina fared well. I'm told we suffered a couple of toppled pilings (one at our slip) and some damaged canvas. It could have been much worse.

I am pleased to report that the club is in equally good shape. Our membership stands at 127 which is only three shy of our high water mark of 130 set just last year. Our finances are tracking very well thanks to the board's effort to keep our costs within budget. The result is a financial cushion that allows us to enhance our coming events and take care of next year's obligations earlier in the year than usual. We will also pass on a larger surplus to the next board than we had planned.

There is a change to our schedule that everyone needs to be aware of. Our annual business meeting, which was scheduled to coincide with our holiday party on December 6, will instead be held in conjunction with the Oyster Roast over the weekend of November 1-2. The most important item of business at the meeting is the election of officers, but it is also a great venue for the membership to share their thoughts and concerns. This change should give all members a better opportunity to participate. The Notice of Annual Meeting is included in this edition.

Moving the annual meeting simplifies our holiday party somewhat, in that we will dispense with the serious business and just enjoy ourselves. The party will still be held at Independence Golf Club on December 6th. We will have a cocktail hour beginning at 6:00, then dinner with presentations following. This is still our 'hooray for us' function where we will install the new officers, honor our volunteers and departing officers, and thank our benefactors. The awards will be followed by dancing to the music of Premiere band. Jeanette told me that they have been working on their Caribbean and beach music selections, and have a lot of new material for us.

Corrections...

The following articles on the SHYC Summer Cruise to Baltimore and points north, and Labor Day cruise to Crisfield, were inadvertently left out of the Docklines Fall issue. We apologize for the omission and offer them here for your enjoyment.

Summer Cruise 2008

What a great time we had! Thirteen boats flying the SHYC pennant cruised up the bay to Baltimore, by way of Solomons and Herrington Harbor northbound, and Annapolis and Solomons again on the return trip. Participants for the 8 days were Bronze Penny, Captivation, Doctors Orders, Kidz-R-Gone, Molly Brown, Opportunity, Paige II, Quadrant II, Sweet-N-Slow, Tallulah, That Girl, Victoria and Winsome, with boats ranging from 27 to 46 feet.

A few boats tried to get an early start by leaving Thursday night for a full moon sail to Solomons, but a hard blowing and unpredicted thunderstorm had them looking for a safe anchorage instead. By Friday evening, all of the “less intrepid” sailors caught up with them at Solomons Yachting Center for the first Happy Hour of the cruise. Crossing the Potomac that day was smooth as glass- pretty unusual.

Next day was up early for another calm “sail” to Herrington Harbour South. If you like First Class, this is the place- big pool, live music at the bar, palm trees, sand beaches... and a tent just for us for our private dinner. Our cruise captains had a barbeque catered in, and a big fireworks show afterwards. Even the weather was perfect- low 80s in the day, and low 60s at night.

Sunday morning we headed north for “Balmer, Merlin”, with a lot of weekend boat traffic around Annapolis and the Magothey, and only a few commercial ships to dodge. Going up the Patapsco, we could see the famous White Rocks, Ft. Carroll, the red white and blue buoy marking the location of the ship Francis Scott Key was on when he wrote “Star Spangled Banner”, and of course Ft. McHenry. Inner Harbor East marina is right down between Fells Point and Inner Harbor, so everything is close by. Baltimore is a real commercial port town, with old sailors’ haunts (bars and pubs), lots of museums, USS Constellation, Aquarium Fells Point... the list goes on. I think everyone found something entertaining to do. Capt. Carl even proved to us all how self secure he is by wearing a pair of Lime Green (or...Kawasaki Racing Green) crocs through Little Italy at night.

After three nights in Baltimore, we got an early start on Wednesday to “sail” south to Annapolis. What a great place to go by water- totally different than just going to the boat show. Most of us went to Annapolis Yacht Basin at the base of the Spa Creek Bridge, but a few picked up moorings in the harbor. We got to watch the Wednesday night races conclude right by our marina, or those that were on moorings got to see things really up close. I still don’t know how those little Herreshoff 12-1/2s beat all those Farr 50s racing machines, but they did by a

long shot. Lots of history is in and around Annapolis, with more good pubs and restaurants. Don and Pat Anderson, Commodore of SHYC from way back, drove down to meet a group of us for dinner one night. And the reciprocal membership to the Annapolis Yacht Club was great for dinner, but remember -- TAKE YOUR HAT OFF!!!

After 2 nights in Annapolis, it was up early for a sail south back to Solomons and Zahnisers marina. It was REALLY HOT that day, so I saw most everyone at the pool that afternoon. After cleaning out the icebox for happy hour hors d’oeuvres, we were all in bed early for our trip home the next morning.

On Saturday everyone was on the water by 7 am, with reports of some boats leaving at 4:30. Today was the day to finally get to sail, with good wind out of the southwest. But when we got to the Potomac, things got really exciting- 20 knots on the nose, confused seas, and a long slog home. It stayed “lumpy” all the way down the coast of the Northern Neck, until we rounded Windmill Point, where the Rappahannock gave us some protection. And that concluded our 2008 cruise.

I would especially like to thank Carl and Duanne Hawkins for all their hard work in arranging and planning another successful summer trip. As usual, Carl “led the way” for us again (“only runnin’ 2400 rpm”). And it was a real privilege to get to meet so many new friends along the way, which is why we rejoined SHYC after a 10-year hiatus. You always were more fun than those “other clubs” we were in. Lastly, thanks for letting a “stinkpotter” tag along- hope we didn’t embarrass anyone.

Looking forward to more adventures-

Cris and Britney Dedmond



Labor Day Weekend 2008

On Friday September 29th our flotilla left Stingray and sailed to Crisfield and the 61st Hard Crab Derby.

The winds cooperated with a steady 10-15 knots for the trip up to Crisfield. The majority of our fleet arrived mid afternoon and was greeted by the very professional staff from Somers Cove Marina. When we checked-in with the marina office we were told they were expecting 100 boats to arrive on Friday. We started our weekend activity with Stingray's usual 5pm Happy Hour in a very nice screened pavilion secured by Captain Carl.

The Hard Crab Derby has the feel of a county fair complete with a rides, games and food vendors. We personally enjoyed seeing all the families that turned out.

Saturday proved to be just one event after another. The first event was the parade down Main Street complete with High School marching bands, Fireman, Soldiers, and several local business owners. One of the largest floats was the one for Miss Crustacean and her court.

As soon as the parade was over we went directly to the Smith Island Skiff Races at the Crisfield City Dock. The announcer for this event provided the crowd with the history of these boats and the details of how a small dedicated group is working to bring them back to the Bay. These boats were once used much like a family car by those living on the island. When the checkered flag fell on the last skiff race we were off to the Crab Bowl for the crab races. There were over 300 crabs entered. If you arrive early enough you can purchase and name one of the racing crabs. After the race all of the crabs, except for the winners, are cooked and served for dinner at the American Legion Post 16 in Crisfield.

On Saturday evening the Somers Cove Yacht Club invited our club to a covered dish dinner under a

large tent they had set up at the marina. I cannot thank SCYC enough for their hospitality. SCYC provided the main course of fried chicken with everyone bringing a side dish or dessert. I personally gave up on the diet and enjoyed the smorgasbord of desserts that were available. Dinner under the tent was one of those places you did not meet a stranger. Our common interest in boating and the Bay opened the door to a wide range of conversations. We look forward to getting together with the SCYC folks in the future. Following dinner we toured the midway of the fair where we enjoyed seeing all the children riding the attractions.

Sunday brought another day of exciting entertainment; the 37th Annual Boat Docking Contest. Watching a 46 ft. workboat go speeding past the dock only a few feet from your seat, making a u-turn and backing down between four pilings while dropping a line on each piling in just 39 seconds is something everyone that owns a boat should see at least once. These men are truly one with their boat.

Culminating the day was a group dinner at Side Street Restaurant followed by spectacular fireworks. Thanks to all of our friends on White Star, Celerity, Water Music, Doctor's Orders, Catitude, Phoenix, Liberty, Sandpiper and Mic Mac for making Labor Day Weekend 2008 one that we will not forget. A special thanks to Carl Hawkins for pulling the trip together and working to make sure we all had a great time.

Sail Mates

Linda and Charlie

Crew Needed – Fall Cruise

Ken Ross, s/v Sundial needs experienced crew for the SHYC Fall Cruise to Norfolk. He can accommodate a single person or couple, preferably with experience aboard a Hunter 34 or similar vessel. If interested, please contact Ken directly at 804-622-6845.