

THE SEAPATH

Newsletter of Seapath Yacht Club, Inc

Spring 2009



Commodore's Corner

Dear Seapath Members and Renters,

Welcome to the spring boating season! It's finally warm and hopefully spring is here. I would like to bring you up to date on projects and events at your club.

First, I would like to welcome two new Board of Commanders members. Alex Hall is joining the board from C Dock. Alex and Marie are on Watertight Alibi. Alex is a very well respected local attorney and has served on the Board previously and we welcome him back. Bob Rothermel joins the Board from B Dock. Bob and Joanne are on Patriot Dream. Bob relocated to Wilmington from Chicago after a very successful career as a managing partner with Deloitte. We are excited to have both Alex and Bob join the Board.

The infrastructure project is scheduled to begin in late fall so we won't disrupt use of the marina during the summer and fall seasons. We have obtained final drawings from the engineers and presented our drawings and timeline to the Tower Board. Our properties committee will meet with the Tower Board in the near future and continue to try to work with them in resolving their concerns about the mutually beneficial project. The timeline for the project is

included in a separate section of this newsletter.

We realize that in these economic times another assessment is probably the last thing you need, but the Board in consultation with the engineers believes that it is essential that we repair the bulkhead, sidewalk and at the same time relocate some utilities. Not only is this important for the structural soundness of the marina and tower, but is essential in maintaining our property values. We will have a special membership meeting this summer to vote on the assessment once we have received bids for the project. The Board is developing alternatives for you to pay the assessment over time. These will be communicated to you soon. I want to thank you for your overwhelming support of the first phase assessment and also thank you for your prompt payments! Our yacht club is financially sound and the Board takes our budget and management oversight role very seriously.

The next very important item is pump-outs. We are a designated NC Clean Marina and the town of Wrightsville Beach is becoming increasingly concerned about pump-outs. Please do your part. It only takes a few minutes and the staff will be happy to help you move your boat to the fuel dock if

necessary. If everyone takes this seriously we may be able to avoid the strict enforcements that you see in places like Florida.

Another issue I want to address is basic courtesy for your fellow boaters. Please return the dock carts when you use them for other members use. Also remember the dock is not for storing kayaks, batteries, bicycles, or other miscellaneous items that won't fit on your boat. Please use your dock box or talk to Chris about storage possibilities. Let's keep our docks clear and free of extra treasures.

We are looking forward to a busy social schedule at the Yacht Club this year. The Friday and Saturday cash bar will open Friday May 22nd from 5pm to 9pm. This is a great way to meet your fellow yacht club members...please come up and join everyone at the Clubhouse. The complete social calendar is included in this newsletter.

You are all invited to the Commodore's Reception on Saturday, May 9 from 5:00-8:00. This is a perfect start to the summer season, please plan on attending. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Commodore's Reception. If you would like to discuss any of the issues I have mentioned in this letter please feel free to call me or any of the members of the Board of Commanders. A Board membership list is included for your information.

Thank you for your support of the Board of Commanders.
Sincerely,

Joanne Rockness, Commodore
M/v Sequel, B-38

Infrastructure Project Time Line

May 1 st	Project sent for Bid
July 1 st	Bid opening
July 10 th	Notice to Members regarding Special Meeting
Aug 15 th	Special Meeting
By Sept. 1 st	Award Contract
Oct. 1 st	Storage Area Available in Parking Lot
Nov. 1 st	Begin Construction
May 1 st	Completion

2009 Social Schedule

The 1st annual *Clean Marina Day* was held April 11th and kicked off the 2009 Social Schedule. Great weather and a lively crowd helped make this event a hit. The storage area under the Clubhouse got a much needed organizing. Many cans of paint, batteries, and oil were disposed of in a manner in keeping with NC Clean Marina standards. Jazz had a wonderful buffet set up to go along with a 155 lb pig that was prepared by Chris and Phil. Ms. Beverly of the Wild Duck brought world's record deviled eggs! Tow Boat US of Wrightsville Beach provided a keg of beer for all to enjoy. The Cape Fear Power Squadron was on site doing Free Vessel Safety Inspections. A special thank you goes out to George Sagen for help in planning and providing his professional touch with a pressure washer.

Keys to a Stress Free Summer at SYC

Parking-place parking stickers on your vehicles above inspection sticker.

Dogs/Pets-pick up pet waste
Keep all dogs/pets on a leash

Closed Heads-No pumping of waste overboard will be tolerated!

Dock Carts-Please return to entranceway after use.

New Grills-Help keep them clean and in good working order.

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Social Dates

2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Social</u>
April 11 th		Clean Marina Day
	9am-3pm	
May 9 th		Commodore's Party
	5pm-8pm	
May 23 rd		Memorial Day Cookout
	7pm	
June 20 th		Spanish Mackerel Tournament
	7am-12pm/7pm	
July 4 th		Shrimparoo
	7pm	
July 18 th		Open Cookout
	12pm-3pm	
September 5 th		Labor Day Party
	7 pm	
October 24 th		Oyster Roast
	12pm-3pm	

What is requested of you for now:

- *Call [Phil or Chris](#) if your Membership is available for sale.*
- *Please contact the marina with your email address at seapath@cape-fear.net so that we can add you to our email database and send you newsletters and updates.*

Late Edition to Social Schedule

June 27th-A proposed joint social event is in the process of being planned with some members of Harbor Village Yacht Club. This event will be held at Seapath Yacht Club. Specific details about this event will be sent out via email as the plan develops.