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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Although the Club was closed during much of February, it was a busy month in terms of construction efforts and administrative duties.

The Audit Committee, Facilities Improvement Committee, Pier Committee and Budget and Planning Committee all met and provided reports to the Board of Governors at the February Meeting. Not only did these meetings and subsequent reports satisfy our bylaws, the foundation for much of what the Club hopes to accomplish during the rest of this year has been put in place. I would again like to thank and recognize the efforts of the members of these committees. Unfortunately, the "weather gods" did not cooperate with our construction efforts. With our parking lots, roof and construction site buried in almost 2 feet of snow, most of the outdoor efforts virtually came to a halt. However, efforts indoors such as plumbing, electrical, new kitchen floor, removal of the ceiling in the bar, installation of the fire suppression system, removal of the brick walls between the old and new rooms upstairs showed much progress. Much of this effort can be attributed to the daily efforts of Members Doug Moore, Rick Sass and Dennis Lawson. It should also be noted that the employees of the W.M. Davis Company have made every effort to keep our renovation on schedule as much as possible, in impossible conditions.

Over the years we have become comfortable and somewhat spoiled by having our own building for the Club's events. Having to conduct our business and our events in an alternate location that was knee-deep in snow was challenging. As I reported at the February Board meeting, I was pleased and impressed with the cooperation and efforts made by so many people. P/C Bill Glascock and Jamie Ward plowed and shoveled the roads, walkways and parking areas at the restaurant. V/C Kuzmick, R/C Keefe, P/C Gambrill and Bruce Dickinson all assisted in moving many loads of equipment and supplies required for the meeting and dinner. Then there was Marge and her "children" who prepared and served a wonderful St. Valentine's Day dinner for the 104 people in attendance. Members Mike and Carlene Bucko, Cindy Scribner, Dennis and Bernice Lawson and Nancy Kuzmick voluntarily pitched in to help in the serving of the meal. Of course none of this would have been possible without the use of the restaurant donated by P/C Matt Gambrill and manager Richard Fitzwater.

As we move into March, it will slowly become possible to begin moving our operations and events back into our facility. Hopefully, by the time you read this, our bar will have reopened (if only on a limited basis). It is everyone's hope that the winter snowstorms are behind us and that the construction efforts will continue to move forward at maximum speed.

Finally, the 2010 SIYC Yearbook was sent to the printer yesterday. While proofing the book, I could not help notice the new look to our yearbook and recognize the enormous number of hours that Cathy has spent in preparing the publication that we all use and enjoy. I am truly excited about the Yearbook and would like to be the first to thank Cathy for her efforts. Barring any delays, the Yearbook will be distributed at the April BOG Meeting.

I hope that many of you will join us for the March Board of Governors Meeting which will again be held at the *Back Creek Bistro* at Calvert Marina.

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Club Coordinator Marge Martz

Renovation Committee

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✧ ✧ VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER ✧ ✧

At ease, at ease! The club is at "parade rest" on the "battlefield!" Mother Nature didn't cooperate with our wants and needs!

We did, however, unwind at our February BOG meeting / Valentine's Party. It was a great gathering, with 100+ for dinner and more for the meeting and socializing. *Cabin Fever??* Many thanks to Marge and staff—Paula, Maura, and April plus volunteer members who pulled off a great dinner, especially in light of the lengthy BOG meeting.

Thanks again to P/C Matt Gambrill and Richard "Fitz" Fitzwater for use of Back Creek Bistro. Fitz has not mentioned it, but I think he enjoyed our gang and is looking forward to our March 6 BOG meeting—Eh, Fitz! (I'll get a copy of this to Fitz.) So, yes, plan on coming to the Bistro on March 6 for a nice evening.

My thanks to our *patient* bar coordinators who have been dealing with the fluid schedule. The target date to re-open the bar for limited operations is March 1st. Cheers, Bill

✧ ✧ ✧ REAR COMMODORE'S CORNER ✧ ✧ ✧

Hopefully by the time this reaches all of you, the construction will have progressed to the point that we will again have the use of the Captain's Lounge. R/C Bill Keefe and everyone involved with the renovation are working very hard to overcome the weather delays. If we can make it work, Bill and I are trying to arrange an informal Crock Pot (bring a dish) corned beef and cabbage in the bar around St. Patrick's Day. Check the website and watch the club bulletin board for the latest on that event. Easter is the 4th of April and Bill and I are also planning an Easter sunrise service at the club. Details and plans will have to accommodate the status of the construction. The memorial Easter lilies last year were quite popular, and we will again offer them for sale at about the same cost (Est. \$13.00). As soon as the lounge re-opens, you will find a sign up sheet in the bar for memorial Easter lilies. Please sign up by March 20th, so that we can get the lilies ordered and the memorials listed in the Easter program. Bill will have coffee and breakfast in the lounge after the service.

Opening weekend will be here before we know it. Nancy and I have been talking about how to best celebrate the start of our new season (and the first major event in our newly renovated facility) on May the 22nd and 23rd. What an exciting time for our club. We hope that those of you have provided our members with such wonderful social and ceremonial events in past years will help us get SIYC's 2010 season off to a great start. To that end we are setting up a group to help plan and organize our opening weekend. Are there traditions that we should revisit? Do you have any suggestions for the Princess Cocktail Party and the weekend events? Please give me your ideas, and let me know if you want to help launch our summer season in style. Drop me an email or just tell me you will help. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best Regards, Bob K



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Check the ammended Schedule.
Wicomico Cruise Scheduled



Report From the Building Renovation

Committee Chair – Rick Sass

As I write this in mid-February, following two major snowstorms, I can report to you that we continue to make substantial construction progress inside the building but not on the outside due to snow and moisture. The inability to complete the outside excavations for water and sewer hookups to the county system has forced SIYC to close until March 1.

Project Status Since Last Report:

- New roof has been completed and shingles installed on new and old roof.
- Brick walls between the upstairs dining room and new room have been removed – only major support columns remain.
- Fire suppression sprinkling system is being installed in the old and new buildings (the Captains Lounge ceiling was removed for sprinkler installation and will be replaced with an easy access ceiling).
- Old kitchen floor was removed, new plumbing installed, and new concrete floor poured.
- Most interior wall framing has been completed upstairs including new rest rooms and office area and bar and serving area in new building.
- Window installation in new building is underway.
- New plumbing and electric installation is in progress and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) installation will begin this week (mid-Feb.).
- Asbestos covered pipes removed in Captains Lounge and lower office and area tested.
- County approval received to allow sewer line from club to road to be only five feet from water line instead of ten feet so no need to consider crossing adjacent church property.

The Building Renovation Committee decided at its meeting on February 11, after much discussion, to remove the two doors connecting the Captains Lounge to the new enclosed area to greatly improve ingress and egress between the two areas. In addition, the bar window will be removed and a floor to ceiling opening created to improve bar access. The total cost of these actions is \$680.00.

Status of Financial Reserves:

Charges to date against the approved building renovation financial reserve of \$54,768.00 that was approved by the membership in September are \$13,097. While we think that we are past most construction surprises that could lead to significant additional costs, there still is some potential risk when further excavation to connect the water and sewer lines begins after the weather improves. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments as we proceed on the renovation project.

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Special Events for March

Saturday, March 6, BOG Meeting & Dinner at Back Creek Bistro at Calvert Marina
Bar Open 4PM, Meeting at 5:30, Dinner at 7:30
Reservations, please by March 3.

BOG DINNER

March 6, 2010 7:30

Marge's Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes w Gravy
Green Beans w Blue Cheese
Salad & Rolls
Dessert
\$14.00

Thank you for the tribute at Dan's service and for all the caring remarks, cards and special thoughts.

Barbara Barrett

Reservation Please by March 3

Bill Keefe - 410-326-4149

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Marge Martz (c) 240-925-5694

Special Thoughts

The Board of Governors and the general membership would like to extend our condolences to P/C Gordon Henderson on the death of his Grandson and Trish Chanda on the death of her Mother.

We would like to extend get well wishes to P/C Tom Sidleck, Betsy Stoddard, Terrie Johnston and anyone else who might be having health issues. Let us hope we have a beautiful and early spring.

Cynde Redfield
Sunshine Chairperson

2010 SIYC Cruise Schedule

Pier reservations SIYC - Ian Sommerville (410) 586-3571

- May 14 - 16 Oxford shakedown cruise (Roger & Sally Stobbart (410) 394-0263)
- May 22 - 23 Watermen's Memorial / Opening Day Blessing of the Fleet (Larry Reich (410) 474-2377)
-  **May 28 - 31 Wicomico Yacht Club Cruise (Marty Nash)**
- Jun 6 Cuckold Creek (Tom & Marie Sidlick (410) 326-6754)
(Gary & Sharon Strausser (301) 274-1957)
- Jun 10 - 14 Great Oaks / Baltimore (Nick & Ilse Metz (410) 326-3822)
- Jun 18 - 20 Vera's / Bikini contest (Larry Reich (410) 474-2377)
- Jun 27 Cuckold Creek (Larry & Susan Reich (410) 474-2377)
- Jul 16 - 18 Taylor's Island (Matt Gambrell (410) 610-4800)
- Jul 23 - 25 Tides Inn/ Indian Creek YC (Al & Cynde Redfield (410) 326-9254)
- Aug 13 - 15 Point Lookout (Al & Cynde Redfield (410) 326-9254)
- Aug 20 - 22 Virginia northern neck / Potomac River (Bob & Nancy Kuzmick) (301) 994-9098)
- Aug 28 River Run (Ted Evans / Larry Reich (410) 474-2377)
- Oct 21 - 26 Norfolk Yacht & Country Club (John Zalusky & Susan Rork (410) 326-3037)
- Dec 11 Light Parade (Larry Reich (410) 474-2377)

If anyone has any additions or corrections, please contact Fleet Captain Larry Reich.

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