

Commodore Log – February 14th 2022

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Ahoy from the desk of your Commodore!

I want to wish all our members a Happy New Year!! The New Year represents new beginnings for our Club. As of January 1st a new Board is in place and I am excited to be leading this team of very qualified individuals.

I want to take this opportunity to “Thank” the members of the 2021 Board for navigating the Club through very difficult waters and trying times. Laurie Sattler deserves special recognition and acknowledgement for serving both as Commodore and Vice Commodore during this difficult period. The pandemic had a significant impact on the club’s social calendar and social events. The good news is that the Club emerged from 2021 financially sound and able to move into 2022 with a new and exciting calendar of social events (if Omicron allows).

This is the first of many excerpts from the **Commodore’s Log** that I hope to publish in the Clubs monthly newsletter to communicate to you, convey my thoughts on Club events and happenings on the water in the Low Country. In this addition, I wanted to take some time to convey my goals and aspirations for the Club in 2022.

My goals for the Club in 2022 can be summarized as follows; rebuild and expand the Club membership; work for greater member participation in helping with committees and events; engage the Club in the greater Low Country boating community; expand our calendar of events to include more “on the water activities”; and continue to support our chosen charity – The Tiny House Project. These goals are expanded upon below:

It is key to the Club survival and to remain viable that we rebuild and grow in 2022. After the pandemic hit in 2020 and 2021 the club social activities and membership were significantly affected. 2022 is a year to rebuild and grow the Club. I urge all our members to spread the word about SIBC to those boaters and non-boaters who have not heard of the Club. I need your help getting the word to potential new members and getting them excited about joining SIBC.

Another major goal of mine is to increase the Club members participation in committees and activities. The more hands involved in our activities means lighter work for all and it’s the best way to connect and make new friends with other boaters. This is a member driven social Club and it will succeed or fail on member involvement.

A third goal I have for the Club is to plan fun, inclusive, social and educational activities, both on and off the water, and provide ongoing, regular opportunities for boaters and sailors to meet, to have fun and develop new friendships.

I want the Club to become more engaged in the broader Low Country boating community and activities. We need to strengthen our relationships with other boat clubs like the Savannah Yacht Club, the Hilton Head Yacht club, and other social boat clubs and to present to our membership other boating and social activities available to them in the local area.

Finally, I will pursue policies with the Board to support and strengthen the relationships we have with our selected charity – the Tiny House Project.

Signing off for now.....

May You Have Fair Winds and Following Seas....

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