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Commodore Log

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Ahoy from the Desk of your Commodore.

This entry comes just days after the SIBC Tall Tales Dinner event at the Delegal Marina Screened in Porch. Wow!! What a fun evening we had even though, once again, the weather was a challenge and threatening rain up to the time of the event and after the event.

I was so gratified at the overwhelming response of our Members. We had 42 members who came to the event. Many were new to the club and were warmly welcomed.

As we gathered, there was plenty of wine, beer and margarita's and everyone was socializing and getting to know each other better. Members enjoyed BBQ Briskets and Chicken with all the fixings. I received many, many compliments about the quality of the BBQ.

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Following dinner, we were entertained by audacious tales of boating and sailing adventures. Some of them were even true although the truth may have been stretched a little bit.

We heard sailing stories from Ruth McMullin that captured all our attention. We all were glad that we weren't on board the sailboat when Ruth was fighting the storm to get safely into port.

Following Ruth's harrowing adventures, we were treated to tales by Stephenie Elliman. Stephanie told us a story about a time they were sailing in the Caribbean when they saw over the horizon a mushroom cloud much like that from an atomic bomb. They brace themselves for a large wave from the blast but it never came nor was there a bright flash or intense wind. When they returned to port they questioned other sailors and confirmed that they had seen the mushroom cloud as well. To this day she has not been able to explain the occurrence.

Following Stephenie was Rick Walters who shared his nerve-racking story of losing all his boats electronics at a critical time heading out of port in Maine with rocks and other hazards nearby and not being able to recover the electronics. The unbelievable part of the story was that this happened on a Sunday and Cheryl suggested calling the manufacturer to help trouble shoot the problem which Rick did and actually had his call answered and the technician was able to get his electronics back online over the phone.

Next up was Arny Chassen who entertained us with his stories as a Steer Person on a Dragon Boat in the 1997 World Championship Games in Sha Tin China where his Dragon Boat Team took home the Gold Medal. Arny also gave us some insight into the rigorous training and on shore activities required to be a champion.

Rich Moore followed Arny and told us a tale of his time sailing between the Dutch Virgin Island and the French Virgin Islands. He was touring the French Virgin Islands via a rental car when he was overtaken by a police chase. The escaping fugitive side swiped the entire side of Rick's rental car and then crashed. The police surrounded the car and in the ensuing gun battle the fugitive was killed. Rick tried to get the attention of the French Police to get a written explanation for the damage to his rental car and he was ignored by the police. The police left and Rich never got an explanation. On his way to turning in the car, he stopped at a gas

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station and explained to the attendant what had happened and the gas station attendant said “Don’t worry about the car it happens all the time on the Island”. Rick ended up turning in the car as is.

I gave my story next. I shared a sailing story from August of 2015 when we had chartered a 55 ft catamaran in the society islands of French Polynesia for two weeks. We were sailing with a green international crew. Towards the end of our trip we were scheduled to leave Bora Bora after visiting for a few days when the weather turned bad. A half hour outside of the Bora Bora lagoon we were taking green water over the bow and really rocking and rolling. However, we were never in danger of sinking. The crew became so frightened that the Swiss Doctor on board gave everyone, except myself and the captain, valium without our knowledge. Within 15 minutes the rest of the crew were zoned out and useless as sailors. We had to turn back to Bora Bora where we were stuck for two days until the weather changed and were able to make it to Raiatea and fly home.

Last but not least was Lee Carrol who regaled us with a story about a time when he was sailing and he came up to a sailboat that was dead in the water. When Lee haled the boat to see if he needed help the boat captain said his batteries were dead and he asked Lee if he had any jumper cables on his boat that could be used to jump his batteries. “They don’t make jumper cables that long” Lee replied. Lee ended up having to transfer the batteries between the other boat and his boat so that each one could be charged. This was not an easy feat and the process was time consuming. By the time Lee got this fellow on his way, he was seriously behind schedule and cursing him all the way.

After the Tall Tales were told, the evening broke up but mother nature decided at that time to open up the skies and rain buckets. If anyone made it out dry they were very lucky. My wife and I were drenched. It took two days for my shoes and clothes to dry out.

It takes a lot of volunteers to make such an event successful and taking care of all the logistics. These events do not just happen by themselves. Special Thanks are in order for Lee Carrol who lead the effort to get this event organized and all the logistics coordinated in my absence and the absence of all of his social committee.
Well Done Lee!!

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Next, I want to **THANK ALL** of the members who volunteered with event setup and event tear down/cleanup:

Event Setup: Lee and Georgie Carrol, Steve and June Hernandez, Rick and Cheryl Walters, Laurie Etherington

Event Teardown: Lee and Georgie Carrol, Steve and June Hernandez, Rick and Cheryl Walters, Laurie Etherington, Stephanie Elliman

This event could not have happened without your help. Thank You So Much.

To view photos of the Tall Tales Dinner Event click this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AyvkaZaYtWeFRH3eA>

Current Tall Tale Adventures

Killer whales are 'attacking' sailboats near Europe's coast.

My wife showed me this fascinating article recently and since we are just coming of our Tall Tales Dinner I wanted to share it with you.

I highly recommend that you watch the Yacht Delivery video because it is incredible what a pod of killer whales can do to your boat and how it effects seasoned Sailors. You really have no control over nature. It brings Moby Dick and the story of the loss of the Essex to life in the 21st century.. Here is the link:

<https://www.npr.org/2022/08/20/1117993583/orcas-attacks-spain-portugal-killer-whales?fbclid=IwAR0JhYZkxj9SG2BxgCCXmnCgGI5rlaxGYbCOsgvUaF4TALJ5lanyA7yZ1eE>

Help Wanted

SIBC is seeking volunteer help from our members due to a recent loss of several of our key officers for various reasons.

We currently are seeking members who can help us with the following positions:

Dockside Bar Stool Refinishing

We are currently looking for a volunteer to strip and refinish a new Dockside Bar Stool. If you are handy and would like to help out with this refinishing effort contact me at the eMail below. Once you complete the refinish job you will have your name plate permanently installed on the back of the chair.

Interim SIBC Board Secretary

- Attends Board Meetings
- Is a Voting Board Member
- Records Proceedings and prepares monthly Board Minutes and Agendas
- Keeps papers, records & documents of the Club

Interim Vice Commodore

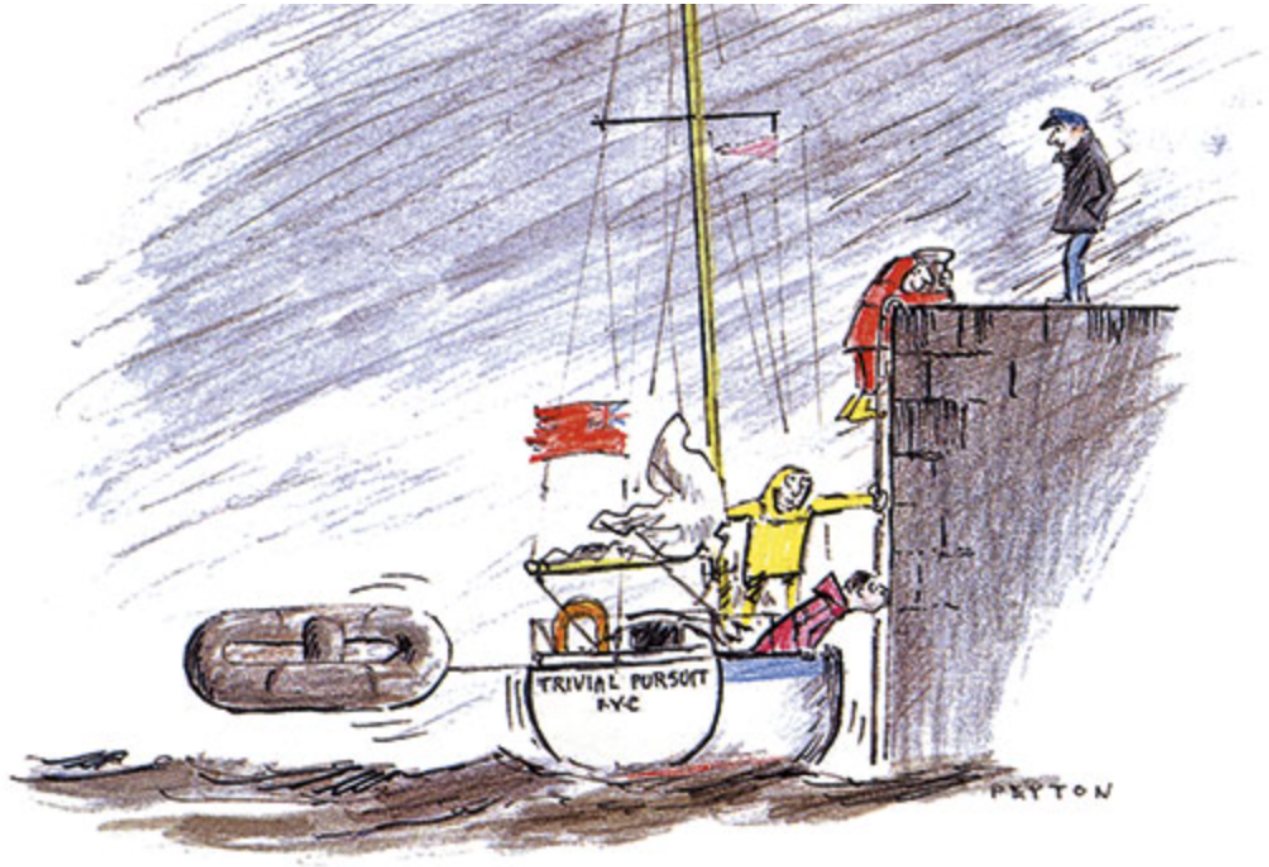
- Assist the Commodore in the discharge of his duties
- In the absence or disability of the Commodore, serve as acting Commodore

SIBC Upcoming Events

Dockside Bar –July 29th , Sept 9th & Sept 23rd from 5pm to 7pm
September 17th – Hook Race – Finish Line LHM and
Celebration at Dockside Bar 2 pm to 5:30 pm
October 25th – Year End Bash Sponsored by SIBC

Email hughandcharlene@gmail.com with questions or for reservations.

Off Watch



'Good trip?'