Bay Tripper October 2017

Can it be already? On Nov 10, 2016, I took over as Commodore and it’s been a whirlwind year! We’ve had a great time this year with socials, large boat trips, amazing small boat trips, and incredible camaraderie.

The goal of increased communication with members was achieved with the addition of our talented Webmaster/Secretary Linda Zaremski. Now we enjoy a professional quality website. And Joan Prescott complimented our efforts with updates to Facebook. Well done ladies!

And the introduction of our monthly newsletter provides a contemporary update vehicle. A challenge remains to increase our external communications to a broader audience. (Our ultimate goal is to increase…)

We wanted to grow our club and I’m pleased to report that (we’ve achieved that goal has been achieved. According to our records in 2016 we had 53 members (including 4 honorary). And now in mid-October 2017 our roster stands at 64 members (including 4 honorary). So this represents a 21% increase in membership. For perspective, at the end of 2014, the second full year of the club, we had 41 members (with 5 honorary). This is a sign of a healthy club with many great opportunities ahead!

Due to the outstanding efforts of our incredible Social Committee, led by Mary Jo Murphy, we were able to publish our entire event calendar in January 2017. We know you are busy folks and early visibility gives you time to plan in advance.

We are rushing towards the end of 2017 with our annual meeting November, 16 at Mimosa Barn. This has become a great event with our traditional Oyster Roast and catered, again, by the amazing Amy Brandt. We will have a short business meeting after dinner to elect our new Board and Flag Officers and consider revisions to our Bylaws.

Our Christmas party will be on December 16, at the Oyster Farm upstairs in the Cabana room.

And finally, big things are happening in the Southport section of the Town Harbor. Work has begun on the super yacht center. Over $8M in infrastructure improvements have started, to be joined with a 36,000 sq. ft. maintenance shop at $3M, followed by a 600 ton lift (~$2M). The operations will be handled by Front Street Shipyard of Belfast, ME. We are going to be on the yachting map!

It’s been a privilege to serve as your Commodore and we are a vibrant club with a bright future. All of you are key to the club’s future. Be involved, ask how you can help out and make CCYC the best yacht club on the Eastern Shore. The opportunities are yours to grab.

On a personal note, Jeanie and I (and likely Nova the cat) are off on an adventure in late October down the ICW where we will spend December in Charlestown, SC and January and February 2018 in Savannah, GA. and return to Cape Charles in Spring 2018.

It’s been a great year and 2018 will be even better.

Stuart, Commodore