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Feb 21,



Sharon Stephenson, Commodore

The Commodore's Log

Spring Into Sailing Activities

April is finally bringing us warmer and longer days, perfect for spending more time outside. The NSA has you covered. This weekend will be our 1st cruise of the season, coordinated by cruise captains Scott Westwood & Sandra Emerson. See their detailed article about the trip to Beaufort. As did Scott & Sandra, I also want to encourage any of you who are hesitant about going to Beaufort or on any NSA cruise to let us know if you want to buddy up with someone else. Members of the club are always willing to lend a helping hand. In fact, this is one of the advantages of cruising with this organization.

The following weekend is the Oriental Boat Show sponsored by the Oriental Rotary. We will have a booth at the show. See John Phillips & Cyndy Little's article about signing up for booth duty. It's a great way to talk to others about our club, as well as a chance for you to take a break from looking at boats and boating merchandise. The Rotary does a very good job with putting on this show, so come on out to support this community event.

Seminar:Navigation
Rules of the Road
Feb 25,

Oyster Roast/
Feb. 25,

Seminar:Cruising
Headsail Furlers
March 4,

Seminar:Safety at
Sea
March 11,

NSA Bridge
Meeting/
March 18, 8:30-
10:00

Shrimperoo/
Mar 18,

Seminar:Chartering
in the Caribbean
March 21,

Seminar:You are
Now the Captain &
MOB
March 25,

USCG Safety
Inspections/
April 1,

Sailpack Oriental
Intercollegiate
Regatta, April 1,2

Seminar:Sail Trim
Apr 8,

Easter Cruise/
April 15 - 16,

Oriental Boat Show/
April 21 - 23,

Seminar:Docking
Basics, Anchoring
in Close Quarters
Apr 29,

Seminar:12V Hands
on Trouble
Shooting/
May 6,

Anniversary Race/
May 6

Seminar:Emergency
Signaling Devices/
May 13,

Seminar:NSA
Cruising Primer/
May 20,

Memorial Day
Cruise/
May 27 - 29

The 1st weekend in May will be the Anniversary Race. Although the Neuse Sailing Association is not a racing club and most of us do not consider ourselves to be racers, this organization was founded 40+ years ago as a racing club, so for the past few years we have had a fun race in recognition of our founders. Michael Byles is running this event. You can get the details in his article, below.

There are still several seminars coming up. Be sure to check out the remaining schedule on the events calendar. These have been coordinated with SCOO (Sailing Club of Oriental), so the seminars have been a good venue for not only learning useful information but meeting folks from the "other" sailing club in town.

Several recent events need mentioning. The Shrimperoo last month was quite successful, in spite of the rainy weather. A big thanks to Paul & Becky Griffin for coordinating this event. A big thanks also to Lynn Scott for coordinating the photo contest. Winners were announced at the Shrimperoo, which is recapped in this edition of the Neuse Juice and also on the website. Thanks also to Brian McLamb for organizing the Coast Guard Vessel Safety inspections.

The SailPack Intercollegiate Regatta was held the 1st weekend of April. This was not an NSA event, but your club was a big supporter through donations approved by the Bridge to lodge some of the college sailors and to sponsor a sail. See Susanne & Bill Lovelace's article summarizing the event & all the NSA connections.

I hope everyone is ready for the sailing season and has gotten their winter boat chores completed. Actually, between traveling and moving, Chuck & I are behind on the boat chore part, but are ready for sailing nonetheless. We hope all of you can make it to some or all of the upcoming activities.

Until next time,

Sharon Stephenson
s/v *Pelikan*
Commodore
Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org



Cruising Outlook

Cruising Update

You might think that after sailing the South Pacific over the past five weeks that I would regard a run down Adams Creek and the ICW to Beaufort as unexciting. Nothing could be further from the truth. Many times on watch out on the Pacific on s/v Misto, I daydreamed about cruising around coastal North Carolina with the NSA. For Donna and I, the NSA is family.

Let me pause here, though, and thank Ros and Howard Cheetham for the opportunity of a lifetime! I won't soon forget the sailing, and the sights and sounds. That said, I'm glad to be home.

We kick off what I believe is going to be an awesome cruising season this weekend with our Easter Cruise to Beaufort. Cruise Captains Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson (s/v Aphrodisiac) have done a great job planning our first cruise. This is our second straight year going to Beaufort for Easter weekend. It's just the right distance for shaking down our boats in preparation for the cruising season, and it's a fabulous destination.

Beaufort Docks offers it all – a beautiful waterfront boardwalk, great restaurants, pubs and shops, and a helpful dock master and staff. We've also got a fantastic weather forecast for this weekend. And for those interested, on Sunday, the town of Beaufort holds a non-denominational Easter service on the docks. But I don't want to steal Scott and Sandra's spotlight. See their Easter Cruise preview elsewhere in today's newsletter.

Speaking of cruise captains, we have vacancies for several cruises this season. The cruise captain program is helpful in making each cruise special, which is our goal. And it's an easy way to get involved in NSA leadership. We have the first two cruises covered. The NSA's "Three Caballeros" – Chuck Gordon, Bill Erwin and Buster Kenny – have our Memorial Day Weekend Cruise (May 26-29) to Ocracoke well in hand. While our allotted slips at the

Seminar: Bleeding Control
June 3

Hope Regatta
June 9-11

Week Long Cruise I
June 17-24

Oriental CroakerFest/
June 30 - July 2

Dog Day Cruise/
July 8-9

Week Long Cruise II
July 9 - 16

Dinghy Poker Run/
July 22,

Lazy Days Cruise/
Aug. 19-20

Labor Day Cruise/
Sep. 2 - 4

Oriental Cup Regatta/
Sept. 15 - 17

Fall Cruise/
Sept. 23-24

Autumn Raft-up/
Oct 14 - 15

Halloween Cruise/
Oct. 28 - 29

Annual Membership Meeting/
Nov. 11

Commodore's Ball /
Nov. 11,

Spirit of Christmas float/
Dec 9 - 10

For details, go to [Events List](#)

BULLETIN BOARD

[BOAT/US DISCOUNT NSA members are entitled to a 50% discount when joining or renewing their Boat/US membership. Click [here](#) for details.

Anchorage Inn Marina are filled, don't let that stop you from coming. The National Parks Service docks, which are first-come, first-served, are a great value. And many NSA boats will anchor in Silver Lake (which is a better value).

We still need cruise captains for several of the ports we'll visit on our two week-long cruises this summer, as well as our Dog Days, Fall and Halloween cruises. These include Ocracoke (Week-Long I), Manteo, and Beaufort. The primary role of the cruise captain is to ensure we have provisions and supplies (beer, wine, plates, cups, etc.) for the social (we reimburse all expenses). In addition, cruise captains might provide navigational guidance, if necessary, and plan an outing. Outings are usually only organized when we're in a port for three days.

Let me know if you're interested in volunteering. See the [Events List](#) on the website for the dates of our cruises. And many thanks to those members who have already volunteered as cruise captains. Finally, let me again make a pitch for mentors for new members. We have a number of new members who want someone to follow the first time visiting a port. We have some members teamed up with new members for this weekend. Let me know if you would like to mentor a new member. And, if you're a new member and would like a buddy, also let me know. We want your first cruising experience to be fun and uneventful. See you soon on the water.

Carl Crothers,
s/v *Captiva*
Vice Commodore/ Cruising
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Membership

Successful Spring Membership Drive

Membership

We have just completed our membership renewal period with great success. We now have 118 memberships covering 218 members. So far this year we have added twelve new memberships. For this month we want to welcome the following new members.

Martin Privette – Martin lives in Oriental, NC .

Dan Bartley – Dan is from and sails Bayfield 40K out of Oriental Harbor Marina.

Jim Edwards & Stephanie Carperos – Jim and Stephanie are from Oriental and sail their 52 foot Irwin Mark II out of Oriental Harbor Marina. Stephanie is a physician in Bayboro and Jim is the owner of Bow to Stern Boating right here in Oriental so they have plenty of boats to choose from.

Nancy Crain and Darrell Wiard – Nancy and Darrell are from Merritt, NC.

Tom and Diane Carbone – Tom and Diane are from Oriental and sail their Beneteau Oceanis 321 out of Whittaker Creek Marina.

Give all of our new members a big welcome when you see them at NSA events.

A fun place to spread the word about membership in the NSA is at the [Oriental Boat Show](#), April 21-23rd. As we have done in years past the Neuse Sailing Association will have a booth at the show. We use this booth to promote our club, answer questions about our club and hopefully recruit a few new members. Cyndy and I will be at the booth most days but we can't do it all by ourselves. We need volunteers to help man the booth. We are assigning time slots in two hour increments and there are open spaces from 2:00-6:00 pm on Friday, 12:00-6:00 on Saturday and 12:00-2:00 on Sunday. Please call or text Cyndy at (443) 564-3355 or I at (910) 528-8383 or send us an email (vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org) if you can help. Let us know what day and time slot you prefer. We need four people for each time slot.

Burgees

We have sold out of our NSA Burgees but have placed an order to replenish our inventory. If you want to purchase a new NSA burgee just let Cyndy or I know and we will put you on the list to notify you when the new burgees arrive. They are still only \$20.00 which is a deal because we are still selling them at less than our cost. For new members who have not yet received your welcome package they will be mailed out just as soon as we have the new burgees to put into the welcome package.



NSA Seminar Series

NSA FACEBOOK PAGE

Yes, we have one. Go [here](#) to join our members-only page. It's a great place to share photos and experiences.

For breaking news, the latest club information and coming events, watch the headline boxes on the NSA [Homepage](#).

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Keep an eye on the calendar as we are having to make adjustments to our seminar offerings based on availability of the presenter and other matters. Remember most of the people who volunteer to present at a seminar are volunteers and in the best of times things happen that require us to alter our plans. We will update the calendar as soon as we know and replace with a seminar in our backup group of seminars. The seminar on May 13th on Emergency Signaling Devices is being rescheduled to July and we hope to replace it with a seminar on cruising to Cuba. So stay tuned.

John Phillips & Cyndy Little
s/v *Chardonnay*
Vice Commodores/ Membership
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Special Events

No Rain on Our Parade....(of Shrimp!!)

While the weather chose not to cooperate, that didn't stop over 100 faithful NSA members and guests from turning out for the annual **Shrimperoo**. The group braved the rain to catch up with sailing friends over cocktails at the Tiki bar and enjoy great tunes provided by Bob Laverty. Everyone brought their appetites and consumed the entire 70 pounds of steamed shrimp.

The membership team signed up several new members and secured many renewals. We are looking forward to welcoming our new members at future events and cruises. Through the 50/50 raffle, we raised over \$150 for Heartworks to support the kids that are going to sailing camp this summer. Finally, the winners of the 2016 NSA photo contest were announced and you can view the winning photos on the NSA Facebook page or front page of the NSA website.

If you missed the 2017 Shrimperoo or would like to relive the fun, check out the [photo gallery](#) on the [NSA website](#). We'd like to thank everyone that contributed to the event and made it such an overwhelming success!



Becky and Paul Griffin
s/v *Blue Mind*
VC Special Events
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Vessel Safety Check

Safe Vessels Ready for Spring Sailing

The **Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron** provided free vessel safety checks on Saturday, April 1 for several of our members. Over all, the Vessel Safety Inspections went well. We did, however, identify areas where improvements to this event can be made for next year. Anyone that did not have some one inspect their vessel can always [request a vessel safety check via the USCG website](#).

First, I would like to thank all of the members of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron who volunteered their time for our benefit. **Jim Dugan, Bill Guweain, Lloyd Moore, Chuck Stoup, and Dick Ewan** split up the marinas and performed the inspections. It was also educational for them as the fleet of vessels inspected ranged in type and size.

Second, the number of participants has grown yearly and includes not only NSA members. There were nearly as many non-members as members involved this year.

Third, it is apparent that we need to improve our communications so participants do not get overlooked. A few people had to skip their inspections, and a couple never received their requested inspection. I apologize to anyone that was missed, and thank everyone that did make this effort worthwhile. Next year I will incorporate lessons learned from this year.

Thank you, and happy safe sailing this season!
Brian McLamb
s/v *Serenity*

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2016 Photo Contest Winners Announced

Part of the festivities at the March Shrimperoo was the announcement of the 2016 Photo contest winners. This past year's contest was judged by Ben Casey and Joe Miller, both accomplished photographers. Joe Miller was a successful Graphic Designer, Photographer and illustrator in the Northeast before moving to this area. He now contributes his talents to supporting our local newspaper, the Pamlico News. Ben Casey has authored three books on Eastern NC waterways, is a photo-essayist, and documentary photographer. You can enjoy a glimpse of Ben's current project, Sound People, by visiting his website www.bencaseyphotos.com. The judges' selections show a thoughtful eye for imagery that captures the experiences of sailing in five predetermined categories:

Artistic

1st place: Habib Khoury - Sails
2nd place: Tony Nelson - Storm Noir

Fun, Wacky, Silly

1st place: Kathy Kenney - Endless Summer Pup
2nd place: Kathy Kenney - Cufflinks

Lifestyle

1st place: Becky Griffin - Springer's Point of View
2nd place: Becky Griffin - Land Excursion

Sailing Action

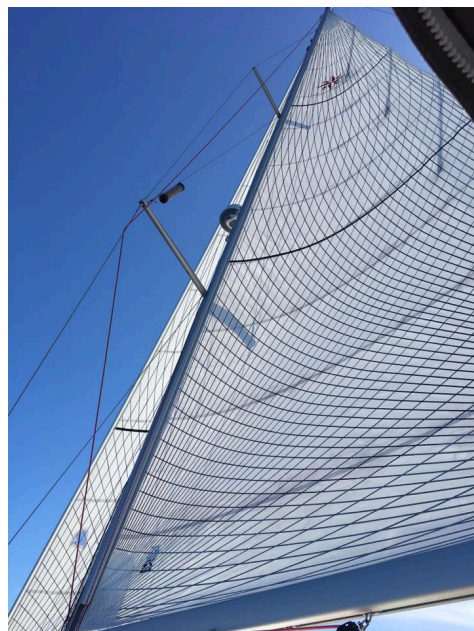
1st place: Carl Crothers - On the Neuse Heading to Ocracoke
2nd place: Habib Khoury - Racing Take Five

Scenic

1st place: Tony Nelson - Ocracoke in Noir
2nd place: Becky Griffin - Main Sunrise

You can view all the winning photographs on the Neuse Sailing Association website [photo contest winners gallery](#). The first place winners are also featured in the current [homepage](#) slider bar.

Lynn Scott
Photo Contest Chair
s/v Serenity

**Easter Cruise**

Easter Cruise to Beaufort

This year we head back to beautiful Beaufort, NC, for our first cruise of the 2017 season. Easter weekend this year falls on April 15-16. We'll stay at [Beaufort Docks](#) ((252) 728-2503).

Some members may wish to arrive a day early to Beaufort and leave on Monday giving you time to explore much of this historic town, which is a favorite stop along the ICW. Also, Beaufort has a community worship service on the docks every Easter for those interested.

NOTE 1: NSA is only reserving slips for Saturday night. If you wish to arrive early or stay longer it is up to you to make those arrangements with the marina.

NOTE 2: We currently have 21 boats signed up (4 anchoring). If you already signed up and find out you can't go please let us know so we won't worry if you don't show up.

NOTE 3: There are a couple of forum topics you may wish to follow (Subscribe to). One is the overall update

where we will post any important changes. The second is for organizing mini-convoy departure times. You can go to the [forums here](#). Facebook may also be updated.

Directions (roughly):

When exiting the Core Creek Channel just follow the buoys (Red on Starboard and Green on Port) until you come just passing markers 28 and 29. Look for the RS marker (Green over Red Russel Slough Junction Light) and follow the left-hand/Eastern channel down Russel Slough. At markers 7 and 8 you will then take a left turn down Gallant Channel. They are building a permanent bridge to replace the Gallant Draw Bridge. I spoke with the marina and they say the way is clear under the new bridge. The new bridge is almost complete but we still need to get through the draw bridge for now. About a quarter mile past the bridge you will turn to Port/East and the marina is down on the Port side. Just hail the marina if you can't find it. You might see some NSA burgees as you get closer.

The draw bridge schedule: From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw opens as needed on the hour and on the half hour; except that Monday through Friday the bridge will not open between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the bridge will open on request. You can hail the bridge to request an opening on VHF channel 13.

We are trying to verify the times/directions of the currents in Adam's Creek and Core Creek. If we get anything firm on that we will post the information. If anybody knows for sure please pass it along to the rest of us.

We will have a **social at 4:30pm on Saturday** on the docks, so please plan to bring a covered dish or appetizer for the event.

Register for this event [HERE](#). Please make sure to fill in the Yacht information (Length, Depth, Power Requirements, etc...). The marina requires this to allocate the correct slips.

The cruise captains for this event are Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson. If there are any questions please contact them here: scottwestwood@bellsouth.net.

Alternate contacts are Bill & Susanne Lovelace: lovetrup@me.com

Scott Westwood
s/v Aphrodisiac
scottwestwood@bellsouth.net.

Anniversary Race

2017 NSA Anniversary Race

On May, 6 2017 (Saturday), the NSA will hold its 4th anniversary race in the afternoon.

Like previous years we will use the pursuit format for the race (The slower boats start first followed by the faster boats). First boat to finish, WINS!



To assign the start times we will require the "PHRF" rating for each boat registered. If you do not know or have never applied for your boat's rating, complete a rating request form found in this [form](#) and then mail or email to:

Mark Weinheimer,
112 Straight Rd. Oriental, NC 28571
innerbanks@doylesails.com

Mark, in most cases, may assign you a provisional rating while your application is being processed.

[Here](#) is a sign up form on the NSA web site for this FUN race. Please make an effort to register by April 27 and include your

PHRF rating and number of crew members sailing with you. There is a basic registration fee of \$15.00 that covers the skipper and one crew; additional crew will be \$10/each and covers the party after the race.

Order of Events Saturday May 6, 2017

1:30 PM - Skippers Meeting at the TIKI Bar at the Oriental Marina and Inn. Captains will receive their start times and sailing instructions.

2:30 PM – First boat will start at “Oriental marker #1”

5:30 PM – Skippers & crews will meet at the Red Rooster for stories, pizza, beer, wine and Trophy Presentation.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact me:

Michael Byles
s/v Take Five
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LET'S GET OUT ON THE WATER AND HAVE SOME FUN!

SailPack Regatta

NSA contributes to the success of the 2017 SailPack Invitational Regatta

An important goal of the Neuse Sailing Association is to get members of all ages out on the water and the 2017 Sailpack Interconference Collegiate Regatta on April 1-2 gave us just the opportunity. The North Carolina State Sailing team, SailPack, in coordination with NSA sponsor Jim Edwards of Bow to Stern Sailing School, invited 18 college teams from as far north as Syracuse and far south as Florida to spend a weekend of friendly sail competition. Typically when these collegiate sailing teams travel to regattas, they are responsible for their own housing and food. However, in traditional Oriental-friendly style, town residents opened their homes and hotels provided discounts for the traveling sailors. The NSA sponsored hotel stays for two teams. Additionally, members Pat and John Messer opened their lovely Oriental home to the 5 members of the Virginia Tech sailing team.



The regatta would not be possible without the FJ fleet provided by Bow to Stern Sailing School. For this race, Jim outfitted the school's fleet with brand new sails, providing a canvas for several sponsors. The Neuse Sailing Association sponsored one of those new sails; the sail on boat #4 sports a printed NSA burgee that will be enjoyed for many years as this FJ fleet is used by the sailors and teams who come to Oriental to take advantage of Bow to Stern's facilities.

Some NSA members had a more personal connection to the weekend fun because they got to watch their children compete! Michael and Hope Byles son, Shep, is a junior at UNC Chapel Hill and skippers for their A team. Bill and Susanne Lovelace's daughter, Natalie, is a freshman at Virginia Tech and was also skippering for the A team that day. The weather and the wind (mostly) cooperated on both days for some exciting racing. It was especially gratifying to hear the students talk about wanting to come back to Oriental as a place for spring training. The results of the races and additional information can be found in [this article](#).

Bill and Susanne Lovelace
s/v TRiO
Commodores of Communication
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NSA Members in ARC

Misto reaches the Marquesas and on to the Tuamotu Archipelago

Landfall in the Marquesas was Hiva Oa where the anchorage is a bit tight and roly but the welcome from the locals was warm and enthusiastic. Hiva Oa boasts the largest Tiki in the islands and we enjoyed a wet, muddy and very bumpy trip in a 4x4 to the north side of the island to see them. The site has an eerie quality to it that reflects its use as a sacred place. The scenery on the north of the island was spectacular. The Marquesas are not the coral atolls of the South Pacific islands, but boast dramatic cliffs covered in greenery that descend directly into the sea.

We took advice from the local World ARC staff and moved on to spend three nights on Tahuata. Here we met wonderful local people, bought exquisite bone and wood carvings and enjoyed a phenomenal Marquesan meal in the home of an islander.



Next it was on to Ua Huka, but unfortunately the anchorage was too roly to permit us to stay, although it looked like the island had a lot to offer. So we moved right along to Fatu Hiva. Here to local welcome had a festival quality to it with Lais, bead necklaces, local food tasting and handcraft demonstrations. The evening was a feast of wild pig and goat cooked for hours under palm leaves and entertainment by local dancers. It was a truly unique experience and the islanders are proud of their traditions. This was also where we received 2nd place in the Cat division for the crossing of the Pacific.

Howard and Carl enjoyed a magnificent walk to a local waterfall and we said goodbye to Carl the following day. We remained another couple of days to do

a tour of the island which was well worth waiting for, with dramatic scenery, sacred sites and a great local lunch.

Then on to the Tuamotu islands. These are coral atolls and very different to the Marquesas. We took 3.5 days for the crossing but were going to fast and would have arrived in the night so we took a sail past Takaoa to "slow down" and arrived at Fakarava in the morning. The atolls have passes that you have to navigate at around slack water as the currents can be fierce.

These islands are where the famed south seas pearls originate from and this afternoon we will be visiting a pearl farm. We expect to spend a couple of weeks in these islands and arrive in Tahiti around April 24.

Regards,
Ros and Howard

[Read more of Misto's Log](#)

