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Sharon Stephenson, Commodore

The Commodore's Log

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and are now looking forward to many sailing adventures in 2017. Chuck and I are starting the year off with what I consider to be a once in a lifetime adventure by joining Ros & Howard on the first part of their World Arc trip. As I write this I am sitting on Misto at the Rodney Bay Marina in St. Lucia. By the time you read this we will be on our way to Santa Marta, Columbia.

As for the NSA, there are many adventures to be had this year, all with lots of camaraderie. The Bridge met in December and set the calendar of events, including land socials, cruises and the Dinghy Poker Run. This schedule has been uploaded to the website and can be reviewed [here](#). Look for articles in this edition of the Neuse Juice on the upcoming Oyster Roast. We have several members working on seminars for this year; stay tuned for information as these are scheduled.

Easter Cruise/
 April 15 - 16,
Oriental Boat
Show/
 April 21 - 23,
Anniversary Race/
 May 6
Bridge Meeting/
 May 6
Memorial Day
Cruise/
 May 27 - 29
Bridge Meeting
 June 3
Hope Regatta
 June 9-11
Week Long Cruise
I/
 June 17-24
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 Sep. 2 - 4
Bridge Meeting/
 Sept 9
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Regatta/
 Sept. 15 - 17
Fall Cruise/
 Sept. 23-24
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 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](#)

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 Phillips and
 Cyndy Little
 if yours is
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Of course, the most important thing for you to do now is to renew your membership in the Neuse Sailing Association. There was a slight glitch in the initial e-mail sent regarding renewals, but that was quickly fixed by our club's website experts. You can renew by clicking on the link in the 2nd e-mail sent on January 2 or directly from the [website](#). We know you do not want to miss out on the fun from club activities.

So, I hope at least some of your New Year's resolutions are to spend more time out on the water and I hope that includes your participation in NSA events. Check out the [Events List](#) and add them to your personal calendar. I particularly want to encourage those of you who have not come to socials or have not been on a cruise to make definite plans this year to do so. I will be looking for you.

Until next time

Sharon Stephenson, S/V Pelikan
 Commodore
Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org



Cruising Outlook

2017 Cruising Outlook

The nasty weather notwithstanding, January is a good month to start thinking about the cruising season ahead. You'll want to plan and schedule your winter projects so you'll have your boat ready to go to Beaufort for our shake-down cruise, the Easter Cruise, April 15-16.

It's also a good time to sit down with our [Events List](#) and compare our cruising and events calendar with your personal schedule for 2017. We've planned two week-long cruises this year (one inland and one ocean) to provide more opportunity for more members to do an extended cruise. There's nothing more fun than heading out to distant ports and enjoying new experiences with your fellow NSA members. I love to see our NSA burgees flying in the ports we visit.

To also encourage more participation, I want to recruit Cruise Mentors for each trip this year. These volunteers will buddy up with new and/or inexperienced members who want to go on a cruise but have not visited some or all of the ports on our schedule, nor navigated a particular channel, and would like someone to answer their questions and stay with them. **So, I'm asking both mentor volunteers and those who would like a cruising buddy for any cruise on the schedule to contact me.** We have so many members who love to help others that I know this will work. And who knows, if you participate you just may form a friendship that will last for many years.

All of the cruises have now been added to the 2017 [Events List](#), and they are listed in the calendar in the left column of this newsletter, so please contact me and tell me that you'd either like to be a mentor or a mentee and on which cruise.

And speaking of volunteers, I need cruise captains for most of the cruises on the schedule. A cruise captain helps organize the club's visit to a particular destination, either an anchorage or a marina, and ensures we have the supplies needed for our social. Let me know if you'd like to be a cruise captain this year.

I'm looking forward to a great year on the water!

Carl Crothers,
 s/v *Captiva*
 Vice Commodore/Cruising (2017)



season begins. Burgees are \$20. If you're a new member and never received your first complimentary NSA burgee, let John and Cyndy know at: [VCMembership](#)

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

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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Memorial Day Cruise

Memorial Day Cruise

It's never too early to start planning for NSA's Memorial Weekend Cruise to Ocracoke and now is the time! Ocracoke is a very popular destination for our members so this cruise is always well attended. Bill Erwin, Buster Kenny and I (Chuck Gordon) are your Cruise Captains and we look forward to a large turnout again this year. As with all NSA events we ask that you go to the website and register for the cruise so we can plan for the Saturday social and know who's coming and when to expect you.

NOW THIS IS IMPORTANT!! The Anchorage Inn and Marina has 13 slips (possibly a few more) reserved for the NSA for that weekend. These slips will be assigned on a FIRST come, FIRST service basis depending on when you go to the NSA website and register. We will send the list to Anchorage Inn and Marina and around mid March they will contact the slip recipients for your arrival/departure dates and 1st night's deposit. If you have any questions for Bill, Buster or me, we will be your contacts (please do not contact the marina!)



SO MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR! ON FEBRUARY 15 at 6PM the REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE ACTIVATED ON THE NSA WEBSITE! THESE SLIPS WILL GO QUICKLY SO IF YOU WANT ONE, SIGN UP AS SOON AS THE FORM IS AVAILABLE! A LINK TO THE SIGN-UP FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE [HERE](#). THE SIGN-UP FORM WILL NOT BE LIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 2017 AT 6PM!

If you have questions please contact me (chuckgordon55@yahoo.com, call or text 919 880 7879) or Bill Erwin (berwin@suddenlink.net, call or text 252 916 4534) or Buster (bkennyunc@gmail.com, call or text 214 914 5488)

Chuck Gordon will have limited access from until the beginning of March, so contact Bill or Buster with any questions during that time.

Thanks,
Cruise Captains
Bill Erwin (s/v Shadow)
Buster Kenny (s/v Cool Change)
Chuck Gordon (s/v Pelikan)

Special Events

Winter Sailing Camaraderie

We had a great turnout for Oriental's Spirit of Christmas parade in December. The theme of the parade was the well known children's Christmas story "Polar Express" and many very creative NSA members (Cyndy Little and John Phillips, Carl and Donna Crothers, Sharon Stephenson and Chuck Gordon, Michael Byles, Bonnie Knapp, Wade Ellison, Alice Petree, and Tom McElroy) decorated a 'train' and dressed as characters from the book. Many more NSA members joined the parade in their finest sleepwear as the train made its way down Hodges Street. Photos of the event are available [here](#).

Looking ahead to 2017, we are kicking off the year with our two premier winter social events: the [Oyster Roast](#) on February 25th and the [Shrimperoo](#) on March 18th. The Oyster Roast is a time to catch up with fellow NSA members while making sure your membership is up to date. Typically, the Oyster Roast is a members-only event, however members may bring a guest for an extra \$10. The Shrimperoo serves as one of our main recruiting events and is open to the public (guests pay \$10). Both events will take place at the Oriental Marina and Inn. We'll have a Member Center set up at each event to assist members in renewing their membership and for any guests wishing to join the club. As usual, we ask all members to bring a side dish or dessert to the event. Don't miss out on these great opportunities to reconnect with your NSA friends!!

Finally, mark your calendars for one other important early spring event: Brian McLamb is coordinating U.S. Coast Guard safety check inspections on April 1. Here is a [link](#) with more information. This is a great chance to make sure your vessel is ready for the first cruise of the season.

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M&M's Cafe
Grace Harbor
Yacht Brokerage
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Thanks, Becky and Paul Griffin
s/v Blue Mind
VC Special Events

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NSA Photo Contest

2016 NSA Photo Contest

As the Croaker fell on New Year's Eve in Oriental, so did the curtain on entries for the 2016 NSA Photo Contest. This past year, across five categories, 67 photos were submitted. The "Scenic" category will be the most challenging for judges to decide which of 23 gorgeous waterscapes is the most outstanding. You can enjoy all the imagery on the website - visit the [Photo contest entry Gallery](#) on the NSA website. The winners will be announced at the Oyster Roast or Shrimperoo.

Your Photo Contest Coordinator
Lynn Scott
s/v Serenity

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Communications

Club Communications

Although we would much rather be trimming lines on TRiO in a fresh wind, one advantage of this too-cold-to-sail winter season has been the time for us to learn more about how to manipulate some of the nuances on the NSA website. For example, at least once a month, on the front page of the NSA [website](#), we will update the main picture and change some of the scrolling pictures. Now you have an additional reason to keep the NSA site as your "home page" on your work computer!

Additionally, as you read this Neuse Juice, notice that links for the NSA events on the left side are active. If you are curious about how to sign up for the Oyster Roast or where we are going for the Week-long "1", simply click on the link for that event on the left and learn more. We have colored active links for NSA event red and local, non-NSA events are colored blue. For NSA events with non-active links, rest assured, NSA vice-commodores are busy working out the details for them and we will make them active as soon as they are ready.

Finally, we would love to have articles and pictures from YOU, our members. Simply email your photos to photos@neusesailingassociation.org right after (or during!) an event so we can continue to have fresh content. Do you have a hint or adventure to share with your fellow members? Articles for the Neuse Juice could be about anything from a sailing or repair skill, cooking aboard, living aboard with pets, etc. etc. The Neuse Juice is a great place to share these adventures with your fellow NSA members. We publish on the second Tuesday of every month, but feel free to send us an article any time and we will be sure to get it into the next edition.

Bill and Susanne Lovelace,
s/v TRiO
Commodores of Communication

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NSA Members in ARC

Misto on the World ARC - leg 1



Our crew for the journey from St Lucia to the Galapagos is now complete as Chuck and Sharon arrived on board on January 4 in time for the Marina Manager's party at Rodney Bay marina. Excitement is mounting as we work to complete our last minute jobs and provision before checking out of St Lucia. Shopping in the Caribbean is always an interesting experience with many fruits and vegetables never seen in US stores. However, the challenge is that many items are often not readily or consistently available and a good maxim is "If you see it, buy it", as when you next shop it may not still be there!

Saturday January 7 is the planned departure from St Lucia to Santa Marta Columbia. The 815 nm is expected to take us 4.5-5 days - it will be downwind in the 20 knot easterly trades until close to Santa Marta where the winds tend to veer to the north east and increase in velocity. On January 18 we will pick up the journey again by going to Panama and the beautiful San Blas Islands.

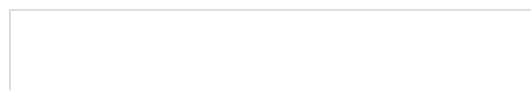
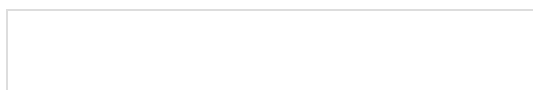
One of the highlights of this part of the World ARC has to be the Panama Canal transit and we are scheduled to begin our transit on February 1. Once in the Pacific we cruise the Las Perlas Islands before making the passage to the Galapagos, arriving in mid February.

We wish everyone in the NSA wonderful sailing for 2017.

You can follow us on
<https://mistolog.wordpress.com>

YB Tracker: <https://my.yb.tl/misto>. There is also an app YB Races that can be downloaded and you can track World ARC 2017-18 on that app.

World ARC website will also show the position of the fleet.
http://www.worldcruising.com/world_arc/eventfleetviewer.aspx



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