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*Seminar: Marine Communications*  
Feb 16,

*Seminar: CPR*  
Feb 18,

*Seminar: First Aid Training*  
Feb 21,

*Seminar: Navigation Rules of the Road*  
Feb 25,



## Sharon Stephenson, Commodore

### The Commodore's Log

## Summer is Moving Along

It's hard to believe that we are now into the 2nd half of this year. The NSA has had a busy year and we still have more adventures on tap.

While I am writing this, some of our members are on Weeklong II. Unfortunately, due to family health issues, I am not one of them, although Chuck and I were able to drive to Beaufort for the social. Wind predictions were leading to some change in routing, but that's ok. Participants are out there on their boats (except for those who had to cancel due to boat issues or work – we never know when other things are going to get in the way doing what we love) and will have fun even if all does not go as planned. Part of the sailing adventure requires being flexible to accommodate what's happening at the moment. Hopefully, the group will keep the rest of us informed through posts to the NSA Facebook page and the NSA webpage forum.

Next up on the NSA schedule is the Annual Dinghy Poker Run on July 22. As always, the proceeds from this event

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,

Anniversary Race/  
May 6

Seminar: NSA  
Cruising Primer/  
May 20,

Memorial Day  
Cruise/  
May 27 - 29

Hope Regatta  
June 9-11

Week Long Cruise  
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June 17-24

USCG Aux  
Flotilla Weekend  
Navigator course  
June 22,23,27,28

Oriental  
CroakerFest/  
June 30 - July 2

go to a local organization. This year we are again donating to the Hope Clinic. I imagine that most of us are lucky enough to have health insurance to cover our medical needs, but many people do not. Hope Clinic provides medical care to those without in Pamlico County, but relies on grants and donations to provide this service. The Poker Run is a really fun event and is open to everyone in the community. So invite your dock neighbors, bring your dinghy and your wallet and join us on the Tiki Bar deck. See Amy Clifton and Wade Ellison's article below for more details on the event and how you can help. Also note the link to the Go Fund Me page, where you can make a donation to Hope Clinic.

In case you need some inside activity to get a break from the summer heat and humidity, there are a couple of seminars coming up. Donna and Jerry Luh will share their local knowledge of the Bahamas based on their multiple winter sailing trips there, scheduled for July 29. On August 5, we will return to a boating safety topic and learn about Emergency Signaling Devices. All seminars are held at the Town Hall conference room at 0900. Hope to see all of you at these events or out and about in town or on the water.

Until next time.

Sharon Stephenson  
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Commodore  
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## Cruising Outlook

# Cruising Update: Weeklong I and II

Our second week-long cruise, to Beaufort and Bald Head Island with a run in the ocean, is under way as this is being published. Some of the same members who went on the first week-long are with us for our second week-long. Good sailing and good fellowship are addicting! Unfortunately, the severe electrical storm we had in Oriental last Friday night knocked *Captiva* out of the cruise. The boat is being inspected this week to determine the extent of the damage. We did not take a direct hit, but it was close enough to fry some electronics and mess up our network. However, we provisioned the land yacht and went to Beaufort for a great social on Saturday, and we're going to be in Bald Head for the social on Tuesday. The wind and weather changed some members plans, but a respectable number made it either via the ocean or the ICW.

We had a great first week-long, June 17-24, the first anchorage in Long Shoal River in 25+ kts winds notwithstanding. Our time in Ocracoke and Manteo were fantastic with a tour of the new Kill Devil Rum Distillery in Manteo, organized by Bruce and Kay Nuechterlein, a real highlight. *Captiva* is adequately provisioned for the rest of the season with this excellent local rum.

After Manteo, we sailed beautifully close-hauled down the Alligator River to a great anchorage – Alligator River Cove, which is just off the ICW before the turn toward Tuckahoe Point. It is broad, deep and well protected and we were greeted the next morning by a school of playful dolphins off our starboard side. It was a nice change from Long Shoal River.



[Dog Day Cruise/](#)  
July 8-9

[Week Long Cruise](#)  
[II](#)  
July 9 - 16

[Dinghy Poker Run/](#)  
July 22,

[Seminar:](#)  
[Crusing the](#)  
[Bahamas/](#)  
July 29

[Seminar:](#)  
[Emergency](#)  
[Signaling](#)  
[Devices/](#)  
Aug 5

[Lazy Days Cruise/](#)  
Aug. 19-20

[Labor Day Cruise/](#)  
Sep. 2 - 4

[Seminar: Batteries](#)  
[& Charging/](#)  
Sept 9

[Oriental Cup](#)  
[Regatta/](#)  
Sept. 15 - 16

[Harborfest for](#)  
[Heartworks/](#)  
Sept 22-24

[Fall Cruise/](#)  
Sept. 23-24

[Autumn Raft-up/](#)  
Oct 14 - 15

[Seminar: Sailing](#)  
[the Word ARC/](#)  
Oct 21

[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  
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The next two days at Dowry Creek Marina were beautiful, with a fabulous fresh crab feast and cook-out at the marina clubhouse and pool hosted by members Steve and Carol Persche. If the Persches are involved, you know it's going to be good. Also, the new owners of the marina are all about customer service. We highly recommend the marina.

Most members stayed an extra day at Dowry Creek because of extremely low water at Oriental. It was a relaxing end to a great week-long.

Look for [photos](#) and forum posts (you must be logged into the website to view) from Bald Head Island. And don't forget to watch for the sign-up form for the international-themed Lazy Days Cruise to New Bern Grand Marina Aug. 19-20.

We'll see you on the water!

Carl Crothers,  
s/v *Captiva*  
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## Croakerfest



The annual Oriental Croaker Festival was held June 30 – July 2. Our club was well represented with a float in the parade. Several members rallied on short notice (and some even recruited visiting family members!) to put together a float on Friday afternoon. We kept with the Croaker Festival theme of Celebrating Our Fishing Heritage, including the use of some vintage carved croakers from past Croaker Festival events, and of course patriotic decorations. Several NSA members along with some grandchildren, friends and a dog rode or walked in the parade. It was a fun event for all participants. Everyone's help for this event is much appreciated.

Sharon Stephenson

## Croaker Festival Parade

## Poker Run

## 11th Annual Charity Dinghy Poker Run How Can I Help?

There are still many opportunities to be a part of the Dinghy Poker Run on Saturday, July 22nd. Please consider one or more of the following:

**\*Donate** an item for the silent auction. Typically an item valued at \$20 or more. Gift baskets and gift certificates for services are great ideas.

**\*Donate** an item for the live auction. Typically an item valued at \$75.00 or more. These can be services, courses, furniture, time shares and the like.

**\*Donate** items to be used as prizes. Items \$5.00 and up are great for this. Nautical décor, home items, small tools, gift cards etc.

**\*Volunteer** to work a stop. We need volunteers to be at the poker stops from 11:00 to 1:00 (after attending a 10:15 meeting at the Tiki Bar). It's an easy job and also a lot of fun!

**\*Are you an early bird?** We need **set up help starting at 7:30 a.m.** On the deck at the Tiki Bar.

**\*Wanna help clean up?** Since there is another function following ours we need to be done and gone by 4:00 p.m. Clean up should be minimal but many hands make for light work.

**\*SHOW UP AND RUN THE RUN!** Hands go on sale at 9:30 and the run starts at 11:00. You can draw hands from a land based "stop" at the Tiki Bar. All proceeds from hands purchased go to the Hope Clinic. There is no limit to the

**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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number of hands that can be purchased.

For the first time we also have an option for those who are unable to be at the run in person but would like to support in spirit. A **Go Fund Me** page has been set up at the following link: <http://gf.me/u/4crm6>. Donating is quick and easy and all proceeds from this page will also go directly to Hope Clinic.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 following the run. We ask that all NSA members **bring outdoor friendly desserts** to round out the meal. Please bring enough to feed around 15 people as many of these people will be our guests. Feel free to email me directly with questions or donations.

This is our annual opportunity to give back to the community we love so much. I hope you will chose to join us.

Amy Clifton and Wade Ellison  
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#### **Harborfest**

## **Harborfest for HeartWorks 2017**

Calling all cruisers! Harborfest for HeartWorks 2017 will be held September 22-24 with delicious food and lively music hosted by River Dunes outside of Oriental, North Carolina. NSA members may be especially interested in the Boater's Special which includes:

- Three nights' dockage at Grace Harbor Marina and use of River Dunes facilities
- 2 tickets for Friday night's dance featuring Ronnie's Barbecue and music by Saltwater Gold
- 2 tickets to Saturday night's Gala catered by The Chelsea with music by The Entertainers
- 2 tickets to breakfast at River Dunes' newest eatery, 35 North Café
- All for \$350

This two-day affair benefits over 400 at-risk children and their families in Pamlico and the surrounding counties that are served annually by HeartWorks' counseling, developmental day care, after school and summer programs. For more information, call Laurie Sampson at HeartWorks, 252.745.9703, or visit the website at [www.HarborfestNC.com](http://www.HarborfestNC.com). We hope to see you there.

Laurie Sampson  
*s/v Narnia*

#### **NSA Members in ARC**

## **Misto in Fiji**

"Bula" or hello from Fiji. We have thoroughly enjoyed our month in Fiji. The people are all warm and welcoming and we have managed to visit a number of outlying islands where life is slower and less complicated with simpler lifestyles.

The biggest challenge of our stay here has been the navigation. Our Navionics electronic charts are constantly between 1/8 and 1/2 nm out! It's very disconcerting to be sailing over reefs and anchoring on land according to the chart plotter! A lot of the reefs are also not even charted. We have learned to rely completely on approaching reefs with the light above or behind us, with Howard watching from the bow, and to read the water depths based in the colour of the water - best viewed through polarised sun glasses. We have also used google earth images and Open CPN, which we were introduced to by one of the other boats. Many of the navigation markers are also absent - probably damaged by one of the past cyclones and not yet replaced.



**11th NSA CHARITY DINGHY POKER RUN**  
benefiting Hope Clinic  
**SAT., JULY 22nd**  
Hands go on sale @ 9:30am at the Tiki Bar  
Launches at 11am  
**POKER ★ FOOD ★ FUN**  
**LIVE & SILENT AUCTION ★ RAFFLE**  
**Food available at 12:30pm. Cash bar available.**  
The waters around Oriental provide the card table for this game of poker, and the cards are dealt one at a time from each of 7 stops in the area. You build your hand, then return to the Oriental Marina & Inn to determine what you've won — and for food and drink.  
**\$10 hand/3 for \$25**  
Proceeds from the afternoon — poker, raffles, and auction benefit Hope Clinic. More details contact Amy Clifton at [amybclifton@hotmail.com](mailto:amybclifton@hotmail.com). Can't join us? You can still donate at <http://gf.me/u/4crm6>

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Cruising guides for Fiji are also few and far between and somewhat out of date. It's surprising, as there are a lot of boats from New Zealand here at this time of the year and we would have thought there was sufficient demand for an updated publication.

Despite these challenges it has been really worthwhile to visit Fiji and we are looking forward to having a little more time here next

year on our return from New Zealand.

Regards,

Ros and Howard  
*s/v Misto*  
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