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*Seminar: Marine  
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Feb 16,

*Seminar: CPR*  
Feb 18,

*Seminar: First Aid  
Training*  
Feb 21,



## Sharon Stephenson, Commodore

### The Commodore's Log

## READY FOR SPRING

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.” – Henry Van Dyke

This certainly describes our current weather patterns, having had multiple warm sunny days with early blooming of trees and flowers with pollen, followed by cold and snow. Having spent January and February wearing shorts and tee shirts, I wasn't happy about the latter. But spring will officially arrive next week and spring-like weather will surely happen as well.

Along with that we have increased plans for outdoor and water-based activities. Hopefully, you are making plans or have completed getting your boat ready for cruising. Along those lines, I hope you will sign up for a Vessel Safety Check which the NSA is sponsoring on April 1. See the details below provided by Brian McLamb. If you are unable to do this on April 1, Vessel Safety Checks can also be arranged through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as we learned

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

Bridge Meeting/  
May 6

Seminar:Emergency  
Signaling Devices/  
May 13,

Seminar:NSA  
Cruising Primer/  
May 20,

Memorial Day  
Cruise/  
May 27 - 29

at last week's seminar on Safety. There are also still a number of seminars scheduled through the spring where you will learn valuable information about cruising and taking care of your boat's maintenance items. Check out the schedule on the website.

Unfortunately, Chuck and I missed the Oyster Roast, but we hear it was quite successful. A big thanks to Paul and Becky Griffin for organizing this event. This weekend is the Shrimperoo, also organized by Paul and Becky Griffin. The Shrimperoo is our big event to recruit new members. Be sure to invite your friends and dock neighbors so they can see what our club has to offer. See the related articles in this Neuse Juice for other happenings that day in addition to socializing and enjoying good food and beverages.

Our first cruise of the season will be at Easter to Beaufort. See the article by our cruise captains, Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson, for details and especially note the sign-up date for a slip. The Easter cruise is always exciting, since for many of us it is the first time in several months to get our boat out on the water. Hope to see a big turnout for this trip.

April 1st and 2nd will be the NC State Sailpack Intercollegiate Regatta, a non-NSA event but one I feel we should all hardily support. These kids represent the future of sailing clubs and sailing towns. I am very excited this event is once again in Oriental. We certainly want to show them the best that Oriental has to offer. See Bill and Susanne Lovelace's (proud parents of Natalie, who will be racing for Virginia Tech) article in this Neuse Juice.

Hope to see all of you at the Shrimperoo. Until next time.

Sharon Stephenson,  
s/v *Pelikan*  
Commodore  
[Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org)



## Membership

# Members, Burgees, and Seminars

As mentioned in the January newsletter all clubs like ours needs a constant flow of new members to replace members who for multiple reasons do not continue their membership. Our club is fortunate that we have had a net growth over the past few years and as a result our club is vibrant and active. I am again asking each member to recruit one new member this year and the Shrimperoo is the prefect place to do that.

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the NSA family.

- Sheri Rettew – Sherie hails from Oriental. Sheri heads up the very important Hope Clinic here in Pamlico County.
- Dave and Becky Roletter – Dave and Becky are from Winston Salem and have a Cabo Rico 38 “Stella Maris”. Their profile did not list where they keep their boat but we hope it is close to Oriental.
- Lynn & Emily Muchmore - Lynn and Emily are from Clayton and keep their Watkins 33 at Ray's Creekside Marina in Oriental.
- Rebecca Schmor – Rebecca is from Raleigh and has a Catalina 27 which she keeps at Sea Harbour Yacht Club. Remember to keep an eye out all of our new members at all upcoming events and welcome them to the NSA. If any existing member is willing to be a mentor to a new member, please let Cyndy and I know. We want all new members to get off to a good start and having a person to call on to answer questions and be a mentor can make that first year a positive experience.

## Membership Renewal Campaign

Our membership renewal campaign is progressing along. Only 26% of our members remain to renew. This month is the last month of the membership renewal period. If you are in that 26% we are looking forward to getting your membership renewal form. You can always renew after March 31st, but why wait? After reading this newsletter just go online to the NSA website, login, click on the renewal link on the home page and renew your membership. If you

Bridge Meeting  
June 3

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

Bridge Meeting/  
Sept 9

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](#)

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| NSA BURGEEES STILL AVAILABLE  
Contact John Phillips and

have problems signing on send an email to [info@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:info@neusesailingassociation.org) and ask for help.

If you still have problems, then bring your checkbook or credit card to the Shrimperoo where we will be manning the "NSA Member Center". There you will be able to renew your membership online with assistance from members knowledgeable in the renewal process. Before you come to the Shrimperoo to renew your membership make sure you write down your username and password and remember that each membership designates a primary and a secondary member. Only the primary member can go online to renew.

### NSA Burgees

Flying your NSA Burgee is a badge of pride in belonging to the NSA. But if flown every weekend during the year it can get pretty war worn. If that is your situation, then maybe you need to upgrade to a bright new burgee. We will have them for sale at the Shrimperoo for \$20.00 each.

### NSA Seminar Series

We are one month into our NSA Seminar Series and we have plenty more coming up. For the next few weeks the following seminars and special events are scheduled.

- Tuesday, March 21st - Chartering in the Caribbean
- Saturday, March 25th – Man Overboard
- Saturday, April 1st – USCG Vessel Safety Inspection (Must sign up-see below)
- Saturday, April 8th – Sail Trim

We will be implementing a seminar evaluation form to help us in providing meaningful and informative topics presented by knowledgeable speakers. Towards the end of this year we plan to send out a survey to get input from all members for topics for next year. So check out the calendar and plan to attend.

John Phillips & Cyndy Little  
s/v *Chardonnay*  
Vice Commodores/ Membership  
[vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org)

### Special Events

## Social Season in Full Swing!



Thanks to everyone for participating in our first NSA event of the year, the Oyster Roast! The unseasonably warm weather (75 degrees in February!) brought out over 115 NSA members and guests to bask in the sunshine, visit with friends, enjoy a few cocktails, and eat copious amounts of oysters. If you missed out on the fun, feel free to relive the event by viewing the photo gallery [here](#) on the NSA website.

Next up on the NSA social calendar is the **Shrimperoo** on Saturday, March 18th at 2PM at the Oriental Marina and Inn. There will be plenty of shrimp, assorted foods, and live music. The event is open to the public so grab your friends and head to the Tiki Bar! Non-members will be charged \$10 for admission, which can be applied toward their NSA membership if they join that day. We'll have a Member Station set up to assist with

renewals and any non-members wishing to join the club. As always, don't forget to bring a side dish or dessert to the event!

Becky and Paul Griffin  
s/v *Blue Mind*  
VC Special Events  
[vcspcialevents@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcspcialevents@neusesailingassociation.org)

### NSA Photo Contest

## And The Winner Is...

The winners of the 2016 photo contest will be announced at the NSA Shrimparoo on Saturday, 18 March. The [2016 entries](#) were judged by Ben Casey and Joe Miller, two accomplished professional photographers, who generously

Cyndy Little if yours is weather-worn and needs replacing before the new 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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donated their time to select the best from each of the five categories. After the announcement, each of the winning photographs will be highlighted in the NSA website photo gallery, posted to the club's Facebook page and featured in future issues of the Neuse Juice.

Lynn Scott  
Photo Contest Chair  
*s/v Serenity*

## NSA T-Shirts

## NSA T-Shirts Update

Come one come all to the NSA Shrimperoo on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Oriental Inn and Marina! Amy and I will have plenty of the latest "design" t-shirts with more new colors on hand. Pick two or three and proudly show your support for the NSA.

Due to several requests from members, **at the Shrimperoo event only**, we are taking special orders for size, color, back design, ladies V-neck and long sleeve. This is your chance to get exactly what you want! Order one or order ten different shirts but be sure to get your order in. If you are unable to attend but would like to place an order please contact me directly at 252-904-7132. The order will go to the vendor on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> so I must have it by Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

We ask that all special orders be paid for when ordered and the price will remain at \$20 except for long sleeve shirts which will be \$25, don't miss this one time in 2017 opportunity.

Wade Ellison/Amy Clifton  
*s/v Anticipation Too*

## Vessel Safety Check

## Vessel Safety Check: Signup Deadline Soon

The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron will be providing free vessel safety checks on Saturday, April 1, starting at 9:00 am through the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to follow up on what you've learned at the sailing seminars this month! To facilitate the safety checks, we have established an online signup sheet ([here](#)). **The deadline for signing up is Friday, March 24, 2017 so don't delay.** The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron will use the Sea Harbor Yacht Club as their "base" and will come to your boat in your marina, based on your sign-up information. Information needed on the spreadsheet will include vessel name, marina name and slip number, phone contact for the person requesting the examination, and morning or afternoon preference when you will be available that day. Last year we started at 9 AM and most checks were completed by noon. Thank you for helping everyone be safe on the water!

Brian McLamb  
*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).





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S/V Misto  
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Grace Harbor Yacht Brokerage  
Ed Mannina

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:** If you wish to arrive early it is up to each boat captain to contact Beaufort Docks directly to make those arrangements.

**NOTE:** Since Easter is late in the season this year, the marina is expecting more visitors than normal. This means they will need our list of boats as early as possible. We will be sending the initial list of "registered" boats on **March 20 12-Noon "sharp"**. You can always cancel so please register prior to Mar 20. We will revise the list again closer to the event.

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](mailto:scottwestwood@bellsouth.net).

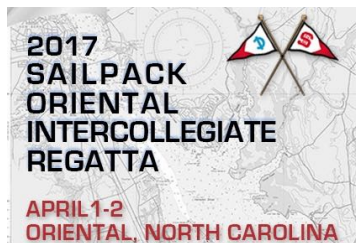
Alternate conatcts are Bill & Susanne Lovelace: [lovetrup@me.com](mailto:lovetrup@me.com)

Thanks,

Scott Westwood, Sandra Emerson; [scottwestwood@bellsouth.net](mailto:scottwestwood@bellsouth.net) H (919)-362-8538 C (919)-618-7185  
*s/v Aphrodesiac*

SailPack Regatta

## NSA Represented in Intercollegiate Regatta: Cap't Natalie sailing for Virginia Tech



Oriental will once again be the site of North Carolina State's Sailpack Intercollegiate Regatta on Saturday April 1st through Sunday April 2nd. Part of the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association conference, Sailpack is hosting 16 collegiate teams including Virginia Tech, the current sailing home of NSA's own former vice commodore of youth, Natalie Lovelace. Racing begins after 9:30 am on Saturday April 1st and will end by 2:30 on Sunday April 2nd. With over 100 sailors participating, this will be a significant event in Oriental. **Race organizers are looking for lodging and financial support;** more details on [supporting the event are here](#) and more details about the the event are here, in ["What's Happening" on Towndock.net](#).

Bill and Susanne Lovelace  
*s/v TRiO*  
Commodores of Communication  
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Charity Poker Run

## Annual NSA Charity Dinghy Poker Run

Ahoy all Sailors! As we get ready to start the 2017 NSA season on the water, Amy and I wanted to let everyone know what plans are already in place for this years NSA Charity Poker Run. Early this year the Bridge unanimously voted to again support the amazing efforts of Hope Clinic in Pamlico County. As many of you know, last year our club raised and donated a record \$4500 to Hope Clinic and we have BIG plans this year to raise the bar!

We met with Sheri Rettew, Executive Director for Hope Clinic, in mid February and she as well as all the staff/volunteers are extremely excited and will offer much additional support this year. Amy and I along with Sheri have planned a great outline and will be approaching many of our members for support as we move forward with more specific planning.

The run this year will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> and based at the Oriental Inn and Marina. As the plans become more detailed,



we will be asking for help in many ways to make this another fund raising record to assist the much needed work at Hope Clinic. So, please, save the date and join in all the fun for our 2017 NSA Charity Dinghy Poker Run.

Wade Ellison/Amy Clifton  
*s/v Anticipation Too*



## NSA Members in ARC

## s/v Misto

NSA s/v Misto under way across the Pacific

We can't believe it is 66 days since we left St Lucia on this adventure (and over 4 months since departing Oriental). There is a great comraderie developing between the crews and everyone is helping each other.



We had a great time through Colombia, Panama and onto the Galapagos with Chuck and Sharon who survived the strongest winds (35kts) and largest seas (up to 15ft). You'll read more in our blog, but I'm sure Chuck is already regaling you all with his adventures. We were sad to see them leave, but soon joined up with Carl for the next (and longest) leg from the Galapagos to French Polynesia. Carl has had to face the lightest winds of the journey (crossing the ITCZ, or Doldrums) and in good NSA fashion, motoring a good deal of the way.

At this point I hand over to our "Special Correspondent" Carl Crothers:

I arrived in the Galapagos Islands on Feb. 23 after talking my way through Customs in Ecuador carrying among my gear a water pump and a large bag of various parts and supplies for Misto and a one-way ticket. These things confound the customs and immigration folks, but a crew letter from Ros and a copy of Misto's documentation certificate seemed to pacify them.

While Howard and Ros provisioned Misto, anchored in Academy Bay in Puerto Ayora, I took a couple of days to tour the remarkable island of Santa Cruz with its unique wildlife and vegetation. The Darwin Research Center in Puerto Ayora is worth your time if you visit, as is a tour to the highlands where you can see the giant Galapagos tortoises in their native habitat and walk deep into natural lava tunnels. If you're lucky, as I was, you'll spot one of Darwin's famous finches.

I met many of the crews of the 25 World ARC yachts in this year's Round the World Rally mostly Brits and Americans, but some Germans, Italians and other Europeans at the local café where the ARC had set up shop. Each one has an interesting story. Howard, Ros and I enjoyed a few of the local restaurants, we shopped in the food markets and strolled the shops along the waterfront.

On March 1 we cleared Immigration and set sail with a recommendation from Chris Parker, the cruising weather expert, to head south for several latitudes to find the southeast trade winds before turning west toward Hiva Oa in the Marquesas. A low pressure system was keeping the trade winds to the south. This turned out to be good advice. We found good southeasterly winds on the fourth day and turned more westerly. Within a few days we had caught up with or passed several boats that set out on a rhumb line for the Marquesas. The Rally is technically a race from point to point, as is the case anytime two or more sailboats head out in the same direction.

Though we found the trade winds early on, they have not been consistent, and we've encountered daily squalls that tend to steal our wind for periods of each day. We've changed sail plans several times and on Day 10 we dropped the main and hoisted the parasailor, which is a big but forgiving downwind chute. It's great as long as the wind is at least 12-15 knots. At 20-25kts of wind, it's a sled ride with speeds up to 12kts. We haven't seen consistently high winds but we hope they lie ahead. In the Photo Gallery, you can see a photo of Misto flying its blue parasailor on the coastal run we made during the 2014 Week-Long Cruise.

So far we've spotted a killer whale and pup and a large pod of dolphins, many leaping from the water, as they apparently encircled a school of frenzied fish. Each morning we find flying fish on the deck they can land but they can't take off and the occasional squid, which leaves a dark ink stain on the gelcoat. The sunrises and sunsets are awe-inspiring against an ocean that is the deepest blue I've ever seen.

As I write this on the morning of our 13th day at sea (March 13), we are near Latitude 12 degrees South and Longitude 118 degrees West on a heading of 255 degrees, or almost due west and well past half the way to the Marquesas Islands from the Galapagos. Our waypoint for Hiva Oa, our first port in the Marquesas, is 1,250 nautical away. I will never complain about the distance to Ocracoke again! We have experienced no serious equipment problems and have about 60 percent of our fuel remaining.

If the winds stay with us well sail the rest of the way and should arrive around March 21.

Regards

Ros and Howard

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