

From the Commodore 2018

Commodore Chris Behre

It is such an honor to be the Commodore for SCOO this year! I might have set a precedent by missing the annual change of watch in January, especially since Jamie and I were travelling America in our land yacht in lieu of cruising south in JORUM.

This year we have a smaller group of members, but we have added members as well, and I hope we attract a lot more members this year! Last year we had excellent participation in our events, highlighted by the Albemarle Loop Cruise, both River Dunes cruises, Cape Lookout cruise (finally good weather), Beaufort cruise, Bath cruise, Mumfest, Moonlight Rendezvous, and the southbound snow birds that wintered in Georgia, Florida and the Bahamas. This year holds promise of another fun year, and that's what it's all about!

Vice Commodore Roger Hammer has done an excellent job with setting up the winter seminars, now closely partnered with the Neuse Sailing Association (NSA). And Rear Commodore "Rock" Rockwell is executing the winter schedule.

Vice Commodore Hammer also put together a great cruising schedule that has the promise of exciting adventures for all of us, with fifteen great opportunities to move water beneath our keels. Life on a boat is (almost) always fun, but sharing cruising time with SCOO members – priceless!

I want to thank those SCOO members that have stepped up to volunteer for the many tasks necessary to ensure an enjoyable time can be had by all. This includes the officers of SCOO, members of the Board of Directors, Cruise Captains, Land Captains, information support (SCOO Website & the SCOO Pilot), and everybody that routinely chips in to help out, whether it be set up and clean up after a social event, helping newer cruisers learn the ins and outs of cruising, or the support from the spouses of those volunteers. BRAVO ZULU!

Fair winds and flowing seas to all! The crew of JORUM looks forward to living the life, again this year!

the life blood of any organization. So I ask each of you to help recruit new members- members that not only have a boat but want to cruise.

Visit our website and purchase an item or two of SCOO gear. Wear the gear around town. Use every opportunity to promote our wonderful club.

And speaking of members, our club activities are run by members. Pitch in and help in club activities. It is a great way to get to meet your fellow sailors and have some fun.

As we sail into both known and unknown waters this coming year, let's all grab a line and pull together to once again have another wonderful year of cruising and boating opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

From the Commodore 2016

Commodore Joe Glorioso

With the annual Change of Watch meeting off our stern, I look forward to an enjoyable and enthusiastic 2016 SCOO sailing season. Carol and I are still fairly new to the area (almost three years). We were very fortunate to be able to join SCOO when we first moved to Pamlico County. SCOO membership and our participation in SCOO activities has been a great way to quickly meet and make many new friends with similar interests. Participating in SCOO events has also been a very efficient way for us to learn about local cruising destinations and sailing conditions, and to expand our knowledge of everything boat-related. Carol and I want to thank all SCOO club members for making us feel so welcome.

Speaking of welcome, SCOO always welcomes new members to join our club. Please put the word out to any prospective members: I highly recommend joining SCOO! Current members who have enjoyed the camaraderie of SCOO over the years can help sustain a bright future for the club by inviting boaters who may be new to the area as your guests at SCOO events. Explain the process of membership, introduce them to the Board, and encourage them to attend socials and the two on-the-water events required for new members. We look forward to continuing a long tradition, begun in March of 1984, when sixty-two yacht owners met and formed the Sailing Club of Oriental. Thirty-two years later, SCOO is still going strong with one hundred plus members, thanks to the dedication of many boaters who have joined, participated, volunteered, and served over the years.

I am amazed at the amount of work that is required to run our sailing club, but every year we have members who volunteer to help us all have an enjoyable season. This year we are fortunate to have a great team step up to the challenge. Thank you to the six Club Officers, our six-member Board of Governors, the SCOO Management team (Social Committee, Membership Chair, Pilot Editor, Email provider, Webmaster, Handbook), our many Cruise Captains, and everyone who lends a hand so we can have yet another great sailing season. You are the backbone of SCOO, and I truly appreciate your help.

Rear Commodore Chris Behre has been busy organizing nine informative Seminars, designed to expand our boating knowledge and skills. The Seminar series will run February 16 through mid-March, Tuesday's and Thursday's at the Oriental Town Hall. This year's topics include: marine systems repairs, electronics systems, standing rigging workshop, varnishing techniques, safety at sea, sail repair, weather charts, and docking techniques.

Vice Commodore Ray Ruppert has coordinated a well thought out 2016 Cruise and Club Activities schedule. The schedule is a handy tool for planning your boating adventures, including eleven cruises (both short and long distances), four social events, three races, and two day-sailing events. One long cruise begins with Ocracoke and has three options of where to venture from there. Option Three sails on to the Chesapeake Bay, and already six boats are plotting that course. There are a total of 20 scheduled events and cruises, something for everyone, so please review the schedule, mark your calendars, and let's make it a great year.

Smooth sailing! Joe