

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!