

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

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SCOO has been dealt quite a blow recently as Hurricane Florence stalled off our coast and devastated much of eastern North Carolina. I doubt any members were untouched, and some members are still recovering. Lost boats, lost docks, lost homes, damaged homes, piles of debris...not to mention loss of the later part of our cruising season. We cancelled our last cruises. Our annual Change of Watch, originally moved up to October designed to allow winter cruisers to attend before heading south, is now scheduled for the 5th of December. We will vote on a new set of officers and we have established a nomination committee that has provided a slate to be presented at the Change of Watch. The Commodore's hat will be passed on to our Vice Commodore, Roger Hammer. The Vice Commodore's pennant will be passed down to Rock Rockwell. The nominees for all the other positions on the Board of Governors include a very healthy mix of both old and new club members. It is good to know that our club will have steady hands at the helm.

Before Florence we had quite a cruise season! All events were well attended, including the winter southbound cruise. The Chesapeake cruise was a highlight, but my favorite – the cruise to Ocracoke led by Donna and Jerry Luh!

It has been privilege to serve as your Commodore this past year. Before stepping down as your Commodore, I want to personally thank the dedicated members of our Board of Governors, the Additional Management Staff and the numerous club members who willingly gave so much of their time and energy to ensure that this past year was such a successful year for our club. You made my time as Commodore a very enjoyable and gratifying experience. Thank you all!

I look forward to continuing to serve the club as a Past Commodore. I wish Roger and his “crew” much success in the coming year. May his time at the helm, be as enjoyable as mine.

Hopefully SCOO will be fully recovered for the 2019 cruising season. I know Rock Rockwell has been hard at work putting together a cruise schedule. Jamie and I look forward to seeing many of you out on the water during those cruises.

See you on the water!

Chris Behre, Commodore