

# SCO PILOT

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### COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Commodore Larry Jones*

#### *SCO POLICIES REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN CRUISES AND ASSOCIATED SOCIAL EVENTS*

Like all clubs, SCO has both a set of By-Laws and a more informal set of norms and rules that have evolved over the history of our organization. Members are expected to follow these rules and guidelines, new members are expected to learn about them, and Officers and Cruise Captains are expected to enforce them. Because SCO has a very focused primary mission, the *planning and organization of cruises and related events*, our regulations are few and fairly straightforward—with one possible exception. During the last three years, it has become evident that some members are either unaware of policies related to participation in cruises and associated social events, or simply choose to ignore those regulations. Because of misunderstandings surrounding several events held this year, where some members chose to drive cars to events designated as Cruises, the SCO Board of Governors revisited these policies and related issues at its last meeting. I am devoting this column to a discussion of these issues and a summary of the Board's discussions and actions.

Our discussion began by considering the By-laws and related statements of policies regarding attendance at social events associated with Cruises. SCO's By-laws are quite clear about our primary mission:

#### **ARTICLE II – Purpose**

**The purpose of the Club is to encourage and plan cruising and boating activities for the recreation of the members.**

Likewise, the policy regarding participation in Cruises and attendance at associated social events is quite clear. In the *Cruise Captain's Checklist*, given to all Captains who are in

charge of organizing cruises, the following statement is included:

***“The announcement for “on-the-water” events should state that participation in Cruise social activities is limited to members and guests who arrive by boat. “***

The primary exception to this regulation has been that members of the Social Committee, by right of their responsibilities, attend all social events held at Pecan Grove, and other events that they help organize and conduct.

Currently, SCOO has about 125 members/couples who own cruising boats and upwards of 250 individual members. Approximately 25% of our membership is retired from cruising or otherwise inactive; SCOO encourages and values the participation of these retired members in our dedicated social events, and as members of the Social Committee. Each year, SCOO organizes approximately 22 events - 3 of these are “dedicated” social events (Commissioning Day, Annual Picnic, Annual Meeting), 6 or 7 are extended cruises (e.g. Ocracoke, Cape Lookout), and 12 or so are Cruises to nearby destinations, including 3 events based in Oriental with associated social events at Pecan Grove - the Shakedown Cruise, the Regretta, and the Commodore’s Cup. During the 2008 cruising season, many SCOO members who did not participate in the “on-the-water” component of cruises to these nearby destinations did come to the associated social events by car. In light of these violations of SCOO regulations, some Officers and members of the Board of Governors suggested that current policies about participation in cruise-related social events should be revisited. In our discussions at the November 3 Board Meeting, various Pros and Cons of the current policies, and possible changes in these policies, were considered:

## **PROS**

1. Allowing members to drive to social events associated with cruises would enable members retired from boating to attend more events and socialize more with active SCOO members.
2. Retired and otherwise inactive members will feel like they are getting more for their payments.
3. Size of total membership may increase because members retired from cruising would be likely give up membership in SCOO
4. Fewer headaches for flag officers and cruise captains who must enforce current policies.

## CONS

1. Policy change would be inconsistent with SCOO Bylaws (see above). The by-laws say nothing about serving the needs of members to socialize, per se.
2. Policy change might reduce participation in cruise events by members with cruising vessels—they might attend just the social component of cruises. The essential character of these events might change for the worse.
3. Cruise captains would need to maintain two registration lists; other steps may be required to avoid confusion about meeting the cruise requirement for prospective members.
4. The distinction between NSA and SCOO might be blurred if SCOO becomes more of a social organization and less of a cruising club.
5. With participation of drive-in members, cruise events would have higher attendance; planning and catering (by Cruise Captains and/or the Social Committee ) become more time-consuming; the cost of appetizers and drinks would increase--\$50 per event might not be enough.

The Board had a long and spirited discussion of the issue and the various pros and cons of possible changes of the current policy—especially changes that would open up social events to members not arriving by boat.

Past Commodore Art Tierney spoke to the Board and summarized the opinions of twelve past Commodores of SCOO, whom he had polled. He reported that their *unanimous* opinion was that the current policy regarding attendance at cruise-related social events should remain as is.

Following these discussions, the Board of Governors decided not to change the current policy and rules concerning attendance at social events associated with cruises. There was unanimous agreement with this decision. On the chance that there may be confusion about these matters, we will attempt to clarify the regulations and take measures to educate current, and especially new members and first-time Cruise Captains about these regulations. Two specific situations were discussed that have caused confusion in the past. The Board's discussion of these resulted in the following clarification of the basic regulation: *Decisions by individual members not to participate in a Cruise because of inclement weather, inability to leave the dock because of low/high water, mechanical or rigging problems, and similar circumstances are not considered valid reasons to attend the associated social event. However, when the on-the-water component of a Cruise is cancelled because of inclement weather, and the associated social event is not cancelled,*

*members who had previously registered for the Cruise may attend the social event.*

Although the Board reaffirmed SCOO's longstanding policy regarding Cruises, we went on to discuss other ways that SCOO might better meet the needs of members who have retired from active cruising and wish for more opportunities to socialize with other members. The result was a decision to add a fourth "dedicated" social event to the 2009, and subsequent, Cruise and Activity Schedules. Vice Commodore Gordon Kellogg and Social Committee Chair Beverly Mott are currently considering what sort of event this might be and possible times and locations.

In discussing this issue with other Officers, members of the Board, and numerous other members of SCOO, I was struck by their agreement about one basic idea—that SCOO should remain an organization with a strong commitment to our traditional, primary purpose-- organizing and promoting cruising in this area and beyond. By its action at the November meeting, the Board has expressed its opinion that the best way to continue to accomplish this goal is by leaving our current By-laws and regulations unchanged.

## **VICE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

***Vice Commodore Earl Evens***

The 2008 cruising season came to a close with the South River Wind-up on November 5. As happened far too often this year, the on the water event was scuttled due to the forecast of high winds, in favor of sharing appetizers and a fun afternoon at the Cloisters clubhouse.

I'm sure we established a new record for most events having to be re-scheduled, delayed or cancelled because of rain, high winds etc. Even with the adverse weather conditions, most of the cruise captains were able to adjust their event to provide fun for participants at either their homes or another location i.e.... Parker's, Crowley's and Cloisters. After losing Paradise Shores and Matthews Point Marina as possible locations for Heritage Night, Libby Ferdinandsen and Don Maher came through by hosting the event at their home on Ball Creek.

Looking ahead to 2009, Gordon Kellogg is working on a new cruising schedule to incorporate on the water events as well as land events. Hopefully he will have better luck with the weather than experienced this year.

The Vice and Rear Commodores would welcome suggestions for seminars and cruises for the coming year. Please use the attached form and return it with your comments to Rear Commodore Gordon Kellogg at [gpkails@aol.com](mailto:gpkails@aol.com).

## **OCRACOKE CRUISE**

*Bill & Maggie Arndt, Cruise Captains*

The 2008 cruise to Ocracoke on September 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> was well attended, as we had 17 boats participate in spite of the threat of nasty weather caused by Tropical Storm Hanna.

On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, all the sailboats had a super treat of favorable winds all the way across and experienced a most delightful sail, with the exception of those few that left later and encountered a dying breeze.

Our cocktails and snacks commenced at 1800 hrs on Tuesday evening, accompanied by steamed shrimp furnished by the Club. On Wednesday morning the cruise captains invited all to Maggie's Magic for a little eye opener. The balance of the day was open to all, some going shopping, swimming and a few venturing out to dig for clams, and I understand they were quite successful.

1700 hrs Wednesday evening the group all met in the park for a cookout, sharing tales as old salts do.

Originally, our schedule called for remaining in Ocracoke through Friday, but due to the threat of weather it was decided to return to Oriental Thursday. The trip back was strictly with the iron sail that we keep down in the hold, and the seas were very cooperative for motoring back.

Those attending were as follows: Season Ticket, Topsy II, Miss El, Counteroffer, Warrior Women, Sterling ( Nancy and Ed Kress new applicants), Quixotic, TS (Connie and Dodge Hickman new applicants) Zephaniah, Miranda, Alley Cat, Blue Norther, Symmetry, First Draft, Merry Mary, Lulu, and Maggie's Magic.

## **REGRETТА**

*Cheryl & Gerry Crowley, Cruise Captains*

The Regretta was held on September 10, 2008, with perfect weather conditions! Oops, that's not right.....The Regretta was re-scheduled due to pending inclement weather and other factors to September 23, 2008. As September 23<sup>rd</sup> approached it was determined that there was insufficient "turn-around-time" for those returning from the Bath, Little Washington cruise, so the Regretta was re-scheduled to September 25<sup>th</sup>. September 25<sup>th</sup> rolled around and dawned with another forecast of inclement weather ....so the Cruise Captains made two "Command" Decisions ....(1) cancel the Regretta and (2) hold it's social at our house. The first was a tactical decision to maintain harmony in my/our households, as it was learned that postponements were resulting in Regretta casseroles being consumed for breakfast, lunch and dinners throughout the SCOO community!!!!!! ....and the second command decision ....I'm still trying to explain that one!!!

So the Regretta Regatta social was held at our house at the head of Whittaker Creek's

west branch. The Regretta Social Committee, under the direction of Dan & Dottie Miller, did a superb job setting up for the “grand event.” Based on the turn out I believe we had the largest “on-the-water” event in the history of SCOO!!!! (Please see SCOO’s web site for pictures)

Team Quixotic (commanded by Ex-Commodore Art Tierney) arrived by dinghy in full “Newport” attire. At first sighting it was believed that the Elbonian Yacht Racing Union had managed to get a travel allowance from Secretary Paulson!

Those believed to be in attendance are identified as follows:

Stewart Ackerman, Ed & Jane Bliss, Paul Bogardus, Walt & MaryAnn Brown, George Duffie, Carl & Penny Monell, Hans & Hildegard Nickstadt, Jay & Karen Parker, Katy Pugh, Ralph & Harriet Scharr, Earl Evens, George & Charlotte Schenck, Libby Ferdinandsen, Ken & Carol Small, George & Joanne Hurley, George & Judy Smith, Nancy Inger, Joe & Glenna Sevage Richard Johns & Renee Johns, Art & Elise Tierney, Richard & Gerda Lampe, Henry & Karen Van Gamper, Eric Lind, Joe & Paula Valinoti, Jerry & Donna Luh, Dick & Donna Mannion, Dan & Dottie Miller.

We broke with the norm and held the “pot-luck-social” first and then held the awards ceremony. Awards were presented as follows (Photos posted to SCOO web site)

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>BOAT</b>	<b>CAPTAIN &amp; ADMIRAL</b>
Best Decorated	Quixotic	Art & Elise Tierney & Crew
Dirtiest Bottom	Rhumb Line	George & Joanne Hurley
First Place Sail	Wind Melody	Dick & Donna Mannion
First Place Power	Diogenes	Jay & Karen Parker
Old Salt	LuLu	Hans & Hildegard Nickstadt
Fleet Stopper	Topsy II	Earl & Sandy Evens
<b>AWARD</b>	<b>BOAT</b>	<b>CAPTAIN &amp; ADMIRAL</b>
Slow Poke	Renee	Richard Johns & Renee Dumont
Scharr Regretta Trophy	Rakamah	Ralph & Harriet Scharr

Additionally, eight Regretta embroidered visor caps were awarded via a drawing. Visor winners were:

MaryAnn Brown, Renee Dumont, Nancy Inger, Gerda Lampe, Hildegard Nickstadt, Karen Parker, Katy Pugh, and Glenna Sevage.

Cheryl and I wish to thank all those who participated in the Regretta and especially to the

Social Committee for the successful “set-up” and “clean-up”

**COMMODORE’S CUP**

*Cruise Captain, Ed Bliss*

The 10th sailing of the Commodore’s Cup was scheduled for October 1, but due to severe weather in the area, it was re-scheduled to our rain date of October 2. The 2nd was a GREAT DAY, temperature was mid 70’s, the sky was clear and the wind was 5-10 from the South. We had 27 boats originally registered, but lost 5 when we re-scheduled. In addition to the racers, we had some power boats to help. Ali Cat was the Committee Boat, with Captain Gordon Keller and his able Race Committee, Gary and Alice Johnson and Jim and Ginny Gray. Several chase boats were available to set the mark as well as provide aid if necessary. The chase boats were, Sea Cloud – Baxley’s, Herman’s, Parkers and George and Marilyn Sechrist. Trachelle II was registered to race but because of the high water was unable to get under the bridge.

Since SCOO is not a racing club but mostly made up of cruising sailors, we modified the normal race format to a pursuit race. The boats were handicapped based upon PHRF Ratings. In addition, we took into consideration the experience of the Captain and the way he equipped his boat. We assigned the handicap to the start of the race by giving each skipper his own starting time. If we had been able to handicap the fleet perfectly, everyone would finish at the same time. Most sailboat races have a windward start and finish. We wanted to minimize any possibility of an accident, so we had the start on a reaching leg with a 100 yard start/finish line. The race course was around the government marks of Garbacon, Adams Creek and Oriental 1. The race course distance was 6.8 miles.

At 1600hrs the crews gathered at Pecan Grove for food and beverages and to discuss the events on the water. Trophies were awarded, and all SCOO participating boats received a memorial drink coaster encrypted with the day’s event.

The winners were:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3rd Place
Class I	“Godspeed” Huff	“LuLu” Nickstadt	“Blue Norther” Lampe
Class II	“Kory” Van Gamper	“Take Five” Monell	“RiRa” Crowley
Class III	“Miranda” Small	“Calculation” Sligh	“Grace” Ferris
Class IV	“Maggie’s Magic”		

Commodore’s Cup: “Windbag” – Smith  
“First Draft” – Bogardus

The Barn Door (Last to Finish)

“White Gate” - Wolfinger

We would encourage all who did not participate to talk to those who did and hope you would consider participating next year. We have had as many as 39 boats register. We would encourage all participants, if possible to hold open both the schedule and rain dates of the Regatta.

### **HERITAGE NIGHT**

***Cruise Captain Libby Ferdinandsen***

Due to threatening weather predictions, some less hardy sailors opted not to make the trip to Libby Ferdinandsen's on Ball Creek by boat, but those who did were treated to some delightful weather on Tuesday afternoon, October 21st. The first to arrive were Karen and Jay Parker on Diogenes at about 2 pm, followed soon by a good group of boaters, including the dinghy fleet comprised of Ed and Sandy Braun and Roberta and Larry Jones. Those who arrived came laden with an absolutely delicious array of ethnic dishes—no one went hungry! Ball Creek looked beautiful with all the boats anchored or tied up—

Maggie's Magic	Bill and Maggie Arndt
Topsy II	Earl Evens
Pinafore	Peter Freeman and Sue Gill
Miranda	Ken and Carol Small
Diogenes	Jay and Karen Parker
Quixotic	Art and Elise Tierney
Il Gatto	Paula and Joe Valinoti

The following morning a good breeze was blowing, and all enjoyed a hardy breakfast to send them on their way. A good time was had by all!!!!

### **SOUTH RIVER WIND-UP**

***Penny & Carl Monell/Cam & Warren Funk, Cruise Captains***

Unfortunately, this cruise was one of the events cancelled due to weather. When the forecast for the day of the event called for strong northeast winds, it was decided to forego the cruise and hold the social at the Cloisters Clubhouse. Most of the crews signed up for the cruise were in attendance. The following and their crews attended the social:

Anselm, Rolf	“Popeye”
Anton Andy, Mary	“Marissa
Duffie, George, Mary	“Merry Mary”

Evens, Earl, Sandy	“Topsy II”
Finta, Tom, Ellie	“Miss El”
Freeman, Peter; Sue Gil	“Pinafore”
Funk, Cam, Warren	“Tango Dancer”
Hickman, Dodge & Connie	“TS”
Hurley, Joanne, George	(Crew for Mannions)
Karl, Fred, Nancy	“Larkspur”
Klingman, Gert, Kurt	“Egret”
Lampe, Gerda, Rich	“Blue Norther”
Mannion, Dick, Donna	“Wind Melody”
Monell, Carl, Penny	“Take Five”
Parker, Jay, Karen	“Diogenes”
Scharr, Ralph, Harriett	“Rakamah”
Small, Ken, Carol	“Miranda”
Taylor, Sue, Bob	“Pelican”
Valinoti, Joe, Paula	“Il Gatto”
VanGamper, Henry, Karen	“Kory”

A brain teaser, “Who’s Who in SCOO” kept the crowd occupied as they competed for top honors in the game. We must have an abundance of brains in the club, as six couples got a perfect score!

## **NEW MEMBER NEWS**

***George Sechrist, Membership Chairman***

Please welcome aboard the following new members for 2008:

Fred & Nancy Karl aboard the s/v Larkspar, a Pearson 35  
 Ronald & Jayne Demers aboard the s/v Tenacity, a Valiant 42  
 John & Julie Rahm aboard the s/v Island Chariot, an Island Packet 50  
 Michael & Diane Paling aboard the s/v Fancy Tramp, a Morgan 28  
 Dodge & Connie Hickman aboard the s/v TS, a Gemini 34  
 Edward & Nancy Kress aboard the s/v Sterling, a Catalina 30  
 Peter Freeman & Sue Gill aboard the m/v Pinafore, a Sisu 30  
 Seth & Susan Hiller aboard the s/v Full Tilt, a Catalina 27

Please give them a hearty welcome when you meet them on land or water!

We currently have 4 applicants in the process of completing their on-water requirements. If you know of any potential applicants, please contact me for an application, after you have pre-qualified them as being willing and able to meet our requirements, and that their vessel meets our guidelines as a cruising boat.

The next deadline for Pilot material will be March 1, 2009.

The entire Pilot as well as the following documents will be posted on the SCOO website shortly.

Annual Change of Watch Meeting and Luncheon Flyer  
Dues Form  
Suggestion Form

These documents are also being sent via “snail mail” to all members. Please be sure to bring your Suggestion Form and check for Annual Dues to the Annual Meeting, as well as a check for \$10 if you wish to purchase the new Members Handbook.

## 2009 SCOO Membership Renewal and Update

*Dues are due no later than the ANNUAL MEETING in JANUARY*  
20.00 for Singles -- \$25.00 for Couples at the same address

### FINAL NOTICE

Please complete the following form regardless of whether you have changed boats or residence. Help keep our records accurate by NOT leaving blank spaces or writing **“same as last year.”**

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Yacht \_\_\_\_\_ Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Rig \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

As a condition of membership in SCOO, I hereby agree to release and discharge the Sailing Club of Oriental and any of its officers or representatives from any claims and/or liabilities occurring as a result of my participation in SCOO activities. I join SCOO voluntarily, aware of my own responsibility for safety and injury prevention through sailing education.

**Members must maintain a boat liability insurance policy.** If you were a full member of SCOO in 2008, but no longer own a boat and are still a resident of Pamlico County, you are still eligible to renew your membership.

My boating liability insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

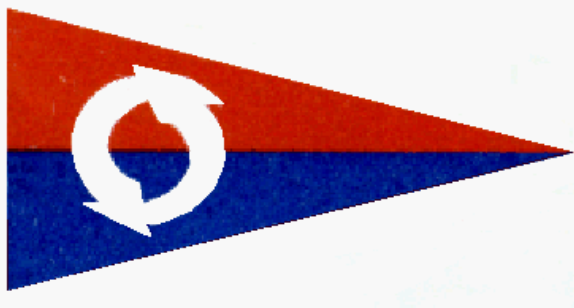
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Sailing Club of Oriental** and mail this completed form to **SCOO, Box 525, Oriental 28571**, or take check and this completed form to **January Annual Meeting.**

This space for Club use:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_



## SUGGESTIONS FOR 2009

### Seminars and possible leaders:

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### Cruises and cruise captains:

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## ***ANNUAL MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH***

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2009

Place: St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church  
1149 White Farm Rd, Oriental, NC

Times: 11:00 AM Wine, Beer and Soda  
11:45 AM Business Meeting  
1:00 PM Buffet Luncheon

Menu: Shrimp Newburg, Herbed Baked Chicken, Jeff's Rice, Buttered Corn,  
Green Beans with Roasted Peppers, Rolls, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water,  
Chocolate Cake and Key Lime Pie

Catered by Chef Jeff of Oriental Steamer Restaurant

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### SCOO Annual Meeting & Change of Watch

Members Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount @ \$18 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to SCOO and mail with completed form to:  
Beverly Mott, P. O. Box 97, Merritt, NC 28556-0097**

**IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO ME BY**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

**The deadline of January 8<sup>th</sup> will not be extended, as a commitment of the number of attendees must be made at least one week prior to the event.**