



# SCOOPILOT

## SAILING CLUB OF ORIENTAL

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**SPRING 2009**

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### **COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

*Commodore Earl Evens*

*(or From the Poop Deck)*

The 2009 SCOOPILOT schedule of activities is about to begin. Most of the seminars will have been presented by this time and now it is time to move on to cruising and shore events. This year we have scheduled an additional land event (Oyster Roast) to provide an opportunity for members that no longer own boats to participate.

Rear Commodore Gerry Crowley has put together an excellent list of seminars that began on Feb.17<sup>th</sup>. It should be noted that our seminars are open to all members as well as guests and other non-members. The schedule of seminars is posted on the SCOOPILOT website and has been e-mailed to the membership. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Vice Commodore Gordon Kellogg has put a great deal of effort into organizing a season of cruising and activities that will appeal to everyone. Activities require considerable time and effort from the Social Committee headed by Bev Mott, as well as the cruise captains in making it all happen. These are your events--- make them fun, and don't forget to invite other members as well as guests to join in.

Cheryl Crowley; SCOOPILOT Board of Governors, Roster Editor, Editor of the SCOOPILOT Handbook--- the list goes on and on. Cheryl has designed, edited and produced the SCOOPILOT Handbook that will become a permanent part of SCOOPILOT. It will be revised annually with revisions sent by e-mail enabling each member to print out the updates and maintain a current handbook. The cost of printing and postage makes hard copies considerably less cost effective. We would prefer to spend our dollars providing pleasurable events for the entire membership.

2009, a new year that offers the opportunity for all members to participate and enjoy. Wish for good weather and greater participation. Lets all have fun!

## **VICE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

*Vice Commodore Gordon Kellogg*

This year we have created a new SCOOP event and reprised some past special cruises.

I hope you have all registered for our first annual Oyster Roast at the Sea Harbour Y. C., March 4, with Jack Herman ([jphceh@pinelink.org](mailto:jphceh@pinelink.org)) BeverlyMott, ([brmott@embarqmail.com](mailto:brmott@embarqmail.com)) and crew in charge. Oysters will be prepared three ways to satisfy everyone's taste. Don't forget to bring your favorite beverages, side dishes, and lawn chairs. You can also help out by participating in the 50/50 drawing, and purchasing one of our new SCOOP binders for your boat and home. SCOOP tee shirts, hats and burgees will also be available.

We have planned another Manteo cruise this year with overnight stops in Ocracoke and Englehard ([gpkmails@aol.com](mailto:gpkmails@aol.com)). Some members will proceed on to the Chesapeake while others can choose a variety of destinations to visit when returning through the Albemarle Sound and Pamlico River routes. The popular Bath-Washington trip, which was cancelled last year, will be offered again this year, ([fintatom@aol.com](mailto:fintatom@aol.com)). Hopefully, a production at the restored Turnage Theater will be available. Also, we will return to the Dowry Creek Marina in July to enjoy the pool and air-conditioned pavilion ([penseagal@aol.com](mailto:penseagal@aol.com)).

Thanks in advance to all our members who will participate in these events. It will help all the cruise captains if you will notify them of your intent well in advance so that preliminary docking and meal reservations can be made.

Let's all hope for good winds and fair weather for a successful cruising season this year.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Oriental on January 17, 2009. After an enjoyable hour of cocktails and socializing, the business meeting was called to order, followed by a delicious buffet luncheon prepared by Chef Jeff of *The Steamer*.

The Officers and Directors for 2009 were presented:

### **2009 SCOOP Officers & Directors**

#### **Officers**

Commodore	Earl Evens	Secretary	Mary Ann Lind
Vice Commodore	Gordon Kellogg	Treasurer	Bob Miller
Rear Commodore	Gerry Crowley		

## Directors

(Term through 2009)

(Term through 2010)

(Term through 2011)

Dick Mannion  
George Sechrist

Cheryl Crowley  
Ed Bliss

Wyatt Cutler  
Pat Webster

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

The following SCOO Awards and Certificates of Recognition were presented:

### *Dubious Cruising Awards*

**DINGY BULKHEAD & SCALING AWARD:** George & Marilyn Sechrist, for valiantly attempting to scale a very high bulkhead at very low tide in order to join SCOO group for dinner, and finally giving up.

**TRIPLE CROWN OF CRUISING AWARD:** Bill & Maggie Arndt, for a disasterous 72 hours on the ICW during which time he fouled his jib, got stuck on a dredge pipe and almost hit a marker. Nice going Bill!

**FLIP-FLOP AWARD:** Elise & Art Tierney, for driving their camper to Little Washington on the weekend of the Bath-Little Washington Cruise, which they did not know had been cancelled due to bad weather.

**LOTS OF E-MAIL AWARD:** Gerry & Cheryl Crowley for their attempt to beat the weather gods and get in our Regretta Race. All was well that ended well, as a wonderful pot luck party was enjoyed by all entrants at their beautiful creek front home.

### *Education Appreciation Awards for Leaders of 2008 Seminars*

Rear Commodore Gordon Kellogg briefly reviewed the seminars presented, noting that 231 people attended same, which averaged out to 19 per event. The following Educational Awards Certificates were presented:

Teak Restoration & Re-finishing  
Cruising to Maine  
Diesel Maintenance  
First Aid & Medical Issues  
Marine Insurance, Towing & Salvage  
Cruising Central & Northern Chesapeake Bay  
Outboard Motor & Dingy Maintenance  
Brokering & Surveying Concerns

Peter Richie & Beth Bucksot  
Doug Sligh & Mary Ann Parham  
Greg Bohmert  
Dr. Marc Willi  
Charles Skinner, Wade S. Dunbar, Ins.  
Beth & Bill Michne  
Gene Wooster & Ross Pease  
Rich Gahan, Deaton Yacht Sales

Fiberglass Repair & Maintenance  
Sail Control, Trim & Rig Tuning  
Off-Shore Cruising & Weather  
New Electronic Products & Technologies

Alan Arnfast, Sailcraft  
Mark Weinheimer, Inner Banks Sails  
Tom & Peggy Maynard  
Bob Hunt, Phil Williamson, Ensley's Radio

### **Robert Hyde Award**

Art Tierney, the winner of last year's award, presented the Robert Hyde Award to Ed Bliss for having done the most to enhance sailing in Oriental during the year 2008. The plaque is on display at First Citizens Bank.

### **Whittaker Creek Award**

Bill Arndt, the winner of last year's award, presented the Whittaker Creek Award to Joe Valinoti for his steadfast enthusiasm and participation in all aspects of sailing in Oriental, be it Wednesday night racing, Saturday racing, Oriental Dingy Club or SCOO.

### **Thousand Mile Club Award**

Commodore Larry Jones presented the Thousand Mile Club Award to the following couples:

Sandy & Bill Donaldson	"Lucille"	New Brunswick/Martinique
Enrique & Kathryn Garcia	"Pelican"	Bahamas
Jerry & Donna Luh	"Blue Jacket"	Bahamas
Tom & Joyce Russell	"Whispering Sea"	Bahamas

### **COMMODORE'S IN SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**Carl Baxley**

If you missed the Spirit of Christmas parade, you missed a golden opportunity to see what teamwork can do! SCOO'S commodores were lords-a-leaping on the first ever SCOO float. (Not be confused with SCOO's unforgettable Fourth of July float in 2003!).

In early November the SCOO board (Dick Mannion in particular) called to see if we would consider putting together a Sailing Club of Oriental float for the Spirit of Christmas parade. Sounded like a fun idea and we started planning. Our first step was to decide how the float would represent SCOO -- that was the easy part -- then the real challenge, how to put it all together...that's where teamwork came in. Catherine gets the ideas and I have to figure out how to make them work. I did some sketching and decided to build benches (in the shape of the bow of a boat, of course) in the center of the float, adding burgees, lights, etc. Several e-mails later our plan began to take a definite shape. Larry Jones provided a flatbed trailer, Stu Ackerman had the perfect size American flag, Will Huff offered his signal flags, Ed Braun located the

SCOO sail and burgees, George Duffie repaired the trailer lights and hooked up the inverter, Karen vanGamper designed and hand lettered the signs, I built the benches, painted the names of all the commodores and their year of service on the inside of the signs, provided the lighting and put all the pieces together. The final results were amazing!!!

On December 6, the SCOO float was hooked up to George Duffie's truck with Gerry Crowley at the helm and his wife, Cheryl Crowley, as his first mate. With SCOO's current commodore Larry Jones out of town, Vice Commodore Earl Evens gallantly stepped in, and wearing the unique SCOO Commodore Hat, sat at the bow of the float. PHIL HECKHAUS 1988, GINGER HOWE 1989, STEWART ACKERMAN 1993, DON KRAUS 1995, ART TIERNEY 1996, GEORGE SCHENCK 1999, WILL HUFF 2000, CALEB MARSH 2001, CARL BAXLEY 2003, DOUG SLIGH 2005, GEORGE DUFFIE 2006, and ED BRAUN 2007 were seated to Earl's port and starboard looking mighty fine in their white captain hats, white shirts, red bowties, khaki pants and blue blazers.

Many great comments have been heard about the float from participants and spectators. Pictures have been submitted to the SCOO website for you to enjoy.

My admiral and I thank everyone who helped make the Spirit of Christmas SCOO float a success.

## **SCOO SEMINARS IN MARCH**

**Gerry Crowley**

Listed below are the SCOO 2009 seminars for the month of March. Presenters and topics are identified below. We hope that you will be able to attend these seminars and that you will find them informative and beneficial.

All seminars are held at the Oriental Town Hall, from 10:00 am until noon. To sign up you can email me at [gccrowley@pinelink.org](mailto:gccrowley@pinelink.org) and identify how many will be attending each seminar. Alternatively, you can call me (Gerry Crowley) at 249-9802. If you forget to sign up, just show up, there usually is room.

### **March 5 Battery Options/Care & D/C System Basics; Zincs & Controlling Electrolysis**

**PRESENTER:** Dave Shaddock from Green vision Design Corp. Dave, an engineer, will provide pertinent info to help us in choosing our batteries and configuring them in our DC system, along with a discussion of corrosion - - am I protected by just installing zincs?

### **March 10 Anchoring & Docking Techniques**

**PRESENTER:** Gerry Crowley. The basics, what works and how to stay out of trouble and maintain harmony aboard.

## MARCH 12 **Outboards/Gas Engines; Living with Ethanol Fuel Blends**

PRESENTER: Gene Wooster of Mobile East Marine

## MARCH 19 **Cruising the Bahamas**

PRESENTER: Richard Jones and Renee Dumont. Richard is a long time traveler to the Bahamas (Rumor has it he was the navigator aboard either the "Nina", "Pinta" or "Santa Maria" with Chris C). Renee's Sojourns occurred significantly later. Trust me, they will discuss whatever you would like to know.

## MARCH 24 **Cruising the Chesapeake**

PRESENTER: Tom Finta, (newly elected Rear Commodore of the Waterway Radio & Cruising Club). Tom will describe a typical trip from Oriental to the Bay of approximately a month's duration. He will discuss the usual stops and anchorages and suggest side trips and highlights.

## **SCOO IN REVIEW**

*Catherine Baxley*

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## HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY

Twenty-five years ago the Sailing Club of Oriental was formed. Their objective....."to be a group of boaters whose common interest is cruising the local region and who desire to achieve greater enjoyment through the cooperation of friends and the sharing of experiences". In upcoming issues of the SCOO Pilot, this segment will share tidbits of the past 25 years.

Following an organization meeting in February 1984, a Founders Meeting was held in March 1984. Ed Rhudy led a nominating committee and the first SCOO Board was selected by a majority vote: Commodore, Rad Lewis; Vice Commodore, Ed Rhudy; Secretary/Treasurer, Grace Evans; Board of Governors, G.M. Anderson, John Boyajian, Ed Buyer, Bob Hyde, Ruth Leal, and Bob Pezzoli.

Volume 1 - Number 1 of the Sailing Club of Oriental PILOT, published in April 1984 by Editor G. M. Anderson. Items of interest covered in that first edition included:

Sailing Club of Oriental chosen by vote as the club's official name

Sailing Club of Oriental PILOT was chosen by vote as the name of the periodic newsletter

Full membership meetings were voted to occur quarterly

Dues were voted to be \$10 for each member, or \$15 per couple

Linda Kenworthy's design was chosen for the club's burgee

The first "SCOO" cruise would be planned for the end of April by Ed Rhudy

Excerpts from Ed Rhudy's Cruise Report.....

Monitor Channel 16 and use Channel 68 for intership

Refer to Cruising Guide to Coastal North Carolina by C.S. Young and charts 11544, 11553, and 11555

Eight yachts departed Oriental at 0800 Saturday, April 28, 1984. Found snug anchorage in Bonner Bay. Sailing was wing-and-wing up the Pungo River and the fleet rendezvoused at Belhaven. Following dockside post mortems, we enjoyed a convivial dinner at the Helmsman Restaurant.

Bob Hyde discovered power plant problems, so WIND TAMER layed a course to Oriental. The rest of the fleet single-filed to the Alligator Canal entrance and anchored at Deep Point. This leeshore anchorage was roly in the wee hours!

Tuesday was beautiful but winds were on the nose most of the way to Manteo. We should note the fish stake palisades in Albemarle Sound off Durant Island are lined up one-to-two miles long, perpendicular to the shore. No nets are used this time of year but, nevertheless, beware.

After snaking through many crab pots in the Manteo channel, we moored alongside the new town docks. CINDY L (Rad & Lib Lewis) could not make it alongside until a sizeable crab pot was freed from her keel. West winds blew steadily for three days.

On Saturday the fleet arrived at Englehard around 1700. Facilities and services were a bare minimum, i.e., no food, no water, no electricity, no fuel, no showers, but there were mosquitoes -- and all for \$5/night!

On Sunday it was power all the way to Ocracoke. Good food was found at the Back Porch where fourteen of us gathered.

After touring about, visiting, and matching wits playing Trivial Pursuit, the distaff crew provided another sumptuous potluck on the quay.

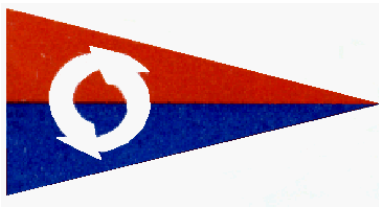
The unfavorable winds that blew for two days swung northerly on Wednesday morning. We returned to Oriental Thursday. FREE SPIRIT (Bob & Pat Pezzoli), transported a sizeable Ocracoke crab pot all the way to Whittaker Creek.

Score for this first cruise -- on a scale from one to ten, ten plus! Any problems were handled effectively by "mature yachtsmen". We enjoyed good food and enhanced friendships.

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

Attached:

- Revised 2009 Cruising Schedule & Club Activities
- Annual Commissioning Flyer



# Sailing Club of Oriental -- 2009 Cruising Schedule & Club Activities

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cruise Captains</b>	<b>Phone</b>
March 4 (March 5 Rain Date)	Oyster Roast Picnic-Sea Harbour YC, Social	Jack & Carol Herman Beverly Mott	249-2869 745-5328
April 1 (April 2 Rain Date)	Neuse River Shakedown – Pecan Grove	Gordon & Ann Kellogg Ron & Jayne Demers	249-2130 249-0989
*April 6, 7	Chili Cookout - Matthews Point Marina	Karen & Henry Van Gamper Dottie & Dan Miller	249-3799 249-2803
April 21 April 22 (April 23 Rain Date)	Commissioning Day Eve - hors d'oeuvres at Oriental Harbor Annual Commissioning Day – Pecan Grove, Social	Earl & Sandy Evens Earl & Sandy Evens	249-0408 249-0408
April 28, 29	Clubfoot Creek Cruise	Tom & Joyce Russell Jay & Karen Parker	249-1572 249-6596
May 6,7	Bonner Bay Cruise	Ed & Sandy Braun John & Sue Alison	745-3462 745-7038
May 11-14	Ocracoke, Englehard, Manteo Cruise	Gordon & Ann Kellogg Jerry and Donna Luh	249-2130 249-1190
May 26-29	Beaufort-Cape Lookout Cruise	Jay & Karen Parker *Dodge and Connie Hickman	249-6596
June 9,10	So. River Cruise-Progressive Dinner, Cruise	George & Mary Duffie	249-2990
June 19,20	Broad Creek Shore Picnic (Eve of Summer Solstice Race)	Eric & Mary Anne Lind	249-1907
June 24,25	“Gone With The Wind”, River Dunes, Cruise	Durl & Debbie Evans Fred & Nancy Karl	249-1337 249-1573
July 14-16	Dowry Creek Fun Time, Cruise	Carl & Penny Monell Seth & Sue Hiller	249-1453 249-2945
July 22 (July 23 Rain Date)	Annual SCOO Picnic, Social	Earl Evens Beverly Mott	249-0408 745-5328
Aug. 6	Summer Moon Beam, South River Cruise	Ken & Carol Small	249-0140
Sept. 1-4	Ocracoke Cruise	Bill & Maggie Arndt TBA	249-1732
Sept. 8 *Sept. 19 Sept. 22-24	Regretta * Oriental Cup Regatta (not a SCOO event) Bath, Little Washington Cruise	Gerry & Cheryl Crowley Tom & Ellie Finta Doug Sligh, Mary Ann Parham	249-9802 249-9838 249-3362
Sept. 30 (Oct.1 Rain Date)	Commodores Cup, Pecan Grove	Ed Bliss	249-2745
Oct. 9-11	Mum Fest , New Bern	Bob & Marlene Miller Bob and Gay Webster	249-2827 249-2426
Oct. 15, 16	Heritage Night, Matthews Point Marina Cruise	Bill & Beth Michne TBA	249-1175
Oct. 20-23	Beaufort-Cape Lookout Cruise	Carl & Catherine Baxley Art & Elise Tierney	249-0983 249-2859
Nov. 4,5	South River Wind-up Cruise	Dick & Donna Mannion	249-3676
Jan. 16, 2010	Annual Meeting, St. Peter the Fisherman		



# SCOO ANNUAL COMMISSIONING DAY & 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
(rain date 4/23/09)

- 11:00 AM Dinghy Parade (decorated dinghys welcome)
- 12 Noon Pecan Grove  
Commissioning Ceremony & Blessing of the Fleet  
by individual boat name
- 12:30 PM Commissioning Day Picnic
- Menu: Seafood Chowder, Hoagie Sandwiches,  
Dessert, Beer, Wine & Soda

Guests Welcome/ Bring lawn chairs for your comfort

(REMINDER TO FOLLOW)

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SCOO COMMISSIONING DAY PICNIC – 4/22/09

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

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

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

Total amount of check @ \$10.00 each person, made payable to **SCOO** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and check to: Sue Williams, 627 Bent Tree Road, Oriental, NC 28571

IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 15,  
2009 Sorry No Exceptions!