

# From the Commodore 2019

Commodore Roger Hammer

It is such an honor to be the Commodore of SCOO for 2019!

We were having a very memorable cruising season in 2018 until Hurricane Florence came along and “knocked the wind out of our sails” in late September.

Vice Commodore Don “Rock” Rockwell, and Rear Commodore Dennis Marlin did a superb job coordinating the 2019 Winter Seminar series jointly with NSA and ODC. Rock has also put together an ambitious cruising schedule for 2019. Past Commodore, Chris Behre, has been working with representatives from ODC and NSA to coordinate several jointly sponsored events for 2019 including the Dinghy Poker Run, which is a charity fund raising event and the Summer Solstice Race. SCOO also provided financial support for the 2019 SailPack Collegiate Regatta.

The 2019 Cruising Schedule includes a Dock and Dine Cruise to Beaufort in April; the annual Steakout over at Stackhouse’s on Broad Creek in early May followed by the 3 week Spring Cruise to Charleston for the Spoleto Festival. In June we have the Summer Solstice Race/Pig Roast and the Cape Lookout Cruise. In July we have the Annual Picnic out at Arlington Place, followed by the Full Moon Rendezvous at South River, and the Dinghy Poker Run at the end of the month.

In August we have the annual Dock, Swim and Dine event at River Dunes. In September we have a 5 day cruise to Washington and Bath and wrap up the sailing season in October with the Mumfest Cruise to New Bern.

Leslie and I look forward to seeing you all out on the water!

# From the Commodore 2017

Commodore Ray Ruppert

Greetings Fellow Cruisers!

It is time again to cast off our lines and enjoy another SCOO cruising season. Rest assured your Flag Officers and Board members are committed to ensuring that Oriental's primary cruising club will accomplish the club's goal of encouraging and planning both cruising and boating activities for our members.

This goal, established when our club was formed in 1984, is achievable because we are fortunate to follow in the wake of so many great sailors who have gone before us. This year is no different. I am privileged to have an exceptional group of individuals to work with. The work of sailing a boat is made much easier by having a good crew aboard and I could not ask for a finer group of folks to help navigate the waters ahead.

Speaking of helping to navigating waters ahead, our Rear Commodore, Roger Hammer, is preparing a series of Winter Seminars designed to help us meet some of the unique challenges that only those that venture out on the water in boats face.

Our Vice Commodore, Chris Behre, has crafted a superb cruising schedule that will enable us to put to use the knowledge gained from our annual seminars. Our cruising schedule has something for everyone from short overnight trips to cruises of several weeks in duration. This schedule, designed for both sailboats and power boats, is what makes our club unique among Oriental's boating organizations.

I've asked both Chris and Roger to navigate some new waters by working with the Neuse Sailing Association to see if we could host some training seminars together and possibly have a joint cruise or two. Hopefully, these joint efforts will give our club greater exposure to the Oriental sailing community.

Visit our website: [www.scoo.org](http://www.scoo.org) to see both the Winter Seminars and our Cruising Schedule

Talking of exposure, just as you would expose more sail to the wind to increase your speed so must we increase our club's exposure to move forward. We have a wonderful organization with great learning opportunities, unique cruising experiences and tremendous fellowship both on and off of the water. But if we don't promote our club to newcomers, our club will be adrift before we know it. New members are 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