

The Sailing Club of Oriental (SCOO) held the 2022 Commissioning Day on April 26, 2022. The day started with a blessing of the fleet on the Neuse River near the entrance to Oriental. Father Bruce Cheney of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and his service dog "Cowboy" joined the SCOO Commodore and his wife (Rick and Sue Fears) aboard Rich and Shirley Righter's Nordic tugboat "Olive". SCOO boats joined a short procession past "Olive" for a nautical blessing of the boats and their crew. The boats included Small's trawler named "Miranda", Ruppert's sailboat "Knot Too Fast", Glorioso's sailboat "Out of the Blue", Carbone's sailboat "Jupiter" (no photo) and Dick Mannion's sailboat "Wind Melody" (no photo). "Olive" and crew were blessed also.



After the water event, the remainder of the SCOO members attending this function met at LOU MAC Park for a short ceremony, blessing of the remainder of the fleet by Father Bruce Cheney and lunch. SCOO Commadore (Rick Fears) thanked Father Bruce and his wife Kate for joining us for this “on-water” and “land” event. Rick also introduced the SCOO Officers, including Carol Glorioso (Vice Commadore), Bob Wiegand (Rear Commadore), Kathy Ruppert (Treasurer), Donna Luh (Membership Chair), and Ann Stackhouse (Secretary). He thanked them for all the work they contributed to set up this Commissioning Day event, and the other events including the Oyster Roast and South River cruise already completed this spring 2021. He also gave special mention to Carol Glorioso who was responsible for setting up the excellent cruise schedule for the year which is available on www.SCOO.org in an active link on the “About US” page.



Rick also introduced new members whom summarized their boating experience. SCOO Officers handed out lapel pins and books, and burgee (flags) will be delivered at the SCOO Board of Governors (BOG) meeting May 2, 2022.



Welcome to the 2022 cruising season!

New members include:

Wayne and Sophie Riggs
Mark and Marty Fancy
Carl and Joan Aubele