

2023 Commissioning Day Report

The Sailing Club of Oriental (SCO) held our 2023 Commissioning Day on April 4 with what has become a new tradition: a blessing of the fleet on the Neuse River off Lou Mac Park. The rainy weather forecast turned into a very calm, peaceful morning with just a breath of air on the water. It looked dark and stormy, but Father Bruce Cheney of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and his service dog "Cowboy" joined the Glorioso's aboard Righter's Nordic tugboat "Olive", so a higher power watched over us! Five SCO boats quietly sailed past "Olive" for a nautical blessing of the boats and their crew, including Dick Mannion's "Wind Melody", Hardtle's "Knot Shore", Carbone's "Jupiter", Fears' "Miss Adventure", and McIntyre's "After Math". Many thanks to Father Bruce, Cowboy, Rich, and Shirley.







At noon, about 40 SCOO members met at Lou Mac Park for a blessing of the remainder of the fleet by Father Bruce. SCOO Commodore Carol Glorioso thanked Father Bruce for joining us for this “on-water” and “land” event. Carol introduced new members Paul Brabant and Jianqing Wen to the club and presented them with their binder and burgee. We are excited with how the club is continuing to grow! Everyone was reminded about the Shakedown Cruise to the South River, scheduled for April 18, and many other quickly upcoming events. The sun finally broke through in the afternoon and all enjoyed the beautiful day, sharing lunch, conversation, and enjoyable company.





Respectfully submitted,

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