

SCOO Oyster Roast & Shrimp Fest 2023

The 2023 SCOO Cruise/Event Season kicked off on a cold and windy day with the 2023 Oyster Roast & Shrimp Fest on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. We are grateful to Sea Harbour Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facilities again after a two year break due to covid. Sea Harbour Yacht Club not only allows SCOO to use the facilities but they provide the cooking pots, burners, oyster shucking tables, and shucking knives. We would especially like to thank Jenny Jones, SHYC Dockmaster, for all her assistance.



We had 67 members sign up for the Roast but due to illness and probably the cold weather we had a few members that were not able to attend. The attendance stood at 59 hearty souls. Thank heavens for a sunny day which made it tolerable by the time the group assembled at noon.

Commodore Carol Glorioso started off the Roast with a few words of Welcome and an introduction to this year's officers, Rear Commodore Karen Kleiner and Vice Commodore Robert Wiegand. Ray Ruppert provided the blessing before the "feeding frenzy" began.



We had a volunteer group of members that jumped in early, braving temps in the upper 30s, to help assemble tables and get the steaming pots started. Cooking skills were demonstrated by Will Martin, Larry Kleiner, Ray Ruppert, Joe Glorioso, and Bob Taylor who kept pots of oysters steaming and shrimp boiling while their wives

Beth Martin, Karen Kleiner, Kathy Ruppert, Carol Glorioso, and Stacey Taylor made all the preparations for check-ins, food table setup, and layout of supplies. Thanks to the crack team of volunteers, we were completely set up and ready with steamed oysters & shrimp right on time for the noon start.



The pot luck entries were delicious and plentiful, and with all-you-can-eat steamed oysters and shrimp, I think it is safe to say that no one went home hungry. It was a great social time for everyone to catch up and share experiences with friends and fellow cruisers.



I want to thank the group of volunteers that pitched in and made the event run so smoothly. I also want to thank Bill Chaplik and Bob Taylor for capturing these great pictures of the event. And a final thank you goes to everyone that participated and made this such a nice start to this year's cruise/event season.

Beth & Will Martin
Event Captains

