

THE SHELL POINT SAILBOARD CLUB COURIER

The Commodore's Corner



Puffed rice floated in the water that washed about the bottom of our families O'Day Javelin, my first memory of sailing. Not sure why the puffed rice was there, feeding birds?

Being born in a hospital located at a marina (Greenport on the east end of Long Island) would be a good indication that water would always be important to me. Eastern long island is a sailing paradise with good wind deep water and lots of colonial villages all located for ease by boat.

I never sailed the Javelin alone as it was sold for a piano. His excellence in repose, with our dad, did win races at our little Southold Yacht Club (<http://www.southoldyachtclub.com>), founded in 1933, in the Javelin.

My sailing evolution started with a Sunfish followed by a Force Five which led to me teaching Laser sailing at Goldsmith's Marina at Founders Landing.

Windsurfing:



I was always interested in the Hobies along the bay because they were fast but I didn't want to deal with the rigging, I always wanted easy to rig single handed gear. In 1981 I saw my first windsurfer shooting across the bay and not to long after that I purchased my first board, a Dufour Wing. My first

event at Shell Point was the 1985 Stephen C. Smith Regatta.



Many boards later and over twenty years with the club I am honored to represent the Shell Point Sailboard Club as your Commodore.

The SUP phenomenon has brought more people to the water and will lead to more people windsurfing. I will encourage teaming up with local SUP vendors to promote our local events and include SUP racing if possible.

The folks that deserve the most credit for promoting windsurfing is our team of windsurfing instructors. The dedication shown to work all summer helps build club membership. We are blessed to have the training trailer and great gear.

Next season I plan to put together a training videos both to highlight the program and the club and to have tutorials available for beginners. Perhaps a Shell Point Sailboard Club youtube page?

As your commodore I plan to attend as many away events as possible to act as an ambassador for the club and our events. I would encourage all our members to attend as many away events as possible.

Past Commodore reminiscing about the good old days



If you missed the Christmas party, you missed a good one. ECHO appreciated the good will of all the attendees and their generosity, as we filled up multiple bins with food stuff and dried goods. Plenty of music from the sixties and today filled the air as people boogied the night away. Thanks to Amber for not only being a great bartender, but for helping to clean up after the party was done. Had some folks come to the party that had never been before, and others were missed who have attended many. Chris Graves did a great job in organizing the event, coordinating the decorating, and helping with the clean up after, a long day indeed. The picture is of a Sgt. Pepper's minion trying to run off with Tiki. He was nabbed.



Then there was Festivus, and in good Festivus spirit, most people didn't show up until 4pm even though the scheduled start time was 3pm. The food people brought was nothing short of



delicious. Pot lucks with the SPSC are always a culinary delight. The feats of strength took place and the Commodore's jacket went to our new Commodore, Chris Graves! There was a group of grumpy old mean over by the past Commodore's lounge grumbling about the boat ramp that is supposed to go in, so grievances were aired! Miracles abounded, that cannot be repeated here since the Vatican is currently studying them to see if anyone should be sainted. The silver Festivus pole glistened in the sunlight where it had been placed on the shoreline days earlier. We did have a wonderful bonfire even though this had to

be the warmest Festivus of all.

Keys Trip!

The 11th annual Last Fiesta Keys trip is darn near upon us. So many preparations to make, so many boards to pack, trying to pick the right gins for the evening martini's, the right evening wear for sunset, etc., etc. Gonna be GREAT! DON'T forget this year's theme party is Dr. Seuss! Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character or one that you can actually dress like. Here is a link telling you who the top characters, but not all have pictures <http://thewhynot100.blogspot.com/2015/03/91-classic-dr-seuss-characters.html>. Good luck, and see you in the Keys!!!!



Minutes from December 2015 Club meeting

There are none because there was NO meeting.

2016 Board

6Commodore: Chris Graves

Vice Commodore: Mary Rolling

Purser: Wright Finney

Scribe: Adam Bennett

At large members: Deb Green, Bill Olson, Joe Sisson, Rik Edmonds

Past Commodore: Bob Graves