

Summit North Yacht Club

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2008

Cruise toward the Future

From the Commodore's helm

Ahoy my fellow boaters

I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe season of boating, and took full advantage of all the benefits of membership in our club.

I am honored to have been elected as your Commodore for the 2008 Season. For those who may not know me, I'm Drew Dechnik aboard the Hootie II in A-18 along with my wife Melanie and our colorful cockatiel Hootie. For the past nine years we have been a slip-holder at Summit North Marina, and charter members of the Summit North Yacht Club. We've cruised both Chesapeake & Delaware Bays, and thoroughly enjoy pleasure boating along with the adventures, challenges and camaraderie that it brings.

In 2008, with your support along with the direction and dedication of our officers we will plan for our future growth and strive to continue to build upon our yacht club's mission of "Fostering Recreational Boating Safety while establishing Fellowship and Camaraderie" and incorporate these values in all that we under take. Last year our yacht club grew to 81 members through the hard work of our Membership Officer Sandy Camp and Co-Fleet Captain(s) Tracy Valichka / Theresa Cedzo / Nancy Shepherd. This coming year our goal is to grow to 100 members. Can we do it? With your help, yes we can. Please, spread the word among your boating friends and support your yacht club, our events, cruises, and goals.

Our officers have been diligently planning and finalizing details for our 2008 season. Participation in our various cruises and events last season was very good. I encourage you to sign up for events as early as possible.

A U.S.C.G. Captain's License Course will be held over the last two weekends in January and the first weekend in February. Upon successfully passing the examination and completing a First Aid, CPR /AED course a U.S.C.G Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel license will be issued. Member response to this event has been very enthusiastic and enrollment in this course is currently full. We will continue to support such events that align with our club's mission.

Our Treasurer, Wayne Camp, diligently worked to enable our yacht club to become a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club's Association (CBYCA) (<http://www.cbyca.org>). Summit North Yacht Club members will now be welcome to use the facilities of other CBYCA member clubs. For example, we will now have access to the restaurant facilities of the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Information pertaining to events, cruises and points of contact for reservations can be found at our SNYC website (<http://www.summitnorthyachtclub.com>). In the future members will be able to sign-up for the various events / cruises, E-mail officers and post articles, pictures and sale items on the site using a member unique password. Should you have website question or comments, please direct them to the website administrator.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the 2008 season. Godspeed on your cruise toward the future.

Sincerely
Drew Dechnik
Commodore