

# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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Happy New Year to all! We hope your holiday season has been filled with love, laughter, family and friends. The new year brings lot's of excitement to the club; fabulous bands to dance the night away to, great food, and of course, good drinks. Changes are on the way, as our Board begins to talk about all the work that needs to be done update our facilities. We are a member owned and operated club, so it takes a village to support everything planned. Let's all celebrate 2024 with our friends, taking care of the club we all love.

## The Commodore's Corner

Happy 2024 to all. After a hugely successful November and December, I'd like to thank our Entertainment Committee, under the leadership of our Vice-Commodore, Nancy Hasson, for all the wonderful events that they have facilitated. Our "Save the Tata's" brunch raised \$600 for cancer support here on St. Croix and it was matched by Leatherback Brewing for a total of \$1,200. Christmas with Santa was a huge success again this year. Santa is always well-received, and the cookie decorating was a huge hit with the kids. As for our New Year's Eve celebration, it too was a huge hit, and it was fun to see all the different mask choices people came up with in keeping with the Masquerade theme of the evening. Thanks to all who made the night so festive and fun.

As we move into 2024, the annual meeting will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm here at the club. All resident members can and should participate. You can vote for the slate online through the link that will be forwarded prior to the meeting or in person that night. We have listed the slate here in the Scuttlebutt. A new dock will be under construction in the near future. I hope you're as excited about it as I am.

As many of you have already heard, our much-loved Brian will be moving on to different opportunities, but will remain as a member along with Heather, so we'll be able to spend time with him in a new and much more fun way. We wish him nothing but every success as he enjoys new endeavors. He has been such an important and steadfast part of SCYC for as long as many of us can remember. He will be difficult to replace, but as we all know, change is inevitable in life.

Enjoy winter moving into spring, and really enjoy our December winds for as long as they last. I wish you all fair winds and following seas.



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## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024 SLATE

Karl Gruber Commodore	Nancy Hasson Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore John Moora	Stan Joines Fleet Captain
Judy Leonardis Secretary	Mike Leo Treasurer
Becher Higby Director	David Nagle Director
Director Catherine Hendry	Rodney Moorehead Director
Fred Bible Director	Anthony Mauro Director
Greg Deegan Past Commodore	



There are certain rules that as a member of a community we all must follow....

- ✓ **No pets in the clubhouse except on the North and West porches.** The only exception is for service animals.
- ✓ **No federally controlled substances may be consumed at the club.**
- ✓ **No glass on the beach.**
- ✓ **Please do not feed any of the stray or feral animal on the property.** You are welcome to trap them and bring them to any of the animal rescue organizations on the island, but they may not be returned to yacht club property.
- ✓ **Cover-up's must be worn in the clubhouse at all times.** This includes children. Also, little wet feet make it slippery for all the adults. Please leave the water in the ocean or on a towel.
- ✓ Until the new Point of Sale system is fully functional, you must pay your bill before leaving the club. We take Visa and MasterCard only.



**Goodbye to Brian as our Manager, hello to Brian and Heather as our members!**



Please make sure to pay your dues before the end of January in order to have your vote counted in our upcoming elections. Don't forget about the 4% processing fee for credit cards.

Certain fees at the club will be increasing, an email will be sent to all members in the very near future outlining those changes.

# UPCOMING

January 7<sup>TH</sup>

Teen's learn to sail the Dennis Sullivan



January 14<sup>th</sup>

Timmy Bartzzen



January 19<sup>th</sup>



Dance to Caliche

January 21<sup>st</sup>

The Commodore's Cup

January 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Croix Yacht Club Town Trip



February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mama's Black Sheep are at the club!

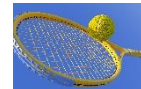
February 11<sup>th</sup>



Superbowl Party at SCYC!

February 18<sup>th</sup>

Round Robin Tennis Tournament to benefit Jr. Sailing Fleet



February 21<sup>st</sup>

Commodores Ball

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Junior Sailing Auction and Fundraiser

March 3<sup>rd</sup>



Back for brunch!  
Mama's Black Sheep

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Commodores Ball

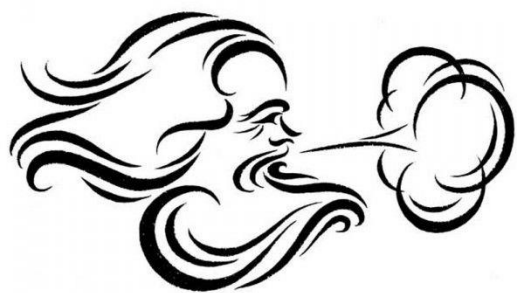


Please consider donating an item to the Junior Sailing Auction and Fundraiser. This auction helps to maintain the fleet that our junior sailors use for lessons and practice as well as provides funds for new boats.

Donations should be dropped off at the office prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

# AUCTION





## A Smooth Sea Never Made A Skilled Sailor.

- ✚ Rodney Jr. and Ryan Moorehead challenged themselves in the most exciting way and made both our island and our club beyond proud by competing in Brazil and the 29er Youth Worlds. They are both incredible young men and wonderful young sailors. An example to those children currently learning in our program to what can be achieved.
- ✚ Mathieu Dale competed in the PanAm Games in Chile in the ILCA7/Laser class. This was the largest sailing class with over 18 past Olympians and current Olympic campaigners competing. Mathieu the youngest sailor, finished 18 out of 22 making the USVI and SCYC proud!
- ✚ Steven Hardee and Taylor Hasson came in 8<sup>th</sup> in the PanAm Games in Chile. This was their first experience sailing at this level and they plan on continuing to train so that the next games they can come in 1<sup>st</sup>! After seeing pictures of the conditions, their feat is an incredible success. The waves looked bigger than goat hill to me and the water was way too cold for an island girl!
- ✚ Peter Stanton, Dave Walworth and our Fleet Captain, Beecher Higby competed in the Sunfish Worlds in Florida. Out of 100 boats, Peter finished 9<sup>th</sup>, Beecher 69<sup>th</sup> and Dave 69<sup>th</sup>. How exciting for our club and it's young sunfish sailors!





# SCYC Sailing



Upcoming busy Schedule on the Waterfront at SCYC: Regular afterschool and weekend sailing classes will begin after the Holidays. We hope to offer Beginner and Intermediate sailing as well as Green Fleet, 420s. Saturdays there will be Beach Cat and Rhodes 19 sailing. Sunfish race training is Sunday 1-5 PM. Is there any interest in a Ladies Saturday Afternoon Sail with some wine and snacks after? Contact Meg at [Waterfront@stcroixyc.com](mailto:Waterfront@stcroixyc.com) if you're interested and we'll see what we can put together to have some fun sailing.

And as always, there are private lessons on all boats to fit your schedule.

Coming up -

1/3-5 US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification - more Instructors means more classes! If you missed this one, there is a class in Puerto Rico 2/21-23. If there is enough interest in our membership, I will schedule another class here in the spring.

1/16-21 Roger Williams University Sailing Team is coming back to SCYC to get a jump start on their spring training. Coach Amanda Callahan (1<sup>st</sup> in 2024 Sunfish Worlds for Women) usually runs a clinic for our sailors so more information to follow.

1/20 Saturday 10 AM at SCYC is the **Annual General Meeting for VI Sailing Association**. Click for more information: <https://www.stcroixyc.com/event-5508044>

1/21 Sunday is the **Commodore's Cup** on Sunfish, Opti and 420s. We always need set up help, support boats and race committee help. Contact the office if you are interested in pitching in. Click for more information: <https://www.stcroixyc.com/event-5412516>

1/28 Sunday is the **Town Trip** - Race down to Protestant Cay, have barbeque on the beach, then race back to SCYC. Click for more information: <https://www.stcroixyc.com/event-5495270>

2/4 Sunday at 11 AM **Quarterly Sail Meeting** - If there is something about sailing at SCYC you have questions on or ideas, this is your opportunity to get them answered. Click here for more information: <https://www.stcroixyc.com/event-5121706>

2/10-2/11 Crucian Open

3/1 Friday at 6:00 pm Our Junior Sailing Auction and Fundraiser. Please consider donating an item or service for this cause.

4/1-7 BVI Spring Regatta

4/19-4/21 STX International Regatta

October 2026 the Sunfish Worlds are coming to St. Croix Yacht Club!! You have plenty of time to practice so you can qualify to represent the USVI.

Please check the website for more info on any of these events or email: [waterfront@stcroixyc.com](mailto:waterfront@stcroixyc.com)

# Roger Williams University

## Hawks flying south for winter training

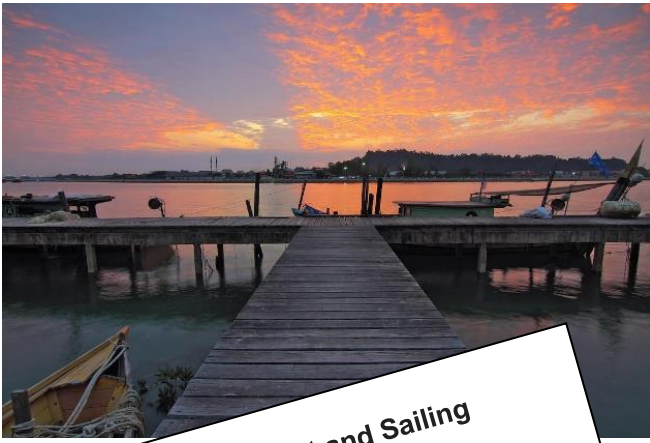
The Roger Williams University Sailing team is delighted to be returning to the St. Croix Yacht Club for their annual winter training for the third year. Roger Williams loves sailing out of the St. Croix Yacht Club because the conditions are so reliable: the weather is warm, the water color is dreamy, the wind is strong and the island hospitality is amazing!!! The Hawks current and alumni families make this trip possible for them. They so appreciate members of the club who have gone out of their way to welcome the team to STX, and seeing sea turtles throughout practice is a huge bonus.

The trip has become a really important part of spring programming and development. It gives the team's younger sailors an intense and immersive team racing experience. By their calculations, the 3 days of training in St. Croix are equivalent to 2 weeks of regular practice at home. That's a huge boost!

The Hawks had a great fall season. They ended the semester ranked 7th among coed teams, and 20th in women's competition in the Sailing World College Rankings.

The coed Hawks finished 3rd at the NEISA conference championship and hometown hero and Hawk Mathieu Dale closed the season with 7th at the Men's Singlehanded championship. To wrap up the training trip, the Hawks are looking forward to teaming up with the St. Croix junior sailors for the regatta on January 21st. We love that it has become a staple part of the experience.





## The New Dock

*Dock materials are on the way and are likely to land on StX in the next 2 weeks. This will allow us to begin demolition with an expected start date in late January of 2024.*

*The new dock rebuild will consist of the walkway, tied into a concrete pad at the beginning to where the "T" used to be.*

*As for the "T" dock itself, given the number of pilings needed for it, and a price tag of over \$500k, this will have to wait a bit.*

*We're even being sustainable; with the pilings we currently have being refitted and reused for the new dock!*

*More information and details on construction and funding to come in an email from me to you!*

### Meaghan Hislop - Waterfront and Sailing Program Manager

The St. Croix Yacht Club would like to introduce Meaghan Hislop who is joining our staff as the new Waterfront & Sailing Program Manager. Meaghan has called the Virgin Islands home for nearly 20 years, and is well known throughout the sailing and racing communities. She comes to SCYC with a broad range of experience teaching both adult and youth sailing, navigation, and marine biology. Meaghan is looking forward to expanding the SCYC sailing program and to increasing access and participation in sailing for children and adults alike.

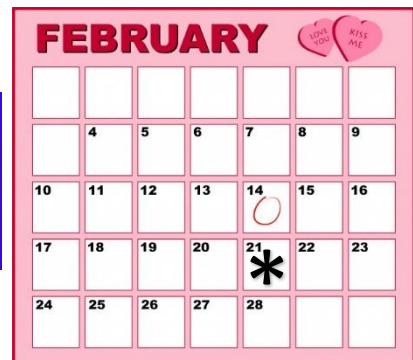
### Avery White - Sailing Coach

Avery grew up on St. Croix and graduated from Good Hope Country Day School in 2019. She has been sailing for 16 years, taking her first ever sailing class at the SCYC. She was a sailing instructor at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May for six years, and has skippered a J24 with her students in the Cape to Cape Challenge multiple times. Avery was a member of Connecticut College's sailing team. Her boating experience includes Optis, Laser 4.7/Radials, 420s, FJs, J24s, and J70s.



*One of the most important things you can do as a member is to participate in the Annual Meeting each year. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be swearing in our new Board, reviewing changes to our bylaws and discussing our clubs' budget. Remember, we are a member owned club, so your participation in these discussions is your voice.*

# VOTE!



## Cool Stuff!



**Don't want to cook....  
We have an easy solution!**

**To Go Orders from Lori's Kitchen**

**340-473-6897  
Pickup at 3:00 pm**

**Plenty of time to stay and have a  
drink with a friend while enjoying the  
ocean view.**

*For those brave and energetic  
souls working out on  
Saturday mornings, you  
must now pay Jennifer  
Deane directly as opposed to  
it being billed through the  
club. Please continue to  
sign-up for the class online.*





A New Galley Menu  
From Lori & her  
crew!

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Standard menu 12:00-3:00pm,  
dinner reservation only

Thursday: Standard menu 12:00-3:00pm

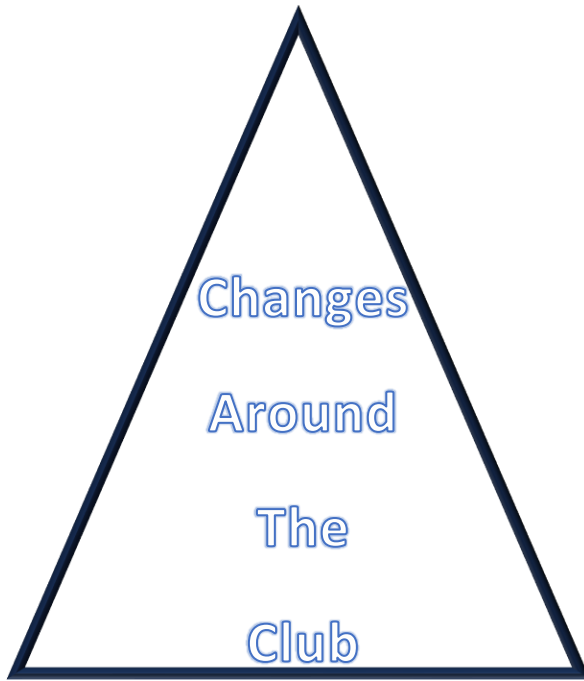
Friday: Standard menu 12:00-3:00pm,

Happy Hour\* menu 5:30-8:00pm

Saturday: Standard menu 12:00-5:00pm

Sunday: Brunch menu from 11:00-2:00 and  
Lunch 2:45-5:00pm

\*Specials will be posted in the Clubhouse,  
the Website and on Facebook



Your Bar!

Your Bar Manager:



Your Servers:

Ani

Julia

Emily

Sean

Scott

Mia

Theron

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 12-5pm

Thursday: 12-5pm

Friday: 12-10pm

Saturday: 12-6pm

Sunday: 11-6pm

New Items Now  
Here!

SHIPS STORE :

Wednesday

12 PM - 6 PM

Thursday

12 PM - 5 PM

Friday

12 PM - 8 PM

Saturday

12 PM - 5 PM

Sunday

11 AM - 5 PM

Ask your Bartender for assistance.



Your Office Hours

Wednesday through Sunday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Brian Cayne, the Manager (for  
now, boo hoo)

Meg Deegan, Waterfront

Doug DeRue, Waterfront

340-773-9531

## Coquito Ice Cream

*This recipe is designed to be used with Stephanie Malanga's Coquito, so consume wisely as the alcohol content may knock you on your a\*&!.*

### Ingredients:

- Eggs
- Coquito
- Heavy Cream
- Vanilla
- Sugar
- Nutmeg
- Cinnamon



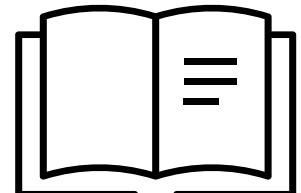
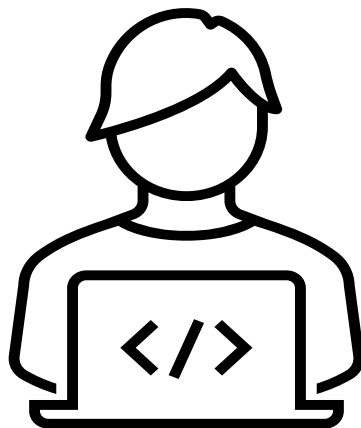
### Directions:

1. 13 Egg Yolks in a bowl and set aside (either throw away the whites or figure out a use for them)
2. Heat 2 cups Coquito, 2 Cups Heavy Cream and 2 Tbs Vanilla in a pot over low/med heat whisking constantly, add 1/2 tsp Nutmeg, 1 tsp Cinnamon.
3. Add 3/4 cups of Sugar to your Egg Yolk bowl and mix well.
4. Once Coquito mixture is hot to the touch, add it a bit at a time to the egg yolk mixture whisking constantly to temper, until the temp is equal to that of the stuff on the stove. Once it's a temp, pour the rest in and whisk.
5. Add it all back to your pot now and warm yet again, whisking constantly. Should reach about 150 degrees or nappe (if you put a rubber spatula in, and rub your finger through the middle it shouldn't seep down – see, we all learned something new 😊)
6. Put plastic wrap right on top of the mixture so it doesn't form a skin and refrigerate until cool (a few hours at least, you should really do it overnight)
7. Add it to your ice cream machine and follow its directions.
8. When you're ready to eat it, let it sit out for about 10 minutes to soften.

**Things to  
Consider  
and  
Remember**

Please remember now that Brian and Heather are simply members (just like all of us), we need to grant them the ability to enjoy the club with their friends. So...., by all means buy them a shot, but club questions are now off the table.

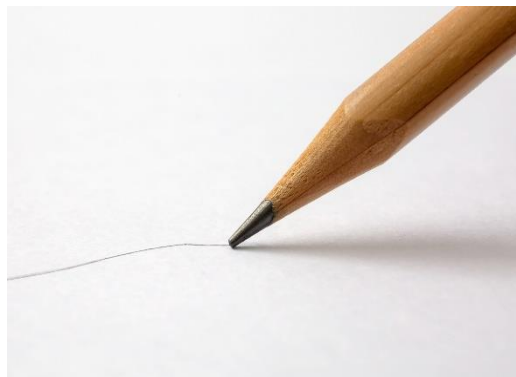
NOW THAT WE'RE COMING BACK INTO SEASON, PLEASE USE YOUR LAPTOPS AND IPAD'S IN THE EAST ROOM. THE TABLES IN THE DINING AREA AND ON BOTH THE WEST AND NORTH PATIO'S ARE FOR RESERVED FOR EATING AND SOCIALIZING.



Book Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the club. It has its own Facebook page for updates.

Thank you to those who contributed to this edition of the Scuttlebutt.

Irene Burgess  
Meg Deegan  
Greg Deegan  
Karl Gruber  
Nancy Hasson  
Megan Littlefield  
Loretta Moorehead



*Thank you for reading this edition of the SCYC Scuttlebutt. We'll see you again in April.*



*Irene*