



CSSM ANNUAL DINNER 2008

The annual award dinner was held at The Oaks Inn in Royal Oak Maryland on January 5, 2008. Fifty members and four guests representing twenty-seven boats attended.

Cocktails were served starting at 6PM in the beautifully decorated Oaks Inn dining room. Stephanie Sokso adorned each table with her own lovely ornaments as well as Mike Gates' hand made model sail boats. Photographs from the year's cruises along with a very pretty brochure, by Ginny Cornwell, with a captivating picture of Trappe Creek taken by Ann Ellis on the cover completed the décor. Handsomely presented dinners of either eastern shore crab cake or flat iron steak were delivered by the wait staff at 7PM. Both were equally delicious.

At 8:10 our new commodore, Dennis Sokso, opened the meeting by having Tom Cornwell introduce his guest Carol Baker, Mike Gates introduce his guests Fritz and Wendy Moritz and then Dennis introduced his guest, Betty Clark.

2007 Commodore Tom Cornwell welcomed three new members to the group; Larry Rovin and Carolyn Rugg (Whisper), Jim and Mary Campbell (Southwind), and Dick and Judy Tanczos (Rejuvenation).

Tom at this point officially handed over the helm to the 2008 commodore Dennis Sokso and announced he is looking forward to getting down and dirty with the members. Dennis accepted the commodore's flag and presented Tom with the ex-commodore's flag.

Dennis then called upon Mike Epprecht, Ann Ellis and John Schell to arise and be photographed accepting the flags of Vice Commodore, Purser and Flag Lieutenant respectively.

Dennis gave a brief history of the club indicating that 26% have been members five years or less. Dennis had sent a questionnaire to the more seasoned members and the results of that survey follow.