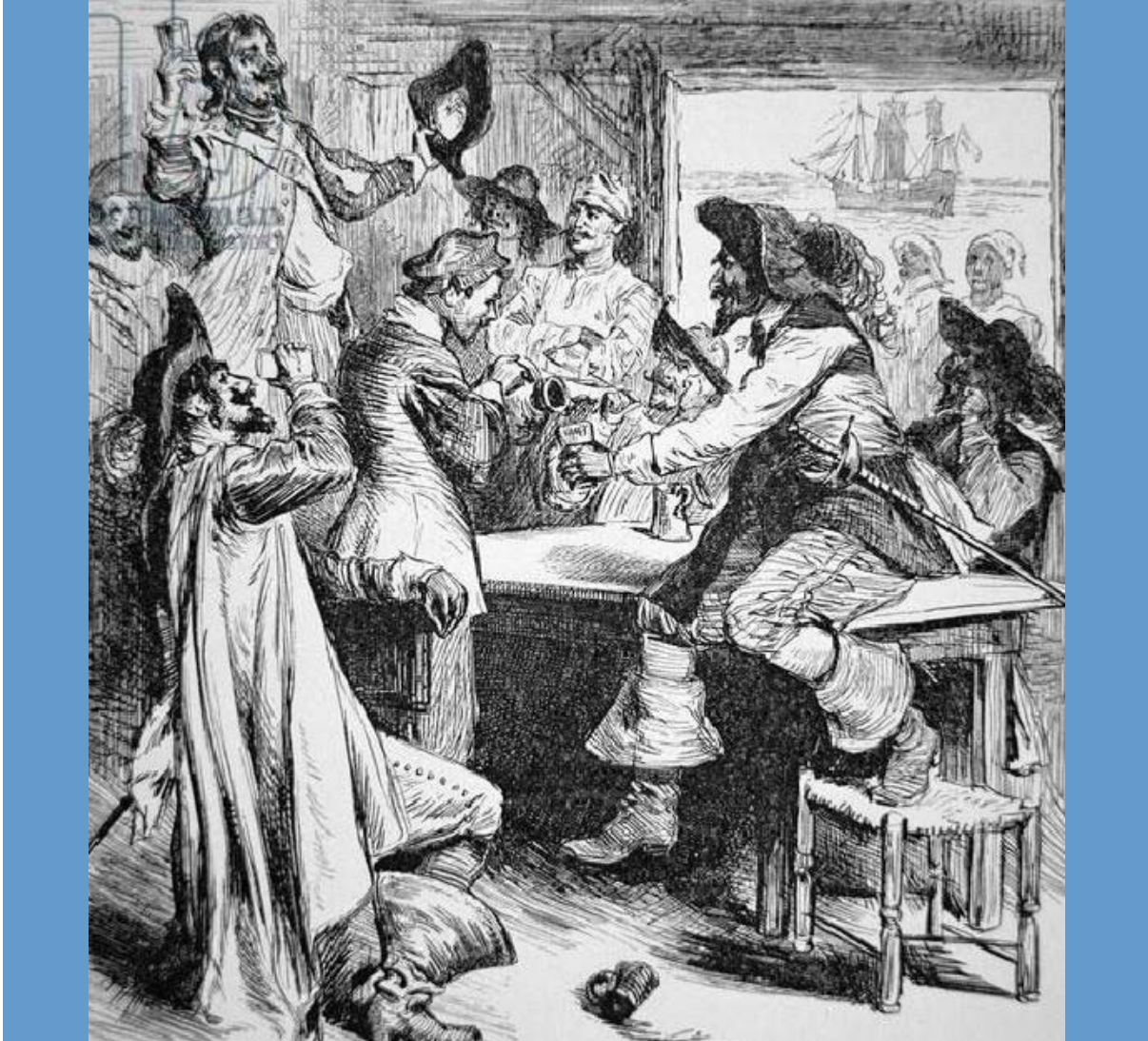


Upcoming WFSC Board elections

ATTN all WFSC members:

If you've been in the club for a while, you know it is managed by a Board of Directors that gets elected each fall, then meets every month.



In early October, all WFSC members will get a ballot that includes a proposed slate of officers that is made up of members who have expressed interest in serving or have been asked by the Commodore's nominating committee to consider it. We put a single candidate on the ballot for each position; of course, members have the option of writing in another choice.

We count the ballots at the Annual Membership Meeting, which occurs this year on the first Thursday of November.

We are looking for someone to take over as Secretary/Webmaster in 2021.

This is a position that requires a modest skill set: enough “desktop publishing” ability to produce an occasional Hard-A-Lee newsletter, and sufficient internet savvy to handle the club’s e-mail requirements, mailing list maintenance and to post news and other items on the website. An interest in “social media” would be useful. Knowledge of website design and management would be a big added plus.

The Secretary could be a Club member who possesses these skills and interests himself or herself, or who has a spouse or reliable family member who does. Or it could be a Club member who has the management ability to organize and supervise an entire committee to keep these publishing chores up to date.

Here’s a brief rundown on the other board jobs:

- The Commodore is usually a member who has been active for a few years or more and has acquired a bit of gravitas by serving in other positions. It is common for a Commodore to serve consecutively for a couple years. A thick skin is a plus, as is the ability to wield a gavel without inflicting life-threatening injuries.

- The Treasurer has to have the skills to handle multiple bank accounts, bookkeeping, billing and collecting, bill paying, etc. The Treasurer also usually stays in the job for multiple terms.

- The Vice Commodore runs meetings if the Commodore can’t be there, and otherwise pretty much handles whatever the Commodore assigns to him. Frequently the Vice Commodore position is viewed as a kind of entry level for those who want to get involved.

- The Rear Commodore is in charge of fulfilling the social events that are scheduled by the board. (Hopefully this Covid 19 cloud will pass and we can have a full social schedule next year.) Obviously, this job can involve more time and detail management than some of the others.

There are other board-related positions that are not elected. When the Commodore passes the torch to a successor, he or she automatically assumes the “Past Commodore” position on the board until his successor is through being Commodore.

Serving by appointment of the Commodore are the harbormaster, who handles dock issues and maintenance; the house chairperson, who keeps up with the cleaning, stocking and maintenance of the Clubhouse; and the grounds chairperson, who oversees grounds maintenance (trimming, mowing, spraying, etc).

The nominating committee will begin making selections for the upcoming ballot in September, and the board selection at the Annual Membership Meeting will be upon us before you know it.

If you have any interest in helping steer, promote and maintain your sailing club, contact Commodore Steve Colley or any other board member. Or e-mail us, at sailing@wfsail.org.