

HATTERAS CLASSIC CLUB

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From the President's Helm

Thrilled, motivated, and challenged are just some of my emotions as I embark on the presidency of the Hatteras Classic Club. Thank you for this new adventure on my HCC journey. I am confident that HCC will thrive with the continued service and knowledge of our leadership team: Phyllis Earnest, Vice-President; Brad Price, Treasurer; Betty Miles, Secretary; Ed Miles, Membership and a new Web Master, my son, Ronnie Ervin.

As your new president, it is my hope to develop a creative membership drive, identify subject matter experts from within the club, encourage member participation in various capacities as well as break rendezvous attendance records.

Kudos and gratitude to Tom and Phyllis Earnest, Fleet Captains, for planning and implementing the HCC annual rendezvous in Baltimore for two years consecutively. As the Fleet Captain for our winter/spring rendezvous 2018, I feel it will be difficult to beat, let alone match, the excellent agenda that Tom and Phyllis executed so effortlessly.

Here's the Ervin Family Story. Ron and I were married in 1982, a short 35 years ago. Ron is still my "knight in shining armor" and we both know when to use the oil can! We are blessed with two awesome sons, Ronnie, 30 and David, 26. In June 2009, our family experienced many changes. Ronnie graduated from college, David graduated from high school and I was diagnosed with a brain abscess. After the brain biopsy and subsequent year of recovery, I retired from a 25-year sales career with Verizon. Having an empty nest, I explored various activities and Ron continued with his career in administration at Virginia Commonwealth University.



During the 1970's, I had several opportunities to cruise on a 55-foot Trumpy, the "Sea Princess," owned by the president of my company. He shared his yacht as an incentive for performance. I was hooked. Although no one in our family had yachting experience, we took the plunge. In June 2012, we began our search for a boat. Some 31 years later, a dream became reality.

In January 2013, we purchased a 38-foot 1973 Hatteras fly bridge double cabin. "Chantilly Lace" is our pride and joy and has provided a common family interest. We love our Hatteras. Although we live in the Richmond, VA area, we have chosen the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina in South Carolina as our home port.

As a family, since 2013 we have enjoyed the comraderie, education and activities offered by HCC. For the past 5-years, Ron, Ronnie, and David have been consumed with their jobs and education and I attempted to handle matters concerning the boat. I have experienced and learned so much! Our son, Ronnie, drives the boat and docks her, aft in, with precision. Nevertheless, we hire a captain for support. We plan for Ron to retire and will learn to drive her ourselves and cruise more frequently to exotic places - another dream to become a reality. Fulfilling dreams is living!

I welcome suggestions, ideas and critiques from all members to ensure that the Hatteras Classic Club is a boating club with which you are proud and delighted to be associated. We all have different talents, so please share your thoughts and I know we will succeed. Thank you.

Bernadette "Bernie" Ervin, President

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