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(Tantallon)

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(Washington)

From the Editor

Ned W. Rhodes

Well, Fall is here, so it must be time for elections and that means that it is time to update your Club's Roster entry. Please send all corrections and updates to me at 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205. I would like to distribute an updated copy of the Roster at the next Delegate's meeting, especially since we have a new club (Prince William YC) to add to the list. As always, this information is only as good as the information provided to me. If you find that the information is two years old, I would appreciate it if you would provide me with an updated copy.

Since I see a number of Club newsletters, I thought it would be fun to publish various stories from the July Float-In. Each club has a different slant on the activities and decided to highlight different aspects of the Float-In. Enjoy.

See you at the Delegate's Meeting on November 2 at Capital Yacht Club.

Delegates Meeting

Capital Yacht Club
November 2

The next Delegates Meeting will be held on November 2nd at the Capital Yacht Club (1000 Water Street, SW, Washington DC 202-488-8110). There will be a Board meeting at 7PM and the Delegates Meeting will begin at 8PM. We will be holding our annual elections at this meeting. All delegates are requested to be prepared to give a 2 minutes summary of your club's activities for the current year. In addition, we will be voting on a Treasury issue that is

highlighted in another article of the Newsletter.

The Board is also making arrangements to have a guest speaker to discuss legislative issue that are of interest to your Yacht Clubs. Light refreshments will be served.

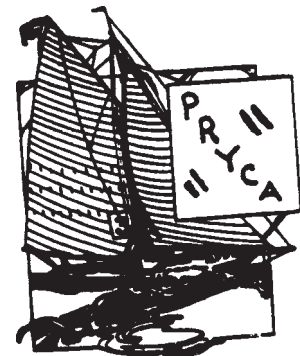
Your club input is needed for our future events and it is requested that each club send their Delegate. We look forward to a successful meeting.

1993 PRYCA Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of PRYCA Board members for 1993:

Commodore:	John Robey
Vice Commodore:	Ned Rhodes
Rear Commodore:	John Hancock
Secretary:	Linda Bussard
Treasurer:	Harriet Douglas
MAL:	John Locke
MAL:	Paul Fluery
MAL:	Gary Williams

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee (Dave Goodman, Marsha Crossley, George Edwards, and Brutus Wright) for their efforts.



Hydrilla Fund

During the October Board meeting, a discussion was held on what to do with the \$450 in the treasury which was specifically earmarked for funding hydrilla clean-up in the Potomac River area. It was the general feeling that throughout the past years the Association has been supporting this effort, but not charging expenses against these reserved funds. Some of the past activities have been in the area of articles for the newsletter, as well as calls and travel to state and local committee meetings to support the need for continuous funding. At the end of this discussion, it was determined that now would be the appropriate time to transfer these funds into the general treasury to cover past and future expenses. While it is in the authority of the Board members to direct this action, we felt that prior to doing so, we would solicit comments from the member clubs. Please have your delegate prepared to present the views of your club on this matter at the November general membership meeting.

PRYCA Princess Pageant

Linda Bussard

At the Delegates meeting held in May, interest was expressed in PRYCA having more activities to increase participation and camaraderie among member yacht clubs. One of the suggestions made was to consider restoring the PRYCA Princess Pageant if the individual clubs felt there was enough interest.

For those of you who are relatively new to PRYCA, the Princess Pageant was an activity sponsored by PRYCA to develop an interest in boating for young people whose parents or grandparents were involved in boating. The pageant was held from 1981 to 1987 and then discontinued due to a lack of girls between the ages of 12 and 20 to participate. The pageant provided the opportunity for the girls to participate in the activities of both their host club and other PRYCA member clubs, as well as to provide visibility to the association and its member clubs as active boating organizations. A junior princess between the age of 12 to 15 could be selected from

each club to run for the princess of the Potomac and a princess between the age of 16 to 20 could be selected to run for the queen of the Potomac. The candidate earned points by being active in the PRYCA activities, such as attending flag raisings. The club that had won the previous year would host the final party where the girls would be crowned.

Please discuss this activity with your club to see if there is interest in restoring this pageant. If additional information is needed, please bring any questions to the next meeting or contact PRYCA.

POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

June 1, 1992

Columbia Island Marina

The meeting was called to order at 1908 by Commodore John Sullivan.

Old Business:

VC John Robey reported that no additional members had volunteered for the PRYCA Committees, so the committees will proceed with the current members.

RC Ned Rhodes discussed items that he had proposed to be in the upcoming newsletter. All information and articles for the newsletter must be given to him by June 15.

Secretary Linda Bussard read the May Board meeting minutes and they were accepted. It was asked that an article be written asking individual clubs if they were interested in restoring the PRYCA Princess Pageant.

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary gave the report and a copy was submitted for the records.

PC Marty Clune reported on the success of the Blessing of the Fleet. A full report of the events and winners will be published in the newsletter. Concern was voiced about the staging area for area 2 at Bolling, and this concern will be addressed before the next Blessing.

PC Dave Goodman reported that the Seafarers had made a tremendous effort in cleaning up for the Memorial Day Float-In. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

New Business:

Commodore Sullivan reported his visit to National Yacht Club and SCOW. Major concern was expressed in holding functions in areas where the sail boats could not attend. The secretary also reported hearing the same concern from Quantico Yacht Club members. Areas along the Potomac were discussed to try to determine places where accessibility for sail boats would not be a problem.

A letter has been sent to Prince William Yacht Club announcing their acceptance into PRYCA and told the details of their installation in July at Aquia Harbour Yacht Club.

The donation to Aquia Harbour to help defray the cost of the Float-In was discussed. Contact with John Hancock concerning this matter will be made before the donation will be made.

PC Dave Goodman discussed an article from the National Boating Federation's Lookout pertaining to having visitors aboard a boat. He will distribute the fifty copies of the Lookout concerning the article. A letter has been written asking for a copy of their audit. Dave announced that 89-90 boats have registered for the Aquia Harbour Float-In.

The meeting was adjourned until the Board will meet at the Aquia Harbour Float-In in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bussard, Secretary

POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

September 14, 1992

District Yacht Club

Present:

VC John Robey
RC Ned Rhodes
Sec. Linda Bussard
Treas. Harriet Douglas
MAL John Hancock
MAL Paul Fleury
PC Dave Goodman
PC Marty Clune

The meeting was called to order by VC John Robey at 1905. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were accepted as read.

Reports of Officers:

VC John Robey proposed that in November a budget committee meet to review financial records for the past years to determine a budget for the coming year. He announced that the next delegates meeting would be November 2 at Tantallon Y.C. The Nomination Committee will present a list of candidates for the 1993 year. Plaques were presented to the charter members of PRYCA at the summer Float-In at Aquia Harbour Y.C. They were National Potomac Y.C. and Landmark Y.C. National Potomac Y.C. was present to accept their plaque. It was suggested that contact be made again with Colonial Y.C., Fort Washington Y.C., Landmark Y.C., and Metro Sailors Y.C. to encourage bringing their membership in PRYCA up to date.

RC Ned Rhodes reported that PRYCA clubs were invited again to join Occoquan Y.C. at Mattawoman Creek on Sept. 18-19 for their annual Shrimp Feast. Information for the next newsletter is due before Sept. 21 and the Nomination Committee report will be published in the October newsletter, which will be mailed before Oct. 15.

MAL John Hancock suggested that the Legal and Legislative Committee become active. Chairman Mark Viehoever will be asked to work closely with Jim Webster and Ken Keir in CBYCA to help make more impact. Having PRYCA's mailing address at Capital Y.C. was questioned, but it was reported to be checked weekly and Ruth Koetter keeps it up to date.

PC Dave Goodman reported that in an attempt to restimulate interest in CBYCA by the Virginia clubs, they have decided to hold their March 13 meeting in Virginia, probably at Aquia Harbour Y.C. A good turn-out by all members would be impressive. He also inquired into the current board members' interest in serving on next year's board. It was reported that Aquia Harbour Y.C. did not request a donation this year from PRYCA to help with the cost of the Float-In this July.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 until October 5, when the next Board meeting will be held at District Y.C. at 1900.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bussard, Secretary

POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION DELEGATES MEETING

**September 14, 1992
District Yacht Club**

Delegates Present:

- Ron Cournia, Aquia Harbour
- Ruth Koetter, Capital
- Roscoe Drakeford, District
- Marty Clune, Landmark
- Steve Donock, Mount Vernon
- Gene Bussard, National Potomac
- Ned Rhodes, Occoquan
- Vernon Daus, Tantallon

The meeting was called to order by VC John Robey at 2005. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Reports:

VC John Robey proposed that a budget for the 1993 year will be presented. Jim Dabney of Washington Y.C. has agreed to chair this committee.

RC Ned Rhodes announced Occoquan's Shrimp Feast at Mattawoman Creek September 18-19. Information for the next newsletter is due by Sept. 21.

PC Dave Goodman announced that he will be taking nominations for PRYCA Board members for 1993.

Ideas were discussed as to how to revitalize the member clubs in PRYCA. Again the Princess Pageant was discussed. Delegates were asked to go back to their clubs and discuss other activities in which their members could participate to stimulate interest.

Plaques were presented to National Potomac Y.C. and Landmark Y.C. as charter members of PRYCA. PRYCA burgees are available to all members for \$7.00.

The new entertainment committee needs to look for possible alternatives for the 1993 summer Float-In due to the renovations being made at Aquia Harbour Y.C. next summer.

Delegates' Reports:

Aquia Harbour Y.C. has just held a Marina Fest and took 296 non-boaters on boat rides. On Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7:00PM they are having their Oyster Feast, \$15.00.

Capital Y.C. recently hosted a Police and Firemen Appreciation Day and

served 2,000 people. They will be having a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on Oct. 3 to help finance their club's 100th year birthday party on October 23-24.

District Y.C. announced their Crab Feast on Sept. 26 at 2:00PM for \$10.00. They explained the new cleaning-up program on the Anacostia.

Landmark Y.C. is planning a trip on the *Spirit of Washington* this fall and have new moorings at their club.

Mount Vernon Y.C. reported on their Annual Boat ride of non-boaters.

National Potomac Y.C. invited everyone to their Annual Octoberfest and Auction on October 3 at 1:00PM at Columbia Island Marina at a cost of \$10.00.

Occoquan Y.C. announced their Shrimp Feast Sept. 18-19 at Mattawoman Creek.

Tantallon Y.C. announced the Coast Guard class now beginning there.

The meeting was adjourned until November 2, when the next Board meeting will be held at Capital Y.C. at 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bussard, Secretary

POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,029.50

DEPOSITS:

6/8/92, Dues (Eastern PBC)	45.00
6/19/92, Dues (Washington YC)	45.00
6/4/92, Interest	2.61
7/6/92, Interest	2.91
8/6/92, Interest	2.38
9/4/92, Interest	2.17
Total Deposits	100.07

DEDUCTIONS:

6/4/92, Service Charge	10.12
7/6/92, Service Charge	10.45
8/6/92, Service Charge	10.12
9/4/92, Service Charge	10.00
7/7/92, Ned Rhodes (Newsletter and Postage)	81.25
Total Deductions	121.94

ENDING BALANCE \$1,007.63

NOTE: Balance contains \$450 for PRYCA Hydrilla Fund.

Clubs that have not paid their 1992 dues:

Colonial Y.C.
Ft. Washington Y.C.
Landmark Y.C.
Metro Sailors

Clubs that have paid their 1992 dues:

Aquia Y.C.
Capital Y.C.
District Y.C.
Eastern Power Boat Club
Marinette Owners Y.C.
Mt. Vernon Y.C.
National Potomac Y.C.
Occoquan Y.C.
Prince William Y.C.
Seafarers Boat Club
Tantallon Y.C.
Washington Y.C.

Harriet Douglas,
Treasurer



POTOMAC RIVER YACHT
CLUBS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
October 5, 1992
Tantallon Yacht Club

Present:

Comm. John Sullivan
RC Ned Rhodes
MAL Paul Fleury
PC Dave Goodman
Del. Vernon Daus

The meeting was called to order by Commodore John Sullivan at 1930. Since Linda was absent, Ned was asked to fill in as Secretary. The Secretary's report was reviewed and accepted in its pre-publication form. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Reports of Officers:

PC Dave Goodman reported on the NBF meeting he attended in Milwaukee. At the meeting they went over a copy of the Treasurer's report since the records

for the past two years had been contained in boxes. They have reconstructed the records and will be sending monthly accounting statements to members. The Fall 1993 meeting will be held in Washington D.C. The Board feels that we should participate in the meeting and offer our assistance.

RC Ned Rhodes went over the Roster additions and corrections. He went over the articles that will be published in the newsletter. The next newsletter will be mailed before Oct. 15.

No MAL or Delegate reports.

New Business:

Commodore Sullivan has asked that Treasurer Douglas prepare a list of what we have spent this year to form the basis of a budget for next year. She was asked to have this report ready for the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed the \$450 in the treasury that is earmarked for hydrilla use and has decided to seek approval from the membership to roll these funds into the general treasury. This will be done at the next Delegate's meeting. The Board feels that we can do this since our newsletter carries articles on hydrilla and because PC Goodman has been involved in trying to get funding for hydrilla harvesting.

Plans for the next Delegates meeting at Capital YC were made. A board meeting at 7:00 will precede the Delegates meeting at 8:00. At the meeting we will hold our elections, vote on the hydrilla fund and have Club reports. RC Rhodes is to see if he can arrange for Ken Kier to address the Delegates on Legislative issues for the Commonwealth of Virginia. PC Goodman is to firm up the room at Capital YC and was given authority to spend \$50 on light refreshments to be served at the meeting.

PC Dave Goodman reported on the work of his nominating committee who consisted of Marsha Crossley, George Edwards, and Brutus Wright. Their slate was presented and the Delegates will vote on them at the next meeting. Many thanks Dave and your Committee.

PC Dave Goodman reported that in a conversation with Jim Finch at the NBF meeting, it was discovered that Jim had some records of the PRYCA. Jim as asked to send them to Marsha Crossley.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100 until November 2, when the next Board

meeting will be held at Capital Y.C. at 1900, followed by a Delegates meeting at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned W. Rhodes,
Rear Commodore

Treasurer's Report
October 5, 1992

Beginning Balance	\$1,007.63
Deposit (Dues, Ft. Washington YC)	<u>45.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,052.63

Note: \$450.00 reserved for PRYCA Hydrilla Fund.

Clubs that have not paid dues:

Colonial YC
Landmark YC
Metro Sailors YC

PRYCA Float-In....
The Skipper, National Potomac Yacht Club

This annual event was again a great happening and NPYC was certainly well represented. Although not announced at the Saturday Dinner Dance, we believe NPYC was the most represented club. Privately, we were congratulated by Aquia Harbour Yacht Club (AHYC) for being so organized and having our paid-in-full reservation in so early. We were rewarded for this with prime slips for all and with most of the club together on G Dock.

Enough cannot be said about AHYC and how they handled the Float-In. As each boat arrived (we heard there were 68 reservations), it was promptly directed to its assigned slip and there was plenty of help at the slip to assist in docking.

NPYC members arrived all though the weekend. *My Jaguar III*, *Naughty Marinetta*, and *Summer Rose* arrived on Thursday, July 16. Yes, George and Diane Edwards, Herb and Sharon Mills, and Ben and Coral Rose arrived early to get G Dock all set up for NPYC. Most of the fleet arrived on Friday. Seven boats (*Movin' On II*, *September Morn*, *My Harem Too*, *Little Bear IV*, *Captain Kidd*, *My Turn*,

and *Ms Tee*) arrived from Fairview Beach fairly early in the morning. Other boats arriving Friday included: *Miss Priss*, *Pegasus*, *Misty Blue*, *Jolly Roger*, and *The Library*. NPYC boats arriving on Saturday included *Betts II*, *Vallone Ranger*, and *Speedbird*.

Throughout the weekend, G Dock and the pool were the center of activities for NPYC. The NPYC banner was hoisted on G Dock on Friday and the party didn't end until Sunday. The pool was great, particularly during the period each hour when all the kids had to get out. For the most part we had sunshine and many either increased their tans or got good starts on tans. Around the boats, you could see George Edwards and Ralph Vallone demonstrating their navigation equipment; Precious, the Saunders cat enjoying *Ms Tee*; Sharon Mills looking like she just stepped out of the beauty parlor at all times of the day or night; Brutus Wright sitting on the back of *Little Bear IV* with his feet up nearly the whole weekend; and Teresa Saunders and Linda Bussard in their thong bathing suits.

Friday night most of us ate at the Harbour Inn, located at the marina. Several enjoyed the Maine lobster for \$9.95. Herb Saunders even ordered two!! Penny DeMarco gave a lesson to her table on eating ALL the lobster. She ate her own plus bodies and small legs of the lobsters ordered by John Greenhalgh and Gene Bussard. After dinner, it was back to G Dock, which became almost impassable with all the chairs.

Believe it or not, there was a group that got up early on Saturday morning for a walk. FC John Greenhalgh was a leader in this endeavor, but he only walked part way. The rest of the group (Walter and Thelma Diggs, Gene and Linda Bussard, Jane Sullivan, Joe Orth, and Penny DeMarco) walked to the nearby shopping center (about 1 mile). There they found a Shoney's Restaurant and, since most had not brought money with them, Walter Diggs treated everyone to breakfast. Their only failing, John had left instructions on which numbers to play for him in the lottery, but they could not find any place selling lottery tickets.

The famous dinghy and pedal boat races were held on Saturday. These races really had to be seen to be appreciated. There were broken paddles, man-overboards, various levels of

competence, and much fun. Just getting the races started was an effort. One of the pedal boats only seemed to go in circles! NPYC was ably represented by Herb and Teresa Saunders in the dinghy and Shawn Bevis and Mary Sparrow in the pedal boat. Both of these teams put forth maximum effort, were great to watch, and for a while each held the lead. Sorry to say, however, Occoquan was the winner. Thanks Herb, Teresa, Shawn, and Mary for the great effort.

The Dinner Dance was Saturday night. Because we had our reservations in early, two whole tables were reserved for NPYC. We all enjoyed the steamship round of beef, steamed shrimp, salad bar, etc. After dinner, the band was great for the dance. NPYC member, John Sullivan, who is currently Commodore of PRYCA, opened the formal presentation part of the program for the evening. NPYC was recognized for its long term association with PRYCA and the *Anna Louise* was presented a plaque for being the Best Decorated Power Boat in the 1992 Blessing of the Fleet competition. VC Jim McInnis accepted the awards. NPYC also did very well in the raffles. Joe Orth and Penny DeMarco won the door prize of a dock cart, Gene and Linda Bussard won the 100 gallons of gas, and Paula Parker won a bottle of wine.

Under the leadership of FC Greenhalgh, all the NPYC skippers successfully maneuvered the shallow waters of Aquia Creek without running aground this year. Congratulations to all!

Aquia Harbor Float-In **Gary Williams, PWYC Lifeline**

Another significant milestone has been reached for Prince William Yacht Club as we were officially admitted to the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association this past weekend. However, not to be overlooked by the importance of this auspicious event, was the pure enjoyment of attending the Aquia Harbor Float-In. The eight boats that were able to represent PWYC were blessed with a thoroughly enjoyable boating weekend.

It began with a typically steaming hot Friday afternoon, with the early arrivers wondering whether the late

arriver (me) would make it in time for the scheduled underway time of 5:15 P.M. and whether we would encounter the typical late afternoon thunderstorm. The rush hour was not fun, but I did finally arrive. As soon as we were assured that the bilge was purged of any dangerous fumes, *Suzy Too* was fired up and ready to go. Heading out the No Wake Zone, Commodore Pete took a quick inventory and accounted for himself and Jean (*OK Corral*) and four other boats heading out to the Friday festivities.

All went well until we came to the end of the No Wake Zone. *OK Corral*, who up to this point seemed to be no-waking it with no problem, suddenly discovered that one engine would only go in reverse or neutral, not forward. It is not clear at this point whether Pete had been backing down through the No Wake Zone and had just decided to try going forward, or how he had managed to navigate out of his slip, or any of a number of similar questions. What was clear, was that we might have a problem—the rest of us only had a vague idea as to where we were heading. As Pete consulted with the Marina as to probable causes and corrections, the rest, including *Singer & Co.* (Roz) and *River Lady* (Herb Kressel), who just happened to be monitoring the radio to listen to our progress, offered suggestions and towing assistance.

When all else failed, Pete said he was heading below to try the lower helm station. Within minutes, we heard Pete report that all was well and he was on his way. Requests for explanation as to the cause and correction so that we could include them in our hints for better boating were curiously ignored by our proud commodore. But serious investigation by the unforgiving PWYC membership disclosed another of those unbelievable boating facts. Not only will boats refuse to start if the gear shift lever is not in neutral, it will also refuse to go forward if you jam a solid brass ashtray in front of it to prevent movement. A word to the wise—if you are going to allow your crew to clean up after you in order to maintain a neat and clean craft, inspect the results of their (her) efforts to see whether they (she) might have inadvertently messed up the mechanical operation of the vessel in question. (And you may also notice what a neat job that they (Jean) have done and spare a caring

(and appreciated) thank-you—thus avoiding cursing later on.)

Once we were on our way again, it was only a question of how long it would take *Bullet II* (Bob Nolin and Lynn) to catch up. It seems we had left him at the gas dock. He quickly assured us that with his speed, he could probably pass us by the time we reached the power lines—a point at which he would probably also burn himself out of fuel.

As the flotilla was passing Wade's Bay, we once again heard from our commodore who was leading from a position far to the rear. "Attention Prince William Yacht Club, if you go much farther you will have passed the entrance to Aquia Harbor, which is off my starboard bow." To which we all responded by slowing down and turning right, an unusually brilliant move on the part of the membership. We could even see *Yankee* (Ken Dorman and Kathy Raftery) who had been speeding ahead to stay up on plane make a sweeping right (180 degree) turn past Fairview Beach to put him on course for Aquia Harbor.

As we rounded the point into the harbor itself, we found all the buoys and landmarks to be just as Herb Kressel had promised. Assured that we were in the right place and on proper course, we all fell neatly in line behind *OK Corral* for one of the longest No Wake Zone treks of the Potomac. Fortunately, it is also one of the most scenic and we were treated to one of the most beautiful sunsets that we have ever seen. The folks at Aquia Harbor admitted that they had spared no expense to arrange it for us, but they were not passing the expense along in terms of higher slip fees.

The friendliness and competent professionalism that we heard from the membership of the Aquia Harbor Club as they talked to us on the radio during our approach up the long winding creek was fully displayed as we made our approach to the marina itself. Slip assignments had been made and crews met each boat to get us all tied up in record time. Before we realized it, we were sitting around tables at their excellent restaurant enjoying a fine meal and a fitting close to the first day.

Saturday dawned with the promise of another hot July day on the Potomac. Fortunately, a fine cool breeze kicked up and started blowing out the summer

haze. By the time *River Lady* (Herb and Jane Kressel) and *Merry England* (John and Marlene Karwowski) arrived the day had turned absolutely beautiful for the day's festivities. There was wine tasting, games, hot dogs, and barbecued chicken, and plenty of time to absorb gallons of soft drinks and beer as the various clubs continued to arrive. Many including Joe and Esther Walker (*Fluffy*, soon to be *That's It*) and their kids took the opportunity to use the beautiful swimming pools.

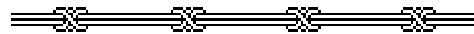
Of course the main event of the day was the Aquia's cup race. The PWYC membership became amazingly scarce as it became obvious that every club would be expected to enter a team. Pete managed to round up the Karwowski's to handle the paddle boat, but it fell to Pete and I to take in the rubber raft race. Needless to say, we were not a true contender, but we did earn lots of style points for our efforts. We are already formulating a strategy for next year—STAND BY!

Ammon Joy was the last of our contingent to arrive, but Steve and Jan Ammon were there in plenty of time for the Dinner Dance. Aquia served up some of the largest shrimp on the East Coast, accompanied with plenty of Steamship Round. The live band provided an excellent selection of music for dancing, and dance we did. Of course the highlight of the evening was the recognition of Prince William Yacht Club as the newest member of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. Commodore Pete is still rehearsing his acceptance speech. The second highlight of the program came when we finally won something. Lynn won a bottle of Aquia Harbor wine in the wine raffle. It only cost Bob twenty dollars or so, but any victory will count.

Sunday morning started off to a jolting start as Aquia Harbor provided Bloody Marys and Mimosas. What an eye opener the Bloody Marys provided. We tried to sneak the recipe, but it was somewhat difficult to follow as they called for "about a shovel of this and some of that."

We departed early to take advantage of the high tide. *Fluffy* and *Yankee* headed south for some time at Fairview Beach. *Bullet II*, *OK Corral*, and *Suzy Too* arrived back at Riverview in time to meet the Singers and adjourn to Sea & Sea for a recap of the weekend's events. Our

thanks to the folks at Aquia Harbor for a fun weekend, an opportunity to meet and swap stories with other boats up and down the river. We are looking forward to providing an even larger contingent at next year's Float-In. And many thanks to Marty Singer for making all the arrangements for our attendance this year.



Aquia Harbour Float-In The Gull, AHYC

A standing ovation to Arleen Bailey, Mike Leahy, and their crews for one of the most outstanding float-ins AHYC has ever hosted since its inception eight summers ago. The hard work and detailed preparation led to the smoothest execution of a plan since Desert Storm thanks to excellent leadership and fellowship. From Thursday to Sunday the dock crews and boat movers sweated through the sweltering heat while still maintaining a sense of humor that was directly proportional to the amount of cold beer consumed.

Meanwhile, up on the beach tents and tables were set up, food was served, wine was tasted, and beer was flowing. Thanks to some "instruction" from the Army sea service members reinforced their earlier decisions to go Navy and not have to mess around with a tent when it rained. Things were jumping however, under the big and little tops, with everyone busy with registration, selling things, and helping our guests.

While the children were excitedly engaged in their games, the race officials were on the bull horn directing the "adults" in the race for the Aquia Cup. Actually, Ron and John never really needed bull horn to be heard because of their God-given talent to speak louder than everyone else, but the horn did make them look more official.

With the games over it was time to prepare for more fun at the dinner dance. The scouts showed up, tables and chairs started to move, the tarp went over the patio and the Harbour Inn was decorated. The small boats with burgees were a nice touch and many favorable comments were heard. In fact, many of those little boats went home as souvenirs. If you ever need a little wooden boat for your

bath tub see Jack Bailey or Fred Hall.

The Harbour Inn never looked better and a special thanks goes out to Melanie, John, April, Michelle, and the rest of the crew. They really worked their b__s off setting up for the dinner dance on Saturday then tearing down and setting up for Brunch for Sunday. We also saw Melanie dispensing cold beer on Saturday, with a little help from Steve.

All in all it was the best float-in ever. A special thank you to our unsung hero members down in the trenches who usually never get any recognition and who worked so hard to make the Eighth Annual Float-in such a SUCCESS....

Curt Johnson, AHYC Treasurer

...The annual float-in seemed like a great success from my perspective. I want to congratulate everyone involved with the planning and staging of the event. I'm sure some will be disappointed with specific areas, but when you consider the entire float-in it went extremely well. The July 21 *Free Lance Star* article about the float-in can only add to the fine reputation the AHYC is developing in the community.

I, of course, consider the Occoquan Yacht Club dinghy raffle the highlight of the float-in. Shortly after winning the raffle, a AHYC burgee appeared on the bow of the 4-man Zodiac inflatable raft. After watching me start the 2hp outboard and run the dinghy around the marina Sunday, Barb's comment was "it's time to look for a boat to carry the dinghy." This might prove to be an expensive prize. I salute the wisdom of several Bridge members who favored allowing OYC to sell their raffle tickets at the float-in....

Randy Semper, AHYC Secretary

PRYCA Float In

Occoquan Yacht Club

OYC Claims Coveted "Aquia Cup"

A very special thanks to the PRYCA officers and to the Aquia Harbour Yacht Club for sponsoring and hosting another fantastic Float-In at Aquia July 17-19! Wow, what a weekend! Thank you Bill Sutherland, Commodore AHYC, for hosting a great Commodores Reception in your home—and well, thanks for the ever-coveted "Aquia Cup"!

Once again OYCers prove that we have "The Right Stuff"! The highly competitive and often contested Aquia Cup Event was the feature of the afternoon at the 7th Annual PRYCA Float-In. Congratulations go out to Marcel Beaulieu (*Second Choice*) and Bob Michaud (*Lady Jackie*) of Woodbridge Marina for bringing home the bacon! These guys took The Cup against all odds with an undisputed time of well under 2 minutes amidst the grumblings of contested times, broken plastic oars, new aluminum oars, leaky plastic inflatables, sabotaged paddle boats and even a few losers requesting a rematch and still losing! I can personally attest to the agility, concentration, and fortitude necessary to complete this "Rubber Duck" event, as Kathy (Karisma) and myself were the first of several contestants to make the run with an undisputed time of 2 minutes/16 seconds, only to fall short to a couple of "beef cakes" from another D.C. club! As a representative of your club, I managed to keep my whining in check and hummed a few bars of "I'm a Loser" (Beatles, 1966) while watching Past Commodore Ned plan his unexecuted strategy! Many congrats Marcel and Bob, the Club thanks you for bringing us to glory! Once the cup is engraved and returned to us, Dick Lynn has agreed to allow us to display it in the showcase at the OHM Marina store for all to see.

Raffle Dinghy Finds a Home in Aquia Harbour!

The long-awaited dinghy raffle has been awarded to Randy Semper of Aquia Harbour Yacht Club. The uncontested winning ticket was drawn at 2200 hours by AHYC Commodore Bill Sutherland, who was not a participating ticket holder himself. The drawing was conducted, after a very thorough shuffling of the tickets, most of them having been dropped like pixie-pic-up-sticks by Vice Coordinated, I mean Commodore Coldwell, in front of a live audience of PRYCA dinner guests where the Zodiac/Nissan combo (formerly t/t *Grumpy Bear* of Garland and Linda Dobbins fame) was on public display! The winner, Randy Semper, is currently AHYC Secretary and he is a guy with a great smile, one that was working overtime at Saturday night's drawing! Our Club's congratulations go out to Mr. Semper!

I am also pleased to announce to our membership that all tickets were sold and the event was indeed a profitable fund-raiser; details to be announced at our General Membership Meeting in October.

Prince William Yacht Club Inducted

The PWYC Charter was inducted by the PRYCA during the evening's presentations at Aquia as well. It seems that the membership of the PWYC thought this included some kind of initiation ceremony of their own and decided to baptize Commodore Pete Clanton shortly after he had put on a crisp new set of nautical evening duds. The pool was pretty close to the Good Commodore, but a little too close to his Lovely Lady in attendance...I guess you had to be there!

Popular Boating

Do you know how popular boating is? This little quiz is paraphrased from one that appeared in Boating magazine.

1. Number of people participating in recreational boating in 1991:
 - (a) less than 25 million
 - (b) between 25 and 50 million
 - (c) more than 50 million
2. Number of powerboats out on the water:
 - (a) less than 5 million
 - (b) between 5 and 10 million
 - (c) more than 10 million
3. Name the three U.S. states with the highest number of registered boats:
4. Name the state with the least number of registered boats.
5. Percentage increase over 1990 in number of non-powered sailboats owned:
 - (a) less than 10%
 - (b) between 10% and 50%
 - (c) more than 50%

Answers appear at the end of the newsletter.

Answers to Quiz:

1. (c) over 73.4 million
2. (c) over 10.5 million
3. Michigan, California, Minnesota
4. Hawaii
5. (a) 0%

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