



# Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

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## Officers 1996

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(National Potomac)

### Vice Commodore

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(Tantallon)

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Mark Viehoever  
(Washington)

Jim Ball  
(Mount Vernon)

## From the Commodore

Penny DeMarco

As you read this, we will have completed the first successful PRYCA event in 1996—the Change of Watch Dinner/Dance. As I write this, we have reservations for 168 persons from 13 of our 16 Member Clubs—including 18 from Quantico Yacht Club which was just elected to membership in November! VC Bud Clark, with the able assistance of Secretary Ineke Lavoie, and all the other Bridge members are to be congratulated for their hard work on this event.

I personally want to thank Past Commodore Marsha Crossley Cromwell for agreeing to be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Change of Watch. It has been great working with her. I hope that we will continue to see Marsha and Paul at the other PRYCA events.

Your PRYCA Bridge has been busy organizing itself for the coming year. A summary of our 1996 Objectives, a list of the 1996 Appointments, and a description of the organizational responsibilities is included with this newsletter. As you can see, we have set ambitious goals for ourselves. As in 1995, we plan on sponsoring or cosponsoring five major events (Safety Day, Pre-Blessing Dinner, Float In, Tantallon's End of Summer Party, and the 1997 Change of Watch Dinner/Dance). I am really pleased (and relieved) to announce that Steve Wexler, although he is not a MAL this year, has agreed to be the Float-In Coordinator again this year.

In addition, we plan to continue to expand our legislative activities. In this regard, we will participate in the Spring NBF Meeting which will be held April 27th at Old Dominion Boat Club. We will also continue to foster our relationship with CBYCA. IPC John

Hancock will be the PRYCA liaison with CBYCA. Nicole Larson, CBYCA's Director of State Legislation for Virginia, has been appointed CBYCA's liaison to PRYCA. I have pledged to Nicole that the PRYCA Bridge will do everything it can to get out "grass roots" participation from our Member Clubs to make the recreational boater's voice heard, when appropriate.

Since this is the 25th Anniversary Year for PRYCA, I made a special effort to get as many of the past PRYCA bridge members as possible to attend the Change of Watch. The purpose of this is to recognize the people who have contributed to PRYCA throughout the years. PC Dave Goodman is working on a history of PRYCA. When Dave is done with the initial draft, we will distribute it to the past officers and others for comments and additions. We hope to put together and publish a History of PRYCA for the Float-In.

To prepare for the Change of Watch, I collected background information on the PRYCA Honorees and Distinguished Guests for MOC Crossley and myself. In addition to the individual information, it seemed appropriate to look at the contribution of the Member Clubs as well. I asked the Commodore of each Member Club for input. I received input from John Kenyon, PC of Landmark YC, and John Galloway of Mount Vernon YC. All our Member Clubs have contributed to the success of PRYCA throughout the last 24 years. It is because of our Member Clubs that we have a strong organization now. Here is a brief summary of some of the contributions of our Member Clubs.

**Aquia Harbour Yacht Club:** Aquia Harbour Yacht Club's significant contributions to PRYCA include five Past Commodores (John Hancock, Dave Goodman, Kenneth Kelly,

James Ifland, and William Fine), Past Fleet Captain Darrell Edgar, and past Treasurer Martha Fine. If it wasn't for Aquia Harbour, we would not have a Float-In. Aquia organized and hosted the Float-In for eight years at their facility until it was so popular that the number of attending boats was too much for their marina. Thank you, Aquia Harbour!

**Capital Yacht Club:** Capital Yacht Club is the home club of Past Commodore Marsha Crossley Cromwell, Past Rear Commodore and Treasurer Alan Tonelson (treasurer for four years), and Past Secretary Norm Cherry. In addition, Capital Yacht Club generally hosts at least two Delegates Meetings each year. Current Commodore Penny DeMarco is a new member of Capital.

**Colonial Yacht Club:** Although very active in the early years of PRYCA, Colonial has not participated in PRYCA events in recent years. We will continue to encourage them to become active once again.

**District Yacht Club:** District Yacht Club is the home club of two of PRYCA's most long term officers. 1996 is the 8th year Harriet Douglas has served as Treasurer, and Andrea Storey served as Secretary for two 2-year terms. This really is far beyond the call! Other District members who have served multi-year terms are Past Secretary Linda Bussard, who served two 2-year terms, and Ineke Lavoie who is in her third year as Secretary. District is also the home club of Past

Commodore Marty Clune.

**Eastern Power Boat Club:** PRYCA cooperating agreement with CBYCA, which was entered into in 1995, was the result of a request for assistance by Eastern Power Boat Club's PRYCA Delegate, Gina Puglisi, to get the Maryland DNR to pay attention to problem water skiers in Spoils Cove near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. CBYCA's Legislative group worked with PRYCA to help Gina.

**Ft. Washington Boating Association:** New Member Club, Ft. Washington Boating Association, provided assistance with the 1995 Float In held at Ft. Washington Marina and has agreed to provide even more liaison with the marina staff in 1996.

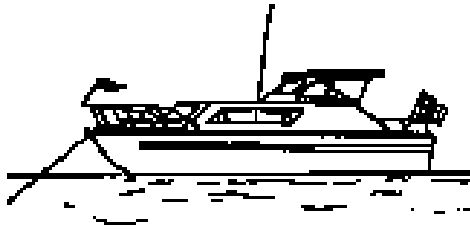
**Landmark Yacht Club:** Landmark Yacht Club is one of the Charter Clubs of PRYCA. Landmark was very active in the early years, but had not done much with PRYCA until the last couple of years. This re-emergence of Landmark in PRYCA activities was a direct result of two Landmark members, PC John Hancock and PRYCA Delegate Charlie Wilkerson. Landmark is now one of the most active PRYCA clubs. It also should be noted that although Charlie lives farther away from the Metropolitan DC area than almost any of the other delegates, he has not missed a PRYCA Delegates Meeting while he has been a delegate! In addition to PC Hancock, current Vice Commodore Bud Clark and Past Commodore Ed Nagel are also members of

Landmark. 1980 Commodore William Green and 1990 Vice Commodore Clifford Johnson were also members of Landmark.

**Marinette Yacht Club:** As with Colonial, we have not had much contact with Marinette in recent years. We will try to re-establish ties in 1996.

**Mount Vernon Yacht Club:** Mount Vernon Yacht Club is contributing strongly to the 1996 Board with four Board members (Rear Commodore Steve Donock, Fleet Captain John Robey, MAL Jim Ball, and MAL Monica Lovell) who are members. Of course, John Robey is also a Past Commodore and coordinated the Float-In for two years! Mount Vernon is also the home club of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members that support the Float-In and put on the Safety Day.

**National Potomac Yacht Club:** National Potomac is a Charter Member of PRYCA and has been active throughout PRYCA's 25 years. National Potomac is usually the club with the most attendees at PRYCA events (39 at this Change of Watch) and has had many of its members serve on the PRYCA Board. Past Commodores Ed Nagel, Bill Allen, and John Sullivan as well as current Commodore Penny DeMarco and Secretary Ineke Lavoie are members of National Potomac. National Potomac has also contributed Past Secretary Linda Bussard who served two 2-year terms, Past Treasurer and MAL George Edwards, Past



Secretary and MAL Judy Allen, and Past MAL Barry Nagel.

**Occoquan Yacht Club:** Occoquan Yacht Club is another of the most active clubs. Past Board members from Occoquan include Past Commodore Ned Rhodes, Past Commodore John Robey, Past Rear Commodore Robert La Serta, and Past MAL Steve Wexler. Three of these persons are serving in key positions in 1996: Ned is continuing as the newsletter editor, John has returned to the Board as the Fleet Captain, and Steve is coordinating the Float-In again this year. Three other current Board members are members of Occoquan, Rear Commodore Steve Donock, MAL Jim Ball, and MAL Monica Lovell.

**Prince William Yacht Club:** Prince William Yacht Club is a fairly new club in PRYCA. Gary Williams served as a MAL in 1993, but it wasn't until the 1994 Float-In that we got significant participation by Prince William. That year they had several boats attend, but seem reluctant to join in with the rest of the clubs for the Aquia Cup competition. When they did join in, we were in for a real treat—anyone who saw their submittals for the Scavenger Hunt or witnessed their all-lady shore dexterity team knows what I mean. (The ladies entered on a dare—if they competed in the shore dexterity, their mates had to compete in the dingy race!)

**Quantico Yacht Club:** Quantico Yacht Club is our newest Member Club, voted in at the

November 1995 Delegates Meeting. If the Change of Watch is any indication (18 attendees from Quantico), we will see a lot of Quantico at PRYCA events.

**Seafarers Boat Club:** Seafarers Commodore Howard Gasaway is a Past Commodore of PRYCA. Howard served in various positions on the PRYCA Board from 1984 through 1988. Howard has continued to serve PRYCA through the years as a link with the DC Harbor Branches of the Police and Fire Departments and other parts of the DC government. Howard also held key positions on the Princess of the Potomac Pageant when sponsored by PRYCA.

**Tantallon Yacht Club:** Tantallon Yacht Club's contribution to the success of PRYCA has been significant. Starting in 1994, PRYCA piggy-backed on Tantallon's End of Summer Party for our Fall event. This way we are able to offer a "near-the-end of the boating season" cruise in to our Member Clubs and let Tantallon do all the work! Tantallon has pulled off this event in the worst of circumstances (driving rain storms, clogged up heads, loss of electricity, etc.) and we all have had a great time. Several members of Tantallon have also served on the PRYCA Board: current Vice Commodore Bud Clark has also served as Rear Commodore and a MAL, MAL Mark Viehoever is serving his third year in 1996, Paul Fleury served four years as a MAL, and Bill LaBranche was a MAL.

**Washington Yacht Club:** Washington Yacht Club has had a MAL on the Board since 1991. John Locke served a 3-year term from 1991 through 1993, and current MAL Mark Viehoever has been on the Board since 1994. In addition, Skip Condit served a 2-year term in 1986 and 1987.

### From the Immediate Past Commodore

John Hancock

1995 is behind us. But as concerns the PRYCA, and certainly myself, this past year will long be remembered! I have many fond memories which I will recap briefly. However, the most gratifying for me has been the opportunity to participate in my "labor of love" activities on the PRYCA Bridge with such dedicated and caring people. From Bridge members, to Delegates, to individual club members, the effort expended by all to make this past year both successful and enjoyable is most appreciated. Truly, in all my years of boating and involvement with yacht clubs and associations, I have not had a more gratifying year than the one just concluded. THANK YOU!!

So what made this past year so very special? A host of accomplishments can be recapped, as follow:

- Two new member clubs, Fort Washington Boating Association and Quantico Yacht Club, joined the PRYCA during the year, bringing the total to a record number sixteen member clubs representing over a thousand boaters. A new PRYCA membership package was also developed early in the year which fully explains what the PRYCA is all about and the advantages of membership.



• A committee structure with definitive Bridge member responsibilities was introduced at the start of the year which proved very successful. Hopefully, this method of organization and administration, with certain modifications, can be used as a template for years to come.

• The By-laws were completely rewritten and adopted to be more practical in meeting current needs of the PRYCA. Development of a companion Handbook continues which will provide flexibility to meet day-to-day operational needs.

• In an effort to foster the sharing of legislative information which affects us all as recreational boaters, the PRYCA entered in a special long-term arrangement with the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association for reciprocal non-voting bridge representation. This has allowed the PRYCA to take advantage of a very aggressive legislative alert process as well as to ensure that Potomac River basin issues are highlighted, as may be necessary. In addition, we have maintained membership and very close ties with the National Boating Federation which represents our national interests in legislative affairs.

• Incorporation status of the PRYCA was researched and updated with the District of Columbia to insure our legal status.

• A PRYCA Boat Roster was developed and distributed as a means of fostering identification and camaraderie while on the water.

• Five major events were sponsored/co-sponsored during the year which were a Change of Watch Dinner/Dance, a pre-blessing Party and Blessing of the Fleet, a hands-on Safety Day in the spring (first time), an annual summer Float-In (largest and "hottest" ever), and an End-of-Summer Party.

• Increased Member At Large (MAL) interface with member clubs was undertaken which resulted in increased Delegate participation in quarterly Delegate meetings and overall member club participation in PRYCA issues and events.

• Public relations efforts were expended with other associations, organizations and the public in general regarding boating issues to help foster PRYCA objectives. This resulted in the PRYCA being highlighted in the national publication *Soundings*.

Again, I thank all of the PRYCA organization for, what I consider, a most successful year and, for me personally, a most gratifying and enjoyable year as your Commodore. I wish Commodore DeMarco and the PRYCA the very best in 1996 and I look forward to continuing to serve the PRYCA in the years to come.

### **From the Vice Commodore**

Bud Clark

Just a year ago I provided an introduction to 1995 as Rear Commodore. So now it is time for a 1996 introduction as Vice Commodore. I guess that the primary comment is that both last year's PRYCA Bridge and the one for this year are a bunch of hustlers. I don't mean that in pejorative sense—just that they are hard workers who get along well together, are willing to contribute wherever they are needed and, most important, have a good time doing it. All in all, they are a pleasure to be around and do a great job!

1996 is the 25th year for PRYCA, so it is a time to recognize past achievement and those who made it all possible. At the same time, it is appropriate to look ahead to another quarter of a century, and even beyond. To this end,

our new Commodore Penny DeMarco has established the PRYCA objectives for 1996. Our five major events will continue, as will our publications (newsletters, club roster and boat roster). Continuing goals include encouraging interactions among the PRYCA clubs, increasing the number of clubs in the association, and enhancing relationships with other organizations. Two new activities are the development of a Handbook to cover the details of PRYCA operations as a supplement to the simplified constitution and by-laws adopted last year, and expanded legislative liaison activities to support the interests of our member clubs.

In addition to just lending a hand wherever help is needed, specific roles of the Vice Commodore are to head the Qualifications Committee, and to chair the Legal and Legislative Committee; these are expanded upon in the next paragraphs.

### **Activities and Issues**

Under the new Constitution and By-Laws, the Qualifications Committee is one of the two Standing Committees (the other is the Nominating Committee headed by Immediate Past Commodore John Hancock). The Qualifications Committee reviews applications for membership in PRYCA to determine compliance and eligibility. In addition to the Vice Commodore, three active commodores serve on the Qualifications Committee. Commodore John Ludwig from Tantallon Yacht Club has agreed to serve, as has Commodore Gary Ferrell from Landmark Yacht Club and Commodore Howard Gasaway for Seafarers Yacht Club. These three commodores provide geographical representation for clubs from the Anacostia (Seafarers) to the middle Potomac



(Tantallon) to the south (Landmark). All are strong supporters of PRYCA and I am very pleased that they have agreed to serve. While we are on the subject, all members of PRYCA clubs are encouraged to identify and propose additional clubs for membership in the Association. The usefulness of PRYCA and the effectiveness of our activities is increased when all eligible clubs are active participants.

The Legal and Legislative Committee is a relatively new area for PRYCA emphasis. The role of this committee is to monitor legislative and regulatory activities (Federal, state and local) that may impact on recreational boating, especially on the Potomac River, and to make sure that the interests of PRYCA recreational boaters are represented. In part, this committee will take advantage of the already-established legislative program of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association, which is particularly strong in Maryland and Virginia. Doing this is facilitated by the presence of our Immediate Past Commodore John Hancock and our Commodore Penny DeMarco and her mate, Joe Orth, on the CBYCA Board of Governors. The PRYCA liaison representatives with various organizations (Metropolitan Council of Governments, U.S. Coast Guard, etc.) will also help. So our focus will be on the various jurisdictions (especially those in Washington) which may impact on recreational boating on the Potomac River. I am delighted to report that Past Commodore Dottie Strunk of Tantallon (she is also a member of Capital and Occoquan Yacht Clubs) has agreed to serve on this committee. Dottie is a former Senate staffer, so her insights will be particularly helpful. The Legal and Legislative Committee needs additional members, suggestions, ideas and support if we

are to represent effectively the interests of PRYCA and its member clubs. So if you have experience, interest, or even just a willingness to participate, please tell your delegate or contact me directly (Bud Clark at 703-780-7135). Your support is needed!

By the time you read this, the PRYCA Change of Watch Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, 27 January 1996 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Alexandria, Virginia will be part of our history. Celebrating the Twenty-fifth Year of PRYCA (1971-1996), the 1996 dinner-dance continued the tradition of a great location, good food, excellent music and, most of all, fine company. If you couldn't get there, we missed you. If you were there, we all enjoyed a great time. It was particularly nice that representatives from the National Boating Federation, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association, and the Washington Waterfront Association, as well as many past officers of PRYCA, were able to join us. This party was just the thing to get us through the winter doldrums, and a great way to kick off the new year. Special thanks to those who made it possible: Ineke Lavoie who handled registration and table decorations; Penny DeMarco who added her own special touches to the name tags and programs; Marshal Crossley-Cromwell for a distinguished performance as Mistress of Ceremonies; Mark Viehoever who arranged for the great music by David Wright and his band; Harriet Douglas for handling the finances; and—well the list just goes on and on.

### **From the Editor**

Ned W. Rhodes

Snow, snow and more snow. What a winter this has been! This weather is really making me miss boating. All I have is pictures from the past summer and Chesapeake Bay Magazine to read. This is our first issue of the PRYCA newsletter for 1996 and it contains a write-up on the goals that the Board has set for the year, a composite calendar of events for the next three months, a few articles of interest such as an analysis of how far your boat sinks per inch of snow on top. Unfortunately, we all have a lot of experience with that this winter.

The one bit of news that I picked up at the Change of Command was that Seafarer's Yacht Club was shut down due to the fact that barrels of unknown substances had washed down the river and landed at their docks. A pollution control team had taken over the marina and they weren't letting anyone into the marina. If I get more details, I will pass them along.

As we go through the year, make sure that you keep me on your newsletter mailing list. As always, you may submit articles to me at 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205. We prefer 3.5 inch floppy disks or direct submission over the internet to rhodesn@aol.com. Microsoft Word is our preferred format, although we can handle Wordperfect 5.1 easily as well. Let's hope we get on the water soon.



**Potomac River Yacht  
Clubs Association  
Board Meeting**

Seafarer's Yacht Club  
December 4, 1995

**Attendees:**

VC Penny DeMarco  
RC Bud Clark  
Treas. Harriet Douglas  
FC Darrell Edgar  
MAL Steve Donock  
MAL Steve Wexler  
MAL Mark Viehoever  
MAL Jim Ball  
IPC Ned Rhodes  
PC John Robey  
PC Howard Gasaway

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by VC DeMarco in Comm. Hancock's absence.

**Old Business:**

No comments on faxed secretary's report. Voted to accept as faxed.

Harriet read the Treasurer's report. Voted to accept as read.

Discussed NBF bill of \$200 for next year's dues. Voted to allocate and pay the dues for next year.

VC DeMarco had no report.

RC Clark passed out a proposed activity calendar for the next year. Incoming RC Donock to take over the upkeep of the activity calendar and will provide camera ready copy to the newsletter editor.

No MAL reports.

FC Edgar passed out an inventory list. Some discussion on how many patches we have. Declined to discuss number we needed to order.

IPC Rhodes pointed out the January 20th newsletter input deadline.

**New Business:**

**Membership report:**

Quantico Yacht Club was voted in at the last delegates meeting. A letter of congratulations was sent after the meeting. Comm. Hancock attended an informational meeting and burgee exchange November 10, 1995 at Quantico.

Comm. Hancock wrote a letter to the new Commodore of White Point YC to gauge their interest in joining PRYCA.

Harriet to send out the dues notifications the first part of January.

FC Edgar reported that we have everything we have ordered, which includes all the shirts.

Discussed the Change of Watch flyer and made some name corrections. No ideas from other member clubs concerning special events for the 25th celebration. Some discussion on trying to get member clubs to bring photos from their history to display there. MAL Donock to call the Coast Guard Color Guard to see if they can do the Change of Watch.

Planning for the event is based upon 180 persons and even that does not break even. A motion was made by MAL Wexler and seconded by VC DeMarco to allow the event coordinator to go up to \$500 in the hole for the event. This follows the guidelines of the budget committee.

**Legal and Legislative**—VC DeMarco reported that the bill to fund the Coast Guard was approved, including 20 million for the Wallop-Beaux Fund. No decision has been reached concerning the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. There is some talk of a new 70 foot high bridge. There should be no impact on PRYCA member clubs at this height.

Some discussion concerning the NBF delegate for next year. The Fall Meeting is in Seattle. The Spring meeting is at Old Dominion YC. PRYCA plans on attending and helping out with a continental breakfast for delegates.

**Coast Guard and Harbor Liaison**—FC Edgar sent out letters to the District as well as to the appropriate Virginia and Maryland organizations. A letter was also sent to the Coast Guard. Note that the Auxiliary is the only Coast Guard presence on the river at this point. Donock, Ball and Robey suggested that you be nice to them.

VC DeMarco passed out 1996 Goals and Objectives and discussed. Some volunteers were signed up. More are needed.

Many Float-In dates were discussed, including 21-23 June, 28-30 June, 12-14 July and 19-21 July. There was much discussion. Group consensus that it was best to stay away from the week-end immediately before and after the Fourth of July and that we had to be careful of when the schools closed. PC Gasaway indicated that they would be on the Bay for most of July. After much discussion, the dates of 19-21 July were chosen for the 1996 Float-In.

All in attendance filled out information sheets concerning how to contact us.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05.

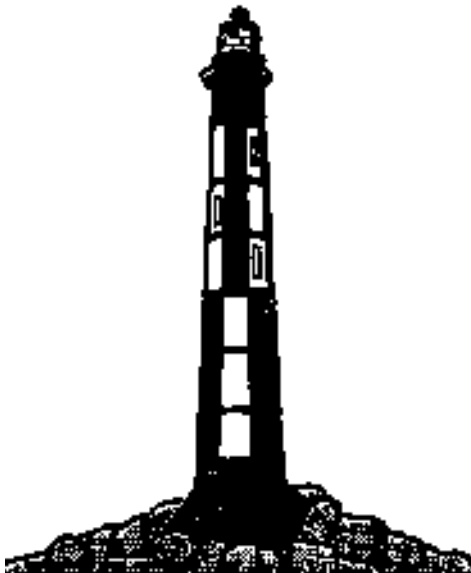
Respectfully submitted  
Ned W. Rhodes



**Potomac River Yacht  
Clubs Association  
Treasurer's Report  
December 4, 1995**

Beginning Balance	\$5,276.93
Deposits:	
11/9/95, Membership Fee	\$25.00
11/6/95, Interest	13.79
11/20/95, Change of Watch	<u>320.00</u>
Total Deposits	358.79
Deductions:	
8/4/95, Service charge	\$ 10.71
11/6/95, Pizza	22.31
11/6/95, Newsletter	36.78
11/11/95, Stamps	<u>32.00</u>
Total Deductions	<u>\$101.80</u>
Ending Balance	5,533.92

Respectfully submitted,  
Harriet Douglas, Treasurer



**Potomac River Yacht  
Clubs Association  
Board Meeting**

Columbia Island Marina  
Monday, 8 January 1996

Present:

Commodore:	Penny DeMarco
Vice Commodore:	Bud Clark
Rear Commodore:	Steve Donock
Secretary:	Ineke Lavoie
Treasurer:	Harriet Douglas
IPC:	John Hancock
MAL:	Mark Viehoever Jim Ball Monica Lovell
Delegate:	Henry Lovell

The meeting was called to order by  
Comm DeMarco at 6:15 PM.

**Old Business**

The Secretary report was accepted as printed, with added note by VC Clark that PC Gasaway was referring to Seafarers when talking about being out on the Bay for most of July.

Comm DeMarco mentioned that:

- She'll be temporary PoC with NBF, and has informed Jim Webster accordingly.

- There is no USPS Liaison at the moment.

Delegates are urged to come to Feb. 5 Delegate Meeting with comments regarding the Handbook so it can be finalized; it was decided that MAL Lovell will take FC Robey's place on the By-Laws/Handbook Committee.

Audit Committee consisting of Roger Lavoie-NPYC, chair, Steve Wexler-Occoquan, and Jane Sullivan-NPYC, will do treasury audit, a date for which is TBD.

VC Clark reported:

- On the preparations of the Jan 27 Change of Watch, and depending on

the final number of participants, PRYCA will be funding the event from \$200 to \$500, which amount had been approved by the Board at the Dec 95 meeting.

- That he, together with TYC Commodore Ludwig and two other Commodores as yet to be appointed, will make up the Qualifications Committee.

RC Donock:

- Distributed 1996 PRYCA calendar, and suggests ea Club submit their calendar information on events, etc.

- Will have info on PRYCA's Safety Day to be held at Mt. Vernon YC in May at the February 5 Delegates Meeting.

Secretary Lavoie will be looking for input on the annual Officer and Boat Roster at February Delegate Mtg, to be distributed at April 1 Commodore/Delegate Meeting at Tantallon YC.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read, and Treasurer Douglas mentioned that 1996 dues invoices had gone out to all Member Clubs

MAL Jim Ball said he will be in charge of Safety Day at Mt. Vernon Yacht Club, and volunteered to help FC Robey with his Quartermaster duties.

MALs Lovell and Viehoever mentioned they will be sending out letters to Club Delegates introducing themselves, as will MAL Ball.

IPC Hancock:

- Met with Quantico YC Officers, had a copy of their newsletter, and it was decided to do a burgee exchange with them at Jan 27 Change of Watch.

- Passed around Soundings Magazine's January 96 publication which had a large picture editorial on PRYCA's successful July 1995 Float-In!

- Has agreed to be PRYCA's liaison with CBYCA

**New Business**

Comm DeMarco'll be coordinating PoC re NBF's bi-annual meeting at Old Dominion YC April 26-28.

PRYCA Spring Event: annual Blessing of the Fleet, Sun May 19, and barbecue at Columbia Island Marina the night before, Sat. May 18: MAL Viehoever is PoC, will report details at later date, look into more and earlier advertising, and coordinate with FC Robey on slip assignments at James Creek Marina.

PRYCA Summer Event: Float-In will be coordinated by RC Donock, Steve Wexler, VC Clark, FC Robey and MAL Viehoever, and is scheduled for July 19-21.

IPC Hancock suggested keeping an eye out on DC registration papers.

VC Clark will look into event and association insurance, and report back on this at a later date.

VC Clark is looking for ideas and suggestions on what to do for Clubs down-river (Aquia, Landmark, Quantico), and will raise this issue at February 5 Delegate Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM until the next Board / Delegate Meeting Monday, 5 February 1996 at Capital Yacht Club at 6:00 / 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ineke Lavoie  
Secretary

**Theories on SAV Growth  
in the Potomac  
Potomac SAV News,  
Spring 1995**

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has been studying the distribution and abundance of SAV in the Potomac River since 1978. A USGS document, *Distribution and Abundance of Submersed Aquatic Vegetation in the Tidal Potomac River and Estuary, Maryland and Virginia, May 1978 to November 1981*, discusses the likely causes for the disappearance of SAV from the Potomac River in the late 1930s. The proposed causes include extensive storm damage in the late 1930s, increased nutrient enrichment, and a shift in light availability.

A recently published report by the USGS, *Role of Weather and Water Quality in Population Dynamics of Submersed Macrophytes in the Tidal Potomac River*, focuses on the significance of water clarity and light availability in SAV distribution. Researchers found that improved water clarity and weather factors that increased light availability contributed to the return of SAV in the upper tidal river in 1983. The USGS cited reduction of nutrient and sediment loads as critical to improving water clarity. However, researchers also recognized that uncontrollable weather conditions, such as high winds and rains, can thwart efforts by increasing water turbidity.

**Archimedes rides again!**

Date: Sat, Jan 13, 1996 9:50 AM EST  
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Reply-to: Jim\_Ball@gnet.org  
To: RhodesN@aol.com

Ned,

I know you are always seeking out trivia for the Daybelcher, so you may wish to use the short or long version, or some edited portion of something I figured out while the snow was falling for the third time this week. Maybe you want to save it for next year. Maybe you don't want to even use it. Who cares?

Cheers!

jim

**SNOW LOADING ON  
VESSELS**

James A. Ball, BS, MS AE&ME  
(with emphasis on the BS part)

According to the Washington Post January 12, p. B3, the 20 inches of snow received in the great blizzard of '96 (part 1) equals 2.7 inches of water which equates to about 14 lb/sq ft. ( $2.7/12 * 62.4 \text{ lb/sq ft} = 14.04 \text{ lbs}$  is how they arrived at that number and that assumes that the staff writers were measuring that 2.7" column of water in a 1 foot square bucket).

Reducing that to a working number, every inch of snow exerts 0.702 lbs. per square foot of pressure on a flat surface.

The surface area of a boat can be approximated by thinking of the plan-form area as a rectangle for 2/3 of the boat length and a triangle for the bow portion. The surface area can be approximated then by multiplying the



beam times 2/3 of the length and adding it to the product of the beam times 1/4 of the length:

$$\text{Beam} \times (2/3 + 1/4) \times \text{length} = 0.91 \times \text{Beam} \text{ or } \text{Beam} \times 0.91$$

Now, we all know that our boats are longer than they really say they are (except when you are talking to the dockmaster) so for those boats with a swim platform and a bow pulpit, you might as well just consider using the square footage of the boat as if it were a rectangle and multiply beam x length for simplicity (since this is all an estimate anyway).

Thus you can calculate how much weight is on your boat for every inch of snowfall as follows:

$$\text{Snow load on boat (lbs)} = 0.702 \times \text{beam} \times \text{length}$$

Thus for some of our more popular boat lengths, for the 26" of snow we have received in the blizzard of '96, parts 1 and 2:

$$\begin{aligned} 35' \text{ Cruiser: } & 0.702 \times 26 \times 13 \times 35 = 8,304 \text{ lbs} \\ 28' \text{ Cruiser: } & 0.702 \times 26 \times 13 \times 28 = 6,643 \text{ lbs} \end{aligned}$$

OK, so now that I have your attention, what does this mean in terms of the boat sinking?

Archimedes told us that displacement or buoyant force equals the mass of the water displaced. That means for every 1" of displacement, the boat will support the area at the water line x 1" x 62.4 lb/cubic inch (weight of water). So, that means for a boat, the area at the water line is approximately beam x 2/3 length (accounting for the reduced area at the bow).

For a 35' boat, volume displaced at waterline =  $2/3 \times 13' \times 35' / 12" = 25.27 \text{ sq ft/inch}$  (sq ft per inch of waterline).

For other boats, the formula reduces to  $0.0555 \times \text{beam} \times \text{length}$ .

The 35' boat will thus support a displacement/inch of waterline =  $25.27 \times 62.4 \text{ lb/ft}^3 = 1572 \text{ lbs per inch per inch of displacement}$ .

$$d = 3.4666 \times \text{beam} \times \text{length}$$

That means that if no snow has blown off the boat, that a 35 foot boat is now sitting  $8304 / 1572 = 5.28$  inches lower in the water.

For general applications, the formula is:

$$d = \text{snowfall in inches} \times .702 \times \text{beam} \times \text{length} / 3.466 \times \text{beam} \times \text{length}$$

or simply

$$\text{snowfall in inches} \times 0.202$$

All this reduces to a rule of thumb that a boat will displace one inch of water for every 5 inches of snow.

Now it all depends on how high your lowest thru hulls are above the waterline, how well they are clamped, if they will withstand freezing and thawing and how much insurance you have to decide whether or not to go shovel the snow off the boat.

**Comments**

Rick Sorrenti

**BIGGER IS BETTER?**

On more than one occasion, I've had the opportunity to witness many a bizarre marine event, not all of which included OYC members. Recently, I received a copy of the following intercepted VHF transmission that amplifies the rules of the road...to a point!

"Vessel approaching point Barrow, please respond"

"Vessel calling vessel approaching Point Barrow, say last transmission again, over"

"Roger Sir, request you alter course 15 degrees starboard to avoid possible collision, over"

"Negative Sir, this is the USS Enterprise, over"

"USS Enterprises, request you alter course 15 degrees to your starboard, over"

"Negative, Negative, this is the USS Enterprises, we are the largest vessel in the world, request you alter course to avoid collision"

"USS Enterprises, THIS IS POINT BARROW LIGHTHOUSE, your call"



**Overview of CBYCA**

Past Commodore  
Dolph Buescher  
Chartroom Chatter  
January 1996

“Officers of CBYCA, officers of Member Clubs, honored guests, ladies and gentleman. Before introducing your new commodore for 1996, I want to say a few words about CBYCA from the perspective of a Past Commodore. In the past five years, CBYCA membership has increased from 92 Member Clubs to 112. That's a 20% increase.

In addition, the geography of Member Clubs is better balanced, and better representative of the entire bay, as more Virginia clubs have joined. Thanks to the clubs in what I will call the "Greater Baltimore Area" that started this organization 37 years ago, we are now truly the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association.

CBYCA has become more effective in legislation activity, partly because of the growth and new geographic balance, already mentioned, but mostly because a lot more capable people are involved in our legislative activity. The organizational changes to better recognize this work has contributed to this improvement.

Most importantly, the realization by all of us in CBYCA, that our central purpose is service to Member Clubs through legislative action and communication, the Boaters Bulletin Board@ included.

Adding to our increasing prestige is that we again have a CBYCA veteran officer going up through the chairs in the National Boating Federation, our own Jim Webster.

However, our work is not done. Our excellent and effective action on legislative matters, item by item, in some sense masks the larger picture

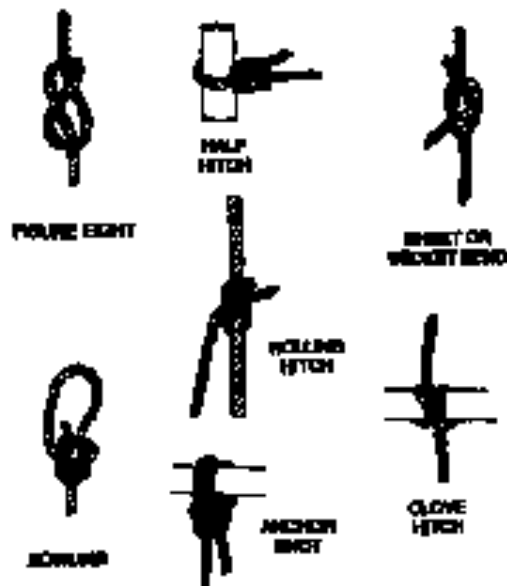
and longer trend. In the long term, we boaters are losing. Every year there are more and more boats, and more PWC's too. More sales taxes paid, more fuel taxes paid, and at the same time less and less funds are returned to the boating arena—fewer marine police, less search and rescue capability. We boaters take pride in paying our way. We take pride in helping preserve the bay. We don't mind paying taxes that are fair, income tax, property tax and all the rest. However, we can't help but notice that we get less and less back, and worst of all are looked at as one big problem. Fat cats running around in our boats (or Yachts)—polluting too much and drinking too much, and going too fast past crab pots.

I therefore challenge our new officers to figure out some way to reverse these trends, restore our image, and some of our funds, to benefit not only ourselves, but the entire community of the Chesapeake Bay.”

**Award-Winning Cream of Crab Soup  
Spring Cove Yacht Club**

- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth (or dissolve one bouillon cube in 1-1/2 c. water)
- 1 quart half-and-half
- 1 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp. minced parsley
- 1 Tbsp. Old Bay (or more to taste)
- 1 lb. crab meat

Melt the butter in heavy pan. Stir in flour and blend until smooth. Slowly stir in chicken broth and simmer 2 minutes. Slowly stir in half-and-half and milk, stirring until thickened. Add parsley, seafood seasoning and crab meat. Heat through over low heat. (This recipe was 1st Place winner in a crab soup contest sponsored by The Capital (Annapolis) at the Maryland Seafood Festival.)










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Mar 24	Deadline for April PRYCA Newsletter
Apr 1	PRYCA Board Meeting, Buffet and Commodore's Night @ Tantalion 6:00


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