

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



September 1997 PRYCA Newsletter Supplement

In the past, PRYCA has tried to publish five complete Newsletters, one in conjunction with each of the quarterly Delegates Meetings, plus a special edition at the Float-In. If you take a look at the Newsletter distributed at the July 1997 Float-In, you will recognize that it is special indeed. In fact, Past Commodore Ned Rhodes did such an outstanding job publishing it that the rest of us are now left with little to say. So this really is a supplement, focused on events for the rest of 1997. Ned Rhodes is concentrating on developing a Web Internet page for PRYCA – please note the following address: <http://members.aol.com/prycanews> which is working now. We think this a good deal all around and hope you will agree.

A Short Note from Commodore Bud Clark:

The 1997 Float-In

While the PRYCA Float-In is still fresh in our minds, we should all recognize the superb efforts that went in to making the 1997 PRYCA Summer Event such an outstanding success. The weather was cooperative, and the all the organizers and workers outdid themselves. Special thanks to Float-In Coordinator Monica Lovell for organizing and inspiring us, and to Commodore Lou Paris for the support from Fort Washington Boating Association as host club and organizer of the PRYCA Cup Competition. The displays from the Anacostia Watershed Society and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration added a new twist. Above all, it was the enthusiasm and energy of everyone who participated, as organizer, worker or attendee, and who lent a hand when help was needed that made the whole thing work.

The Rest of 1997

By now, most of the clubs have been off on their cruises and we are planning on the events for cooler weather and the end of the year. But there is still plenty to do and the updated calendar for the remainder of the year will help you make sure you don't miss anything. Events from mid-River and from our newest club (Dahlgren) also have been added. Here are a few highlights:

- **PRYCA Fall Event:** The End-of-Summer Party at Tantallon Yacht Club on 20-21 September 1997 is right around the corner; hope you have signed up.

- **Fall Mid-Potomac River Activities:** The 30th Blessing of the Fleet at St. Clements Island on Saturday and Sunday, October 4th & 5th, has a variety of activities and is set up to handle arrivals by water. The Yacht Club at Swan Point Commodore Wayne Kuster will distribute additional information at the September Delegates Meeting, or call him at (301) 259-0061 for more information.

- **PRYCA Elections for 1998:** PRYCA Officers for 1998 will be elected at the Delegates Meeting on Monday, 3 November 1997, 8:00 PM at Capital Yacht Club. Be sure your club is represented.

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- **CBYCA Change of Watch:** PRYCA Past Commodore John Hancock will be inducted as the 1998 CBYCA Commodore at their Change of Watch on 29 November 1997 at the Ft. McNair Officers Club. This is a very convenient location for all of us in PRYCA who would like to attend and support John.

- **Holiday Event:** PRYCA will help coordinate the Parade of Lights and Boats at the Washington Waterfront on Saturday, 6 December 1997. Additional information will be distributed as planning proceeds.

- **Winter Event:** The PRYCA Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, 24 January 1998 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Alexandria, Virginia, the same location as last year. This is always a great event, mark your calendars now so you won't miss it!

PRYCA's 19 MEMBER CLUBS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1997

<i>Club</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Year Joined</i>
Aquia Harbour Yacht Club	Aquia Harbour	1982
Capital Yacht Club	Washington Channel	1982
Cobb Island Yacht Club	Cobb Island	1996
Colonial Yacht Club	Colonial Beach	1982
Dahlgren Yacht Club	Naval Weapons Center	1997
District Yacht Club	Anacostia River	1982
Eastern Power Boat Club	Anacostia River	1987
Fort Washington Boating Association	Piscataway Creek	1995
Landmark Yacht Club*	Aquia Creek	1971
Marinette Yacht Club	Potomac River	1982
Mount Vernon Yacht Club	Dogue Creek	1982
National Potomac Yacht Club*	Columbia Island	1971
Occoquan Yacht Club	Occoquan River	1987
Prince William Yacht Club	Occoquan River	1993
Quantico Yacht Club	Marine Base, Quantico	1995
Seafarers Yacht Club	Anacostia River	1982
The Yacht Club at Swan Point	Cuckold Creek	1996
Tantallon Yacht Club	Swan Creek	1982
Washington Yacht Club	Anacostia River	1982

* Charter Members

Mid-River News

Mid River Coordinator, John Kenyon

The Blessing of the Fleet at St. Clements Island is the last PRYCA event on the calendar for the Mid-River area in 1997. It will be held at the St. Clements Island Museum on Saturday, October 5th from 9 AM - ? and Sunday, October 6th from 9 AM - 6 PM. Come by boat and be a member of the fleet. If you are concerned about the weather or the amount of light in October, then please come by car.

Activities are scheduled for all age groups: Mass on St. Clements Island (Saturday 11:00 AM); a 5K run and walk; Fireworks (dusk on Saturday); Southern MD Seafood; Education Exhibits; Pony rides; Live music (40's and 50's); a Parade (High School, Navy, Marines and others); Children's rides; Arts and Crafts; and Raffles.

The admission charge is \$3.00 for the day. School children are free. Boat rides to St. Clements Island from Colton Point are \$2.00.

The Yacht Club at Swan Point will have several boats at St. Clements Island on station from 11:00AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday to assist members of the PRYCA. They will monitor Channel 16 and 68. This area is a fairly protected anchorage. There will be boats that will pick you and your crew up and shuttle you back and forth to the various activities. For boaters who would like to spend the night, there is a very protected shallow anchorage on the Northeast side of the island. There should also be slips available at Cobb Island and Colonial Beach.

Directions by land: In St. Mary's county, take route 234 south to Clements. Turn right onto route 242 and follow to Colton's Point. Turn left onto Beach Road and follow the Museum signs.

Directions by water: Potomac River south past the 301 bridge, stay in main channel on the MD side (east) after passing Cobb Island on port, St. Clements will be approximately 3 miles on port. Follow daymarker in on north side of the island. Anchor near Colton's Point and leave the rest to us.

For additional information, call Commodore Wayne Kuster @ 301-259-0061 or the Optimist Club of the 7th District at 301-769-2222.

One additional non-PRYCA event that should be a lot of fun is a **fishing contest on the weekend of October 10-12, which is organized by Colonial Beach**. There are many cash prizes with the grand prizes being \$5000. The entry fee is \$125. To register and/or get all the details, call the Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce at 804-224-8145.

On a personal note, I wish to express my thanks to Wayne Kuster for allowing his name to be placed in nomination for MAL of the mid river area in 1998. As I complete my duties as the mid river coordinator, I look forward with great enthusiasm to the job he will do in the expanding mid river area.

1997 FLOAT-IN REACTIONS FROM A FEW PEOPLE.....

Well, the PRYCA Summer Event is over and what an event it was! The weather was cooperative, each of you did a magnificent job, and the vendors you arranged for outdid themselves. Special thanks to MAL Monica Lovell for making sure that everything happened on time, and to Comm Lou Paris for the support from FWBA as host club and for organizing the PRYCA Cup Competition, and above all, to each of you who jumped in where help was needed to make sure everything came off right, even when there was a glitch. The dinner menu set up by VC Steve Donock was a real treat; Monica's arrangements for music were great (but who set up the impromptu floor show?). FC John Robey had the docking arrangements under complete control, IPC Penny Orth and Secretary Ineke Lavoie continued their organization and registration efforts. Treasurer Harriet Douglas managed to somehow keep all the funds straight; RC Mark Viehoever again managed all the details (the storage trailer was a stroke of genius). MAL Michael Strunk kept the test of nautical skills on track; PC and Newsletter Editor Ned Rhodes produced another outstanding news letter; and the list of contributions just goes on and on. The bottom line is that everything was done and everyone had a wonderful time - a tribute to the energy, dedication and ability of every one of you. It is wonderful to be associated with such capable people. Thanks to all for being a great team. I know that everyone in the PRYCA clubs appreciate your efforts and you have my thanks and admiration.

PRYCA Commodore Bud Clark

I just want to thank each of you for your hard work on the Float-In. Everything seemed to go well (even if I couldn't bribe you, Lou Paris, to shave some time off Mt. Vernon's dingy race time!), and we had another successful event. Everyone worked his or her collective tails off, and I am very grateful. Thanks to individuals would take too long here, but everyone worked very, very hard on this and I am very glad to be associated with all of you! See you soon.

PRYCA VC Steve Donock

Bud and the entire PRYCA Bridge: Another great job!! Connie and I really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks to all for such a marvelous event. I know how much effort goes into the float-in and you are all to be complimented on your dedicated effort. I am so proud to be associated with the great organization that the PRYCA is. Congratulations

Best Regards, PC John Hancock

PRYCA 1997 CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
Sun 7		Columbia Island Marina	NPYC Hosted Brunch	Comm Roger Lavoie 703-243-6933
Mon 8	6:30 PM	Mt Vernon YC	PRYCA Board Mtg	
Mon 8	8:00 PM	Mt Vernon YC	PRYCA Delegates Mtg; Speaker: Ken Fagan, National Airport River Rescue	PRYCA Secr Ineke Lavoie 703-243-6933
Wed 10	7:00 PM	Potomac @ Kennedy Ctr	NPYC Raft-Up & Cook-Out	FC Joe Orth 202-554-8163
Sat 13-Sun 14		Mattawoman Dunes	Occoquan YC's Shrimpfest	Aaron Martin 703-491-1287
Sat 13		District Yacht Club	First Mates' Family Festival	Vicki Polikoff 703-768-6080
Sat 13		TBD	Mt Vernon YC's Fall Cruise party	Michell Mutnick 703-644-3030
Fri 19-Sun 21		Tantallon YC	<u>PRYCA FALL EVENT: End of Summer Party</u>	MAL Jim Ball 703-866-4740 TYC's Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761
Sat 20-Sun 21		Sweden Point	Aquia Harbour YC's Rally	FC Rudy Voigt 540-659-8502
Sat 27-Sun 28		Dahlgren-St Clements	Race/Cruise fm Dahlgren to St Clements, raft @ Canoe Neck Creek & overnite Raft Up; return Sunday	Comm Bill Armstrong 540-663-5455
<u>OCTOBER</u>				
Sat 4		Columbia Island Marina	NPYC's Octoberfest & Auction	Comm Roger Lavoie 703-243-6933
Sun 5		St Clements island	Blessing of the Fleet (Cobb Island & Swan Point YC)	Coordinator John Kenyon 540-659-7393 Comm Wayne Kuster 301-259-0061
Mon 6	6:30 PM	Eastern Power BC	PRYCA Board Mtg	Secr Ineke Lavoie 703-243-6933
Fri 10-Sun 12		Colonial Beach	Fishing Contest	CB Chamber of Commerce 804-224-8145
Sat 11-Mon 13		Alexandria Old Town	Aquia HYC's Columbus Day Cruise	FC Rudy Voigt 540-659-8502
Sat 11-Mon 13		Washington Channel	Occoquan YC's Columbus Day Cruise	Rick Sorrenti 703-590-6724
Sat 11-Mon 13		TBD	Seafarers' Columbus Day Cruise	FC Maurice Williams 301-248-4961
Sat 11-Mon 13		TBD	Tantallon YC's Frostbite Cruise	FC Steve Kincheloe 301-203-4375
Sun 12		Dahlgren YC	'Under the Guns' Regatta & Chili Cook Off with prizes for best 3 chili's!	Comm Bill Armstrong 540-663-5455
Thu 16-Sun 19		Annapolis	Annapolis Sailboat Show	410-268-8828
Mon 13			Columbus Day	
Thu 16-Sun 19		Annapolis	Annapolis Power Boat Show	410-268-8828
Sat 18		District YC	October Fest	202-543-9788
Sat 18-Sun 19		Tall Timbers	Aquia Harbour YC's Foliage Trip	FC Rudy Voigt 540-659-8502
Fri 24			PRYCA Newsletter Input Deadline	Ned Rhodes 703-741-0861
Sat 25		Fairfax YC	Occoquan YC's Halloween Party/Chili Cook-Off/Photo Contest	Dottie Jacobsen 703-250-7736
Sat 25	6:30 PM	Tantallon YC	Halloween Party	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761

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NOVEMBER

Sat 1		Columbia Island Marina	NPYC's Oyster Roast	Comm Roger Lavoie 703-243-6933
Sat 1-Sun 2		Cobb Island	Aquia Harbour YC's Frostbite Cruise	FC Rudy Voigt 540-659-8502
Mon 3	6:30 PM	Capital YC	PRYCA Board Mtg	
Mon 3	8:00 PM	Capital YC	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & 1998 Election of Officers	
Sat 8		Aquia Harbour YC	Guest Speaker TBD	Secr Ineke Lavoie 703-243-6933
Sat 8-Sun 9		Old Town Alexandria	Fall Ball	Secr Sandy Doucette 540-659-8562
			Occoquan YC's Hardy Soul's Cruise	Mary Jo Worcester 703-494-2383
Mon 11			Veteran's Day	
Sat 15	6:30 PM	Tantallon YC	Tantallon YC's Anniversary Party	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761
Sat 22		Pier 7 Restaurant	NPYC Change of Watch	VC Dave Rolston 703-729-4959
Thu 27		Tantallon YC	Thanksgiving dinner - bring a dish	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761
Sat 29		Occoquan	Occoquan's Santa Cruise	Walt Cheatham 703-491-3956
Sat 29		Ft McNair's Officers Club	CBYCA Change of Watch	IPC Penny Orth 202-554-8163
			Incoming Commodore: PRYCA PC John Hancock	

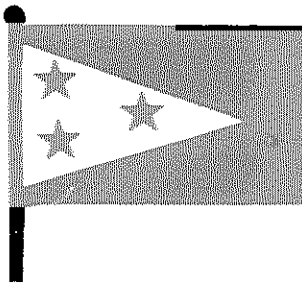
DECEMBER

Mon 1	6:30 PM	Seafarers YC	PRYCA Board Mtg	PRYCA Secr Ineke Lavoie 703-243-6933
Sat 6		Aquia Harbour YC	Christmas Party	Secr Sandy Doucette 540-659-8562
Sat 6		District YC	Christmas Party	202-543-9788
Sat 6		TBD	Occoquan's Change of Command	Henry Lovell 703-799-1322
Sat 6	7:00 PM	Washington Channel	Parade of Boats & Lights & Party @ Capital YC	
			FC John Robey 703-680-2257 & RC Mark Viehoever 301-292-4010	
Sat 13		Landmark YC	Christmas Party	Secr John Kenyon 540-659-7393
Sat 13	6:30 PM	Tantallon YC	Tantallon YC's Holiday Party	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761
Sat 20		Seafarers YC	Seafarers' Christmas Party	FC Maurice Williams 301-248-4961
Sat 25		Tantallon YC	Christmas Day dinner-bring a dish	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761
Wed 31	6:30 PM	Tantallon YC	New Year's Eve Party	Colleen Corcoran 301-203-8761

JANUARY 1998

Sat 24 Holiday Inn & Suites, Alexandria

PRYCA WINTER EVENT: Change of Watch and Dinner Dance
PRYCA Past Secr Ineke Lavoie 703-243-6933



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PRYCA 1997 Officers	
Commodore:	Bud Clark, Tantallon
Vice Commodore:	Steve Donock, Mt Vernon
Rear Commodore:	Mark Viehoever, Washington
Secretary:	Ineke Lavoie, National Potomac
Treasurer:	Harriet Douglas, District
Fleet Captain:	PC John Robey, Occoquan
Immediate Past Commodore:	
Members-At-Large:	Penny Orth, National Potomac Monica Lovell, Occoquan Michael Strunk, Capital John Kenyon, Landmark Jim Ball, Occoquan

Upcoming Events....

- September 19-21 *End of Summer Party @ TYC*
- October 6 *PRYCA Board Mtg @ Eastern BC*
- November 3 *PRYCA Board & Delegates Mtg and 1998 Elections @ Capital YC*
- January 24, 1998 *PRYCA Change of Watch @ Holiday Inn & Suites, Alexandria*

See detailed Calendar inside for more information