



# QYC Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

April 9, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
April 27, 2004	Executive Board Meeting
May 9, 2004	Mothers Day Cook Out
May 14, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2004	PRYCA Blessing of the Fleet – Occoquan Bay
May 25, 2004	Executive Board Meeting
May 29-31, 2004	Memorial Day Cruise

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

April marks the beginning of a new year with the official start of our new Executive Board; a new club facility will be delivered and set up this month, marking another new beginning; and the beginning of our boating season is just around the corner. This makes it the perfect time for those of you who have been staying home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month to come join your fellow club members and get caught up with our plans for this year. As you all receive this newsletter, I will be vacationing in Hawaii with my family (well, most of them). Dottie, Edwin III and I will be leaving Jake here with family and jetting off for a little spring break. As such, we will not be here for the April meeting, but the rest of our Board will be there and our new Vice Commodore will be leading what is sure to be a very informative meeting. The Club calendar of events has been set and discussion of specific plans will commence at this meeting. Our Fleet Captain will have important news and information regarding the status of our

new club facility, as well as instructions on what to bring or how to otherwise lend a hand on this project. Additionally, we hope to hear from M CCS on the plans and status of the marina repair; a topic that is near and dear to many of you. This month's meeting will again be held at the Clubs at Quantico in the Waller Room, adjacent to the Officer's Club bar area. Aloha!

**Vice Commodore**  
**Bill Gooding**

Welcome to spring—almost. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Vice Commodore. I look forward to a challenging year—not that we haven't been challenged already with loss of club, loss of marina, boat damage. The challenge for this year is to jump from our losses to making a new and better club and have some serious boating fun. If we are not doing so, we have lost one of the finer aspects of boating because we can all say that we sue do not do this because it is financially the right thing to do. A fiscal investment, it is not. An investment in fun, it is. Well as Vice I have the one job that I can do very well. That is buying the beer and selling the tickets—I like the first part and you will be pleased to know, have become very good at buying beer. I will try to modify the ticket part by including a little “carry over poker” with winners of the gifts on meeting's night drawing a card and holding that card until a later “call the cards” meeting and the winner will get the cash that is set aside after each meeting night.

I hope to see all of you at the April meeting—the Commodore left me in charge while he is sunning in Hawaii so make sure you get his cell phone number and call him collect on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> to let him know you appreciate his service for another year!

**Treasurer**  
**Mike Crouch**

My apology for not attending the Change of Watch. It's an important event and I've enjoyed, and been privileged to receive, your support over the past two years. One more lap around the sun and then I look forward to going back to the bleacher seats.

Now the excuse for not being there: Given Karen and I are first time new boat owners', given the value of said new boat, and given the “carrot” for “early” delivery was to display our boat at the National Capital Region Boat Show I felt compelled to share with prospective buyers personal anecdotal reasons for our purchase.

Oh, and I wanted to keep the communist hordes from inflicting too much damage.

It was interesting and I stood guard for three days. Thanks to those of you who stopped by.

It was sort of a nominal boat show except for one vessel. Here is what I learned though. The overwhelming majority of folks are eyeball shopping. Fair enough. There was a small handful of individuals really in the

market and also a small handful that really understood much about boating. The lure of the button, latch, door, etc., was too much for nearly everyone. Pop, click and swing. Again, fair enough. But when people were not even looking at what they're doing...which is to say holding a conversation about something totally unrelated I'd scratch my head. I wanted to say something but held my tongue.

By the last day though the pops, clicks and bed bouncing were beginning to take their toll. And on that last day more than one group of parents said to their kids “go ahead and run around” as they stood on the scaffolding watching. I put an end to that but seriously I felt like the owner of a high-priced jungle gym.

The boat is now back at Colonial Beach, undamaged, and is going through provisioning, e.g., fitting of the canvas, electronics, dealer prep, etc. We'll shake her down for the first couple of weeks in April and head to Belmont Bay thereafter. We intend to have an open boat in May.

So, I'm glad we took the boat show offer but I'm also glad it's over.

The best I can tell we have three (or maybe more) couples sign up for the 2005 cruise to the Caribbean. It's the warmth and camaraderie that makes the cruise memorable. Think about it.

**Secretary**  
**Ann Sooby**

Please bear with me as I learn this new job. I am not a computer guru so there will be some interesting newsletters to be sure! I encourage each of you to help me out by getting your input to me no later than the last Wednesday of each month. Also, if we have incorrect addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail for yourself or someone you know, PLEASE, give me the correct information.

We are still without a Cruising Rear Commodore and a Social Rear Commodore. If you would like to volunteer or would like to suggest someone, please see Ed Wright.

Also, many of you may not know this, our Executive Board Meetings are open to anyone who cares to attend. Normally, the entire board is expected to be there. Since the hurricane, attendance has dwindled to just the Commodore, Vice, Treasurer and Secretary. With this new season, we would like to make sure everyone understands that these are not exclusive meetings. If you are interested, please feel free to attend.

**IMPORTANT LETTER!**

Most members received the below letter. Just in case you didn't, I have decided to reprint it here.

25 March 2004

Dear Quantico Marina Slip Holder,

I have delayed sending this letter because I did not have a firm date, time frame or funding availability that would

allow for the repair and subsequent reopening of the Marina. In that regard, we are much better off as Congress has approved funding to repair the Hurricane Isabelle damages to the Marina.

Though I do not have a date for the reopening, the company that the government is considering to do the repairs visited the Marina last week and should be submitting an estimate in a week or so. I cannot say if that estimate will be within our funding limits but we are hoping that it will come in at or below our funding allocation. If that company's bid is accepted, one may assume that there will be lead time for the ordering, subsequent fabrication of the docks, and their delivery and placement. Once that is completed, the same company will also have to address the electrical and water installation.

Concerning the reopening of the Marina, my VERY ROUGH ESTIMATE would be mid summer, 2004. In that regard, and in order to expedite the repair of the Marina, no additional boats will be allowed back in the marina until the repairs are completed. The only exception will be those boats on stands that the contractor may require to be moved to accommodate the off loading, staging, and lifting of the floating docks. It is also our intent with the consent of the contractor to start bringing boats back into the Marina as the lettered docks are completed.

Our main focus is to get the Marina open as soon as possible for the benefit of all. If any patron desires to remove their boat from the Marina dock before the marina is ready to accommodate them they should make individual arrangements and find a berth for their boat until we can support them. MCCS will arrange a boat haul once the Marina reopens and/or as required by the contractor.

I regret that we could not open sooner. I will keep all advised as the marina project progresses.

Sincerely, T.E. Loughlin

Director

Marine Corps Community Services

**Quantico Marina**  
**For Some It's a Raft-Up On-The-Hard**  
*Doug Humston*  
 "Sanctuary"

Living in the Washington Area, we are bound to put the best spin on the Quantico Marina situation. After Hurricane Isabella, trashed our boats, trashed the new docks, bashed the heads, and smashed the clubhouse, we should look for the good side.

Here is my best effort at "dropping anchor in a bay of words" as I look at the start of the sailing season while on-the-hard: Everyday is a raft-up with sailing mates. Algae is not growing on the bottom of my boat. I'm not sinking. Being up high on the boat stands, I can see farther. I'm saving even more gas.

Others may find even more and better expressed advantages to the minor problems that we have encountered from the worst hurricane damage in the area in the past 50 years. Maybe venting your spleen with humor will also provide you some relief.

I guess from a real world perspective we need to be very grateful that no one was hurt in that storm and that all participants are working together in the rebuilding process.

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
June 5-6, 2004	Cobb Island Days
June 5, 2004	MVYC Spring Regatta
June 11, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
June 12, 2004	Alexandria Mayor's Cup – Washington Sailing Marina
June 20, 2004	Fathers Day Cookout
June 26-27, 2004	QYC Cruise/Raft up for Tim's Fireworks
June 29, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
July 2-4, 2004	QYC 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Cruise
July 9, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
July 17-18, 2004	PRYCA Summer Float-In – Crisfield, MD.
July 27, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
August 13, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
August 31, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
September 4-6, 2004	QYC Labor Day Cruise
September 10, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
September 11, 2004	Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta – Washington Sailing Marina
September 18-19, 2004	QYC Masters of the Potomac Regatta
September 18-19, 2004	PRYCA End of Summer Party – Tantallion Yacht Club
September 25, 2004	Crab Feast
September 25, 2004	MVYC Fall Regatta
September 28, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
October 2, 2004	QYC Fall Clean Up Day
October 8, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
October 9-11, 2004	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
October 10, 2004	DYC Under the Guns Regatta
October 16-17, 2004	52 <sup>nd</sup> Annual QYC Frostbite Regatta
October 26, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
November 6, 2004	Capitol Frostbite Regatta – Washington Sailing Marina
November 12, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
November 30, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
December 4, 2004	PRYCA Holiday Parade of Lights – Washington, D.C.
December 11, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting & Holiday Party (Saturday night)
December 28, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
January 14, 2005	QYC Monthly Meeting – Nomination of Officers

January 23, 2005	PRYCA Change of Watch
January 25, 2005	QYC Executive Board Meeting
February 6, 2005	QYC Super Bowl Party
February 11, 2005	QYC Monthly Meeting – Elections
February 22, 2005	QYC Executive Board Meeting
March 11, 2005	QYC Change of Watch – Monthly Meeting



“I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: to reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it – but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.”

–Oliver Wendell Holmes