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Upcoming Events

August 13, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting
August 31, 2004	QYC Executive Board Meeting
September 4-6, 2004	Labor Day Cruise
September 10, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

Well, as the dog days of summer roll in, progress continues to be made on our clubhouse. I expect that by the time the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Isabel is here, our clubhouse will be near completion. For those of you who have shown up every Saturday morning to work on the club, or on the occasional Saturday morning, I sincerely thank you for your efforts. I'd also like to thank those of you who show up on other days to work small projects on your own or in smaller work teams. I apologize that I my-self have not been in attendance lately due to my family's move to a new home. We've just completed our move, so I do expect to be back in attendance to lend a hand in completing the remaining tasks. Please take note of the Fleet Captain's article, and try to stop by on a Saturday morning when you can lend a hand as well.

Word from the marina staff is that the rebuilding project has fallen behind schedule. There has been a delay in the contractor obtaining the galvanized steel necessary for constructing the dock frames. For those of you who did not know, there is a shortage of steel in the United States.

I can attest to this as some of our work here on base has experienced delays and cost increases due to this same reason. This issue has caused the estimated completion date to slip to November 1. Electrical service is being worked on right now. And they do anticipate having electrical service restored to some slips in August. The new dock work is expected to begin with the "D" dock on the south side of the marina, and progress northward to "C" then to "B" docks.

As the Quantico Marina remains officially closed, and is operating under limited conditions, its impact on QYC sponsored events continues to some extent. Many of our boats remain displaced and some continue to be land-locked awaiting the completion of repairs or an adequate berth back at the Quantico Marina. For those of you who did not know, the July 4th cruise was cancelled due to a lack of participants. This is the first time that I know of where our club has cancelled a major cruise like this, and the outlook for our annual Labor Day cruise does not look well either. A cruise sponsor is needed and a destination/itinerary determined. Please plan on attending the August 13th meeting if you are interested, and let's try to get the cruising events turned around before our season runs out. We did have a few dedicated members represent our club at the PRYCA Float-In in Crisfield, MD and I expect at least a few will be attending the PRYCA Dog Days of Summer event at the Aquia Harbor Yacht Club on 14-15 August.

We are approaching the time of year when plans for our next year begin to unfold. We will begin with a budget formation, discussions, and then a decision by the October meeting. October also marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for our club, and the time to renew your dues. Then the process of soliciting and electing new club officers will begin and take us through the winter months. This is a great time to come back down to the clubhouse and re-engage in club activities. Our Fleet Captain promises that the next meeting will have lights and air conditioning, so please join us at 7:30 PM (1930 for you military types) on Friday, 13 August at the "new" club house.



**Vice Commodore
Bill Gooding**

It's now late July and we haven't boated on our boat yet. This is not very promising and if you can spell out PO'd that's where we are. I mentioned last month that July was a strong possibility but its getting very late in July and the dog days of August will soon be upon us. Got any mean dogs?? We have, however, gotten out on the jet boat a time or two and rendezvous'd with the Crouch's at Mattawoman. At least we have sat on a boat that is bigger than 16 feet.

To update the Vic's BJ – we gave away that \$100 and it was a close finish. As mentioned previously, Mick C had 20 points – Doug H. had 20 points, Rosie had 19 and Sam had 3 with an Ace and a 2. Cliff Roy stepped up and drew 14 points for 5 bucks a card – then Dan and Tammy drew

3 cards totaling 20 points spending \$15. Sam bought a card and drew another Ace, bought a 2nd card and drew a 6, then bought a 3rd card and drew a 4 totaling 16 points with 5 cards. She took away the \$100 and two nice prizes were also given away – a life toss to Sandy Roy and a cruise log. I have been urged to have Sam return the \$100 to the pot since we do not need extra money for boat repairs at this time. There will be a new game in August and we're looking for a new \$100 winner!

We wish each of you smooth sailing and following seas and we wish to follow too.



**Treasurer
Mike Crouch**

I mentioned last report we'd debate the FY05 budget at the August regularly scheduled meeting. Sorry, but I was off a month – it's September. All the more reason though to ensure you attend two meetings, i.e. August and September.

Karen and I took a week-plus cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. Our trip this year included all new stops for us, i.e., Crisfield, Cambridge, Annapolis and Herrington (south). We ended up being the sole reps at the PRYCA float-in. The QYC flag flew until an overnight thunderstorm. It was our first float-in but well worth the trip. Hopefully next year we can get a few boats to commit so we can enter the myriad events as a club. One word for the Cambridge Hyatt- decadent. The per foot slip fee is the highest we've experienced...and worth every penny. I suspect those who've been there would agree and for those of you who haven't been there, somehow, someday, get there. At Annapolis we slipped in the infamous "ego alley". Even on a Wednesday there was plenty of boat activity up and down "the alley". We ended up spending the final two days at Herrington. The grounds are ultra manicured, it's a (big) sailboat Mecca, and there's a nice pool and beach area to sip beverages. Still, in my opinion, it's best to go as a group. Incidentally, we did ride our bikes through North Beach and Chesapeake Beach. Lot's of condos, a nice boardwalk, and plenty going on. We left Herrington with strong winds and light rain. From there the weather deteriorated appreciably and by the time we were off Solomons it was everything Karen and I could do to maintain course. Heavy rain, visibility at time around 100 yards and seas we'd guess around five feet? In hindsight we were probably beyond our technical/operational threshold for being on the water – isn't it nice to be naïve. The weather was "snotty" pretty much all the way back to Belmont Bay yet, ironically, we made the "voyage" in just under six hours. MAKIA II had been baptized.



Secretary
Ann Sooby

I think everyone who should be is getting a newsletter. But, once again, I will repeat, IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBER OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS NOT GETTING A NEWSLETTER BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THEIR NUMBERS, **PLEASE** GIVE THE INFORMATION TO ME!!!!

In my official capacity as the secretary, that is really all I have to say. As a boater, I want to grouse because the weekend weather has been so rotten lately. Two weeks ago when Larry and I took our "water taxi" down to Cobb Island we ended up in a thunderstorm. It wasn't frightening but it really wasn't fun either...wet is the best word to use. Dixie, the border collie, hates to get wet and so, for the remainder of the weekend, refused to forgive us for putting her in that position by staying curled in a little ball on the corner of the bed until it was time to go back home. Need I tell you, she, who usually loves riding in that little boat, hesitated to get in it for the return trip.

Last week we had planned to go up to Alexandria for the day. Again it rained. That time, however, we didn't attempt the trip. We just stayed home. And now, the forecast for this weekend is rain AGAIN. I'm hoping for a beautiful fall...there's nothing like being on the water when all of the leaves are turning!



Fleet Captain
Robert G. Lang

Fellow QYC Officers, Members and Friends;

As the Fleet Captain, I am very embarrassed and truly regret that the QYC Reconstruction did not make more progress on the electrical side of the work. For those who were not at the last meeting, the lights and AC went out. We are taking steps to ensure that this will not be a problem, again.

It isn't as if we haven't been spending money and paying our bills. We have, recently, spent a fair deal on club materials, such as sheetrock for the walls, duraboard for the bathroom floors, and many other small items such as bathroom fans, mud and tape, corner bead, a Cypher brand lock, and concrete mix.

So, I am not embarrassed to tell you what I consider to be the good news. Despite quite a bit unanticipated, must-do work that we encountered and a fair amount of salvage that we did not perform, I believe that we are very close to bringing this project to completion and even close to within the original estimate.

Did someone say waffle? Well, not quite. We started this project planning work at \$14,632. I will leave it to the proper officers to address specific accounting but believe we have used all the funds with all but the last work to do. Now, I know that it does not seem like we can finish the

work with no additional money, however, most of the major materials are already on site. While the project will exceed the costs projected last November, it will be only by a few hundred dollars.

So, what do we have to do to finish the new facility and how much will it cost?

Bathrooms and plumbing.

While we can install two old sinks, I believe that we should get two new, inexpensive pedestal sinks (\$80 for each). For the flooring, there is an offer being made regarding tile, ceramic tile, for the bathrooms. PVC pipe and glue is on site. We need fittings. The cost of this work should be about \$200.

Deck.

We have more than enough materials to do the posts, beams, joists, surface, and rails for the deck. We do not have balusters, yet. We may have to buy 2X2 stock and cut these out. We have options. We may need to get a 25-pound box of deck screws, a hundred or so 6" carriage bolts, and some other fasteners. We should finish the deck for about \$100.

Roof.

We have to seal the roof and for that, we need to get up on the roof to see what is going on, there. However, the roof seal is \$46 per five-gallon pail and we need 4 pails based on coverage and our size. For total repairs, we may need two or three pieces of sheetrock. Other materials that we might need are not expensive. We should do this for about \$230.

Interior walls.

For the back wall, we have appropriate sheet rock, wood, and insulation, already on site. I expect the cost to be \$0.

Door way.

For the far south door wall repairs the materials are negligible and already on site. This should be close to a \$0 fix.

Locks.

For the Cypher lock access, everything is on site. We need someone to install it. The cost should be \$0.

The Pavilion.

All materials are on site to build and install the final bracing. Cost \$0.

Painting.

Do the dry-wall areas only. 10 gallons of paint, off white and our cost should be around \$50.

Thus, if we continue to have thoughtful workers and a bit of luck, we should be able to finish the QYC Reconstruction with only a small cost over-run.

Thank you!

Karen Crouch

We met a lot of nice folks at the PRYCA Float-in. A group of at least three boats were from Landmark Yacht Club, sponsors of the Dog Days of Summer. If you're interested the event takes place on 8/20-22. I don't have registration information so I'd suggest if you're interested to hit the PRYCA website. Of course, you can also ask

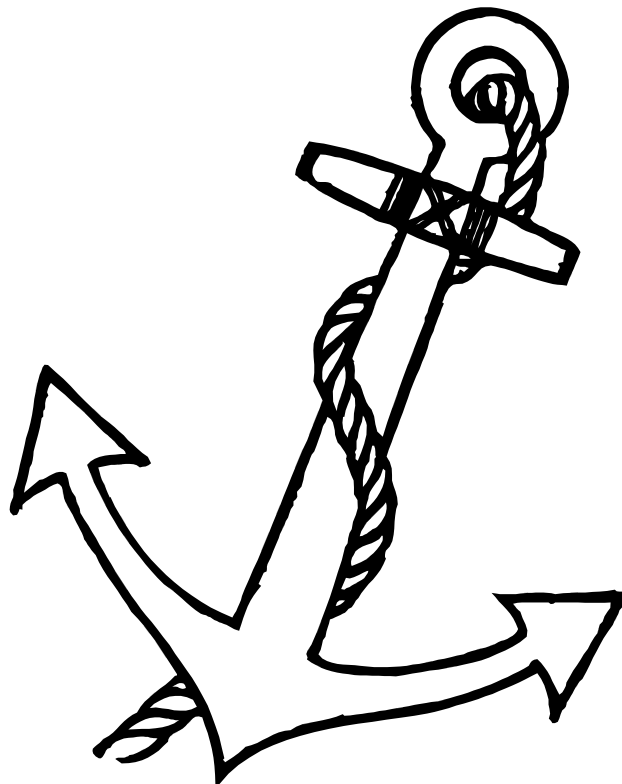
our PRYCA delegate, Larry Sooby. We plan on attending so perhaps we can get a couple more boats to consider attending?

There's still no interest, i.e. sponsor/location for the Labor Day cruise. For all of us I suspect it was sort of tough, though understandable, that we called off the 4th of July cruise. Somehow, somehow we need to ensure missing a cruise was a one-time event. So, who out there would consider being the catalyst to ensure we, QYC, cruise for Labor Day?

Cruising
Sandy Huizenga

First and most important, please note the change of date for the Crab Feast. It is **SEPTEMBER 11**. There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. I would like to thank Phil and Patty Rogers for, once again, taking on the task of sponsoring this event. They do a great job every year and I'm sure this year will be exceptional! Please help make their job easier and **SIGN UP EARLY**. Sponsors are still needed for the Christmas Party and the Super Bowl Party. Please see me at the next meeting if you are interested.

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



CALENDAR	
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	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
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
October 16-17, 2004	52 nd 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