



QYC Newsletter

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Construction Underway on Club House!

Upcoming Events

January 31	Executive Board Meeting
February 13	Monthly Meeting (Election of Officers)

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

We're well into the New Year, and most of us by now have made a personal resolution for 2004. If your New Year's resolution does not already involve QYC, I would ask you to think of our club as an easy resolution to keep. With the beginning of a new year, now is the perfect time to resolve to reinvigorate our club through a renewed interest and increased participation. Your level of participation can span from simple financial support (by renewing your dues or making a contribution to our building fund), to volunteering for work projects or for hosting club events, to holding a position as a club officer or rear commodore. Whatever your level of interest, there are plenty of opportunities for resolutions here, all of which are easier than losing weight, exercising more, quitting smoking or any of the other standard resolutions.

On the clubhouse front, our Fleet Captain, Mr. Robert Lang, has kept a dedicated group of volunteers busy in dismantling the old trailers and making the fixed roof ready for its new life. While Bob was out of town during January, Ray Boisvert stepped

forward to ensure the work parties continued, and deserves all of our thanks for keeping things moving. The new clubhouse facility is tentatively scheduled for delivery in March, and that's not really far away. There is plenty of preparation work to be done before accepting delivery of the new trailer, so please check the club's web site for the latest work schedule, or call the Fleet Captain to see how you can help. Hopefully the weather will continue to cooperate with our planned work dates, as most work projects have been accomplished on fair weather days.

Our next two meetings will be held at The Club's at Quantico, in the Officer's Club area. I'd like to thank Bill Gooding for arranging for us. February's meeting, on Friday, Feb 13th will be our annual election of officers. We have a slate of officers set by the Nomination Committee, and thank go to Larry Sooby for leading that effort. Our slate, as of now, includes myself, Ed Wright, for Commodore, Bill Gooding for Vice Commodore, Ann Sooby for Secretary, and Mike Crouch for Treasurer. Of course, nominations from the floor will be taken before a vote at the February meeting. Please plan to turn out for this meeting. Our March meeting, also taking place at The Club's at Quantico, will be the official Change of Watch. We hope to have updated information on our clubhouse project and possibly some news from MCCS regarding the rebuild/repair of the marina by that time.

It's been a cold and icy winter these last few weeks, and it makes it hard to think about our upcoming boating season. However, this is the time we begin to make plans for our annual cruise destinations, major club events, etc. Your attendance at these next two meetings are your opportunities to provide input on what to do or where to go as a club. The Club's have a great facility, drinks are available for purchase at the bar, and hors d'oeuvres will be available as well. I hope to see you all there.



Vice Commodore

It's hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since I became Vice Commodore. Until the hurricane it was just an ordinary year; just sort of ho-hum, but comforting in its sameness. I, for one, was happy with the way things were going. I'm past the stage of wanting life to be exciting. I don't need fast cars (or boats, for that matter), late nights on the town or loud music. I enjoy my daily routine. I like having an idea what each day will bring. Unfortunately, Isabelle did happen and that changed everything.

Suddenly we were without a clubhouse. Much to my surprise, the membership was very supporting and easy to work with while we went through the task of deciding on our options, selecting one and then implementing the plan. The finished clubhouse is still out there in the future. But there is no doubt in my mind that the club will succeed with this project thanks to the hard work of several members.

We are now in bleak, cold February. It's very hard to concentrate on the warm weather and boating season ahead. There are still several unanswered questions about the repairs on the marina. There is still a lot of work to be done on the clubhouse. At this point in time I think we need to remind ourselves that summer will come. The snow will melt, the weather will turn warm and, no matter what happens with the marina, our boats are still there ready to be enjoyed. Let's start looking forward to a great new boating year!

Ann Sooby



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE
Mike Crouch

Folks,

We have much to celebrate in 2004. Before long the cold will (begrudgingly) give way to warmer temperatures and a new boating season, complete with cruises and club gatherings, can begin in earnest.

We also will celebrate and christen a new clubhouse.

From my chair the response both in terms of monetary contributions and physical contributions has clearly exceeded expectations (at least mine). It's not a stretch to share, based on an initial estimate of \$17K - \$18K, donations have approached one-third of the total cost! Contributions continue to trickle in (cameo appearances are appreciated too) yet it's altogether possible when all is said and done the building fund will have a sizeable balance - as opposed to starting from scratch.

And again, the physical muscle has been there too as many members have endured cold temperatures to do what must be done - and it's been sort of fun to bust things apart.

So life is good, we have much to look forward too, and our "fiscal health" should support an active boating season.

Take care, Mike



Fleet Captain's Project Status

Our NEXT WORKING PARTIES are **Saturdays, 7 and 14 February.**

We will continue, as our PRIORITY WORK, DEMOLITION ON THE OLD, FRONT TRAILER. On 5 February our first, 30-yard, disposal container should be delivered. We can begin stacking it. Bring a HAMMER, SLEDGE, PRY-BAR, **SKILLSAW and SAWZALL, and ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORDS.**

Thanks to Racing Rear Commodore Ray Boisvert who organized working parties over the last several weekends.

Robert Lang, Fleet Captain

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(Note: You may go to

http://www.quanticoyc.org/New_QYC.gif to see the general plan).