



QYC Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

Summer is here, and we should be in full cruising mode by now, but it appears that Hurricane Isabel has continued to have effects on QYC activities. Due to many of our boats not being ready, as well as other commitments from many of our members the annual 4th of July cruise has been cancelled. This is the first time that I know of that QYC did not have a large presence somewhere on the river for the 4th of July...and I hope it will be the last time.

We do have more events planned for this summer, and will be discussing the possibility for a couple added events at our next meeting.

Work on the club is progressing, albeit at a slower rate than that seen this spring. That should be expected, as summer activities have taken many of our volunteer workers away from the QYC working parties. Please continue to monitor our web page for the latest information on plans and check with the Fleet Captain to see how you can assist on future work parties. The deck for the front of

the club facility is currently being worked on. Posts have been set and beams, decking and rails will soon follow. Inside, there is still much to do as well, and the air conditioning works, so you'll have a choice of cool inside work, or working on a tan while making an impact on the external appearance of our club house. Hope you had a safe and happy 4th of July.



Vice Commodore
Bill Gooding

July is here and your Vice still has no boat. I've boated on Mike Crouch's boat, slept on Cliff Roy's boat, boated with my Brother-in-Law's friend, tried to get our jet boat off the lift although the tide kept us with the motor running and submerged about 6" but I (we) haven't gotten our boat yet. It does, however, look like July is a strong possibility! Those of you who wait for spring to boat no longer have my sympathy. July is the boating season of choice for all knowledgeable boaters. Oh well, I have saved a lot of beer money!

It looks like a strong possibility that we can give a \$100 away at the July meeting with the BJ. If you remember back to the June newsletter, I said Mike Crouch had 20 points with an Ace and a Queen---that was to get your interest up and like all good newspapers I am retracting that statement---he has 20 with a King and a Queen. Sam still has 13 or 3. Mike C holds another hand of 5 points. Doug Humston has 20 points (10, Queen). Rosie has 19 and finally, Pete holds 7 or 17 with an Ace and a 6, and Sharon Clauson has 15.

We will draw for two prizes and deal out two more hands at the meeting. New cards cost \$5 each and I think Sam or Pete have a strong chance to draw 5 cards under 20 points and put Doug and Mike away. There may even be a player in the crowd who will draw a BJ or 5 under 20 to put them asleep for the \$100 bucks. May the wind be at your 6 o'clock.

In August we'll change the game and include a pair of dice.



Treasurer
Mike Crouch

Again I have really nothing of significance to report. The executive board met as scheduled and we reviewed our operating expenses to date. The good news is we'll have enough in the checkbook to see us through the remaining three months. We also discussed setting the FY05 budget, Oct 04 through Sept 05, which involves you. Stay tuned for details but please mark the Aug regularly scheduled club meeting on your calendar, as we'll vet the FY05 budget.



Secretary
Ann Sooby

You would think that by the time a woman reaches the age of 50 she should be able to look at a calendar and determine which is the first Friday of the month and which is the second, wouldn't you. Apparently, I can't and so I owe all of you an apology. I wasn't paying attention and missed my own deadline!! But it's OK because a couple of other contributors also missed the deadline and because of my faux pas they are off the hook (this time).

You may have noticed the 18 foot, cathedral hull sitting on a trailer in the parking lot. That is our newest purchase. It is serving as our "water taxi" to get us to and from Cobb Island quickly. It doesn't look like much, but it does the job. I am especially fond of it because it is a boat I can finally dock without having a crew of 18 helping me out!

The hurricane damage to CAVU has been completed. We now have our weekend home back at Cobb Island. Sure am glad that's over with!



Fleet Captain
Robert G. Lang

Fellow QYC Officers, Members and Friends;

I extend my profound thanks for your continued support as we work to rebuild the club. As soon as I have time, hopefully soon, I will publish a list of "tasks" that remain to be worked or completed. On that list, I will solicit your comments and ask that you let me know what you want for priorities.

If you missed the last meeting, we have a "Cypher" brand lock and electronic striker ready to install for the club. This will provide "on demand" access for all members.

The AC ran fine and the club was wonderfully cool for the Father's Day event.

We are beginning to put on our deck. **Please be sure to add your thanks to those I gave to Jerry Sagers.** He, his tractor, and posthole digger worked wonders for us.

Please be careful when walking around the area.

The QYC -- **YOUR CLUB -- REMAINS OPEN** for meetings, special occasions (such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, staging for the next cruise) and **EVERY SATURDAY MORNING** (except for Holiday weekends).

When we work as one, progress is great and barriers are passed. NOW IS THE TIME to step up and help out! Call (703) 221-7065 and we will setup a task appropriate to your talents.

Thank you!

Karen Crouch

It's obviously been an odd year for cruising given many of us continue to wrestle with getting our boats ready and/or personal commitments. There was a contingent of one for the Tim's fireworks raft-up. It probably comes as no surprise that rafting up proved simple. And, unfortunately, we called the 4th of July cruise to Colonial Beach. There simply were not enough folks signed up to justify holding the slips. I'm sorry that some of you called after the decision was made. However, we can now turn our attention to some remaining cruises. PRYCA has two events in August and September, and we'll have our Labor Day cruise - for which we still need a sponsor?

QYC South **Phil E. Rogers**

Well, the restaurant **DID** open the Friday before Memorial Day weekend -albeit with a somewhat limited menu. The Clossons and the Rogers ate at the restaurant on the Sunday before Memorial Day - salads, burgers, crab cakes, fries, onion rings, and crab bisque soup. All were excellent - especially the crab bisque soup. Initially, the menu will be limited and simple until all the kitchen equipment gets delivered and installed.

Aquia Harbor Yacht Club was in for the holiday weekend. As usual they had a good time- and they were dodging the rain showers too.

All of QYC South (Clossons, Karels, Radekes, Rocks, Rogers, and guests) partied hardy on the dock the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. The Rogers had out-of-town guests from the mid-west. (What will his out-of-town guests think of this group?) The next morning (the Rogers and guests) took a Bay trip over to Crisfield for a few days. It's reported they ate crabs everyday - sometimes twice a day. Made it through Smith Island Big Thoroughfare, going and coming, with no problems. The greenheaded flies were not a problem - guess it was because of the time of year (too early).

Then, of course, the Clossons, Karels, and Rogers all dropped in on the QYC Memorial Day Cruise at Cobb Island on Sunday. The Radekes were there for the whole weekend.

It was a good month for the QYC South. More to come.

Contributing Writer **Doug Humston** QUANTICO DOPPLER RADAR

A new service is now providing real time color doppler radar of the Quantico Virginia area to boaters who want it on their boat at a low cost.

Doppler radar is best know for its ability to show rain intensity using a color range of green to yellow to red depending on increasing intensity. This form of current direct information when combined with recent sequential past Doppler radar pictures can provide the observer a very

accurate picture to estimate the weather that can be expected in the next two hours. The rain intensity can usually be associated with wind intensity and temperature change. The weather information is the same as seen on the local cable weather channel. The area around Quantico is know for wind shifts and very warm water that can explode a normal summer squall line or cold front into some interesting short term weather. It is not unusual for a sailor to experience a 180 degree wind direction change on a day that does not show unusual cloud activity. In addition the water temperature can approach 95 degrees. This energy can greatly influence normal severe weather. As an example, in July 1991, while normal Quantico boating and a sailboat race were in progress, a burst of unexpected weather occurred. I understand that Quantico Air Facility reported winds of 90 MPH. I hear from those that experienced the event that they were happily surprised that some boaters were not killed within sight of Quantico. I was close to another similar severe weather event near Annapolis, Maryland when three boaters were killed during an unforeseen 20 minute event in broad daylight. Most of the boats in the area are designed to withstand severe weather if the crews are aware of the impending bad weather and have time to prepare.

Most of the cell phone services now allow for a mini-web service. The phone that I use will provide a moving (sequence count down 3 hour, 2 hour, 1 hour, 30 minutes, 15 minutes and current), color screen of Doppler radar based on the ZIP code that you put in. If you are sailing out of the local ZIP just type in the new ZIP code (that can usually be found for the area by selecting a marina or restaurant address in the cruising guide that you are using). Most of the cell phone providers charge about the same for the service. In my case, I ordered a flip phone with camera, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), mini-web (Doppler radar, sports scores, stock market, etc.), E-Mail, clock, alarm, and picture send/receive capability that can also be attached to my notebook computer for full internet capability. The phone screen is all you need to see the Doppler screen.

The cost when I signed up for a two-year service was \$10.00 for the phone, \$40.00/month for 400 minutes and \$5.00/month for mini-web. The cost of a mini-web data minute is the same as a voice minute. A one-time application down load fee of \$2.00 to \$10.00 allows the phone to down load the mini-web software that you want to use. It takes me about two minutes to start and download the real time weather map that I need. I would recommend that you look hard at the areas that you want to use because some cell service providers connections are not good in some areas.

As a cheap sailboat owner and the Luddite Society representative for the Quantico Yacht Club, I find that having Doppler radar quickly available is a great service and well worth the cost when I sail.

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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 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
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

