



QYC Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Sunday May 9, 2004 Mothers Day Cook Out at QYC 2:00PM

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
June 5-6, 2004	Cobb Island Days

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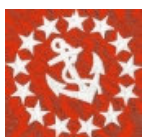
Ed Wright

It's hard to believe that May is here already, and summer-like weather is upon us. Just two weeks ago it was cold, rainy and feeling like late-winter. With the arrival of May, we will be entering the active time period for event happenings in our Club. The Mother's Day cookout is our first big event, and is on schedule to take place Sunday, May 9th AT OUR NEW FACILITY! The accommodations may be a little primitive, but we will be back home for this event. Our monthly meeting falls on the following Friday, and it too will be held in our new facility. Again, please do not expect the clubhouse to be fully operational, but rest assured that it will accommodate our meeting. Following our first event and first meeting in our new facility will be our first cruise of the season. Plans are being drafted for our annual Memorial Day cruise, so plan on being at the May 14th meeting to get the details. I know many of us are still "on-the-hard" after last falls storm, but the destinations under consideration for

this cruise are all worthy of visiting by land as well as by boat.

With the delivery and setup of our new facility, our work efforts are beginning to change. The dirty work of removing and cleaning up the damage is done, the heavy labor involved in moving the fixed-roof and prepping the site also accomplished. Now, we move into the final phase with a little rough framing, then utilities, wallboard, finish trim, installation of cabinets, and appliances, then some painting and decorating come into play. If it's not clear to you all, what this means is that the skills and abilities required of our volunteer workforce are also different than they have been in the past. If you've been staying away from Saturday working parties (and only ½ Saturday, by-the-way) because the efforts were in areas outside of your expertise, then please look at the summary of tasks I've mentioned and consider if, perhaps, you may be able to contribute on these upcoming efforts. We've already got a new team assembled to work on the detailed plans for the galley... maybe you could lead an electrical, plumbing, drywall, flooring, painting or decorating team. If so, come on down to the "new" clubhouse on Friday, 14 May and lets get something going.

See you all at the QYC Clubhouse!



Vice Commodore
Bill Gooding

We are kicking off the new boating season with at QYC with the traditional Mother's Day get together. Since there will not be a meeting before this special day, we are relying on the newsletter to turn out a good crowd. We will be cooking that filet that you all like and we ask that you bring a dish to share---nothing new here but since it will be our very first use of the new club facilities and associated pavilion, we want to turn out a good crowd to kick off the new season. So on May 9th at about 1400 find a mother and bring the kids, family and even a neighbor or two and come on down for some good food, naturally a few brews and/or soft drinks. Since we do not have a meeting before this first function and we want to get the brew count and filet count right, please call Sam or Bill Gooding (sponsors for this event) and let them know how many "big guys" and "little guys" are coming so everyone will walk away filled. 703-878-6827 for phone or messages. This is also a good time to walk the new club facility, review the planned renovation so we may have your input for the meeting on the following week. As you probably know, the utilities are not hooked up yet, but facilities on the pier are open and accessible. See you there and again, please call to confirm at 703-878-6827.

Well Two O's and a G still have a boat up on stilts, but the bottom has finally been sanded down and looks white

enough for the boat fix it people to say it will cost more to put the barrier coat and subsequent paint on. We "think" the boat will be back to us in May—we hope so too. At the writing of this column, we do not know where we'll be docked until the Quantico Marina is back in operation.

I need to take a minute to explain the Vice's BJ game so all are aware of how to play. I am selling tickets as before for the door prizes except that if you pay \$3 you get 4 tickets and if you pay \$5 you get 8 tickets. Tickets up to \$3 are still a dollar a piece. I am stashing 1/3 of the take into a pot until the pot reaches \$100 and whoever has the best Blackjack hand will win the pot. If your ticket is drawn for the door prize, you will be dealt 2 cards along with winning the door prize and your hand is played like Blackjack. When we have \$100 in the pot and you want to try and beat the current leader, you may pay \$5 per card and draw until you get under 21 or bust. If you did not win at any of the door prize sessions and you want to try and beat the current leader, you may also draw cards at \$5 a piece. Everyone has a chance to win or at least take on the leader. Mike Crouch is the current leader and in a strong position with 20 points on the table. Sam has 4 or 14 points (3 + ace). If a blackjack is drawn the game is over and we'll start again.

Have fun boating—those of you who are on (in) the water!



Treasurer
Mike Crouch

OK, another new-boat update. But first the finance side:. We have just under \$5K in the ole checking account. The good news though is we've paid the "major" bills, e.g., the trailer, set-up and some initial provisioning. And we haven't tapped half the reserve...hope not to...but I believe our collective goal is to establish the new club properly so we'll keep this as a source of funds for discussion.

That was quick. Back to the boat:

We'll bring her home on May 8th. If you're interested, tentatively pen in an "open boat" on either May 15th or 22nd. I have to check the ER schedule. So far the growing pains have been minor and manageable. For example some of the hardware for fitting the bridge enclosure was "missing". The fresh water pump breaker is tripping after two minutes. And we have a rudder-log that has a slow drip. That said the marina we purchased from has been superb with addressing our concerns quickly. I suspect we'll head home with 95% of our list addressed.

The performance of the boat is really a step from MAKIA. We're on a plane @ 2500 rpm with nominal wake. At 3300 rpm we're cruising @ 25 knots by GPS and @ 4000 (400 rpm off WOT which during break-in should only be maintained for one minute) we're @ 35 knots. With the tabs at full bow-down we can get spray over the front.

And thought he boat is in the same class it really seems bigger both inside and out. So for now all is well and we hope to see you at the "open boat".
Mike



Secretary
Ann Sooby

Well, the first newsletter is now history. I hope everyone received a copy. There were a few problems getting it to the printer. I think they have been solved meaning, I should be able to get it out a little quicker from now on. I am not a computer friendly person so I would like to thank Larry for all of the help he gave me (and continues to give me) when I reach the point where I just might do physical harm to the Dell Beast. I'd also like to thank Jay Hochstaine for all of his help. I'm sure that after 3 days of panicked phone calls Jay was glad when PDF was no longer an issue at the Sooby household!

Just a reminder, I am always on the look out for information to put in the newsletter. If you would like to contribute, just send me an e-mail. My deadline is the last Wednesday of each month. The newsletter is not limited to information from the officers. It is open to anyone who has something to say. It doesn't have to be news. Poems, short antic dotes, historical articles, etc., are all welcome. If you have something that you think other boaters would like to read, please send it.

As far as our boating adventures go, we are, for the time being, making the weekly trek to Cobb Island. Very soon, our boat will be going to Port Kinsale for repairs. Until that day, we are looking forward to exploring the Potomac just south of the 201 bridge!



Fleet Captain
Robert G. Lang

Fellow QYC Members;

Rebuilding the club is NOT an easy task. I encourage you to come down and help out. There is plenty to do, including very light labor and desk work that you can do from home. **AGAIN, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MACHO, WEIGHT-LIFTING, BUFFED METAL WORKER** to significantly assist. Please call me, evenings at home (703) 221-7065

The halves of our modular facility are mated, leveled, blocked, and anchored. Mr. Mark Baldacci (M&B Mobile Trailer, PO Box 2133, Waldorf Maryland, (301) 806-6448 -- voice; (301) 638-1470 -- fax) did the work on a firm, fixed-price basis. Thus, there is no "overtime" or additional charge for time spent at the QYC and it took Mark a day longer than estimated, to finish the job. A few of us saw some of the work and we can attest to this

-- it is hard labor and this was money well spent. As a club, we would have been hard pressed to do the work ourselves.

Talking about hard work -- I did not think that the hardest work would be as hard as it has been -- or that we would rely on a few our members to do as much as they have to support the effort. However, every time that we've set up work at the club, our oldest member, Mr. Marty Betts, has been there. For nearly every working party at the club, our Rear Racing Commodore Ray Boisvert has been there and when I have been unavailable, Ray ran the work. For every weekend over the last three months, another Member, Doug Humston, has been taking on more work than we have right to ask of him. There are a few others who significantly help out on a regular basis.

Men -- women -- teenage girls and boys -- there is a role for everyone in the work. **NOW IS THE TIME to step up and help out!**

Thank you!
Robert Lang

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE
Karen Crouch

The Memorial Day cruise is rapidly approaching and we have yet to determine where we're going and who will be cruising. Hopefully you all agree though, like getting back into the clubhouse soonest, getting a cruise under our belts is important too. Given several boats may still be on land perhaps we could head south, colonial Beach (Stepps Harbor View), Cobb Island, or even Coles where some of our members are already in? Another thought is Aquia Creek? What I propose though is we kick this one around at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 14th. Given it's early in the season, and the turnout could be light, we should still be able to make reservations after making a decision. Ideally we can get 4-5 boats, maybe more, but let's see if we can't get a consensus first.
Karen

CALENDAR	
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 th 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 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

Let your boat of life be light, packed with only what you need—a homely home and simple pleasures, one or two friends, worth the name, someone to love and someone to love you, a cat, a dog, and a pipe or two, enough to eat and enough to wear, and a little more than enough to drink: for thirst is a dangerous thing.

Jerome Klapka Jerome