



# QYC Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

Fall is arriving, and with it, hopefully, comes the end of hurricane season. It has been a busy year for big storms, and luckily, QYC was spared from a repeat performance of last season's storm effects. As we near completion of the major phase of our rebuilding efforts, we can look to the south and have sympathy for those who are only beginning to face what our club faced this past year. A year ago, we were uncertain of our meeting locations, the ability to rebuild, and many other aspects of the club's future. I am happy to report, that the future is much clearer and brighter at this juncture. Our core membership, and their dedication in seeing through this tumultuous time is to be credited for this change. We know where we will be meeting now, we know what work left to be done, and we know what to do next to continue to grow and prosper as an organization.

The first thing for all of us to do is to renew our club membership by paying our dues in a timely manner. For those of you who did not attend the September general meeting, you will notice a slight increase in the dues rate for this year. This increase is necessary in order to restore our building fund to a level that will ensure the club is

ready to move into the future. Our operating expenses have been reduced, allowing for us to contribute an even greater amount to the reestablishment of this important asset.

The second thing we should each do is re-new our commitment to the club by volunteering to help our Fleet Captain in completion of the ongoing work projects. Your assistance is requested in many forms, from pitching in with work projects being led by the Fleet Captain or others, to taking the lead in organizing, facilitating, or completing other tasks that have yet to be started. Most all of you have already contributed at some level, and your efforts are greatly appreciated by all. I think it is a great credit to our club that we have managed to do so much, so quickly, using entirely voluntary labor and a very small budget.

The last thing I will ask of you is to spread the word of our success to other boaters. Let our past members know what we have done, and invite them to rejoin us in our new facility. Spread the word to new boaters of our club and what we have accomplished as well. Our future growth depends on the membership, and we should strive for a rebuilding of our roles that matches the rebuilding efforts on our clubhouse. Word from MCCA is that the marina rebuilding project is proceeding, more or less, on schedule (not the original schedule, but a schedule none-the-less). The steel shortage is still an issue, as not all of the pilings are available, but they are projecting that work will be completed mid-November (just in time for in-water winterization work). Hopefully, this will bring more prospective members down to the docks, and into our club as well. We have one more cruise on the calendar for this season, and it looks like it may have a good turnout. Plans for our Holiday Party are set, and we will have a Super Bowl Party in the clubhouse, but are still looking for a sponsor for that. So, please spread the word of our success, and of the upcoming opportunities for fun, camaraderie, and achievement.



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

Last month I mentioned Two O's and a G was in the spring cruising season and we made our Memorial Day cruise (Labor Day) to Cambridge Hyatt. It was very much like a spring cruise in that all the winter "fix-ups" had not been accomplished, yet nevertheless we set out on the trip up the Chesapeake. If you have not been there, then it's a nice one to put in your cruise log. It's a full service type resort—golf course, a number of swimming pools and a hot tub or two, a beach and an assortment of restaurants. We found out that when 4 people move to the middle of the pool deck area and light up cigars simultaneously that you can clear a pretty nice size area to sit. Coming back down the Chesapeake in medium sized swells was the partial payback for the cigars when the movement caught Jerry by surprise as he was puffing a cigar and rolled him out of his chair and right through the side-paneling.

We're now looking forward to our Columbus Day cruise to Point Lookout with the Club—others will look at this as the regular Columbus Day cruise but what do they know. As we come to an end of another cruising season, we hope that your time on the water was well spent this year. Anybody up for a New Orleans trip over the winter?? We'll see you at the meeting with raffle tickets in hand—bring money!



**Treasurer**  
**Mike Crouch**

The following dues notice will be mailed to all club members as is shared for convenience:

It is time to renew your annual QYC membership. The membership year runs 1 October through 30 September and payment is due 1 October.

The QYC executive board met on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to discuss, in part, the QYC proposed budget for FY05 and to establish dues for the forthcoming year. The board presented the budget to the regular membership on 10 September 2004.

The membership approved regular dues at \$100.00 and associate dues at \$15.00. Though the dues represent an increase over the FY04 amount please keep in mind:

- \* Dues have been set consistent with the QYC By-Laws
- \* Operating expenses were trimmed nearly \$1400.00 less than the FY04 approved amount
- \* A planned infusion to the building fund is included (approx 40 regular members @ \$40.00) to offset capital expenses incurred for our new facility

\* Our dues remain amongst the lowest in the region and members still enjoy reciprocity privileges throughout PRYCA and throughout the world now that we've established a bond with Bermuda.

Your timely remittance to the address noted above is appreciated in advance.

Please consider two other requests. First, actively reach out to past members and aggressively solicit new members. While we benefit financially our shared goal should be reenergizing QYC membership. Second, building fund donations are still encouraged. Basic outfitting must still be completed and hastening building our capital account can be considered a prudent form of self-insurance. That said, for all members who've contributed to the new facility in human capital, in monetary donations and/or both – THANK YOU!



**Secretary**  
**Ann Sooby**

September was not one of my best months. The Florida hurricanes were not kind to my Father. I'll just leave it at that. Hopefully October will be better...it's my birthday month so at least one good thing will happen; I'll get a free drink at the club!

I did take time to purge the mailing list of those who are no longer members. If someone should mention to you that they didn't receive their copy of the newsletter this month, please let them know that either a) I made a mistake and they need to call me or, b) they made a mistake and they need to contact Mike with their dues.

I had an e-mail from Delores and Scott. They now have Donna Joy back in the water. They are living aboard at the Naval Station Marina. Delores isn't working at this time. Scott is taking a break from his usual duties and teaching Kayaking and rock climbing at the Naval Academy.

That's about all I have for now. Hope to see you at Cobb Island for the cruise!



**Fleet Captain**  
**Robert G. Lang**

Fellow QYC Officers, Members and Friends;

It was the seventh day of the week. It was a Saturday and a Saturday of a regular weekend. It was not a three-day weekend. No! It was a two-day weekend. And like every regular weekend, the membership went to the QYC. They came, first, one member, then two, and shortly after that, several more. Eventually, their numbers grew until they became one volunteer crew.

They were working on inside stuff, which was good. A tropical depression, the remnants of Hurricane Ivan, was dumping a fair amount of rain outside. The rain fell, first one drop, then -- a billion. Inside, warmed in a circle about the heat of the wood-burning, pot-bellied stove, the crew sat back drinking fresh coffee. Then, someone said what should have been obvious, if only they had thought more about it. No! Not that there is no stove at the QYC. Rather, last Saturday marked a full year since Isabel visited the QYC.

What goes into one year since Isabel, you wonder? No one had had time to check the log to be sure, but we have some idea. In one year the QYC took about four weeks of planning and after one year, we know that only about three hours of the plan was any good. In one year, the QYC used about a thousand hours of captured labor on Saturday while losing track of numerous other hours spent by members during the weekdays doing needed work. In one year, depending if you are the Treasurer and writing the checks or the Fleet Captain wanting to account for the costs we agreed to as part of the project, the QYC spend about fifteen thousand dollars. We could still spend more.

In one year, while we managed to salvage only three out of six round tables, we saved thirty of the thirty wooden chairs, burgees from around the world, and a small leather and wood case with two, twenty-dollar gold coins from 1864. We convinced one supervisor at the Prince William County landfill to accept the demolished trash that was left of our club for free and worked a similar deal from Five Star Hauling to take the same to the dump. We convinced ourselves that our few tools were sufficient to reduce two buildings into four containers.

Sometime, within the year, we used one crane, two beams, six poles, thirteen men, and a 30-year design to move the QYC roof 24 four feet south and 12 feet east. This relocation provided the area to park the facility destined to be our new club in a space sixty-four feet long by twenty eight feet wide without overlapping concrete, sewers, or drains.

On four occasions, we borrowed one tractor belonging to Mr. Jerry Sagers to move uncounted tons of trash, dig six large holes for six long poles, move more trash, and dig ten more holes for ten smaller poles. Then, we salvaged two, sixty-four-foot long, two-inch by twelve -inch steel trusses to support fifty, six-feet, two by six joist, which further supports the four hundred square feet of deck we are putting on the club.

As things were building up, we buried four, one hundred and twenty-five feet copper cables to provide two hundred and twenty volts of electricity. We then threw the thirty-amp breaker at least once for each run. Somehow, that seemed fitting but it also seemed best to forgo throwing it another 121 times. Fixing the problem with sixty amps costs forty dollars. Now, in six weeks we have thrown the breaker, not once.

It seems that every little thing we do adds up. The sum of the work brings us closer to having one great club. Do we have much work left? Of course there is. But you knew that you could count on that!

--Restrooms and plumbing. We purchased two new, inexpensive pedestal sinks. For the flooring, the Vice Commodore has installed ceramic tile in the women's room and is working on the men's. The Rear Racing Commodore Ray Boisvert is going to put in the finish trim.

--Deck. Various members have installed the posts, beams, joists, and nearly all the surface. Some day, we will bring our table saw and router table to the club to cut rails and balusters. We are going to have to buy a small box of deck screws and some 6" carriage bolts.

--Roof. We have to seal the roof, maybe in October.

--Interior walls. Add a few chunks of ceiling -- after we do the roof seal.

--Door way. Add some ceiling work -- after we do the roof seal.

--Locks. For the Cypher lock access, everything is on site. We need someone to install it.

--The Pavilion. A later-day project.

--Painting. Only the Kitchen and one executive room wall.

Sincerely;

Robert Lang (703) 221-7065

**QYC South**  
**Phil Rogers**

This is QYC South's report for the month of August.

Can you believe ten days on the Bay without a drop of rain? Well that's what we had. The Clossons, Radekes, and the Rogers left Coles Point August 21<sup>st</sup> for a ten day cruise north on the Bay to some places we had never been before.

First stop was at Solomons—not a new spot for any of us. It was a rough day at sea, but fortunately it was a following sea. It was good to see old friends at Solomons Island Yacht Club. As always, they treated us warmly. Saw some of the Occoquan Yacht Club members at the Tiki Bar Saturday night before dinner at Giovanni's.

Next day, off to Rock Hall's Haven Harbour Marina. This time the seas were right on the bow. It wasn't too bad if you slowed it down a little. Of course the closer we got to Baltimore and Rock Hall (which is right across from Baltimore), the more congested it was with boat traffic—gosh, boats were going every which-away. You couldn't see the buoys for all the damn sailboats. Anyway, we made our way into Rock Hall and Haven Harbour Marina. Haven Harbour Marina is on the back side of Rock Hall on Swan Creek. Several other marinas are located up there too. Haven Harbour is very nice; it was voted "National Marina of the Year" in 1994 and "Best of the Bay for Service and Year Round Dockage" five years running. Lots of amenities—pool, shuffle board, croquet, bicycles, tiki bar, individual heads and showers, etc. Town is about a mile walk from the marina. Lots of restaurants, shops, etc. They also have a (roadway) trolley bus service that visits all the marinas and restaurants in town. We were there three days and didn't see it all. We all agreed that Rock Hall will be worth another visit.

On Wednesday (August 25<sup>th</sup>) we were off to Georgetown, MD on the Sassafras River. The Sassafras River is a fresh water river and very beautiful. It was too bad that it was so hazy that day and we were not able to see its full beauty. Georgetown is very nice. There are several marinas there to choose from. We stayed at the Georgetown Yacht Club Marina. Again lots of amenities—bicycles, water taxi to the restaurants, lots of history, etc. We even got to retire the marina's Colors on the dock each night. The second night we were more formal and used the boson pipe to retire the Colors.

Headed out on Friday (August 27<sup>th</sup>) for the Magothy River. We got to see quite a bit of the Magothy—not planned. It's just that the Magothy Marina was a little hard to find. We were told it was a big condominium complex—can't miss it. Well, we were looking for a condominium complex—and never saw one. Turns out it was a "condominium boat slip complex." Anyway, we got situated there and enjoyed our stay—great pool. They even gave us charcoal and lighter for use on their grills.

Then on Saturday, back to Solomons to share sea stories and wind down a little. Another good time with the

Solomons Island Yacht Club members and a good meal at Stoney's.

Then on Sunday (August 29<sup>th</sup>), back to homeport at Coles Point. That trip was sooo great! The water hardly had even a ripple on it from Point Lookout on up to Coles—and the tide was pushing behind us too. What a great way to end the trip. And did I mention—not a drop of rain the whole time?

We figured that we traveled about 260 miles—and burned a lot of fuel too.

I am sure each of us can add even more detail of our personal experiences about the trip at the next meeting. See ya there.

**Cruising**  
**Karen Crouch**

We will have a Columbus Day cruise!

At first we were headed to Point Lookout...a new location and a bit of a cruise for all. However, personal calendars, social calendars and a hiccup or two regarding a cooperating boat forced an audible.

So we're headed to Cobb Island and fun will be had by all. Saturday is planned as "a boys' day/night out." Sunday the ladies will arrive and more fun will be had by all. Those scheduled to attend include; Amerid III, CAVU, Two Os & a G, Escape Hatch, Sea Cabin and MAKIA II. Please consider a cameo appearance, either by boat or land.

**Social**  
**Sandy Huizenga**

***REMEMBER: It's not too early to mark you calendars for the Christmas Party!!*** December 18<sup>th</sup> is the day and the Clubs of Quantico is the place. Cheri Saggars is going to be the sponsor Once again, thank you to both Cheri Saggars and Ellen Nix for their efforts on this. It should be a lot of fun...don't miss it! Ann and Larry Sooby have volunteered to sponsor the Super Bowl Party. They will be providing details as we get closer to the event.

***Marina phone number***  
***703-784-2359***

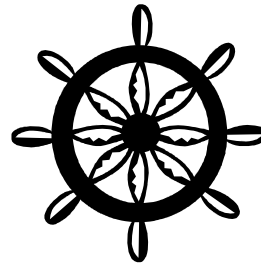
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December 4, 2004	PRYCA Holiday Parade of Lights – Washington, D.C.
December 18, 2004	QYC Monthly Meeting & Holiday Party (Saturday night)
December 28, 2004	QYC Executive Board
January 14, 2005	QYC Monthly Meeting – Nomination of Officers
January 23, 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



*If all be true that I do think,  
There are five good reasons we should drink:  
Good wine – a friend – or being dry –  
Or lest we should be by and by –  
Or any other reason why.*

Henry Aldrich



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