



# QYC Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

It's back to school time, and to some, the end of the "official" boating season as Labor Day reaches us. Our Vice Commodore will take exception to the end of boating season part, as I understand it is just the beginning of the season for 2 *O's and a G*. It has been a slow season as far as cruising goes, due to the continued closure of the Quantico Marina, and the displacement of many of our member's boats. However, tremendous work continues to take place on our clubhouse, and we will be hosting our annual Crab Feast a little early this year, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Our monthly meeting runs the evening prior, on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>, so I hope to see you all at the club on both of these days.

Our boat, *The Wright's Stuff*, while able to be sailed, remains at the dock with no use this season. The principal reason for this gaffe is due to us selling our home, and buying, then moving into a new home in the middle of the summer. Little did we realize how much work is involved in preparing a home for sale, and getting packed and

moved (even with the assistance of paid movers). What little free time we did have, we tried to do something fun for the family (they don't always agree with me that cleaning a boat and doing dockside maintenance is fun), and I did attempt to show up at our clubhouse to lend a hand in the rebuilding effort from time-to-time. Seeing that we've had many volunteers down at the clubhouse week after week, I get some piece of mind in thinking that surely their boats have similarly been abandoned by their once faithful masters, and I hope that our boat will forgive us for our treatment of her this season.

At our September meeting, we will be discussion our budget for the coming fiscal year. The Executive Board has prepared a position, with a modest change, and we believe it presents a solid step toward the future in our new facility. Our dues renewal time comes up next month, and we should all be spreading the word to past or potential new members. The fall season is always a time of great activity at QYC, and our new Clubhouse is ready to host, so come and join the party!



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

We're boating! On August 13<sup>th</sup> (night of the last QYC meeting) we gathered at the Marina because the boat was supposed to be in the water and we would move it to Cobb Island. Six of us waited patiently, sipping every now and then, and the boat moved to the slings but did not get in the water. We attended the QYC meeting and also sipped every now and then and waited for first light of Saturday. Again, six of us headed to the Marina with bets on what would be what. Well as we drove in we saw the boat in the slings hovering the water with generator running but engines which would not start for lack of battery power. A short time later after jump starting the engines we indeed headed for Cobb Island with the tale of Hurricane Charley coming up the waterway. It rained the entire day down but it looked like sunshine to us—we were boating. So spring started in the middle of August and we look forward to our July 4<sup>th</sup> cruise in October. After questioning several people we did find out that many had boated over the winter (April-July). It takes all kinds. Now that we're in the water we've spent all "spring" doing those spring things and fixing the stuff that breaks over the winter, batteries, bilge pumps, broken water lines, ropes (or some call them lines), GPS, etc. We're ready for the first real spring cruise which is to Cambridge on Labor Day (Memorial Day by our calculations). With a little good forecasting maybe Hurricane Francis will hold off until we're back at Cobb Island on "Memorial Day".

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Crab Feast. Capt. Phil Rogers always does a great job with this and most, if not all, the Gooding Clan will be there to grab a bite or two and share our spring cruise information. See you there!



**Treasurer**  
**Mike Crouch**

The executive board met recently to debate the FY05 budget and we believe we'll be able to brief a plan that supports operating expense needs, maintains annual social events and cruises, and adds a bit of a "bump" for the building fund. All this and the price won't require a second mortgage. That said the operative word is "brief the plan" so please plan on attending the Sept regularly scheduled meeting.



**Secretary**  
**Ann Sooby**

FINALLY!! In late August we had the time to take CAVU on a short, but nice trip. We visited Point Look Out Marina (Maryland). We had a great time! The trip was a short 3 days.. It started out as 4, but due to a lot of weather and boat problems, ended up as 3. That was just fine as we can pack a lot of fun "stuff" into 3 days!

We took advantage of the beautiful weather by spending time in the marina pool. It was also a great place to go biking (fairly flat, thank goodness!) so we went on a long ride, visiting a winery and a confederate cemetery/memorial.

The weak part of the trip was the restaurant. The one at the marina was still closed due to Hurricane Isabel damage (it should be open by now as they were almost done with the reconstruction). We had to walk about 10 minutes through a mosquito infested area to a crab house.. It was OK but not great...ask Larry about the daiquiris (UGH!).

Due to other obligations we haven't been out on the boat since. I'm hoping for some beautiful fall weather and at least one more 3 or 4 day trip!



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

Fellow QYC Officers, Members and Friends;  
Wow! Another month has blown by, quite literally with Bonnie, Charley, and Frances, venting their fury on others before pushing through our region as tropical depressions. We can handle the rain and moderate winds. Unfortunately, as I write this, Ivan, a category five hurricane, sits near Jamaica. I shall hope that Ivan continues his leftward leaning ways, ends up in the Gulf of Mexico, gets slammed between to high pressure ridged, and blows out as a tropical storm before heading into Texas or Mexico. While I would not wish to have a hurricane upon anyone, the QYC is not in any shape to take a full blown storm.

So, what is the status of the club?

The deck is progressing well. We have usable stair (depending on the work, sometimes at both ends of the deck). We are pressing on the bathroom and plumbing with running water in the club (and hopefully, the women's head working, any day now).

There is a lot of trim work that needs to be done. A lot of painting of the NEW SHEET ROCK WALLS, AND A LOT OF CLEAN-UP work, especially where we have tracked wallboard mud and paint (latex, thankfully). We have not touched the roof, the doorway, nor installation of the CIPHER (brand name) lock.

Remember, except for holiday weekends, the QYC is open every Saturday, from 0800 to 1200. We host a continental breakfast and run a Fit Mariner exercise program consisting of light weight training, stretching, and repetitive movement drills. Look forward to seeing you at the QYC.

Robert Lang  
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**QYC South**  
**Phil Rogers**

QYC South's month of July was just like yours—we were dodging in-and-out of rain showers all month. Fortunately, right before dusk on the 4<sup>th</sup> the skies cleared for a couple of hours and the fireworks began. It was reported that Coles Point had four times as many fireworks as they have ever had in the past. There were a lot of good comments about the event. Still, there were not any of the kinds of fireworks that the percussion rocks your chest, but they were good.

Everyone down here has been busy socializing about every weekend under our covered slips (rain, or shine), playing golf, and of course eating well.

The Rocks made it to Baltimore for the fireworks and spent a few days touring the tall ships and other sites there. Sounds like they had a great time. There were supposed to be about three or four other boats that were to accompany them on the trip..., but that's another story.

The biggest news to report this month (July) is that construction on the new heads and showers began at Coles Point. The new heads and showers will be a two-story building, to include the marina office and other offices. I haven't seen the plans, but was told that the heads will consist of private cubicles that will each have a sink, shower, and a commode. The building is like the Lindal Cedar Homes. The completion date is not until late fall, or early spring.

Oh, and I heard there will be a new restaurant at Coles. It will be located where the current restaurant is, but the new building will be a three-story glass and steel frame structure. Construction starts in late fall, with completion in the spring. All this sounds too good to be true, but I guess time will tell whether or not this all comes about. At least the heads and showers have actually been started.

That's all for now. Hope to see ya on the Rivah.

**Cruising**  
**Karen Crouch**

With Labor Day done and gone, that leaves the Columbus Day cruise as our last formal event of the season. And, I'm sensing with more boats in the water perhaps we can end as we began. Maybe we should set the target location south, e.g., Colonial Beach, Point Lookout, etc? If there's enough interest then I'll be looking for a sponsor...so let's plan on addressing this on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Social**  
**Sandy Huizenga**

We now have a sponsor and location for the Christmas Party so mark your calendars!! Thanks to Ellen Nix, the party will, once again, be held at the Clubs of Quantico. The date is 18 December. Cheri Saggars has volunteered to be the sponsor. Thank you to both Cheri and Ellen. Their efforts are welcomed and appreciated. The only event still needing a sponsor is the Super Bowl. If you are interested, please let me know.

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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 18, 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

**NEWSLETTER INPUT IS DUE THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH**

**MONTH!!!!** If I don't receive it by that date, the newsletter will either be very short or very late. Please keep that in mind. Thank you – Ann Sooby