

# QYC NEWSLETTER

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# VETERANS DAY CLUB MEETING

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## COMMODORES COMMENTS

Ross Horton

The boating season for the first year of the new century is about over. We have had a great summer despite the amount of rain that fell prior to October. This past month saw QYC members enjoying a Columbus Day Cruise and another very successful Frostbite Regatta. In an effort to deny the end of the boating season, or at least prolong it, some members joined together for an impromptu cruise to Alexandria. The Fall Clean-up Day was also very successful with a number of needed chores being completed. Major kudos are due Ray Williams and Bob Lang and all of the other attendees for their efforts.

There are no more official QYC cruises planned for this year and no more races scheduled. Its time to think about winterizing the boat and making plans for next season. A few boats have already left the marina to be hauled for the winter and others will soon follow. The weather is still fine and the fall leaves have made the river even more beautiful. If you have not been out to enjoy the color there is still some left.

All is not lost, however. The PRYCA delegates Meeting and Election is scheduled for November 6th and some members whose boats are not winterized may wish to take part in the Parade of Lights in the Washington Channel on December 2nd. The Club also has to get ready for the holiday season with a big Christmas Party scheduled for December 9th.



### VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE Sandy Huizenga

The History of Quantico Yacht Club project is coming together nicely, due to the help of a lot of veteran members. However, I am still looking for more ideas and items, so please keep looking. The February 2001 QYC Meeting will be the big night for the final presentation. So mark your calendars and be prepared to reminisce into the history of our yacht club.



### SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES Ed Wright

Well, November looks to be a month where we slow things down a little at the club. Winterization plans are taking the place of cruising plans, and weekends are being spent in front of the TV watching football rather than out in the boat.

This month's meeting is being held on the Veteran's Day holiday, and is the Marine Corps Birthday, too! There will surely be plenty of cake and celebration, so make plans to be there if you can.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so. You should also take a look at the last roster (included in the September newsletter) to make sure your information hasn't changed. I'll be putting together a new roster next month, and I'd like to get your email addresses or other missing information included. This can help us all keep in touch over the winter, as many folks will not be at the marina every weekend

As always, please send your address, phone number, or email information as well as any article contributions to me at [wrightee@mindspring.com](mailto:wrightee@mindspring.com), or hand them to me at the next meeting!

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

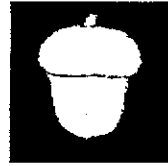


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### Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y

Use this number when you renew your Boat/U.S. Membership for the QYC discount rate.



### TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE Phil E. Rogers

As always I'll start out with first things first—the Club's business. Membership renewals are coming in—slowly. So far (as I write this article) we have 32 members on the roles in good standing; and that includes four brand new members. Please, if you are reading this and have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. The other business item is that with the end of the fiscal year I will be busy getting the accounting records and year end financial statements in order for the annual audit. The only other item I have to report is that the S&P is down. You'll have to come to the meeting to get all the gory details on the investment account.

How about this weather and the fall colors? I know the crew of the Sea Cabin has been enjoying every minute we can. It is hard to accept the fact that I'll have to be making plans for winterization soon. I might as well start getting all the supplies I will be needing before the shelves are bare. It happens every year if you wait too late. You know what they say on board a sailboat—shift happens.

I have not noticed, or heard of anyone that has come back from the boat shows (sail or power) with a new boat. As much as it would be "nice" to have a new boat, it's hard to justify unless the boat you have is on its last bilge pump, or no longer meets your needs. I have almost come to the conclusion that I will have to wait that long before I make a move.

Even though the boating season may be winding down, there are still a lot of social activities on the QYC calendar of events. As I mentioned earlier, there are several new members who have joined this month, so plan to come to the next meeting to meet them. The next meeting is Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.





### CRUISING NEWS Cliff and Sandy Roy

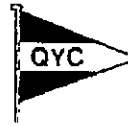
You can tell that the cruising season has come to an end. Boats are being pulled; we had our last cruise for the season on Columbus Day Weekend; and most of us seem to be going into a state of depression. We had a very nice cruise to Cobb Island even though the weather wasn't all that great. There were a total of five boats that made it to Cobb Island, and the crew of *Escape Hatch* made a land cruise there. Sandy and I would like to thank Marty & Rosie Betts for sponsoring our Cobb Island cruise. Sandy and I would also like to thank all of you who sponsored cruises throughout the year, and those of you who made the cruises to make this another great cruising season. It's been a lot of fun. For those of you who would be interested in taking a land cruise to the White House in December on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 9<sup>th</sup>, a list will be posted on the board in the clubhouse for the November meeting. If you have any questions about this trip, you can contact Sandy Roy at 703-491-2369. More information to follow. Once again Thank You one and all for a great cruising season.

Cliff and Sandy Roy



### SOCIAL NEWS Sandy Huizenga

Last month's "Candlelight Meeting" was not planned, but turned out to be very enjoyable. Thank You to our "Weenie Queen", Sandy Roy, for serving up some great hot dogs again. Also to the Williams for getting the raffle prizes. And of course, to Joe Hansen for keeping our refreshment supply stocked. Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00PM, the annual Christmas decorating of the Yacht Club will take place. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier, and the merrier we get the better the decorations look! Come out and help and feel free to bring any extra decorations you may have. On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, after a short meeting is the Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet is on the club board. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. To participate in the adult gift exchange, bring a \$10 white elephant gift per person. The children can bring a \$5 white elephant gift for their own exchange. Any questions please contact the hosts, Tony & Lynn Peguese, or Sandy Huizenga.


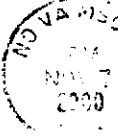


### QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov.	6 <sup>th</sup>	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
	10 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	21 <sup>st</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
Dec.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parade of Lights - Washington Channel
	9 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting & Christmas Party
	19 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
Jan.	12 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Superbowl Party - Chili Cookoff at QYC
Feb.	9 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting - Election of 2001 Officers
	20 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
March	9 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting - Change of Watch

### ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

The Electoral College system we use was devised by our founding fathers as a means to choose our leaders in an equitable fashion. They were afraid that the popular vote would give states with large populations more power than the smaller states, and politicians would only campaign in the most populous areas of the country. The electoral college system gives each state 2 votes for each senator, and one electoral vote for each congressional representative. Virginia has 13 votes (for 2 state senators and 11 congressional representatives). The District of Columbia has three electoral votes. In 48 states plus the District of Columbia, all electoral votes go to the candidate that wins the majority vote in that state. In Nebraska and Maine, two votes go to the state majority winner, and the remaining go to the winner of each congressional district. There are 538 total electoral votes, and at least 270 are needed to win the election. In theory, two candidates could split the electoral college evenly with 269 each, but this has never happened. If it did, then the president would be selected by the House of Representatives. The only time the House selected the president was in 1888 when the electoral votes were split four ways, and no one candidate won the needed 270 votes.

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