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COBB ISLAND CRUISE & FROSTBITE REGATTA TOP OCTOBER EVENTS

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Ross Horton

Fall is now officially upon us and there is still plenty of boating left to do. I, for one, think this is the best season since the winds are steadier (important to a sailboat), the weather is cooler and there is less humidity, and the fall colors will soon make the "Rivah" even more beautiful. Let's get out there and enjoy it.

For those of you who did not attend the Annual QYC Crab Feast on September 30th you missed a great time. The crabs were hot and big, the beer cold and the weather could not have been better. We had a good turnout and everyone had a great time. Major kudos are in order for Mary and Bruce Barry who hosted the event and the whole QYC crew who helped out.

I have been told that on October 4th the Marina is going to shut down the electricity to the slips for a short while to enable VA Power to install some new equipment that is the *first step* to increasing the amount of electricity available at the slips. Hopefully the remaining work will go quickly so that boats that use large amounts of electricity (read powerboats) can operate with less risk to electrical equipment from low voltage. *(Continued on page 2)*

October is a busy month which starts off with the Columbus Day Cruise on the 7th and 8th. Then there is the justly famous QYC Frostbite Regatta on the 14th and 15th, one of the oldest sailboat races on the Bay. Finally, there is the Fall Clean-up Day on the 21st with a rain date the following day. October also brings us the Annapolis Sailboat and Powerboat Shows, an annual pilgrimage where we can spend any remaining "boat units" on the stuff we hold so dear and just cannot live without.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE Sandy Huizenga

A "Thank You" again to the Williams for the great raffle prizes, they are doing a great job with making the items interesting and fun. Also we were glad to have the "Weenie Queen" back. Thank you Sandy Roy for the excellent grilled hot dogs. An update on the History of QYC: I am getting some response but of course would appreciate more. We are accumulating information and items etc. and are in the process of planning a special night in February for the display. I am still in need of Veteran Members to come forward with items or information. Call me or e-mail anytime at huizenga@erols.com



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES Ed Wright

As I'm writing this month's input, I'm torn between my fall house chores, fall boat chores, and getting the last couple of sailing trips in before winter puts a chill on my enthusiasm. They say that you can spot an avid boater by his yard, because of how much it is neglected during the boating season. I suppose the alternative should hold true then also; that the boater with an immaculate yard is surely going to have a few barnacles on their bottom (the boat's bottom, of course). I must confess that my yard is not in shambles, which means that I haven't done enough boating this season!

Going into winter with a boating deficit like this will surely make it a long, cold one. But, for the enthusiast, there are plenty of ways to stay sharp over the winter months. We certainly have to keep a watch on the boats, with frequent visits to the slips or boat yards to check on lines, stands, or whatever is keeping the boat in its proper place. And while your there, if you listen carefully, I believe you can occasionally hear the lonely skipper at the helm making motoring sounds while he steers his vessel on an imaginary course through warmer climes.

We can also keep our hearts and minds actively engaged in boating activities over the internet. In addition to the constant shopping opportunities, the sharing of stories and boating projects, there is a great deal of educational information available for the boater via the World Wide Web. There are lots of on-line boating information sites, and on-line magazines. Boat/US offers on-line boating education courses. There are several interactive computer-based study courses for preparing for the commercial captain's license. And there is lots of software available on general boat handling, navigation, and "virtual" boating.

So make use of these computer and on-line resources, or stay in your bath-tub with your toy boat to avoid being spotted at the wheel of your winterized vessel making boat noises (or just blame them on your cold, or say you were only clearing your throat). And get to work on those lawns and house chores that you've been neglecting for the past six months!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



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www.anglefire.com/va/qyc



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



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

Phil E. Rogers

First things first - the Club's business. Happy New Year everyone! October begins our new fiscal year - and you know what that means - it's time to renew your annual QYC membership. I hand-delivered the dues notice letters to those attending the crab feast and will do the same at the next meeting. This should save a little in postage costs. The remaining letters will be put into the mail. Your prompt attention in renewing your membership will be appreciated. The dues remain at \$84: \$60 for regular family membership and a \$24 building fund fee assessment.

Has anyone noticed the fabulous weather we have had? We had a good turnout at the crab feast. Thanks to the Barry's for hosting the crab feast and all those who pitched in and helped. What makes these social functions such a success is everyone's willingness to help. There is just too much that needs to be done at one of these social functions to expect (the same) few people to do everything. It makes the work a lot lighter when everyone pitches in. I think everyone had a good time and got their fill of hamburgers, hot dogs, crabs, beer, and all the other fine food that individuals brought.

After the crab feast (the next day) was the "Blast on the Beach" at Tim's River Shore. There was the big belly contest, the bikini contest, and lots of sights to see. There was a tie in the big belly contest and there had to be a "belly-off" to break the tie. Hey, we are talking serious money here too--\$500 for the top winners. So now is the time to start working on those bodies and getting ready for next year's event. Someone was saying that in order to make it fair, and to get more people to enter, that next year there would be a category in the bikini contest for 50 and older. Now that could be disgusting.

As I write this article the boating calendar is packed with activities. We have the Columbus Day cruise to Cobb Island and there are the sailboat and powerboat shows in consecutive weekends in Annapolis. October has all the makings of being a pretty good boating month.

Be sure to attend the next meeting, October 13th, so you can keep current on the latest happenings



CRUISING NEWS

Cliff and Sandy Roy

Our summer has come and gone, it seems as though it was only yesterday that we were getting our boats ready for the water. By the time you get this newsletter, the season will have passed us by. For those of you who attended the Labor Day Cruise, I am sure you will all remember the great time you had. The "Pub Crawl" around Old Town was I think the highlight of the trip. By the way, the winners of the "Pub Crawl" were Todd & Kerri Rogers. Congratulations, and wear your T-shirts proudly. By the time this newsletter is published, the Club will have taken its final Water Cruise for the season. However, Sandy and I are going to try and arrange a couple of Land Cruises for the winter months. The first one being a tour of the White House after all the Christmas Decorations are up. Please let us know if you are interested. Dates will be arranged within the next month. Our thanks go out to Don & Sharon Radeke for all the thought and planning to make the Labor Day Cruise another great success.

Cliff & Sandy





RACING REAR COMMODORE Rav Boisvert

One of the biggest and longest running regattas held on the Potomac River takes place on the 14th and 15th of October here at our very own Quantico Marina. The annual Frostbite Regatta brings in boats from all over the Potomac River. The schedule of events includes two (2) races on Saturday followed by a social with food and drinks at the Quantico Yacht Club. Members, all members, of the club are invited to attend the social to help make our guests feel welcomed. We ask members to bring a dish to share to augment the food provided by the race itself. Our past motto was "No matter what weather occurs, no one goes home hungry". On Sunday the 15th we will conduct the last race and tally the scores for presentation of awards. There will be two separate classes; one for spinnaker boats, and one for non-spinnaker boats. The regatta usually ends around noon-1:00pm on Sunday. Based upon past history, we usually experience a weather front passing the area on our race weekend, which means one day of light to no wind and one day of "thrills and spills". We need more QYC boats on the starting line! The QYC has not brought home a trophy in the past few years and I hope that this year we can change that.

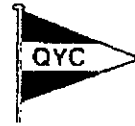
A big "Thank-You" to the crew of *A Party of Four* for volunteering to be Committee Boat for the regatta. Hope to see you on the water!



SOCIAL NEWS Sandy Huizenga

The Crab Feast was a great success and a lot of fun. I understand the keg was floating at the end of the evening. Thank you to all for the great dishes and help of the members. A special "Thank You" to Bruce & Mary Barry for sponsoring the Crab Feast. They did a wonderful job. Believe it or not we are starting the plans for the QYC Christmas Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at the Yacht Club, a

short QYC meeting then the party. Start shopping for a not-to-exceed \$10 white elephant present. Any questions contact myself or Lynn & Tony Peguese.



QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	7-9	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
	8 th	Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
	13 th	QYC Meeting
	14-15	QYC Frostbite Regatta
	21 st	Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
	22 nd	Rain Date for Clean-up Day
	24 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
Nov.	6 th	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
	10 th	QYC Meeting
	21 st	QYC Executive Board Meeting
Dec.	2 nd	Parade of Lights - Washington Channel
	9 th	QYC Meeting & Christmas Party
	19 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
Jan.	12 th	QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
	23 rd	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	25 th	Superbowl Party - Chili Cookoff at QYC
Feb.	9 th	QYC Meeting - Election of 2001 Officers
	20 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
March	9 th	QYC Meeting - Change of Watch



PRYCA INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

Well, the cruising season is drawing to a close for the PRYCA boaters. There is one last cruise for

hardy souls in who want to brave the cold and snow- the "Parade of Lights" will be held in the Washington DC area the first weekend in December.

November's delegate meeting is coming up and we will be voting in the new executive board. If any QYC member has any questions or information they would like to have addressed at these meetings, please feel free to contact me and I will pass it along.

Our IOBG charter is in hand past commodores! The QYC executive board would like to do the official presentation at the upcoming monthly meeting on October 13th. Please RSVP back to me by Friday noon if you are going to be unable to attend.



The following article was taken from the Boat/US web site at <http://www.boatus.com/news/chores.htm>

Forget Anything? BoatU.S. Lists Eight Most Overlooked Chores when Putting Boats Up for the Winter

September 11, 2000 - For the millions of recreational boaters in the U.S., fall means more than raking leaves and changing the furnace filters. This is the time when boaters in all but the warmest climates go through the annual ritual of winterizing their boats. According to a recent review of insurance claims in Seaworthy, the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance and Damage Avoidance Report, boaters most often overlook the following jobs when getting their boats ready for winter:

- Not draining the engine intake sea strainer. Water left in the strainer can freeze and break the watertight seal. When the ice thaws in the spring and the intake seacock is opened, water pours into the boat, often getting discovered too late.

- Not storing biminis and dodgers inside. "Many people think the same cover that protects you from sun and spray in the summer also protects the

boat from sleet and snow in the winter, but it doesn't work that way," said Bob Adriance, editor of Seaworthy. "Not only do dodgers and biminis get ripped apart by winter winds, but accumulated snow often bends their aluminum support frames."

- Not closing all seacocks - except cockpit drains- when storing the boat in the water, including thru-hull fittings above the waterline. "Leaving seacocks open is like leaving your door open when you go on a long vacation," said Adriance. "It's a huge risk." If a thru-hole can't be closed, either because it is broken or mechanically frozen, the boat should be stored ashore.

- Not clearing cockpit drains. Every winter, boats are damaged or even sunk by nothing more than a few leaves blocking cockpit drains. Water then trickles through the companionway, staining the interior woodwork, delaminating the cabin sole and soaking into bulkheads.

- Not adding extra lines and chafe protection. Blustery winter winds can tear a dockline apart lots faster than gentle summer breezes. If a boat is stored in the water, double the docklines and add chafe protection.

- Not having the right cover for the boat. Shrink wrap is used frequently to protect new boats, and is also fine for old boats, as long as the shrink wrap is well ventilated. Without enough ventilation, problems can occur with mildew, rot and exterior boat paint. Protective boat covers also need to be well supported so they don't accumulate snow and water, and should never be secured to the jack stands or support blocks.

- Not checking the boat regularly during the winter. Don't rely on bilge pumps to "guard" the boat. Bilge pumps fail, and boats sink.

- Not thinking the boat needs winterizing. Boats in temperate climates need winterizing too. In 1998, California had more winterizing claims than any other state, including Alaska and Maine. Don't think below freezing temperatures "can't happen here".

For a free guide to winterizing your boat, go to BoatUS.com, any of the 55 BoatU.S. Marine Centers, or call 1-800-283-2883. With 515,000 members, BoatU.S. is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters

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