

# QYC NEWSLETTER

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# ALEXANDRIA CRUISE & CRABS FEAST COMING

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### COMMODORES COMMENTS

Ross Horton

As I write this August is winding down and Labor Day is upon us. But while summer is fading away the boating season is still in full swing with a busy fall planned for QYC members. September starts off with the ever-popular QYC Labor Day Cruise and then the fall racing season gets under way with the National Capitol Leukemia Cup. On September 22-24 there is the PRYCA End of Summer Party and the month ends with a bang at the (almost) world famous QYC Crab Feast. That's quite a month of activities with something for everyone.

I have been contacted by MCCA about a General Officer's Symposium taking place at the end of September. MCCA inquired whether some QYC members would be willing to take some of the Symposium participants boating or sailing on September 29<sup>th</sup> as we have done in the past. At this time they do not know how many participants may desire to go boating on the Potomac but they should know several days before the event. I assured MCCA that QYC would be happy to help entertain the Symposium participants. Therefore I need some QYC volunteers who are willing to stand by to take some of the participants and their families boating or sailing.

It is the time of year again for the BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grants program. The foundation is making a total of \$45,000 available for small grants to be awarded throughout the country for projects or proposals to promote boating safety. You may recall that QYC received a grant two years ago to fund the development and printing of a safety checklist designed by Martin Betts. The deadline for submission of a grant application is November 1, 2000. Anyone with an idea for a grant proposal should contact the Executive Board.



### VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE Sandy Huizenga

I would like to emphasize again that we are still looking for historical information on QYC.

Please contact me with any information you may have, whether you think it's worthwhile or not. Thank you again to the Williams for their setting up the raffle prizes, which were enjoyed by the winners. I'd also like to send a Thank You to Larry for being last month's "Weenie Queen," and Joe Hansen, we always appreciate your great work on the refreshments!



### SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES Ed Wright

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end, and the kids are going back to school already. Even though it's the end of the summer vacation season, it's just the beginning of the best part of our boating season. The weather should be cooling off a little, the leaves will begin turning colors soon, and some of the heavy boat traffic will begin to thin out so we can enjoy it all more to ourselves. This is also a good time to begin thinking about our winter lay up plans. As you all should know by now, Quantico will not be holding a boat haul again this year due to the deterioration of the pier head. The first alternative, of course, is to just stay in the water. Many boaters at the marina have claimed their bottom paints have held up for three years with few, if any barnacles showing up. Don't believe that you're better off in the fresher water up river here, however. Fresh water is less dense than salt water, and this makes migration of the water into the fiberglass more likely, which could result in blister problems in the hull. While the water around here is considered to be brackish (a mix of salt and fresh waters), with all the rain we've been getting this year, the salinity level is probably way down. Additionally, the Quantico marina's electrical system is not the best I've seen, and it's very likely that there is a fair amount of stray electrical current in the water around the boats.

This could cause some galvanic corrosion problems that may be hidden from sight until your next haul out. So keep these things in mind when considering whether to stay in this winter or have your boat hauled out somewhere else, and make your plans early as there aren't too many boat yards on the river and they may fill up before you've finished enjoying the fall boating season.

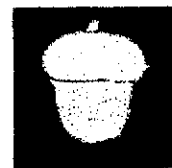
### IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129  
Marina Office: 703-784-2359  
QYC Web Site:  
[www.anglefire.com/va/qyc](http://www.anglefire.com/va/qyc)

### 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

In case you were not at last month's (August) QYC meeting, I covered in more detail some of the specifics relative to the FY 2000 year-end (September 30) projections and the proposed FY 2001 budget.

I had stated in the newsletter, and at the meeting, that "barring any unforeseen events, we should finish FY 2000 with a budget surplus of about \$2,000." I also explained that there were several items that contributed throughout the year to that favorable budget surplus. Well I am glad I qualified my comments with "unforeseen events" because we just had an "unforeseen event" occur. Over the past couple of years I have reported that the checks I had written to the United States Treasury for the phone bill had not been cashed or deposited; and then for the past year the Club has not even been receiving a monthly telephone bill. I had called over a year ago and inquired about the checks not being deposited and was told that the person that was responsible for that job had left and that position had not yet been filled. (Continued on page 5)

position has now been filled—the Club received a phone bill from MCCA for \$681—which was an “unforeseen event.” I hope there are no others.

There were a couple of “out of the ordinary” items included in the FY 2001 budget. One was the addition of another 18,000 BTU air conditioner and the other was the purchase of a 32-inch TV. The existing 27 inch TV would be moved to the Kids Room to replace the one in there, which is on its last leg. There was a short discussion of the proposed budget, which resulted in a unanimous approval. The bottom line is that the dues for FY 2001 will not change—a Family Membership will be \$60 and the Building Fund Fee Assessment of \$24, for a total annual dues of \$84.

After last month’s article you ask, “How did the boat trip to Portsmouth go, how was the weather, etc.?” Well I am glad you asked. The weather wasn’t too bad. Yeah, we had rain about every day, but it was clear in the mornings when we were traveling and we were always in our slips by the time the afternoon showers came. That was the routine drill. In fact, the worst weather we experienced on the entire boat trip was about thirty minutes south of Quantico. We were just passing Wades Bay; I was heading zero degrees due north. The skies had turned very dark towards the north, the water was calm, and the tide was flowing out (south). I could tell by the conversations on the VHF radio that the weather was getting dicey farther up north. I was cruising along about 16 knots and all of a sudden you could see the waves were starting to build; the wind was coming from the north. In the blink of an eye, it was raining so hard you could hardly see more than 20 feet and the wind must have been blowing about 25-30 mph.

What does Chapman say to do in a situation like this?

- **Avoid collisions.** I had my navigation lights on; and fortunately, I knew exactly where I was too.
- **Reduce speed.** I pulled the throttles back to about 1200 rpm, just enough to maintain about 6 knots forward momentum. I looked behind me and four smaller boats had pulled in behind me to seek protection. Now that really put some pressure on me to do everything “by the book.”
- **Post lookouts.** It’s recommended that you have two. Well Patti was the only one on board (beside myself). She was the “posted lookout.” Now, if I ran into something, I had someone to blame.
- **Consider anchoring, or laying-to.** It was too late for this. My objective was to keep the boat headed into the weather. Boat handling under adverse conditions is an individual matter for each boat captain. No two boats are exactly alike in same sea conditions. I know my boat and how it reacts from previous encounters with rough weather—and this was nothing.

All in all there were a lot of pluses in my favor.

- I happened to be headed in the same direction the storm was coming from.
- The tide was going out (with the storm) so the waves didn’t have a chance to build.
- I knew exactly where I was at all times.
- And most of all, the storm only lasted about 20-25 minutes.

Other than that, the trip was great.



### CRUISING NEWS Cliff and Sandy Roy

Our thanks go to the Hansen's, the Spence's, and the Hand's for making our Cruise-To-Nowhere another great cruising weekend. It's folks like this group that make all of our cruises a lot of fun. Once again thank you all so very much. By the time you all read this newsletter, our Cruise to Old Town for the Labor Day weekend will be behind us. I'm sure this is going to be another great cruise. Our next cruise will be to Cobb Island for Columbus Day. Sign up early so that I can reserve enough slips. The agenda will be; arrive on Saturday, Dinner that evening, brunch Sunday morning, then return to Quantico on Monday. Remember to bring a dish to pass for brunch and for dinner.



### RACING REAR COMMODORE Ray Boisvert

The fall racing season is about to begin! The first regatta will be held in Alexandria, Virginia at the Washington Sailing Marina on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Volvo Leukemia Cup promises to be another grand event. Entry forms and handouts can be received by calling Ms Drake at 703-960-1100. Or you can register Friday night the 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:30pm or Sat morning before the Skipper's meeting at 8:30am. Give me a call if you want more info.

The remaining Fall Schedule is as follows:

- 30 Sep at Mt Vernon
- 8 Oct at Dahlgren
- 14 and 15 Oct at Quantico
- 4 Nov at the Washington Sailing Marina

Put 14 and 15 October on your calendars today and join the fun racing for two days out of our own Quantico Marina. The annual Frostbite

regatta has been raced out of Quantico for decades and continues to showcase our facilities and hospitality. The crew of "A PARTY OF FOUR" has volunteered to be Committee Boat and, as always, all QYC members are encouraged to participate by providing a dish to share for the visiting boats. I'll have more info on this regatta later this month.



### SOCIAL NEWS Sandy Huizenga

Get ready for this year's annual QYC Crab Feast, scheduled for Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, and guests are welcome, too. The price this year is \$10 per person. A sign-up sheet is at the club on the Bulletin Board, and the Barry's are sponsoring the event. I'm sure they will appreciate any and all help. If you have any questions, please contact Mary & Bruce or myself. We're all looking forward to another great time.



### FLEET CAPTIAN'S CORNER Ray Williams

Summer is rapidly drawing to a close, but as I write this, the Labor Day weekend is rapidly approaching. While it is sad that summer is ending, this also means we can expect the good sailing weather to start! See you on the water!



### QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept.	2-4	QYC Labor Day Cruise
	8 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	9 <sup>th</sup>	National Capitol Leukemia Cup Regatta
	22-24	PRYCA End of Summer Party
	26 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	30 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Crab Feast

<b>October</b>	7-9	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	14-15	QYC Frostbite Regatta
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rain Date for Clean-up Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting

<b>Nov.</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
	10 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	21 <sup>st</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting

<b>Dec.</b>	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



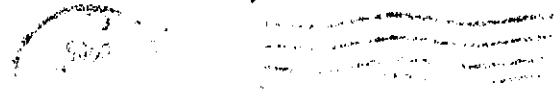
#### **PRYCA INFORMATION** **Rhonda Carson**

PRYCA's "End of Summer Hoe-down" will be held at Fort Washington on September 22-24 as Tantallon Marina is still under construction. The cost per person is \$35 and covers a catered rib dinner, live dance music, and Sunday brunch. Some of the club competitions will be hog calling, yodeling, a watermelon seed spitting, dinghy races, a hat decorating contest, and the ever-popular Tug of War. I have posted more details and reservation forms on the bulletin board at the club for interested QYC members. The deadline for this event is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me or one of the points of contact listed on the sign up forms if you have more questions.

Quantico Yacht Club now has it's own charter IOBG. We were unanimously voted in on August 4, 2000 at the regional meeting in North Palm Beach, Florida. The active past commodores should have all received their membership cards and the regional group will contact us for an appropriate time to present the club with the IOBG burgee. We are hoping we

might be able to entice them down for the crab feast but I haven't heard back on that one yet.

Remember if you are heading south on your travels, the Carson's Tiki bar is located at Cole's Point Plantation -stop in and have a cold one!



***Don't forget to detach the latest Membership Roster, provided inside this Newsletter and save it!***