

QYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Ross Horton

As I write this, it is pouring down rain, the temperature is raw, and it is generally unpleasant outside. But it is the end of March and things are happening here at QYC. Astronomical spring has come, and the boating season is close at hand. Some members have been already enjoying the occasional nice weekend.

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence that you have placed in me by electing me as your Commodore for the coming year. I will certainly do my utmost to justify that trust. The Club, however, will be successful and prosper only with the active participation of all its members. We have already begun planning for a fun filled year with a calendar filled with Club activities, races and social events. A tentative calendar of events is included in the newsletter. The calendar is tentative since it is a work in progress and additional items can be added. This is your Club and any ideas or suggestions for additional activities are welcome.

As many of you know, Mike Piriak, the Harbor Master, is retiring, effective May 1, 2000, after many years of service to the Quantico Marina. He has always been extremely helpful to all marina patrons and his presence at the helm will be sorely missed.

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We wish him luck and best wishes for an enjoyable retirement. I know that he is looking forward to a bit of painting. The Club is planning to honor Mike at the April 14th membership meeting. MCCA has not yet selected his replacement.

One matter that has been brought to my attention is the practice of some marina patrons (certainly not QYC Members!) of wrapping the excess of their shore power cords around the base of the pedestal while the cord is plugged into the boat. If the cord gets tight and the boat surges in its slip due to wind or wave action, the cord may break the bottom of the pedestal loose from the dock. In addition to the damage to the fiberglass base, it is conceivable that the electric lines could be damaged presenting a risk of serious shock together with the possibility of damage to the telephone and water lines. The Marina has a number of pedestal bases that must be replaced. You are urged to coil the excess shore power cord and any excess water hose and keep it on the boat.

The Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Fleet Captain will provide additional information about this combination work detail and social gathering. So grab your gloves, tools and clean-up gear and come on down.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE **Sandy Huizenga**

My thanks to QYC members for their confidence in me to serve as this year's Vice Commodore and Social Rear Commodore. (Larry wants me to quit raising my hand!) An immediate goal as VC is to organize an extra event for the year which will be "WALK FOR A CURE" Breast Cancer Fund-raiser. June 3, 2000 so mark your calendars and sign up. Call with any suggestions for the raffle prizes.



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



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES **Ed Wright**

April brings the annual rite of re-commissioning our boats. To this end, we are also re-commissioning our club's newsletter with some slight changes in format due to the use of a different application to assemble it. No significant changes for the first newsletter here, but I am open to suggestions for updating our newsletter for the new millennium. Member articles describing boating adventures or other items of interest are also solicited. Anyone wishing to contribute articles may email them directly to me for input at the following address: wrightee@mindspring.com.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:



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

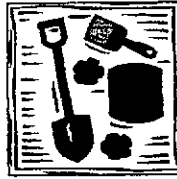
The business/financial activities (from the "Treasury Department") at QYC have been a little slow the past couple of months. The nominations, elections, and installation of new officers have taken the forefront. Now that spring has officially arrived and boaters' attention is now on getting the boat ready for another season of fun filled activities on the water, I hope to see an increase in applications of new members. Remember, if you see any new faces down at the marina, be sure to ask if they are members of QYC, and if not, to please join. Also, take a few minutes to tell them of the many benefits of being a member of QYC—there are so many to mention.

This spring has really been different from previous ones. I have missed seeing everyone down at the marina getting their boats ready for the "big launch day." That's because there isn't one this year. I guess that's enough said about that. Seriously, I have missed visiting with

everyone—seeing who has gained weight or lost weight over the winter months; finding out about any new repairs or modifications being made to the boat before launch; finding any new products such as bottom paints, cleaners, waxes, etc.; and even catching up on any new gossip. It has really been quiet down at the marina this spring compared to previous seasons—no sanders grinding, no buffers whirring, no banging, no smell of fresh paint and waxes, etc.—I wonder if we will see an increase in the wildlife habitat this year.

Speaking of getting boats ready for the season—I sure miss mine. Many of you have asked where the Sea Cabin is. Well there was a number of “preventive maintenance” type things that needed to be done to her. She was still running fine, but there comes a point in time that “things” have to be taken care of. You know what the ole mechanic says—“you either pay me now, or pay me more later.” Well, I hope I am at the “now” part of that statement. The Sea Cabin is now about fifteen years old, so it’s time that certain things need to be “removed, inspected, repaired, and/or replaced as necessary.” I have been pushing the envelope on a number of these things like, exhaust manifold risers; spark plug wires, distributor caps, and rotors; rebuild the carburetors; raw water impellers; change the coolant, engine water hoses, and fan belts; etc. These are things I could do myself, but it would take me a whole season to accomplish this on a piecemeal basis. So I figured I would take the Sea Cabin down south (on the River) and have this work done over the winter months and bring her back in the spring—that was my plan anyway. I should find out in about a month if my plan worked. It will be nice to have her back in her slip.

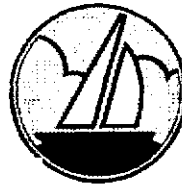
Enough of all of this—hope to see you at the next meeting April 14th. This new Executive Board is showing a lot of enthusiasm in getting the QYC and the new boating season off to an exciting start. Be sure to be there to find out the details and take part in the activities.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL

Ray Williams

As your new Fleet Captain, I have already started making plans and the first one is our annual Spring Cleanup on 22 April. The fun starts promptly at 9:00 AM with Donuts, Bagels and Coffee and ends as soon as we are done. In the meantime I will be looking around for those things that need to be repaired. If you have any suggestions or comments, please e-mail me at ramon_williams@2die4.com or stop me on the pier. All suggestions are welcome. Ray



RACING REAR

COMMODORE

Ray Boisvert

The Potomac Yacht Racing Club (PYRC) held their annual meeting in March and established the 2000 regatta schedule as follows:

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| 13 May | Occoquan Bay Regatta at Fairfax Yacht Club |
| 27 May | DICF Feeder Race/Memorial Day Cruise to Mattawoman Creek |
| 3 June | 18th Annual Kids Kup Regatta at QYC |
| 9 Sept | Leukemia Cup Regatta at Washington Sailing Marina (DICF host) |
| 30 Sept | Mount Vernon Yacht Club Regatta |
| 8 October | Under-the-Guns Regatta at Dahlgren Yacht Club (Note: this is a 1-day event to be sailed on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend) |
| 14-15 Oct | Frostbite Regatta at QYC |
| 4 Nov | Frostbite Regatta at Washington Sailing Marina (DICF host) |

Racers holding rating certificates issued by the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of the Chesapeake, Inc. (PHRF) need only compete in 4 regattas to be eligible for PYRC River Championship awards. Non-PHRF-certified racers may win awards at individual regattas without becoming eligible for PYRC awards.



CRUISING NEWS **Cliff and Sandy Roy**

Once again the boating season is upon us. Sandy and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, old and new members alike. Sandy and I are looking forward once again to being your Cruising Commodores. Our first trip of the season will be Memorial Day weekend; when we will be going to Sweden Point Marina at General Smallwood State Park. I have requested 15 slips for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the board for the April meeting. Through the year we will be asking for sponsors for the different cruises, your help will be deeply appreciated.

Your cruising Commodores were very lucky this winter. We were able to get Amerid III out at least once a month for a 3-4 hour cruise. Once again we wish you a safe and fun season.



SOCIAL NEWS **Sandy Huizenga**

We are trying something different this year. Each social event is sponsored by a different QYC member. The first of which is Mother's Day, May 14th. This event will be sponsored by Chris and Joanne McMurray. Sign up sheet at the Clubhouse. Joe Hansen will be Refreshment Chairman for all events and Sandy Roy will be our "Weenie Queen." This means, she will sell cooked hot dogs before each meeting. (2 for \$1.00)

Remember, all events need your participation not only in attending, but also helping to setup and take down is always appreciated. We are looking for a fun filled eventful year!!



PRYCA INFORMATION **Rhonda Carson**

The Executive Board has worked hard in compiling a great calendar

of events for Quantico Yacht Club this year! I am looking forward to representing the club as our PRYCA delegate and would like to take just a few lines and highlight the PRYCA events that we have been invited to participate in. More detailed information sheets and sign ups will be posted on the club's bulletin board throughout the cruising season.

In May we have not one but two "Blessing of the Fleet" events- one on the Washington Waterfront and the other taking place in our front yard in Occoquan Bay.

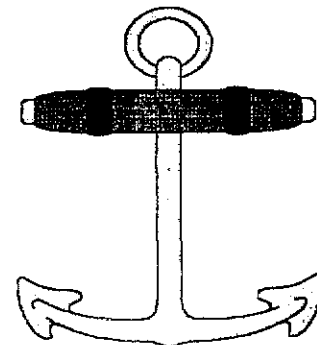
June 9 - 11, we have the very popular Cobb Island Days. Cliff Roy (703) 491-2369 has graciously offered to committee this jaunt and we need to reserve early to be able to get slips at Cobb Island Marina.

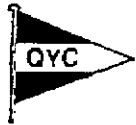
July is the biggest event(usually over 150 boats) with the float-in at Ft. Washington. Maybe this will be the year we attend...

August has a new event to the PRYCA calendar with the Dog Days of Summer located at Colonial Beach. We may have a calendar conflict so keep an eye out for possible changes.

Lastly, we have the End of Summer party at Tantallon in September. Yes, they will be shuttling people between there and Ft. Washington again as the marina is still in receivership.


See you on the water!



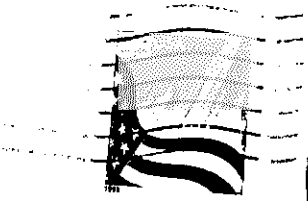


QUANTICO YACHT CLUB'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000-2001

April	3 rd	PRYCA Commodore's Night	October	7-9	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
	14 th	QYC Meeting		8 th	Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
	22 nd	Spring Clean-up Day		13 th	QYC Meeting
	29 th	Rain Date for Clean-up Day		14-15	QYC Frostbite Regatta
	27 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting		21 st	Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
May	7 th	Blessing of the Fleet - Occoquan Bay (OYC)	22 nd	Rain Date for Clean-up Day	
	12 th	QYC Meeting	24 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting	
	13 th	Occoquan Bay Regatta (FYC)	Nov.	6 th	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
	14 th	Mothers Day Cookout at QYC		10 th	QYC Meeting
	23 rd	QYC Executive Board Meeting		21 st	QYC Executive Board Meeting
27-29	Memorial Day Cruise to Sweden Pt	Dec.	2 nd	Parade of Lights - Washington Channel	
June	3 rd		Race for the Cure - Breast Cancer Benefit - Washington, DC	9 th	QYC Meeting and Annual Christmas Party
	3 rd		PYRC Kids Kup Regatta at QYC	19 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	9 th	QYC Meeting	31 st	New Years Eve	
	9-11	Cobb Island Days - PRYCA	January	12 th	QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
	18 th	Fathers Day Cookout at QYC		23 rd	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	20 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting		25 th	Superbowl Party - Chili Cookoff at QYC
25 th	Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore	Feb.	9 th	QYC Meeting - Election of 2001 Officers	
July	1-5		4 th of July Cruise - Coles Point Plantation	20 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	14 th	QYC Meeting	March	9 th	QYC Meeting - Change of Watch
	14-16	PRYCA Summer Float-in at Fort Washington			
	25 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting			
August	11 th	QYC Meeting			
	12-13	QYC Cruise to Nowhere			
	12 th	QYC Summer Party			
	12-13	PRYCA Dog Days of Summer at Colonial Beach			
22 nd	QYC Executive Board Meeting				
Sept.	2-4	QYC Labor Day Cruise			
	8 th	QYC Meeting			
	9 th	National Capitol Leukemia Cup Regatta			
	22-24	PRYCA End of Summer Party			
	26 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting			
30 th	QYC Crab Feast				

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