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## THE COMMODORE SANDIE DOUCETTE

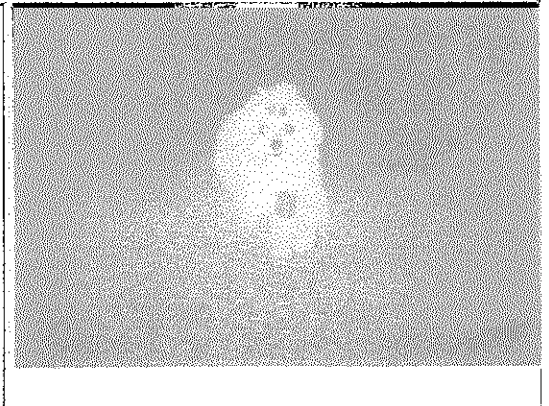
I hope everyone that attended the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance had a good time. I know we did. Thanks to the Shore Committee, the Country Club was well decorated with lots of shamrocks and leprechauns. There was even a real live little leprechaun running around.

Our first fleet event has come and gone. There were three AHYC Boats that braved the cold weather and cruised to Old Town Alexandria. Unfortunately, we were not the only "first on the water" club this year. National Potomac was also at Old Town. Oh Well!

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the Annual Progressive Dinner, and are looking forward to the Enchanted Weekend in Pennsylvania.

It is now April and everyone is busy getting their boats ready for the season. The first safety class of the year has completed with 22 members attending and passing. The Navigation Class is set to begin March 22 and the GPS Class will start on April 5. A special thanks to John and Jane Malatak for devoting so much of their free time conducting these classes.

Dave Richardson, Chairman of the Community Action Committee, has formed another committee which is trying to eliminate the boat tax in Stafford County. They have had their first meeting and will report to you during the April Membership Meeting.



### A new kind of dog "Commodoran"

Plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party are well under way. There are 20 members on the committee. The first meeting was very productive with ideas flying all over the place. The party will be held at the Harbour Inn on June 17. There will be a live band, swimming, entertainment, and a few other surprises. The food includes Steamship Round of Beef, Shrimp, various side dishes and an anniversary cake. There will be some activities during the day on Saturday and possibly a breakfast on Sunday morning. Mark your calendars and plan on staying on your boats for the weekend. The committee will meet again on April 2 and keep you all informed.

Well that is all for now, see you at the Membership Meeting on April 4th.

*Thanks, Sandie*

# VICE COMMODORE

CLAUDIA EDGAR

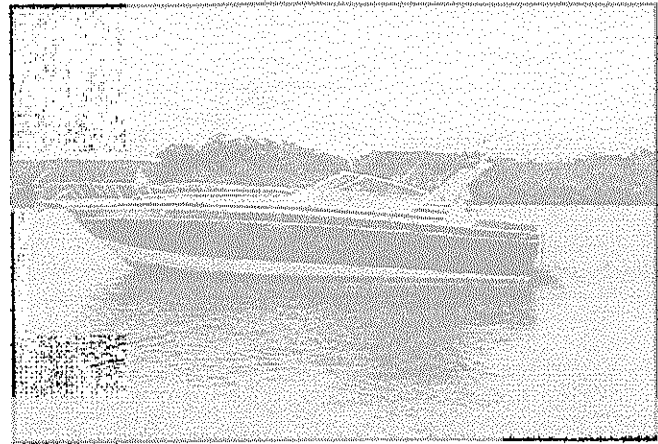
## Ahoy from the VICE !!!

The program for the April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting is a discussion on Water Safety Violations. The guest speaker will be Officer Paul Atkins, of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation. Thanks to George, we also have informative boat safety articles on the web. Thanks George for a great job, well done!

Alma Johnson, our Health and Welfare Committee Chairman needs to hear from us when someone is ill and needs a card or flowers. Be sure to call her with news of our members.

The Gull is having a few problems with our Printer/Mailer. We are working on solutions to this problem and hopefully everyone will have their Gull by the April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Mike, the Gull is *looking great!* Keep up the good work.

The Web has a new section - FOR SALE. So if you have any nautical things to sell, just let Darrell know and he will publish it on the Web. Also look for CLUB EVENTS and FLYERS on the Web - AHYC.org



Mischief Too

Last, but certainly not least, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party planning is under way. The event is schedule for **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars— you won't want to miss the **EVENT**. We're going to have **DINNER, DANCING, GAMES SWIMMING, CONTESTS, RAFFLES** and maybe **Breakfast**. More details coming soon! If you would like to serve on this Committee, let me know - 659-6569.

See you at the Meeting

*Claudia*

### Cash Flow Report (AHYC) 2/1/00 Through 2/29/00

Category Description	2/29/'00
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
(50-50)	38.00
111 MEMB. DUES	0.00
112 INIT. FEES	100.00
113 INTEREST	2.36
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>140.36</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
510 MEMBERSHIP	100.00
520 FLEET:	
524 REFRESHMENT	55.03
529 4th of July	450.00
<b>TOTAL 520 FLEET</b>	<b>505.03</b>
540 GULL - H&W:	
542 HLTH & WELL	60.76
<b>TOTAL 540 GULL - H&amp;W</b>	<b>60.76</b>
550 FACILITIES:	
555 CABLE TV	29.63
<b>TOTAL 550 FACILITIES</b>	<b>29.63</b>
580 OPERATIONS:	
587 PO BOX	24.00
<b>TOTAL 580 OPERATIONS</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>719.42</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-579.06</b>

# REAR COMMODORE

BETTY RAYMOND

Well for those who attended the St. Pat's Dinner/Dance, the Shore Committee hopes each of you had a great time and enjoyed the food and music.

My special thanks to Jane Malatak who won the raffle for the GPS and then unselfishly "gave it up" so it could be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The proceeds from the auction will go to the Retarded Children's Fund. Again, thanks to John and Jane Malatak. Congratulations to Fred Tucker for being the owner and the winner of the new GPS.

Our Progressive Dinner on 25 March will be over by the time you receive this GULL, but as of this article it looks as if there is going to be a large attendance.

In the past, the Spring Dance has been held outside and down at the Marina. The weather this time of year is usually unpredictable and sometimes windy and cool. An awful lot of work is put into this event and it seems a shame that most participants leave early because the weather is unreasonably cool. Therefore, the Shore Committee decided to have the event at the Harbour Inn, but, once again, the opening date for the Harbour Inn have slipped. We will have our Spring event at the Country Club on Saturday May 6, 2000. As usual, the dress will be casual and the theme will be Mexican Fiesta/Cinco De Maya. The following gives you some more details:



Denny and Betty at a Super St Pat's Dance

PLACE: Country Club  
DATE: 6 May 2000  
TIME: 6:PM Cocktails

7:PM Dinner  
MUSIC: 8 - 12 PM DJ  
FOOD: Assorted Mexican Food (TBD)  
PRICE: \$40.00 per couple

There will be lots of prizes to be given away. There will be more details and a sign up sheet at the April 4 General Membership Meeting.

For more details, contact Betty Raymond at 720-3043 or Lisa Schwartz at 659-9972.

See you at the meeting

*Betty*



And who might this Leprechaun be?



Arnie!

## FLEET CAPTAIN

TERRY SCHNEIDER

Four "hearty" vessels ventured to Old Dominion for the St. Patrick's Weekend Cruise to Old Dominion on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March (C'est Tu, My Girl II, JacksFull and Spatz). No report yet on how they fared. We had rain for the Boater's World Yacht Club Discount Night on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Nonetheless, fellow yachters were present to take advantage of 10% off of everything in the store.

We are still taking sign-ups for the Coles Point Memorial Day Weekend on May 26-29 (getting real close to a waiting list). We are also taking sign-ups for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July trip scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> at Pt. Lookout. Plans are also underway for an extended trip during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend. The plan is for a trip south. Dave Goodman is organizing the trip and I'm sure he would welcome any suggestions you may have. Let him know if you would like to go on the trip.

The PRYCA is planning their Blessing of the Fleet for Saturday and Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. See



the flyer in this newsletter for further information. We still don't have all the details on the trip at this time. We will be taking sign-ups at the April General Meeting. There is also a flyer in this newsletter for the PRYCA Float-in scheduled for 14-16 July. We will start taking sign-ups when we have more information.

We are also in the process of planning the Aquia Harbour Yacht Club Flag Raising Ceremonies for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Make plans to attend to receive your "free" 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary burgee. More information in May Gull.

*Terry*

## IMMEDIATE PAST

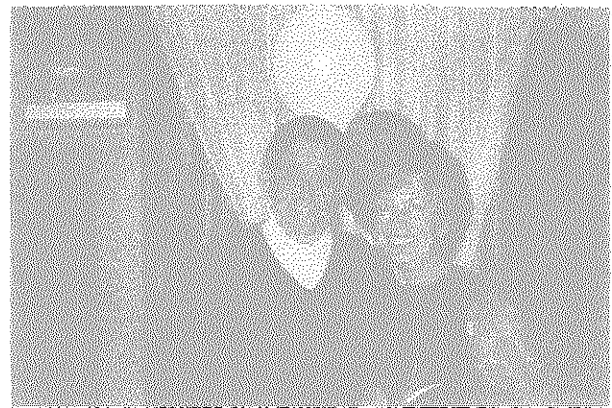
### COMMODORE

BONNIE CAMPBELL

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Parade of Lights Saturday April 8, 2000

Hosted by the Washington Waterfront Association with assistance from the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association on the Washington Waterfront during the 2000 Cherry Blossom Festival.

The Parade of Lights will begin at the Municipal Pier at 8:00 p.m. The boats will parade in the channel, along the Water Street waterfront. Following the parade, a reception will be held at Capital Yacht Club for all participants.



Tom and Bonnie Enjoying St. Patricks

Both Gangplank Marina and Capital Yacht Club are offering complimentary slips for participants who do not berth their vessels on the waterfront.

To register, contact PRYCA Member at Large, Andea Storey at [awstorey@aol.com](mailto:awstorey@aol.com) or (301) 572-7457

Thanks,

*Bonnie*

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS and TOPICS

Our guest speaker for the April 4th meeting will be Officer Paul Atkins. Paul is with the Enforcement Division of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He will present a discussion and question and answer session on Water Safety Violations. Avoid that ticket, and join us for an interesting and informative presentation.

### The Boat Safety Act of 1971

Ever rent a boat or PWC, and wonder who is responsible for the regulations? Well the answer is You. This includes the registration requirements and safe operation of the craft. Also, make sure there are enough PFDs and Fire equipment on board. Make a check list, just as you would for your own boat, and protect yourself. The Boating Safety act of 1971 specifies that the operator of a boat involved in a collision, accident or other casualty, must report the incident if it results in death, injury requiring medical treatment, disappearance of a person or property damage over \$500.00. When a death or disappearance occurs, notify authorities immediately. If a person disappears from a vessel under conditions indicating death or serious injury, a written report must be filed within 48 hours. In all other cases make a report within 10 days. If the state you are boating in has no laws requiring reports, you must still make a report to the nearest Coast Guard Officer in charge. The only time water and alcohol mix is in a drink. The effect of that demon rum and cause you real problems when you are on the water in your boat. In some state, if you are found to be under the influence or intoxicated, you can be escorted to shore, and local law enforcement can take command of you boat. The combination of sun, motion, and alcohol can give you a false sense of security, impair judgement and cause you to take unnecessary risk when operating your vessel. Don't drink and Boat. Relax ashore or at the Dock, not on the water. Mind you wake too. We all know to reduce speed in confined areas, and no wake zones, it is common sense and it's the law. You should also keep in mind that your wake can cause damage or injury even in open waters. When passing smaller boats, allow enough distance, and pass in such a manner so your wake can be taken by the smaller vessel with out the risk of swamping. Remember, in many passing situations, you are the burdened vessel and the other boat must stand on. If you see that you are going to take a wake, hard, let you passengers know. They can hang

on to a rail or sit down until the danger has passed. Avoid injury to you boat and passengers by observing safe boating practices.

And just in case you missed it last time, here is a reprint of the March Article

### Basic Navigation

Basically, the objective of navigation is taking a vessel that is located at a known location and moving it to another known location. The basic tool we use to navigate is the mariner's compass. The compass takes care of the critical step of pointing in the correct direction. The compass is a simple device made up of the Card, which rests on a pivot held by the attraction between the Earth's magnetism and small magnets fixed to the card. The card is a circular disc of non-magnetic material. It is marked in graduated equal divisions of degrees in a full circle. The central pivot is a sharp-pointed hard metal. The apparatus is mounted in double gimbals so the effects of motion are counteracted. The whole assembly is floated in oil inside a compass bowl. Marked on the inside of the compass bowl is the lubber's line. In action, as the vessel turns, the lubber's line turns while the card continues to point toward the Earth's magnetic North pole. This is a hard concept for beginners to understand as it looks like the compass card is turning. When your vessel stops turning the lubber's line points to the number of degrees on the card indicating the new heading. There is a difference between true North and Magnetic North. This difference is called *variation*. Variation changes with the geographic position on the earth. The amount and direction of variation are found on the Compass Rose on the Chart you are using. Variation is named east or west. When the earth's magnetic field causes the compass to point eastward from True North, the variation is east, and vise-versa for west. To determine the magnetic steering course, subtract east variation from the magnetic course and add west deviation. The compass is your most important navigating and piloting tool, so take good care of it. Keep it out of prolonged exposure to excessive light and heat. Also prolonged exposure to the cold can damage the compass.

### Laying out a Course Line

To get from one place to another, you should first get a chart of the area you are boating in. The chart should show aids to navigation, water depths, and obstructions to navigation. Additionally, shore points should be shown so the navigator can locate reference points along the intended track. To layout a course line, first

select a starting point. This can be your dock or in most cases the first channel marker on your intended track. Your chart will give you the Longitude and Latitude for the channel marker. The chart will also identify the marker (e.g. R "2" FI R 4 sec). Next select the next way-point on your intended track. Again this can be a marker. Now for the easy part, if you have a set of parallel rulers, lay the rulers from the first point to the second point and strike a line. This will be your course line. To obtain the direction, transfer the line to the compass rose by walking the rulers to the middle of the Rose and obtain the bearing from the compass ring (the bearing will always be in the direction you intend to go). Remember if the Compass Rose does not have both a True and Magnetic ring, you will need to make the correction for variation noted in the Compass Rose. Now that you know the direction, mark the line with the true bearing. Next you need to determine the distance to be traveled from point to point. To do this, it is easiest to use a set of dividers. On the chart will be the lines of Latitude (broken in to minutes). As we know one minute of latitude is equal to one mile. Set your dividers to measure the distance from one point to the next, then transfer the measure to the latitude markings and determine the distance. Record the distance below the track line. You now have a course. So how long will it take. That depends on how fast you are running. But, we can determine this too. It is a simple formula:  $60 \times D = S \times T$  where D = Distance, S = Speed, and T = Time. So if you know the distance to travel, and you know your planned speed, you can compute the time for each leg on the intended track. Here are a samples for you.

$$D = \frac{S \times T}{60} \quad S = \frac{60 \times D}{T} \quad T = \frac{60 \times D}{S}$$

You should always record your courses in a log or plot them on a chart. Storing the route in your GPS is also a good idea. To learn more, come to the meeting, I will have a plot set and chart and show you how this works after the meeting.

Safe boating,  
George M. Allen



## AYHC Member's Continue To Excel – by John Malatak

*“Dedicated to Boating Safety, Education, The Environment & Fun”*. Our club motto couldn't be more appropriate. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> twenty-two of our members successfully completed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron *“Boating Safely”* course. The members who are listed below demonstrate that once again, our membership reaches out – show's their dedication to boating safety, education, and the environment – while having fun and fellowship along the way. What a GREAT CLUB we have!

Jane and I continue to be honored to be members of our great club! It is truly a joy to conduct the various courses for our friends and our fellow club members. We enjoy the fellowship and opportunity to provide the various education programs and raising everyone's level of boating safety awareness. In addition, Jane and I would remiss if we did'nt thank George Allen for his assistance in setting up the classroom each night of the class and for always being there to assist us with any logistical need we had..... BRAVO ZULU, George!

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following graduates:

George M. Allen, Deanna J. Andrews, Jack O. Andrews, Claudia A. Edgar, Darrell R. Edgar, Diana L. Genotti, Martin E. Keller, Sharon L. Leonard, Bryan P. Mulgrew, Connie C. Mulgrew, Dennis E. Mulgrew, Andrea Olkowski, Catherine E. Olkowski, Catherine Eve Olkowski, John D. Olkowski, Jr., John D. Olkowski, Sr., Dorothy Richardson, Linda L. Sims, Michelle M. Sims, William E. Sutherland, Alan Steve Taylor, Frederic Tucker.

Just a quick note from the editor. First I want to thank all the members for their patience with this editor, things don't always run as smoothly as wanted. Secondly I wanted to put an updated roster in this month, but space is just a bit tight. Next Month a brand new roster and hopefully more pictures, send me your best snaps of club members. We want to see ourselves at our best and worst moments. Thanks, Mike

# The WWA's 2000 Blessing of the Fleet *and* PRYCA's Pre-Blessing Activities

May  
20  
|  
21

Saturday May 20

Daytime

Club Open Boats  
Safety Displays

Evening

A Party

Sunday May 21

Blessing of the  
Fleet at 1300

Plan to attend the 2000 WWA Blessing of the Fleet and PRYCA Pre-Blessing Activities.

Slips at Gangplank and near by marinas.  
Birds of a Feather sessions hosted by the clubs Saturday afternoon.

USCG Aux. CME's available Saturday.  
PRYCA will handle registration for the Blessing of the Fleet

Registration, and if needed slip reservation, packages will be distributed at the April Delegates meeting.

WWA hopes to arrange for free slips for those participants that do not berth their vessels on the waterfront. We have no confirmation yet, but we assume they will be successful. Slip Reservation details will be available at the April Delegates meeting. If WWA asks us to handle slip reservations and there is a limited number of free slips, they will be assigned in the order the registration forms are received from the clubs.

We are planning a party Saturday evening prior to the Blessing.

More details will be available at the April Delegates meeting.

If you have any questions contact Fleet Capt. Randy Semper at (540) 659-1229 or [rsemper@erols.com](mailto:rsemper@erols.com)



# *Aquia Harbour Yacht Club 25th Anniversary*

*June 17, 2000*



Great Food

Music

Games

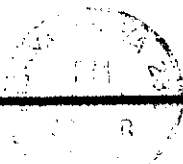
Moonlite Swim

Dancing



**AQUIA HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  
YEAR 2000 EVENTS**

<b>April</b>	
8-9	D.C. Parade of Lights
8-9	Enchanted Weekend
<b>May</b>	
6	Spring Fling
7	Flag Raising/Blessing of the Fleet
20-21	PRYCA Blessing of the Fleet
26-29	Coles Point Plantation (Memorial Weekend)
<b>June</b>	
9-11	Cobb Island Days (PRYCA Sponsored)
9-11	Reedville Fishing Tournament
17-18	AHYC 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
23-25	Mini Float-in
30	Pt. Lookout/Washington Basis (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)
<b>July</b>	
1-4	Pt. Lookout/Washington Basis (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)
5-	Possible Extended Cruise
13-16	PRYCA Float-in
28-30	Stepps Marina
<b>August</b>	
5	Aquia Landing Festival
11-13	PRYCA Down River Day
18-20	DC Yacht Club
26	Marina Fest
<b>September</b>	
1-4	Port Kinsale (Labor Day)
12	Elections
15-17	Colonial Beach
22-24	Tantalkon End of Summer (PRYCA Sponsored)
<b>October</b>	
6-9	Tall Timbers
9-	Possible Extended Cruise
27-29	Old Town Alexandria (Fall Foilage)
<b>November</b>	
3-5	Cobb Island Oyster Roast (Frost Bite)
18	Fall Ball
<b>December</b>	
31	New Years Eve Party



Aquia Harbour Yacht  
Club Silver Anniversary

Aquia Harbour Yacht Club  
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Stafford, VA 22554

Ned Rhodes PRYCA  
2749 N. Wakefield St  
Arlington VA 22207-

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[WWW.AHYC.Org](http://WWW.AHYC.Org)

*We are first on the Water.*

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**IOBG**———Bonnie Campbell