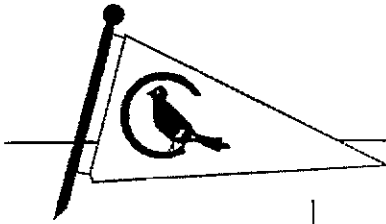


NEPTUNES NEWS



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2000
COLONIAL YACHT CLUB
May all your Y2K problems be gone!**

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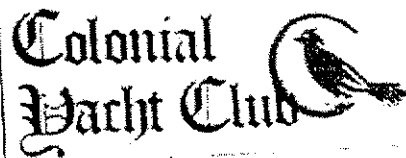
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FAREWELL ADDRESS

From: Commodore
Carey Geddes

"A sincere thanks to all of you"

There are three groups who must be acknowledged as responsible for the great success the Colonial Yacht Club has realized over the last twenty-six years. Their order is chronological and does not imply the importance of their contribution.

The first group to which recognition should be given are the founders of the Colonial Yacht Club, who with little more than a hand full of members chartered this club in 1973 to form a fraternity for boating enthusiasts. Membership at last count was sixty.

Secondly, appreciation should be expressed to the succession of diligent leaders-the Commodores and Officers of the club. They have through the years, kept the organization alive and functioning. They have given hours of administrative service and have urged the membership to greater effort. From the list of these elected officers can be singled out Past Commodore Mike McKenney, in whose effort and dedication to this club, shared with me his infinite wisdom over the last three years.

The third to receive specific commendation are the members. It is these members whose interest is in building a better boating fraternity, by electing their officers, planning and participating in events and cruises, for it is to these members whose interest has sustained the Colonial Yacht Club.

In closing, I would like to wish Commodore-elect Frank Markham the greatest success in his tenure as Commodore and look forward to a great boating season under his command.

CYC MEETING

Date: February 12th, 2000

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: HUNAN'S RESTAURANT

Agenda: 2000 Board Members will be sworn in. 2000 Activity and Cruise schedules to be announced.

Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. See you there!

2000 Board Members

Commodore	- Frank Markham
Vice Commodore	- Tom Bowles
Rear Commodore	- Dave Johnson
Fleet Captain	- Bill Johnson
Secretary	- Fran Johnson
Treasurer	- Judy Purkey



EASY ACCESS

Darti Markham, editor of Neptunes News, is now online.
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**From:
COMMODORE – ELECT,
Frank Markham**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carey Geddes, on behalf of all members of the CYC, for the outstanding job he has done as Commodore for the last three years.

During his watch, the club has grown by approximately twenty members and the enthusiasm of all members has grown immeasurably. This is evident in the increased participation in club-related events.

On behalf of the Bridge, I would also like to thank Carey for the exemplary leadership he has shown us during his tenure. His organizational skills and his ability to guide us through several areas of rough water will be sorely missed, but I hope he will be available in an advisory capacity in the future.

Best of luck Carey, and thanks.

**From:
HISTORIAN – Chet Gardner
“A Festival of Lights” –
THE LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

Those of us who live in Colonial Beach are still hearing favorable comments about the Lighted Boat Parade December 4th along the riverfront, Mattox Creek and Monroe Bay. It is satisfying feedback to the Club's Sponsorship of the 17 –boat parade.

The inspiration of this year's parade began with the modest, last minute three-boat lighted cruise last December. CYC members and Colonial Beach Town Manager Art Buswell, along with Ken Jordan, decided on the idea to help promote the fledgling Town Museum and increase interest in Santa's visit as part of that promotional effort.

Ken's "Aquila" and "Nauti-Gal", together with our "Messing About", constituted Colonial Beach's first lighted boat parade. That was the beginning.

By Labor Day, Club member Julia Saulnier, president of the Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce, broached the idea of whether we could hope for such a parade in '99. At that time, Ken had plans to be in Baltimore on the same day the Chamber here had marked for Santa's visit and a corresponding lighted boat parade. I volunteered (I get in more trouble doing that!) to see if I could encourage participation.

By the end of October, I felt we could count on six or seven boats. By mid-November, that figure doubled and I informed the U.S. Coast Guard of the planned "Marine Event" of approximately 12-13 boats. However, by noon Saturday, Dec. 4 – the day of the parade



the number shot to 17. A pleasant surprise!

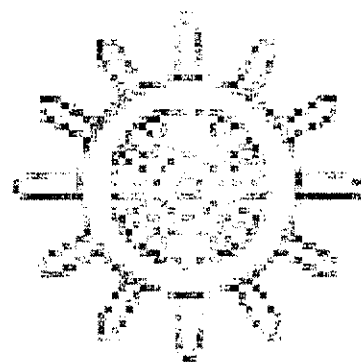
The weather was perfect for early December with calm waters and a beautiful sunset preceding our line-up near marker #2.

Everyone who participated made the parade a success. Al Cosby's "Virginia 10" entertained both us and those on shore with his stellar star on top of his boat's mast and the music being played as he cruised up and down the beach front.

Then there was the Schicks' "Sea Nymph" which looked like a surfaced submarine covered with lights, probably the most lights per foot than any other boat in the parade. Millard Owens' blue lights cascading from his immense fly bridge was a beautiful counterpoint to all of the white icicle lights on the other boats.

"Aquila" and "Bad Sam, too" were bookends of the parade – each competing for the biggest display of lights. Then there was Clarence Stanford's motor sail "Pathfinder, Too" with two masts of lights. Escorting all of us was the Colonial Beach Rescue Squad boat with Santa in his sleigh on the bow being drawn by Rudolph with a flashing red nose. We were all grateful for the Squad's help in leading us in low tide and through the land mines of unlighted markers in Mattox Creek

Weather permitting, we should have many more participating – and watching – in the year 2000 lighted boat parade.



OCTOBER – DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT’S HALLOWEEN BASH!

We danced the “Wooley Bully” and the “Monster Mash” at the “Dockside Restaurant’s Halloween bash.

The ghosts were visual clinging to the ceiling fans for flight and there wasn’t a single “Ghost Buster” any where in sight.

Most in attendance were in original costume. The “Cindy Cane Band” played all the “Spooky” tunes.

However, the Colonial Yacht Club had an “Abracadabra” night. They won all (4) four places for having their garb just right.



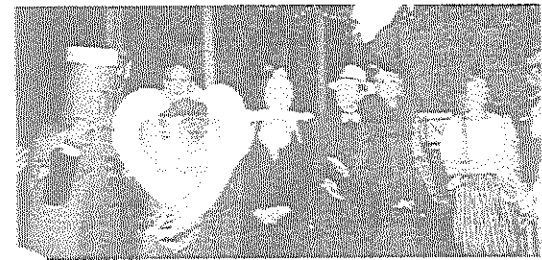
THE WINNERS:

- 1ST Place - Frank & Darti Markham – Shrimp Cocktail and Cocktail sauce
- 2nd Place - Carol Owens – Oh What a Baby
- 3rd Place - Buzz and Doris Buswell – Mae West and a Gangster
- 4th Place - Tom and Barbara Brown – Pirates



Even though there was a “Bad Moon Rising” all the winners received a lot of nice prizes.

Remember the tunes? CD-“Monster Mash Party Music”.



NOVEMBER 13TH MEETING “Oyster Roast”

Great turn out for the November meeting and “Oyster Roast”. The weather cooperated splendidly for our Chef Tom Bowles who welcomed the 75 degree weather by wearing shorts and “t” shirt.

Oysters were plentiful and the Clam and Fish Chowder delicious. Wav to go Tom , you did it again, another tasty feast!

DECEMBER 18TH MEETING COMMODORE’S BALL/CHRISTMAS PARTY

“Dockside Restaurant” hosted the 2nd Annual Commodore’s Ball. The food buffet was excellent and the restaurant was decked out in its festive finery. The fire was crackling in the fireplace which set the mood for the evening. The gents were dressed in their tux while the lady’s glittered in their party best.

We exchanged gifts and donated money to charity. The band “Joey and The Jammers” played the music most of us enjoy and the Colonial Yacht Club’s all girl chorus found out they could not sing. They may or may not try again. Who knew?

As we close out 1999 and we say farewell to our Commodore Carey Geddes, many of us are going to feel the void. Carey truly took the Colonial Yacht Club in the right direction for the past three years. Unfortunately many CYC members will never know the amount of time and effort he put into this club to make it a successful one.

Carey along with his bridge became active members of the PRYCA and the CBYCA. Participated jointly in activities with other Yacht Clubs and helped to spread the good news about our Colonial Yacht Club and its members

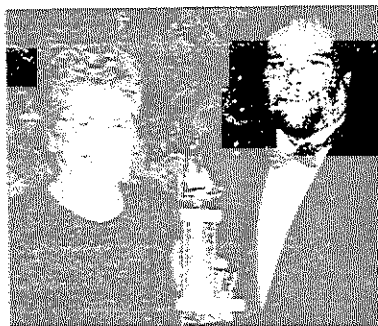
Thanks Carey it has been a great ride for many of us! Our members should be proud of a job well done!



On the waterfront

AT RIGHT: At the Colonial Yacht Club’s annual Christmas dinner, election and second annual Commodore’s Ball this weekend, Julia Sautnier, Chamber of Commerce President, left, presented a trophy from the Chamber to Carey Geddes, outgoing Commodore of the Yacht Club, for the Club’s Lighted Boat Parade on Dec. 4.

ABOVE: Incoming Commodore Frank Markham with past Commodores Geddes, Cecil Sawdy and Mike McKenney.



NEW YEARS CELEBRATION 2000

Approximately forty (24 club members and their guests) brought the New Year 2000 in at the "Naughty Gull Restaurant" in Solomon's Island.

The private party was the type of bash that if you did not enjoy yourself it was your own fault.

The D.J. played a mix of music for all ages and the restaurant owner Patti out-did herself again with a wonderful menu and decorations to help us ring in the New Year. The food was delicious!

Our host, Billy Johnson was recovering from a bout with the flu and wasn't feeling up to par. He rallied though to celebrate his wife Fran's Birthday party on Dec. 31st. As the evening wore on the flu-bug wore gone.

Not a good thing to have our up-beat Fleet Captain Bill down. We rely on him to make it happen.

A GREAT TIME!!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Marylou Nelson	1/10
Bill Weaver	1/11
Haywood Rich	1/17
Valerie Bowman	1/23
William Boldon	1/29
Robert Blunt	1/30
Angus McKellar	1/30



February

Donald Reid	2/2
Ginny Prudhoe	2/5
Inge Littman	2/8
A.T. Garner	2/9
Kyle Schick	2/11
Jim Halsey	2/11
Ken Jordan	2/18
Frank Markham	2/21
Dottie Rich	2/23
Tommy Goode	2/26
Mary Corral	2/26
Stephan Williams	2/27
William Bowman	2/28

SICK CALL

Ken Jordan and Judy Willingham's little granddaughter. We wish her well. Our prayers are with you and yours.

ANNIVERSARY (corrections)



Wayland and Bobbi Jones -- 39 years not 37
Mike and Sandy Massey -- 34 years not 33
Don't want to make a mistake on these important dates.

PRYCA AND CYC "Dog Days of Summer"

In the planning stages NOW! The FIRST of many mid-river events. Sponsored by PRYCA and Colonial Yacht Club. The event takes place at Colonial Beach Yacht Center on August 11th, 12th and 13th.

This is going to be BIG and will take a joint effort with the Town of Colonial Beach, PRYCA and CYC. All of our members as volunteers will be involved. We are estimating as many as fifty (50) boats from other Yacht Clubs attending.

Everyone please place these dates on your calendars! August 11th, 12th and 13th.

ONLINE RESOURCES

POTOMAC RIVER
YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION
<http://members.aol.com/prycanews>

CHESAPEAKE BAY
YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION:
www.cbyca.org

WE'VE SIGNED ON FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR WITH BOAT U.S.

BoatU.S. Membership benefits include:

- ✓ An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- ✓ A 684-page Discount Equipment Catalog, plus special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases.
- ✓ Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 425 marinas.
- ✓ Low-cost, high protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats and PWC's.
- ✓ On-the-Water Towing, with your choice of service levels-from \$50 per incident (free with membership) up to Unlimited Service- provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatU.S.!
- ✓ BOAT/U.S. Magazine- a full year's subscription is included with membership.

Dues are only \$8.50 for our Club members. Not \$17.00 – You save half.

Contact: Frank Markham for a BoatU.S. Membership application. If you are renewing your BoatU.S. Membership, be sure to mention our Co-op Group #GA – 80136Y to get the special \$8.50 rate.

Note: 35 Club Members already belong.

TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000

2nd annual Historical Society, Big Band Dance – May 6th
 Antique Boat Show – May 20th and 21st.
 Mid-Atlantic Sea Doo Championships – May 27th, 28th & 29th
 49th Annual Potomac River Festival – June 23rd – July 4th
 Fourth of July Celebration – July 4th
 16th Annual Pohanka/Olds Triathlon – July 9th
 8th Annual Truck & Van Show – July 15th
 36th Annual Chicken Bar B-Que – July 22nd
 21st Annual Rod Run to the Beach – August 19th & 20th
 34th Annual Roadwalk Art & Crafts Show – Sept. 9th & 10th
 Double Ironman Triathlon – Sept. 15th - 17th
 6th Annual Ed Sloper Rockfish Tournament – Oct. 6th, 7th, & 8th
 20th Annual H & S Fencing 10K – Oct. 28th
 10th Annual NARFE Big Band Dance – Nov. 11th
 Santa's Wonderland and Boat Parade – Dec. 2nd.
 For more information call: (804)224-0732 or 224-8145
 Town of Colonial Beach: (804)224-7181
 18 N. Irving Ave, Colonial Beach, VA 22443

NORTHERN VIRGINIA POWER SQUADRON WINTER 2000 SCHEDULE FOR EIGHT-WEEK BOATING COURSES

- Jan. 20th -7:00 p.m., Robinson High School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Register by phone with Fairfax Recreation Department, (703) 222-4664.
- Jan. 24th -7:00 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Middle School- Arlington Community Center, 3501 South Second St., Arlington, Register with Arlington County Parks Dept. (703) 228-4747.
- Feb. 1 – 7:00 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean, Register with Community Center, (703) 790-0123.
- Feb. 3 – 7:00 p.m. Francis Scott Key Intermediate School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, Register by phone with Fairfax Recreation Department, (703) 222-4664.
- Feb. 8th – 7:00 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11450 South Lakes Dr., Reston. Register by phone with Fairfax Recreation Department, (703) 222-4664.
- Feb. 22 – 7:00 p.m. Buckhall Fire Station, 7190 Yates Ford Rd. Manassas, Register with instructor Frank Phillips, (703) 580-1855.
- Mar. 2 – 7:00 p.m. Fairfax Yacht Club, 10721 Old Colchester Road, Mason Neck, VA Register with instructor Bill Fulford, (703) 591-2118.

Note: My son, Craig Markham, took this eight week course last year at South Lakes in Reston.

Due to the new MD law regarding age requirements to operate a boat in Maryland waters.

July 1, 1972 is the cut off date to pilot a boat without a certificate of having a U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Course.

Craig told me this was one of the best things he ever did for himself. So much he didn't know and he looked forward going to the course each week because it was so interesting and educational.

PERSONAL THOUGHTS:

To all CYC Members on their winter vacations. Wish you the best vacation ever.
 So happy for Mike and Sandy Massey. They are finally seeing their millennium baby completed.
 Beautiful new home in Colonial Beach.
 Happy for Diane and Randy Kestner. Another beautiful new home coming to completion in Colonial Beach.
 Many of our boaters are getting their boats up and running with new engines, transmissions etc.
 One of our members is heading to Washington State to make sure his boat gets the best.
 Our Yacht Club will surpass all previous cruise records to other ports this year for sure.

BAYSIDE

By Ira Black

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I recently came across a letter sent by a boater to his marine insurance company.

The letter was in response to a request by the company for more information about an accident the boater had, and for which he was filing a claim.

Following are the insured's comments:

I am writing in response to a request for additional information for Block No 3 of the accident reporting form. I listed "poor planning" as the cause of my accident.

You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, so I trust the following detail will be sufficient.

I have a large sailboat, and on the day of the accident, I was working alone at the top of my 80-ft. mast, having done quite a lot of work to it all that day.

When I finally finished the project. I discovered that, over the course of several trips up the mast, I had brought up perhaps 300 lbs. of tools and spare hardware.

And rather than carry the now unneeded tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small wooden barrel by using a pulley attached at the topmost part of the mast.

Securing the rope at deck level, I went back up the mast and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back down the mast and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 lbs. of tools.

You will note in Block No. 11 of the accident report form that I weigh only 155 lbs.

Due to my surprise of being jerked off the deck so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope.

Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the mast. In the vicinity of the 40 ft. level, I met the barrel coming down.

This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the deck and the bottom fell out of the barrel.

Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 10 lbs. I refer you again to my weight in Block No. 11.

As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the mast. In the vicinity of the 40-ft. level, I met the barrel coming up.

This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools, and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind

I let go of the rope.

Pictured is our cruise to "Point Lookout"



Flags flying to warn boaters of "Hurricane Floyd"

