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HERE COMES SUMMER!

CYC JUNE MEETING:

June 17th-Cruise to Cobb Island/Meeting at Cobb Island. NOTE: Please make checks payable to: "Dockside Restaurant" in the amount of \$20.00 deposit. Registration form and check must be in Fleet Captain's (Bill Johnson) hands by May 31st.

Other CYC events to remember:

Memorial Day, Sunday 28th. Time 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Event free to all slip holders and CYC members. Pork bar-b-que, cole slaw, iced tea, beer and music under the tent. Please bring a covered dish.

June 23-July 4th - Family Fishing Tournament

COLONIAL YACHT CLUB'S POTOMAC RIVER FESTIVAL EVENTS:

June 24th - Party on the Point (in back of Dockside Restaurant). Time: 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Boat Parade Registration - 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. For those boats that have not registered prior to the 24th. \$10 cover charge includes Pig Roast. Music : Band - "Two Left Feet" 7-11p.m. 50/50 Raffle.

June 25th - Potomac River Festival/Boat Parade, 1:00 P.M. Committee members Carey Geddes, Mike McKenney and Relda Schick. Any questions call: (804)224-7230.

TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH EVENTS:

Mid-Atlantic Sea Doo Championships - May 27th, 28th, 29th

CYC 27th Flag Raising Ceremony

May 13th, 2000

STATE OF THE YACHT CLUB

*Commodore Frank Markham's speech
regarding the state of the Colonial Yacht Club*

In this, the year 2000, the state of the Colonial Yacht Club is good. We are beginning a new century with increased membership (now totaling 61) and the anticipation of adding many more new members. With the addition of new members over the last several years we have had an increased level of participation of both new and old members. This is probably the biggest reason that the state of the yacht club is good.

This year, our members will participate in the near record number of activities. The large planned events will include: 3 cruises, the running of and participation in the Potomac River Festival Boat Parade, the help in planning of and participation in the Dog Days of August gathering of the Potomac River Yacht Club Association, the lighted boat parade, and the Commodore's Ball. Other planned events have and will include: Trash pick-up for Earth Day, the Antique Boat show and Parade, Cobb Island Days, the Family Fishing Tournament, boating education classes, the Rockfish

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Tournament, and the planned cook-outs with music and bonfires.

To me, one of the most important of these activities will be the boating safety classes. With the increased number of boats on the water, it is essential that all operators learn and know the basics of boating safety and boat handling to insure that all of the activities of our club will be attended by all of our members without any mishaps.

The fun part of our summer will be the number of unplanned activities that will occur; cook-outs here and on the dock, crab feasts, fishing trips, spur-of-the-moment cruises to local ports, helping each other with boating problems, and even "yard saling" with Carna and Myrtle.

This participation in all of these many planned and unplanned activities by large and small numbers of our members provides the cohesion which holds the Colonial Yacht Club together, and in my opinion our cohesion is good; therefore the state of the Colonial Yacht Club is good.

I wish to thank everyone who helped with the planning, preparation and execution of the 27th Colonial Yacht Club Flag Raising Ceremony. Lets have a fun-filled and safe boating season.

Thanks, Commodore Frank Markham

EARTH DAY

April 22, 2000

Art and Doris Buswell, Dixie & Price Geenlaw, Tom & Becky Bowles, Frank and Darti Markham, Charlie Mullen, Jim Weaver, Dave Johnson and photographer Chet Gardner set out on a not too pretty morning with rain coats adorn to make Colonial Beach a little more beautiful. As the morning wore on the day became better. Trash collection consensus; Bud is the choice of beer and the Newport smoker switched his/her brand to Marlboro Lights.

So rewarding to have many Colonial Beach residents stop and say thank you. They wanted to know what organization was responsible for the clean-up. Only too happy to tell them CYC.

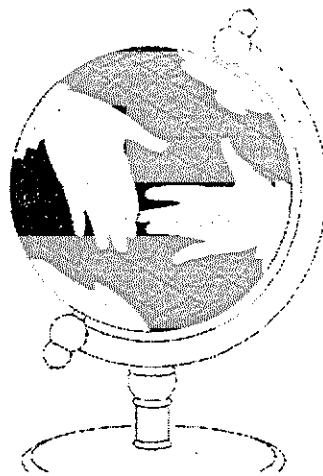
Thanks Art Buswell for supplying the orange trash bags. Thanks Dave Johnson and Tom Bowles for the burgers and dogs cook-out at the end of our walk.

CONGRATULATIONS :

To Tommy and Page Goode for twenty five years of membership in Colonial Yacht Club. Tommy and Page were recently voted by CYC for Lifetime Membership status to the Club. Tommy was once Fleet Captain for CYC and Page served on the Membership Committee for CYC and she wrote and contributed many wonderful articles to the "Neptunes News" newsletter. Wish them both many more happy boating years on their beautiful boat "Shenandoah". Two special people for sure.

To Shannon Sawdy the daughter of Dale and Cecil Sawdy for graduating on May 13th, 2000 from Mary Washington college with a BS degree in Environmental Science. All the CYC members are mighty proud of you Shannon.

To Mitch Constant, the son of CYC member Bonnie Taylor and step-son of C.V. Taylor, grandson of Sonny and Myrtle Nelson and nephew of Mike and Marylou Nelson club members all. Mitch has completed his college prep. and has joined the Spotsylvania Fire Dept. working as a medic. Mitch follows in his grandfathers and uncles footsteps for they were both firemen (now retired). It's a family tradition.



Note: Shannon and Mitch have both been on the dock of the marina with their families prior to pre-school. Many club members have watched them grow and maybe helped guide them just a little. *You've made us proud!*



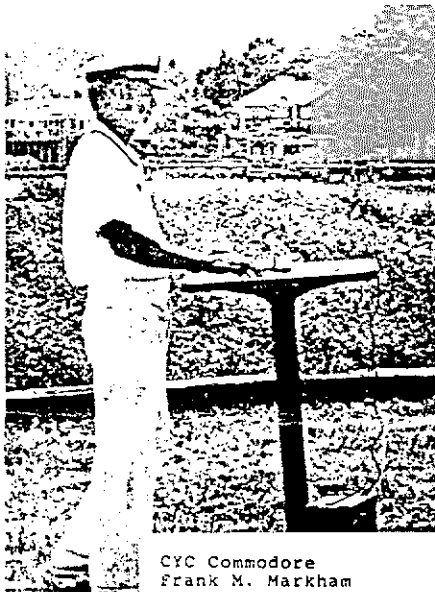
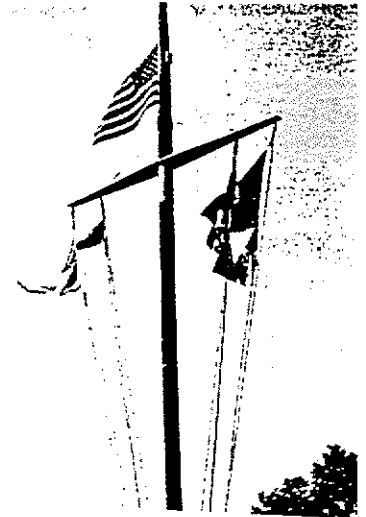
COLONIAL YACHT CLUB'S 27th FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Special thanks CYC members Manny and Karna Sparks and Myrtle Nelson for setting-up and clean-up prior to the ceremony; Dave Johnson for the cooking of the beef and to all the other members who contributed the other delicious dishes.

Thanks Kyle Schick for letting CYC use the facility and for the sound system.

Thanks Flotilla Commander Tom Myers and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-01 for being CYC Flag Handlers.

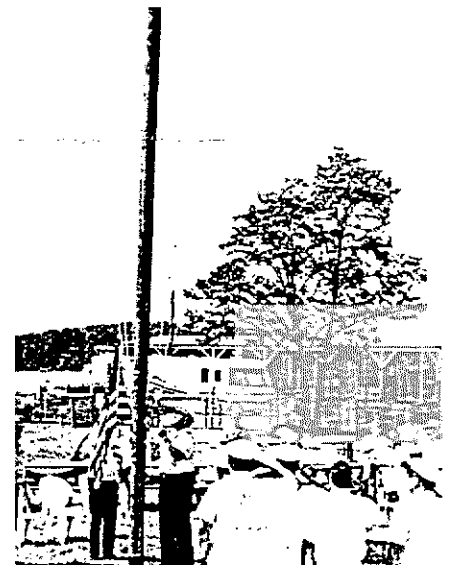
Thanks Carol Owens for being CYC Chaplain. Thanks Chet Gardner, CYC's Historian for the picture taking of the Ceremony. Thanks also to Past Commodore Mike McKenney for supplying the tapes and advice.



CYC Commodore
Frank M. Markham



CYC Flag Handlers -
US Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla 14-01
Flotilla Commander
Tom Myers in Command



CYC Chaplain
Carol Owens leads CYC
in the Pledge of
Allegiance



CYC Chaplain Carol Owens leads CYC in Prayer
Bridge L/R Treasurer Judy Purkey, Secretary Fran
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GET WELL WISHES

Kyle Schick's mom Dottie Schick
 Otis Lancaster's mom
 Mary Books
 Dottie Rich
 Gerrie and Jack McDonells
 grandson
 Judy Willingham and Ken Jordan's granddaughter. The little girl underwent a cancerous kidney removal with great success. The prognosis is good and she is doing quite well.



DEEPEST SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Dale Sawdy and family for the loss of Dale's father.

Randy Kestner and family for the loss of Randy's brother.

For the loss of Scottie Lunceford. Scottie and her husband Martin were the original owners of Dockside Restaurant and Marina. While cruising on their boat "Nancy Martin" to Florida they decided Colonial Beach needed a restaurant and marina. So they purchased the old oyster house which is now the Dockside Restaurant and sunk the first piling to start the marina. The year 1946. Upon completion, although construction was on going with the marina you could get a covered slip for \$30.00 a month and uncovered for \$5.00. They rented rooms above the restaurant for \$3.00 a night. The restaurant during the heyday of Colonial Beach saw many lavish dances and events. In 1954 the U.S. Coast Guard moved in upstairs and made it their home for many years. Thanks Mike McKenney for the info.

WELCOME ABOARD

Phil and Anne Bolen Boat: Apolonia
 Phil is Vice Commodore of PRYCA and he and his wife are also the proud owners of Colonial Beach's historic "Bell House". Welcome aboard! Welcome to the neighborhood!

CONGRATULATIONS NEW BOAT OWNERS

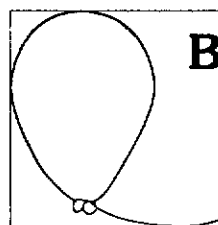
Bill and Fran Johnson's new Sea Ray is a real beauty. Wish you both and CoCo many happy hours of boating on the new "NIGHT MOVES".

MEMBERSHIP

We say farewell to long time members Donald and Jimmie Reid who have been members of the club for almost 22 years. Due to health the Reids have decided to get out of boating at this time.

Donald Reid was an active participant in the Masters Track and Field Program where he competed and traveled throughout the U.S. He did quite well in all the events he participated in.

The best to you both. You'll be missed.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

May 2000

Mary Virginia Stanford	3
Joan Cashwell	16
Chet Gardner	16
Kenneth Busche	17
Gerrie McDonell	20
Millard Owens	28

June 2000

Barbara Weese	1
Mitchell Constant	4
Jim Weaver	4
Mike Nelson	6
Dale Sawdy	10
Clarence Stanford	15
Ray Simmons	16
Jack McDonell	16
Carol Owens	17
Nick Nichols	23



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL CYC DADS!

Hope all CYC Moms
 had a wonderful Mother's Day

One CYC mom, Gerrie McDonell, had a great Mother's Day. She flew to Kentucky for a reunion with her new grandson Adam. He was released from a lengthy hospital stay due to complications just in time to see his dad (Gerrie's son) graduate from Graduate School with his Masters Degree. Congratulations!

U.S. Eliminates Degradation Feature In GPS Signals

(05/01/00, 6:20 p.m. ET) By [George Leopold](#), [EE Times](#)

The Clinton administration said on Monday that it will stop degrading the accuracy of publicly available Global Positioning System (GPS) signals at midnight tonight.

Elimination of the degradation feature, called "selective availability," means civilian users of GPS will be able to pinpoint locations up to 10 times more accurately than before. The White House had said it would seek to eliminate the feature entirely by 2006, but concluded that U.S. national security would not be harmed by moving sooner.

GPS signals have been degraded since the satellite service became operational in the 1980s to prevent the use of the navigation data for weapon targeting and other military uses.

"Along with our commitment to enhance GPS for peaceful applications, my administration is committed to preserving fully the military utility of GPS," President Clinton said. "The decision to discontinue [selective availability] is coupled with our continuing efforts to upgrade the military utility of our systems that use GPS, and is supported by threat assessments which conclude that setting [selective availability] to zero at this time would have minimal impact on national security."

Making the decision easier, the White House also said the Pentagon has "demonstrated the capability to selectively deny GPS signals on a regional basis when our national security is threatened."

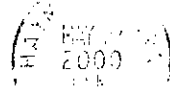
Thanks Leslie Cashwell for the information.



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