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MAY BRINGS MOTHER'S DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

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COMMODORES COMMENTS Ross Horton

It took awhile but its here! The boating season has finally arrived. With all the rain that we've had on weekends I was getting farther and farther behind on both boat chores and grass, but its here!

With the beginning of the boating season we start off the QYC season with the annual spring clean-up day. The Fleet Captain got quite a few volunteers together on the Saturday before Easter for the event. He bribed us with coffee, donuts, and bagels and the Club provided lunch with hotdogs and some sort of mystery hamburgers. The Club was thoroughly cleaned, some repairs were made and the highlight of the day was the installation of a new exterior door, complete with window to brighten the hall.

As for the low light, the Vice Commodore made a simple request and asked me to change a light bulb in the storage room. Two hours later, after testing circuits with Mike Triggs, tracing wiring, removing paneling and checking electrical panels we determined that the lack of light had more to do with a lack of electricity to the fixture than with a broken filament. I guess it does take more than one Commodore to change a light bulb.

The month of May brings a host of Club and related activities including a Blessing of the Fleet (OYC), the Occoquan Bay Regatta (FYC), the Mothers Day Cookout here at QYC and the Memorial Day Cruise to Sweden Point. Check your calendar and

sign up now. More on these events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Quantico Yacht Club is fast approaching 25 years old. We have come far, but now what? Among the things that the Executive Board has been discussing is the need to plan for our future. At the May membership meeting, the Treasurer will discuss our building fund investment account and I will discuss two committees that will be formed, one to evaluate our physical plant and one to make recommendations regarding our long-term goals. These are important to every one of us so I urge you to attend.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE **Sandy Huizenga**

Well my first meeting of sitting up front was interesting and not as tough as I thought. We had a good turn out and the raffle was fun, even if Cathy Williams walked away with most of the prizes. A reminder the "Walk for a Cure" is June 3, 2000 at 8:30am in Washington DC at the monuments. The sign up sheet is on the club wall, remember it is only a mile FUN walk and anyone can join in. We will be back by noon for the other scheduled club functions. \$20 registration fee per person to be given to me on or before May 12, 2000. Call me if you have any questions.

The clean up day was a lot fun, work and a learning experience. A simple task of changing a light bulb resulted in three men four hours later to finally remove the light fixture.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES **Ed Wright**

The Wright family managed to escape the monsoon season here by taking our Spring Break vacation in Maui, Hawaii. The weather was great, and we are really ready for warmer boating weather now that we're back. While there, we came upon the Lahaina Yacht Club in downtown Lahaina. It's a private club, but their sign indicated they have reciprocal privileges, so we walked right in. The only problem was our QYC membership cards were at home, stuck to the refrigerator under a magnet. I identified myself to the bartender, who informed me that I could go upstairs to the office and get a fax from our club to verify our membership...

only I couldn't remember the fax number (for those of you that don't know it... it's 1-800-WEDON'T HAVE1). He then checked his little book that listed all of the finest Yacht Clubs in America, but for some reason (administrative error I suspect), our club was not listed in his book. Accordingly, Dottie and I were not permitted to sit at the bar or eat in their dining room (it was actually a deck overlooking the ocean, but they waited on you... so I'm calling it a dining room!), but we did shop in their gift shop. The moral of this story is to make sure you have your membership cards with you when travelling. You never know when you might come across a new club, and you won't want to pass up the chance for cheap drinks, as well the opportunity to spread the name of our fine club around.

THE STORY OF MAX **As reported by Adv & Ed Wright, Sr.** **from the S/V Chessie**

Max, full name "Maximus Von Der Chessie" passed away on 27 February 2000 while cruising the Caribbean Sea aboard the Sailing Vessel Chessie. He was buried on a deserted stretch of beach on the Island of San Andres near Honduras. Max had an illustrious sailing career and had been a trusted and loved crew member on S/V Chessie for eleven and one half years. The following is a summary of some of the highlights from his sailing adventures.

When Max was a fuzzy little Rottweiler puppy, the S/V Chessie rescued two men in the Chesapeake Bay. It was somewhat of a "Chinese Fire Drill" as the engine overheated and quit and it was windy and rough, a freighter was coming, we were in the channel, the sun was setting, the cabin was full of steam, the bird was squawking, and Max was underfoot. Little Max was getting stepped on frequently and squealed loudly every time. So began his sailing days.

His relocation to Florida aboard S/V Chessie taxed his bladder to the limit as there were no trees from Beaufort N.C. to Key West, while sailing offshore. When S/V Chessie finally docked, we couldn't hold the leash as he dragged us down the dock to terra firma. Max never showed interest in the litter box we made up of well-used materials from a Key West field. A Coast Guard boarding party showed much interest in this same litter box as they carefully poked through the poo, however.

Max cut his pads badly walking on the coral while visiting the Dry Tortugas. Max was issued a set of leather booties that were less than successful as they stretched and became slippery when wet and required frequent reinstallation and retying. One dark and windy night at Ft. Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas, Max' mistress was fishing with pieces of hot dog for bait. There was a very strong tug on the line. The line would not budge and was followed around the forward mast and directly into Max' mouth. With one of us holding his jaws open and one reaching deep inside, the hook with bait was eventually recovered. Max had a sore throat for a few days.

In the Berry Islands, Bahamas, while moving from one side of Great Stirrup to the other when a front was coming through and the seas were rough, Max fell off the S/V Chessie and was not missed until the anchor was dropped. By dingy the search started in the rough waters of the channel despite the calls of other boaters, "You'll never find him out there". Max was found swimming in big circles in shark territory about an hour after falling overboard. Holding his collar, he was dragged to the nearest beach alongside the inflatable. Max proceeded to decorate a few bushes and assorted driftwood and then ran back into the surf to swim and play some more. Trying to push a wet, protesting, 120 lb. dog up the boarding ladder was work. Later, Max had his own ramp strapped to the ladder to transit from S/V Chessie to the dingy and back onboard. Max was also issued a harness and snapped to a padeye when it was rough. On another Bahama visit, Max dragged his mistress to safety after she hit her head on a rock while snorkeling. This was something that had been practiced frequently in the pool despite Max' grumbling.

Max was a big attraction wherever he took us. He discouraged many people that appeared to be "casing" S/V Chessie on the anchor or at the dock. In Guatemala, his master was known as "The Man of the Dog". In Roatan, Honduras and on San Andres Isla he was frequently referred to in a similar manner.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



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TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

Phil E. Rogers

One of the items of business at the last Executive Board meeting (April 27th) was a discussion about the Building Fund. As you know the money in the Building Fund has been invested in the money market, which is earning about 5.25%. The discussion centered on whether the money should be invested in something a little more aggressive and possibly earn a better rate of return. I am sure most of you are aware of what has taken place in the stock market, individual stocks, indexed funds, and mutual funds over the years; particularly the past three or four years

The Executive Board has the responsibility to manage the Club's assets with care and prudence. In as much as this is your money, the Executive Board would like to get your input and sentiments on a proposed investment plan. Essentially the decision will be—do we maintain the status quo of leaving the money in the money market, or do we develop an investment plan to diversify the funds into something that has the potential of yielding a rate of return higher than the money market? So, be sure to be at the meeting so you can provide your input.

The month of May is upon us—finally. I always think of the month of May as the month that really gets the cruising season off to a start. Now only if the weather will cooperate. The Club has two big functions this month—Mother's Day and a Cruise to Mattawoman Creek, Sweden Pt Marina at General Smallwood State Park. I will be hosting the cruise to Sweden Pt. If you have not been there before there are plenty of things to do—fishing, canoeing, nature trails, touring the plantation house, bonfire in the evening with ghost stories, roasting marsh mallows, etc.—but mostly for us Club members we enjoy just socializing among ourselves and relaxing. Some of us get some boat cleaning done too. Everyone brings a dish to share Saturday evening and the Club will provide the main entrée. Plan on eating about 1800 hrs. Cliff Roy tells me he has 15 slips reserved. I just

looked at the tide chart in the *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* and high tide on Saturday is at about 1300 hrs. This is usually the first cruise of the season. It's a good "shake down" cruise to see if everything is working properly; and if things aren't you are still close enough to homeport. You will hear more about the cruise at the next meeting.

Of course I am patiently looking forward to getting the Sea Cabin back in her slip from a winter down river to get some work done on her. I hope I have her back in time for the Memorial Day cruise. Now wouldn't that be something—hosting a cruise without a boat—well its been done before by other members.

That's all I have. I hope to see you at the next meeting.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL Ray Williams

Greetings from the Fleet Captain! As many of you have already noticed, something is different when you entered the club. Yes, we replaced the side door. We originally planned on replacing only the outside molding until we noticed the door and frame were rotted through. Part of all this change was our Spring clean-up which proceeded as planned in spite of the threat of rain. If success is measured by donut, coffee, and hotdogs and hamburgers consumed it was a great success. In between all the eating and drinking we even managed to clean the interior, clean the gutters, mow the lawn, power wash the outside and more. Things remaining (at least the top ones I can remember) are to paint the outside of the trailer and finish putting the new sink in the ladies bathroom (my wife tells me that is the top priority).

Special thanks to Bob Lang, Ross Horton, Doug Humston, Cliff and Sandy Roy, Bill and Sam Gooding, Cheri Sagger, Mike Triggs, Larry and Sandy Huizenga, and a few others I missed getting their names down. A tremendous day! Thanks to all for their support (Hmmm... I feel like I should be drinking some wine now)!

See you on the water!



RACING REAR COMMODORE Ray Boisvert

Racing season is upon us! We start the year with two Spring regattas held under the Potomac Yacht Racing Club's (PYRC) oversight and regulations. The first regatta will be held Sat 13 May 2000 in the Occoquan Bay area north of the power lines. This regatta is being sponsored by the Fairfax Yacht Club. I don't have the sign-up sheets and flyers yet from their club but as soon as I do the information will be posted in our club house on the bulletin board. Don't let sign-up sheets stop you from participating; you can always sign-up and give the entry fee (\$20.00) at the Committee Boat on the day of the race. Usually the start time is 1100 (11am). I try to leave our docks between 0900-0930. It takes, on average, about an hour to motor to the start line. All monohull boats 20' or longer that are PHRF eligible can enter. Handicap ratings can be assigned by the Committee Boat. Call me if you have any questions. Non-spinnaker boats race as a cruising class with single headsails down wind. Food, drinks, and trophies follow the race at Fairfax Yacht Club.

The second Regatta is sponsored by our own Quantico Yacht Club, Inc. The PYRC 18th Annual Kids' Kup Regatta will be held Sat 3 Jun 2000 at Quantico. One race of about 10-12 NM will be conducted (winds permitting). A Pot luck dinner; everyone brings something to share, will be held after the race. Drinks will be donated for this event by Debbie and I. There are trophies to the top 3 finishers in each class followed by a spirited auction for items donated from WEST Marine, BOAT/US, Boaters World, local restaurants and from the participants. Every dollar from the auction goes to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. This event has traditionally been an absolute rip roaring time for Potomac River sailors and I am very pleased to have Quantico hosting this event. As with **ALL QYC sponsored events**, every member of the club is encouraged to attend and participate. That is what a social club is all about, and at the same time we help ST. ANN'S with their very important work. Hope to see you all at the dinner.

If you have any questions or would like more info just give me a call.



CRUISING NEWS
Cliff and Sandy Roy

The Memorial Day Cruise is scheduled for the 27th through the 29th of May. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up as soon as possible, I have to fax a copy to Sweden Point on the 15th of May. Once again Phil & Patty Rogers will be sponsoring this cruise. Phil will be making his Frogmore Stew, please bring a dish to pass. There will be a Sunday brunch, we ask you to bring a breakfast dish to share and join in the fun. Sandy and I look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you.

By the way for those of you interested in going to Cobb Island Days you need to get your application sent in as soon as possible, check with Rhonda Carson or myself for applications. Cobb Island Days will be the 9th through 11th of June.

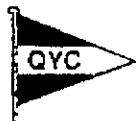


SOCIAL NEWS
Sandy Huizenga

Mother's Day is approaching fast and the sign up sheet is filling up. May 14, 2000 at 2:00 pm at QYC. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and kids eat hot dogs free. Bring your favorite dish to share and come to enjoy the social activity at your club.

A special "Thank You" to Doug Humston for the variety of snacks at the last meeting. We are not requesting sign up for this, but won't turn away any volunteers. The "Weenie Queen" was a big success, thanks to Sandy Roy. Remember \$1.00 for two hot dogs, which beats cooking dinner!

Next Social Event is Father's Day, June 18th and Jim Hale is the sponsor. A sign up sheet will be posted at the club.

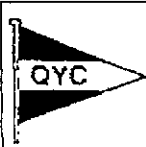


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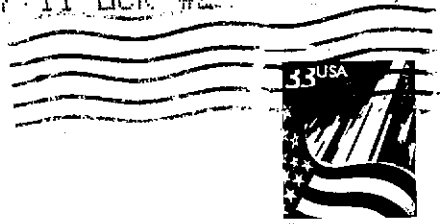
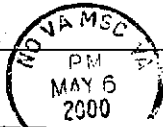
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| May | 7 th | Blessing of the Fleet - (OYC) |
| | 12 th | QYC Meeting |
| | 13 th | Occoquan Bay Regatta (FYC) |
| | 14 th | Mothers Day Cookout at QYC |
| | 23 rd | QYC Executive Board Meeting |
| | 27-29 | Memorial Day Cruise to Sweden Pt |

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| June | 3 rd | Race for the Cure - Breast Cancer Benefit - Washington, DC |
| | 3 rd | PYRC Kids Kup Regatta at QYC |
| | 9 th | QYC Meeting |
| | 9-11 | Cobb Island Days - PRYCA |
| | 18 th | Fathers Day Cookout at QYC |
| | 20 th | QYC Executive Board Meeting |
| | 25 th | Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore |
| July | 1-5 | 4 th of July Cruise - Coles Point Plantation |
| | 14 th | QYC Meeting |
| | 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 |
| October | 7-9 | QYC Columbus Day Cruise |
| | 8 th | Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC) |
| | 13 th | QYC Meeting |
| | 14-15 | QYC Frostbite Regatta |
| | 21 st | Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900 |
| | 22 nd | Rain Date for Clean-up Day |
| | 24 th | QYC Executive Board Meeting |
| Nov. | 6 th | PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections |
| | 10 th | QYC Meeting |
| | 21 st | QYC Executive Board Meeting |
| Dec. | 2 nd | Parade of Lights - Washington Channel |
| | 9 th | QYC Meeting & Christmas Party |
| | 19 th | QYC Executive Board Meeting |

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