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Commodore's Corner

I'm writing this the morning before the PRYCA Change of Watch on Jan 20th. If you didn't go, you should think about it next year. It's a great party and three of OUR past Commodores are heading the Bridge. **Congratulations to the - PRYCA Bridge Commodore - Phil Bolin, Vice-Commodore - Curt Johnson and Rear Commodore - Randy Semper.** Our Bridge this year will be supporting the PRYCA and its events. In our calendar that follows in the Gull, you will see their events appear along with ours. It's my hope you as Club members will support our fellow AHYC members and the PRYCA Bridge.

On January 27th we had our FIRST EVENT at the new Harbour Inn - the Chili Cook-Off. I know it's going to be a great success from all the gossip I've been hearing. Thanks to Margie and Yoli and their crew from Shore Committee for starting the 2001 year with such HOT stuff.

We are closing out our books for last year and the audit is in progress at this time. We've had some financial matters to deal with already this year. First the LEASE is in the process of being approved by the AHPOA Board of Directors. I think we have proposed a fair agreement. Thanks to Curt Johnson and Kip Boisot for helping me with this effort and meeting with Ken Laenger, Mike Leahy and Chuck Halt in such a timely manner to expedite this process. Second, our beer cooler has failed and repairs are not probable. We are studying our options at this time. I should have more information on both of these issues at



the February 6th meeting at the Clubhouse.

The Clubhouse Restaurant brings me to two more subjects. First let's make WENDY and her NEW CREW at the Clubhouse feel WELCOME and support them in making this a positive change. As residents, it sure is nice to have a restaurant on the hill. Wendy was with us at the old Harbour Inn and comes back to us from the Kenmore Inn and other noted Restaurants in Fredericksburg. The second item concerns the Clubhouse. We have a sign up for the St. Patrick's Day Fleet event to Colonial Beach on March 17th. We would like to show our support to Mel and Brian as they open their new restaurant DOCKSIDE at Colonial Beach Yacht Center that weekend.

Last but certainly not least, we have a new look for our Web Site thanks to Bob Sims. Take a look and let him know what you think about the NEW LOOK

Hope to see all of you at the Meeting on Feb 6th. This would be a good time to try out the new cuisine at the Clubhouse.

Claudia

VICE COMMODORE

BETTY RAYMOND



Not a lot to report this month, except that I am still looking for a volunteer to do the programs at the General Membership Meetings. Please let me know if you are interested.

Also, the new clubhouse steward is looking for the following items:

- A used refrigerator - prefer a 14 cubic foot with a working icemaker;
- An upright vacuum sweeper;
- A used one or two keg cooler/dispenser;
- Bar stools - prefer metal type

Please contact AHYC Steward, Denny Raymond, phone 720-3043 or e-mail raymddb@aol.com.

We need bartenders for Friday nights. Please sign up.

Thank You,

Betty

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TREASURERS REPORT 12/1/00 Through 12/31/00

BEGINNING BALANCE		3,857.83
	Category Description	
	INCOME	
	MARINA FEST	244.78
	INTEREST	1.34
	TOTAL INCOME	246.12
	EXPENSES	
	GULL - H&W	328.72
	FACILITIES	157.05
	SHORE	24.47
	QTRMASTER	-10.84
	OPERATIONS	35.00
	Handicap Program	320.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	214.40
	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	31.72
ENDING BALANCE		3,889.55

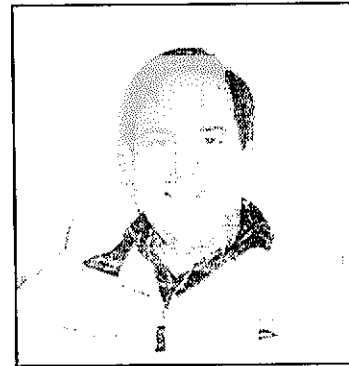
REAR COMMODORE

TERRY SCHNEIDER

By the time you read this article we will have completed our Chili Cook-off. At last count we had over 60 people signed up to attend. I'm sure our capable judges for this year, Alma Johnson, Deanne Andrews, and Lisa Schwartz (last year's winners) were up to the challenge of picking this year's winners. I know Yoli, Margie, and our Shore Committee members put a lot of time, planning and personal touches into the event. We hope you enjoyed it!

We had 15 couples sign up for the Riverside Dinner Theater on February 10. That guaranteed the Club a good group rate. "Damn Yankees" will be performed. If you didn't sign up already, we should still be able to accommodate you at the group rate. Please call Margie Coffey at 720-6789 if you have not signed up and would like to attend.

We are in the preliminary stages of planning the Progressive Dinner for March 31. We are planning to repeat last year's approach in that we will have appetizer and dinner homes. This year, we hope to have dessert at the Harbour Inn. This depends on the details to be worked out with the AHPOA relative to all of the events held at the Harbour Inn. We will be taking sign-

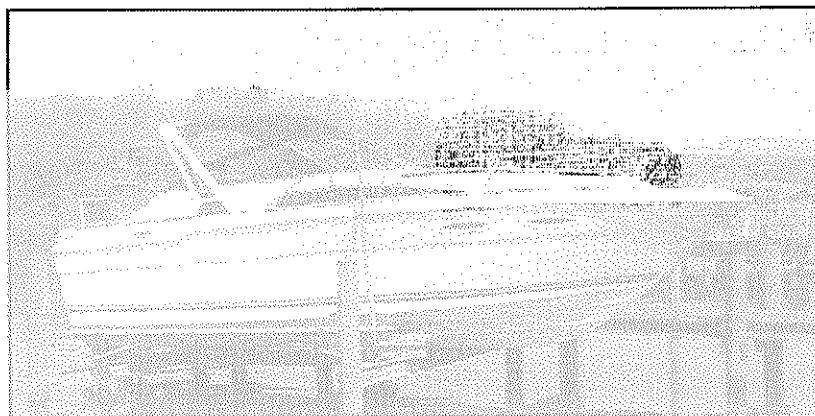


ups at the February General Membership meeting. Please volunteer your home for appetizers or dinner.

Quartermaster

We have located a new vendor, with Dave Goodman's assistance, for Quartermaster clothing. We have some catalogs we will be looking at to come up with a new spring line (no pun intended) of clothing. We hope to have some samples by the March General Meeting. We will have a full showing at the April 21 Fashion Show. We also have some carry-over inventory available from last year. We will bring our existing inventory to the February General Membership meeting.

Terry



The Schneider's "Dream Catcher"

FLEET CAPTAIN

BILL MINCHIN

Our first water event of the year will be the annual St. Patrick's day cruise scheduled for March 16, 17, 18. This year, however, we have changed the destination- we will be going to Colonial Beach and plan on having dinner on Saturday night at Brian and Melonie's new restaurant located at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. For those interested in eating as a group I have reserved 7pm. The restaurant officially opens on Friday, March 16. I will need sign-ups for slips and dinner reservation at our next meeting.

There are two changes to our initial events calendar attached to last month's Gull.

Aug. 11/12 we will be going to the new Belmont Bay marina located off the Occoquan .

Our Labor Day cruise on Aug. 31 will be to an old favorite destination-Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina off the Yeocomico River.

We have a new Service Chairman, Dave Miesky, who



is also a new member. We will be soliciting members for this committee at the next meeting. Anyone interested in joining the group now can call me at 720-8950 or Dave at 657-1436.

We are looking into setting up a land cruise to the Baltimore Inner Harbor on April 28-29. We would need a minimum of 20 couples to make it feasible to rent a bus. Dave Goodman, our Fleet Committee Chairman, will determine interest in this activity at the Feb. meeting.

That's all for now-See you on the water.

Bill

Once again we have a special treat in the form of a trip report from our well traveled couple, the Leonard's. Ed and Sharon have had a great year on the water, with a spring 2000 trip to Long Island, NY., followed by a July trip down the ICW to Ocracoke, NC. To end the year they packed the boat and left one cloudy day for the Sunshine State. I hope you enjoy their story.

The Leonard's Trip South Pt. 1

By Sharon Leonard

There we were in West Marine looking over the lengthy list of items needed to winterize "Paws Awhile", when out of the blue, Ed turned to me and said "we wouldn't need any of this if we were heading south for the winter". My mouth dropped open... That was early October, by Halloween we were on our way.

As was our usual luck, it took 3 days to get out of the Potomac. High winds and seas are not a pretty sight on the Chesapeake Bay. By day 4 we were going past

Ed's old duty station of some 30 odd years ago, Norfolk Naval Base, and entered the ICW. We tried calling the Corps of Engineers to ask if the Dismal Swamp Canal was open, but no answer. Everyone we talked to said that it would be closed if it had been dry for any length of time, and it had been dry, so we decided not to try it.

Naturally, with our "Leonard Luck", we got held up at every drawbridge, and the lock for at least a half an hour, so we didn't make very good time. But then, we weren't in a hurry, so it didn't really matter. Lesson learned, use your common sense a, and keep in mind the water level drops 2 feet when tying up in the lock.

We decided to zip up the Posqnotank River to Elizabeth City, NC. Turns out you can pull into any empty slip at the Town Docks without calling first. You are welcome to stay at least 48 hours for free, but there is no water or electricity hookups, or anyone to help you tie up. You are on your own, but the price is right. We stayed at the Pelican Marina nearby, a bit more expen-

sive, but with all amenities. We found Elizabeth City to be a small, rundown, old city with not much going for it. Of course it was Sunday, and everything was closed. They did have a quaint custom at the Town Docks, every day at 5 pm the "Rose Buddies" (two senior citizens) arrive with wine, beer, cheese and crackers to have a welcoming party for all the days new arrivals. We were invited even though we weren't docked at the Town Docks. We had a great time meeting and greeting everyone. There were even ten dogs in attendance. Prissy was thrilled. Of course, the first thing we found out was that the Dismal Swamp Canal was open.

The Albemarle Sound was a pussycat. Stayed at River Forest Marina in Belhaven, NC. Nothing going on in this town, but the marina offers free golf carts for you to wander down the streets, and get a taste of the local flavor. The marina also had a famous old home that had been turned into an Inn. It offered a famous dinner buffet, we didn't go, too much food on the boat that needed eating.



"Paws Awhile" tied to the side of a lock on the ICW

The Pamlico Sound and Neuse River both calm.

We were seeing shrimp boats everywhere by now, also lots of porpoise playing all around the boat. The pelicans, too, were quite a sight. Where was the "Leonard Curse"? We stayed at Dudley's Marina, just short of Camp Lejeune. The word out was that you could be held up possibly for hours, if they were firing their "big guns", which they were certainly doing the evening we pulled in to Dudley's. Heavy fog had moved in during the night. We were totally socked in, so decided to change the oil. The fog finally lifted about 10 am, and we found that because of it, Camp Lejeune had cancelled all firing practice for the day. We made good time until about 3pm when the "Leonard Curse" caught up with us again. Fog completely engulfed us. Zero visibility, we inched along a 1-knot. We weren't lost, but sure could have used radar, as the channel markers

were impossible to see until you were right on them, and it was a very narrow channel, with shallow waters on either side. All of a sudden a sailboat came out of nowhere. We missed him, but not by much. Turned out he was anchored right in the middle of the channel. At no time did we hear a bell or a horn. We finally came to within inches of a private pier with a husband and wife and 6 to 8 Jack Russell terriers all barking their heads off at us. We still could not see our hand before us, so we called to them, the husband and wife that is, and asked if they had any suggestions as to what we should do. They said we had just passed a marina, and described how we could find the entrance. We hadn't seen a thing. We stayed overnight there. They were so friendly and hospitable; we thanked our lucky

stars we had found them. Of course, they had no fuel to sell. The next day was glorious.

We stopped at Dock Holidays, in North Myrtle Beach. The beach is within an easy bike ride of the marina. No entertainment at North Myrtle Beach, none. No marina at Myrtle Beach proper, where the entertainment is, none.

We thought we had left on this trip a bit late in the fall, but the parade of sailboats and trawlers, along with the endless number of piers jutting out into the ICW with "No Wake" signs has made for a very slow trip. We might as well have been in a trawler, as we only averaged 10 to 12 knots. Lesson learned: pass sailboats, who are all running under power, at no wake speed or you will hear some interesting language on the radio. We also found that you definitely need to make reservations at least 24 hours in advance from Myrtle Beach on south. We couldn't find any marina with last minute room in the Isle of Palms area, and ended up on a "jet ski" pier without electricity just as night fell. Thank goodness for "kind souls", we're rethinking our decision not to get a dingy, though we hate to spend the money.

We learned our lesson and called for reservations at the Downtown Marina, Beaufort, SC. Beaufort is pronounced BEWFORT here, and BOFORT in Beaufort, NC. We enjoyed a couple days of R and R. Nice little historic old town. We learned something new here; there are shrimp-like krill that eat growth on the bottom of your boat. It sounds like the hull is on fire, and be quite frightening if you don't know what is causing the noise.

We decided to skip Charleston, as we had visited that city several years ago, and they have the largest population of "no see ums" in Georgia.

Just as we thought we were making excellent time for a change, the port engine's RPM's revved up, and then went back to normal, twice. Ed quickly shut down the engine. The transmission was very hot. We had called the Palmer Johnson Marina, outside Savannah, for reservations for a couple of days, so we drove the last 30 miles on one engine. The ICW snaked through marsh grass all the way, and of course we met a tug and barge at the narrowest spot, but with Ed at the helm, all went well. Palmer Johnson turned out to be an excellent repair facility as well as the birthplace for the huge Palmer Johnson Yachts. We ended up staying a good week; they put free donuts on your boat each morning, while our transmission was rebuilt. Lesson learned: change your transmission oil coolers often. Savannah is a lovely old, historic city. Horse and buggy is the perfect way to play tourist. We got good at finding our way around by the city buses.

We decided to stay at Brunswick Landing Marina, in Brunswick, GA., for a month or so to allow our mail to catch up with us. The monthly rate is great, and the marina is very nice. They even have free cable TV and free laundry. The town is within easy biking distance including the Post Office and grocery store. Lots of little ships and eateries. There is also a full service boat yard where Ed was able to order a new voltage regulator, which we badly needed, as we found we were "boiling the batteries".

We have adjusted to life aboard a "small" boat, and thoroughly enjoying each day of our adventure. Prissy has even learned to like, or at least tolerate her once a week bath on the bow of the boat, with the shower hose strung out through the bathroom window. Ed has decorated with 4 boxes of multicolored lights, and we have the cutest little Christmas tree on top of the TV. We almost bring the TV, but are so glad we did, as most marinas have either cable hookups, or excellent reception from a cheap set of rabbit ears set on the fly bridge.

Interesting facts: We've been in approximately 10 creeks, 23 rivers, 10 sounds, 18 cuts, 4 canals, and 2 bogs. Windmill Point Marina has had the highest gas and slip prices so far. Backpacks are a must for shopping sprees on bikes. Lots of novels come in handy for "down time", especially at laundries.

Sharon



Aquia Harbour Marina "It's cold out there"

Immediate Past Commodore

Sandie Doucette

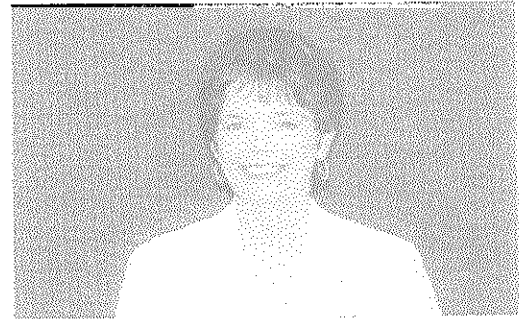
Hello There! I hope everyone is recovering from the holidays. It sure does take a while to get back to normal

The AHYC has a great schedule of events coming up this year, both on the water and on shore. You will have plenty to choose from. Don't forget to sign up with whoever is in charge of each event, and also, think about volunteering a little of your time to help make these events even better.

Sixteen of our members attended the Potomac River Yacht Club Association's Change of Watch Dinner/Dance on January 20th. Three of our members are serving on the PRYCA Bridge. Phil Bolin, Commodore; Curt Johnson Vice Commodore and Randy Semper, Rear Commodore. It was a fun night good food, good music and getting to know our fellow boaters from other clubs.

For our new members, I would like to tell you a little about the Potomac River Yacht Club Association. The PRYCA consists of 20 Yacht Clubs located on the Potomac River from D.C. to Cobb Island. They are celebrating their 30th birthday this year and are committed to (1) Encourage yachting and boating safety; (2) Encourage the advancement of yachting clubs in the Potomac River Basin, and (3) Promote social interactions among members clubs and their individual members.

The following clubs are members:



- Aquia Harbour – Aquia Creek
- Capital Yacht Club – Washington Channel, D.C.
- Cobb Island Yacht Club – Wicomico River, Md.
- Colonial Yacht Club – Monroe Creek, Va.
- Dahlgren Yacht Club – Upper Machodoc Creek, Va.
- District Yacht Club – Anacostia River, D.C.
- Eastern Yacht Club – Anacostia River, D.C.
- Ft. Belvoir Yacht Club – Dogue Creek, Va.
- Ft. Washington Boating Association – Piscataway Creek, Md.
- Landmark Yacht Club – Aquia Creek, Va.
- Fairfax Yacht Club – Occoquan River, Va.
- Mt. Vernon Yacht Club – Dogue Creek, Va.
- National Potomac Yacht Club – Columbia Island, Va.
- Occoquan Yacht Club – Occoquan River, Va.
- Quantico Yacht Club - Potomac River, Va./
- Prince William Yacht Club – Occoquan River, Va.
- Seafarers Yacht Club – Anacostia River, D.C.
- Tantallon Yacht Club – Swan Creek, Md.
- Yacht Club at Swan Point – Cuckold Creek, Va.
- Washington Yacht Club – Anacostia River, D.C.

If you have questions regarding any of the above Clubs, feel free to contact me anytime.

Sandie



Just about solved the world's problems

The Webmaster

Bob Sims

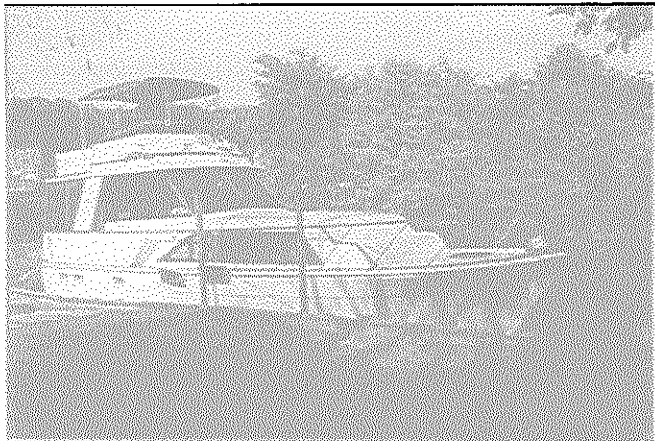
The AHYC Web site (<http://ahyc.org>) is taking on a new personality. As you may know, our Webmaster (Darrell) has decided to hand down the key to his domain. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking him for his past efforts in getting the organization on the Internet. The initial development and growth of the site was done in the early days of the Internet prior to all the bells and whistles that are available with today's software. Darrell did an admirable job of creating a great site for the AHYC. I have agreed to take over the responsibilities with only minor arm twists and threats towards our boat.

The new site is a blend of the Photo Gallery, which I have worked on for the last couple of years, and the text from the previous site. Hopefully, the new look and feel will be intuitive for visitors, and will allow me expansion room as we develop new ideas. As before, I am eager to receive photos of AHYC events, cruises or personalities.

Due to the complexities involved with different WEB browsers and equipment, I would appreciate any comments you might have regarding the site. If you have any problems, or think the site acts-up on your computer please let me know. I have attempted to develop the site to look good with either 15" or 17" monitors, although some older browsers may defeat some of my efforts. I have checked my pages with both old and new versions of Netscape and Internet Explorer, but one never knows. Pictures have been kept to minimum sizes so that modems are not painful to use. Hopefully, everyone will be using software that is less than 3 years old or so. At any rate, if you have any concerns, please e-mail the particulars, including what equipment and software you are using. I appreciate any and all recommendations or thoughts. Thanks,
(Webmaster@ahyc.org)

PS: Check the Calendar and News sections often for AHYC events and notes of interest.

Bob



Sea Dancer "At Home"



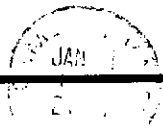
Mystic Mood "Hang on Marla"



REVISED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2001

DATE	EVENT
Jan. ??	Snowball Party
Jan. 20	Change of Watch PRYCA
Jan.27	Chili Cook-off
Feb. 10	Dinner Theater
Mar. 16/17/18	St Patricks Day Cruise Colonial Beach *
Mar. 31	Progressive Dinner
Apr. 21	Fashion Show
Apr. 28-29	Baltimore Land Cruise *
May 5	Spring Fling
May 6	Flag Raising AHYC *
May 19-20	Wash. Waterfront Blessing (PRYCA) *
May 25/26/27/28	Cole Point (Memorial Weekend) *
June 9/10	Raft Up Progressive Dinner *
June 15/16/17	Cobb Island Days (PRYCA) *
June 30-July 8	Northern Cruise *
July 4	D.C. Fireworks (Wednesday) *
July 6/7/8	Dennis Point *
July 20/21/22	Float In (PRYCA) Ft. Washington *
Aug. 10/11/12	Occoquan Cruise *
Aug. 24/25/26	Dog Days of Aug. (PRYCA) Col. Beach *
Aug. 31 Sept. 1/2/3	Olverson's (Labor Day Weekend) *
Sept. 11	Elections
Sept. 15/16	Fleet Cookout (Aquia Harbour Marina) *
Sept. 21/22/23	End of Summer Party (PRYCA) *
Oct. 5/6/7/8	Tall Timbers (Columbus Day Weekend) *
Oct. 26/27/28	Old Town Alexandria *
Nov. 2/3/4	Frost Bite Cruise *
Nov. 10	Fall Ball
Dec. 8	Christmas Party

*Denotes Fleet Events



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THINK SPRING

AHYC Org Chart

Upcoming Events	
January	
??	Snowball Party
27	Chili Cook-Off
February	
10	Dinner Theater
March	
16/17/	
18	St Patricks Cruise
31	Progressive Dinner

Commodore———**Claudia Edgar**
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 CBYCA Delegate———**Dave Goodman**
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 Quartermaster———**Steve Martino**
 Shore Chairs———**Margie Coffey & Yoli Ruiz**

Fleet Captain———**Bill Minchin**
 Service———**Dave Miesky**
 Fleet Surgeon———
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