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FINAL CRUISE & REGATTA OF THE SEASON + CLUB CLEANUP DAY MAKE A BUSY MONTH

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Sandy Huizenga

GOD BLESS AMERICA;
AMERICA UNDER ATTACK;

AMERICA RESPONDS; UNITED WE STAND!!
All of these headlines and more have been everyone's main concern this past month and will be for quite a long time coming. WYC membership has been blessed with no personal loss in the attack. The Marina has been well guarded by our Marines, please be cooperative and patient with the inspections, etc. A few inconveniences are minor compared to what a lot of Americans are going through. If any of the QYC Membership has a need for any assistance during this time of American tragedy please don't hesitate to contact me.

Good news! We now can maneuver in and out of the Marina and so; the QYC Columbus Day Cruise is on schedule. I hope everyone is ready to party. The Cruise is to Old Town Alexandria and has always been a lot of fun.

The Annual QYC Crab Feast was another success, due to the hard work of the Rogers, lots of good food, lots of refreshments and wonderful weather. Also, the Marina Crew has the parking lot looking great and the new parking beams are working to keep the parking look orderly. Due to the unlocked gates, we are asking everyone to secure the doors and windows after using the club.

The BYLAWS OF QUANTICO YACHT CLUB, INC., Article VIII Section 17. The Club facilities may be utilized for private functions by members of the Club upon written request to the Executive Committee and in time to be published in the Club newsletter preceding the function. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged with the following exception: Educational instruction of a nature that fosters/promotes boating will be charged at a rate negotiated between the requesting member and the Executive Committee.

All clean up after the function, any damages and the cost of supplies used during the function will be the responsibility of the requesting member.

Section 18. NO member of the Club shall use the Club as a temporary or permanent residence. This includes the storage of food and other personal belongings. All refrigerated food or other items become the property of QYC and will be used or disposed of at any club member's convenience. Keep in mind that membership can be revoked. It only takes one bad apple to bring on the numerous complaints that have been coming my way. I hope for cooperation. Last months reminder only caused grumbling and finger pointing. This time the QYC board will enforce the bylaws as directed by the membership.

Here is a list of a few things that would be appreciated if everyone would keep them in mind.

- Each member is responsible for cleaning the club after using it (dishes washed, dried, put away and bath rooms cleaned, etc.)
- Vacuum the carpet and floors (vacuum located in the supply room where the extra chairs are stored).
- Turn off extra lights, television, etc.
- Do not touch the ceramic heaters once the Fleet Captain sets them. The heaters are not intended to keep the club "toasty" but only to keep the pipes from freezing.
- The refrigerators must be kept clean and clear for use during club events.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Ed Wright

Well, we came all the way up from Solomons to race, but at least we got one in! Unfortunately, events precluded QYC from running the Master's of the Potomac this year, so we'll have to wait for next year for our sail-racers to prove their mettle. While September seemed to have slipped away, as most of our attention has been drawn away from sailing, October is one of our club's busiest months. This presents a great opportunity for all of us to try and resume our normal lifestyle, whether it be cruising (Columbus Day), racing (Frostbite), or doing chores (Club Clean-up Day). There's an event for everyone. Of course, there is the regular club meeting on the 12th as well, for those desiring only a social call. So let's return to the boats, boost the GNP by buying more accessories for them, and join your fellow club members for one of our events.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129
Marina Office: 703-784-2359

Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y

Use this number when you renew your Boat/U.S. Membership for the QYC discount rate.



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

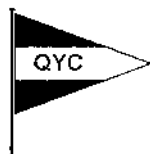
Cathy Williams

Hope everyone's lives are getting back to normal and you are still enjoying some time on the water.

We gave Rediscovered Dreams some time off and decided to cruise the Caribbean on Royal Caribbean's Voyager Of The Seas. Unfortunately for us, our ship was scheduled to leave Miami on Sunday, September 16th. Naturally, there was no way to confirm a flight out of Dulles that weekend so we decided to go ahead and drive down. My advice to anyone who thinks they'll take a drive down to Miami - don't do it!! I kept hoping that I had estimated the driving time

wrong and we'd actually get there earlier. No such luck. It is 16 hours from Catlett to Miami. The good thing is that it was well worth it. The trip was wonderful even though there were only 2200 of the 3600 scheduled passengers aboard. I suppose the captain thought that it would be an easy trip but things are rarely ever as they seem. We were stranded in the terminal for hours due to a computer malfunction (open bar that night to make up for the inconvenience), we left a woman behind at Grand Cayman and had to turn around and wait for the tender to bring her out, we assisted with a search and rescue for a 17 foot fishing boat that had been adrift for several days (can you imagine having the world's largest cruise ship rescue you? Open bar again for this change of schedule), and we lost a passenger who, it was later discovered, had a fight with his wife and decided to get off in Cozumel without telling anyone and fly home. Quite an eventful trip even if we did have to do the trip home from Miami in one day so the girls wouldn't miss anymore school. Additional vacation advice - don't eat salsa in Mexico. It'll burn the hair off your chest!

Did you go to the crab feast? Excellent food, us usual, beautiful day and plenty of wind for an after dinner sail. If you were there, you received your dues notice. It's that time again. If not, you should have received it in the mail by now. If you haven't, please let me know and I'll be happy to get another one out to you. We hope everyone will be signing on for another fun year with QYC.



QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

6-8	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
7 th	Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
12 th	QYC Meeting
13-14	QYC Frostbite Regatta
20 th	Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
21 st	Rain Date for Clean-up Day
23 rd	QYC Executive Board Meeting

November

5 th	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
9 th	QYC Meeting
20 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting

December

1 st	PRYCA Parade of Lights at Washington Channel
8 th	QYC Meeting and Annual Christmas Party
18 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
31 st	New Years Eve

January

11 th	QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
22 nd	QYC Executive Board Meeting
* 27 th	Superbowl Party & Chili Cookoff at QYC

* *May move to February???*

February

8 th	QYC Meeting - Election of 2002 Officers
19 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting

March

8 th	QYC Meeting - Change of Watch
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RACING REAR COMMODORE Ray Boisvert

This year's annual Leukemia Cup Regatta was held on the 8th of September at the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria. The weather was perfect for sailing; sunshine and a steady wind of about 10kts. Two boats from QYC went north for the race and party and everyone had a great time. My boat, *STACY LYNN*, with myself, Joe Carson (*YES DEAR*) and Ray Williams (*REDISCOVERED DREAMS*) on board managed to take an overall second place in the non-spinnaker division while Ed and Dottie Wright, *THE WRIGHT'S STUFF*, with their crew Chuck took fifth in the same division. That is a great showing for QYC boats considering there were 12 boats in our division. Overall about 40 "big" boats were competing along with another 100 or so one design boats. Friday night there was a pre-race social (the food was excellent) and then a long evening of relaxing (drinking) aboard *COOL CHANGE*. *STACY LYNN*, and *THE WRIGHT'S STUFF* who were all rafted together on the dock. After Saturday's two

aces there were more food, music, relaxing, raffles, and a silent auction. A great weekend to be on the water.

Then the unthinkable happened on Tuesday the 11th of September which put all of America on alert. Due to security restrictions on the Potomac River, The Masters of the Potomac Race was canceled and will be added to next year's schedule. I would like to thank Mike Fallon, *RELENTLESS*, for organizing the return of this long distance race and hope we can get it done next year.

If security concerns allow it, the QYC, Inc. will sponsor the annual Frostbite Regatta on 13 and 14 October. Two days of racing on our home waters along with a cook-out at the clubhouse on Saturday evening. I need more participation from QYC boats and crew in order to make this year's race a success. Entry forms along with a flyer for the race will be available in the clubhouse, as well as, the marina's bath facilities. All QYC members are invited to the cook-out on Saturday. We ask that each member contribute a side dish to share. Special thanks go to Cliff & Sandy Roy, *AMERID III*, for volunteering as Committee Boat for this event. Let's have some fun and I hope to see you there.



CRUISING NEWS Don and Sharon Radeke

The official QYC Cruise Calendar is "drawing down" and will end with the Columbus Day Cruise to Oldtown Alexandria during October 6 - 8. Our thanks go to Bill and Sam Gooding who are sponsoring this cruise. We know there will be fun and laughter as always. The weather forecast is sunny and cool and we'll take it! We will dine out in Old Town and pass a dish as usual for the Sunday morning QYC Brunch. Join us at the October QYC meeting for the full after action report!

Even though the on-the-water cruise season is about over, there are plenty of land cruise opportunities during the coming months. If you have some suggestions for a cruise event, please share with us. A land caravan "cruise" and a tail-gate party can also be great fun. Some events coming up soon are the Annapolis Boat Shows, the Northern Neck Seafood Extravaganza is scheduled for October 27, at the Ingleside Winery, Oak Grove, VA. Also, the Cobb

Island VFD Oyster Fest is November 4th. And, if you really want to Cruise, the major cruise lines are offering great packages! Don't let the barnacles bite your bottom because you're sitting in one spot too long. Get out and krooooooosoo!



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL Ray Williams

After a long an busy summer, it is time to get ready for the coming winter. While I am not advocating winterizing your boat just yet it is time to get the clubhouse ready for colder weather. Items on tap for the Fall Clean-Up day on 20 October are:

1. Cleaning the inside of the club.
2. Straightening out the office.
3. Re-Caluking the shower in the mens room.
4. Fixing the paneling by the power panel in the office.
5. Replacing the 220V socked in the main area adjacent to the kitchen.
6. Painting the outside of the club.
7. Replacing the back door of the club.

See you on 20 October! Ray



PRYCA & QYC - SOUTH INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

At the recent PRYCA delegate's meeting I attended on August 25, We received the completed BOATR packet to bring back to our membership. I have enclosed the PRYCA newsletter article submitted by Randy Semper for you to read this month as it goes over the program in great detail. I am planning on attending the meeting on September 14 (finally) and will have the BOATR program with me for interested members.

PRYCA's New Safe BOATR Program

One of PRYCA's objectives is to promote boating safety. The new Safe BOATR program we are introducing this year addresses that objective by using on-the-water testing of basic boating activities as a way to further enhance a boater's knowledge. We hope to have the program ready by the Float-In,


but there are still a few details to work out. If we don't make it by the Float-In, the program will be ready shortly afterward. The program will be administered by PRYCA but is designed so that the individual member clubs can use it to promote boating safety among the members of their clubs. The program calls for the boater to demonstrate the knowledge gained in basic boating classes. It is a test that demonstrates how much was understood and retained from the classes. That's the basis for the name of the program Boat Operation and Training Retention (BOATR). BOATR uses a record showing each of the basic boating activities the boater has properly demonstrated.

The program includes 10 items. The first item is the completion of a boating safety course. The remaining 9 basic boating activities each has a checklist of tasks the boater must demonstrate in performing the activity. The majority of the "tests" are designed so the boater performs the tasks on the water. It picks up where the boating classes offered by various organizations leave off. PRYCA (possibly in cooperation with the Coast Guard) will train an initial cadre of Qualification Examiners, hopefully one or more from each of our member clubs. These Qualification Examiners will then certify the activities performed by the boaters in their club. They will also have the option to train additional Qualification Examiners within their club. This is a big project that places a demand on the Qualification Examiners time, but one that can have a tremendous impact on boating safety along the Potomac River. The activities included in the Safe BOATR program include a wide range of boating operations. While many of us probably feel we know all about these operations, the "tests" create a reason for everyone to review their knowledge. The activities are:

1. Completion of a recognized basic boating safety or more advanced course.
2. Setting and retrieving an anchor.
3. Rigging the boat to perform a tow, hip and stern.
4. Basic navigational awareness.
5. Piloting.

6. Radio usage.
7. Fire extinguisher usage (land-based demonstration)
8. Performing an in-water rescue from their vessel.
9. Handheld and aerial flare usage (land-based demonstration)
10. Marlinespike skills

We are in the process of completing the list of tasks that should be performed to successfully demonstrate each activity. Once an activity is successfully demonstrated, the Qualification Examiner will check off the activity in the boater's individual Safe BOATR record. The On-the-Water "tests" are a new approach we are bringing to boating safety. Once all activities in a boater's BOATR record are completed, PRYCA will present a certificate of completion and a really sharp looking sticker that can be displayed on the boater's vessel. PRYCA will keep a record of the Qualification Examiners, and a record of those that have completed the program. The certificate and sticker will probably be awarded at one of our functions. We can't offer further incentive to complete the program at this time, but we are trying to add additional incentives. The program isn't intended to operate as a rigid test under controlled conditions, but rather as an opportunity to perform the activity under the watchful eye of a knowledgeable Qualification Examiner. It should foster camaraderie among club members and create an opportunity to share boating knowledge. The examiners will discuss any shortcoming on individual tasks, and give the boater and opportunity to perform the activity properly. The program's primary target is a new boater, but we need to have our experienced boaters participate to help generate interest in the program. Who knows, even our experienced boaters may learn something they overlooked in the past. This is an ambitious program, but one we think will actively promote safe boating. I hope you urge your club's leadership to utilize the program in promoting boating safety in your club.

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