

QYC NEWSLETTER

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SPRING CLEANUP DAY ON APRIL 21

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Sandy Huizenga

Larry and I just returned from Florida, our first cruise of the New Year. We had the pleasure of cruising with former member's Pat and Bill Leslie of Panama City. Also, Abe Wolson and Chris Ahern of Port Charlotte, who are QYC Associate members. The weather was cold and rainy, but we enjoyed ourselves. I'm back and ready to start a new chapter with QYC as your Commodore. Thank you for your confidence. I will try to fulfill your expectations. The elected Board members and I look forward to an activity packed New Year.

The calendar of events is enclosed in this newsletter. As you will see it is an exciting and full new season. The Radeke's have been working hard on the cruising events, starting with an exciting Memorial Day Cruise outlined in this newsletter. Don promised, "It doesn't rain at Colonial Beach". The Boynton's have been successful recruiting members to help with sponsoring an individual social event. Don't be shy. Give them a call and see how much fun you will have.

Our Fleet Captain is collecting gloves, cleaning supplies and donuts for our Spring Clean-up. So mark your calendars and help freshen up your club for the coming year of events. Remember, we expect all members to clean up after themselves while enjoying the club's facilities and making Annabel's job a little easier.

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I recently spoke with our Harbor Manager, Tony Cruz, regarding all the work he is planning to do in the Marina this season. One of which is enlarging the parking area and opening another gate for access. The tentative date for completion is middle of May. He has already repaired the floating docks and cleaned out the large white building. Tony reports that there have been a few abuses of facilities in the Marina this winter and wants all members to report any unusual sightings to him immediately.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE

Cliff Roy

I would like to take a moment to welcome you all back for another great boating season. I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore for the next year. I am sure that most of you are ready to get this boating season under way. With any luck *AmeridIII* will be back in the water and back here at the Quantico marina prior to our next meeting, so let the party begin. If I can be of any assistance during the boating season, please feel free to call on me. I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered for the various Rear Commodore positions. I look forward to seeing you all on the water. Have a safe and fun filled season.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Ed Wright

Here I start my second term as your club Secretary, and I look forward to another year of newsletters and minutes. I hope you all do as well. We have updated the club's calendar of events, and it is contained in the following pages, so make sure you save that one for future reference.

I'll be updating the club roster for next month's newsletter, so we all have the latest information when we begin to take to the water. Many people have asked about adding a column for cell phone numbers, as many of us now have these aboard our boats. While I can add it, it may make it harder to keep all the information on one page, making it harder to read. I'd like to hear from other members on this topic. If there are plenty of members wanting to share this information, then we'll work on adding it

As always, I'm interested in receiving input from all members. This may be a story you'd care to share, helpful boating hints, nautical trivia, or even recipes. Web sites of interest are another item that you may want to think about sharing. Tell us where it is and what's located there. I recently created one of my own at <http://home.mindspring.com/~wrightee>. It's actually a site for my parents (Associate Members Ed & Ady Wright) summarizing their live-aboard adventures in the Caribbean, Central America, and future destinations. When they head out again later this year, I plan to update it regularly with current locations, pictures and stories of places visited. If any of you have created your own web sites to share boating stuff (or other stuff), let us know by sending me an email with the specifics, and I'll put it in a newsletter.

See you all at the next meeting, on the 13th!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129

Marina Office: 703-784-2359

QYC Web Site: www.anglefire.com/va/qyc

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

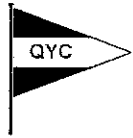
Cathy Williams

Many thanks to Phil Rogers for making my transition to club Treasurer a smooth one and for his excellent record keeping which will be very helpful down the road.

We are mentally into the 2001 boating season. Every conversation begins with "When we get the boat back in the water," "When we take our first cruise for the season," or "As soon as the boat is back at Quantico." Hopefully, we will be fulfilling all of these fantasies soon. "*Rediscovered Dreams*" is still on land at Aquia Creek but we have been assured that she will be taking the plunge soon.

As everything slowly comes back to life at

Quantico, remember to mention the club to any new comers that you see around the marina. The Yacht Club is gearing up for a very active year and new members - as well as inactive members - are always a welcome sight at our activities.



QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 2nd PRYCA Commodore's Night at Tantallon
- 13th QYC Meeting
- 21nd Spring Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
- 22nd Rain date for Clean-up Day
- 24th QYC Executive Board Meeting

May

- 6th Blessing of the Fleet - Occoquan Bay (OYC)
- 11th QYC Meeting
- 12th Occoquan Bay Regatta (FYC)
- 13th Mothers Day Cookout at QYC
- 19-20 PRYCA Blessing of the Fleet at Washington Harbor
- 22nd QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 26-28 Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach

June

- 2nd PYRC Kids Kup Regatta at QYC
- 8th QYC Meeting
- 9th Little America's Cup Regatta & Science Fair at QYC
- 15-17 Cobb Island Days - PRYCA
- 17th Fathers Day Cookout at QYC
- 19th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 30th Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore

July

- 4-5 4th of July Cruise to Coles Point Plantation
- 13th QYC Meeting
- 20-22 PRYCA Summer Float-in at Fort Washington
- 24th QYC Executive Board Meeting

August

- 10th QYC Meeting
- 11-12 QYC Cruise to Nowhere
- 11th QYC Summer Party

August (Continued)

- 24-25 PRYCA Dog Days of Summer at Colonial Beach
- 24th QYC Executive Board Meeting

September

- 1-3 QYC Labor Day Cruise
- 8th National Capitol Leukemia Cup Regatta
- 14th QYC Meeting
- 21-22 PRYCA End of Summer Party
- 25th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 29th QYC Crab Feast

October

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

November

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

December

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

January

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

February

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

March

- 8th QYC Meeting - Change of Watch

RACING REAR COMMODORE

Ray Boisvert



The 2001 racing season will soon begin and Quantico will be host to at least two if not three sailing regattas. The entire racing schedule is posted on the club's bulletin board located inside the club. The venues for the other races vary from Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Occoquan Bay, and Dahlgren.

The Quantico-based regattas include the 19th annual KIDS' KUP on 2 June and a possible return of the Masters of the Potomac race for some serious long distance overnight voyaging. Details of the "Masters" race will be forthcoming. The KIDS' KUP regatta is a charity event that supports St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Maryland. The race will be sponsored by the Potomac Yacht Racing Council (PYRC) with the QYC providing club facilities and committee boat support. Trophies are awarded for the top three finishes in spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. A potluck dinner is followed by a spirited auction of nautical and non-nautical items.

One of the biggest and longest running regattas held on the Potomac River takes place on the 13th and 14th of October here at our very own Quantico Marina. The annual Frostbite Regatta brings in boats from all over the Potomac River. The schedule of events includes two (2) races on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday morning.

This year's season opener is the Occoquan Bay regatta on the 12th of May hosted by the Fairfax Yacht Club. Two races are planned using Government marks. The starting line will be north of the power lines in the vicinity of Freestone Point on the Virginia side of the Potomac River. Anyone interested in more info please don't hesitate to call.

Lastly, one non-racing item; the sign-up sheet for the club's annual 4th of July cruise to Coles Point Plantation is posted in the club. We have 15 slips available. The dates for this event are: arrive on Wed the 4th and depart on Friday the 6th. Coles Point is located about 48 nautical miles "down river" on the Virginia side just past the Ragged Point light structure. Coles Point is a full service marina with pool, restaurant, beach, fishing pier and small store. Fireworks are planned for the night of the 4th.



CRUISING NEWS

Don and Sharon Radeke

Get ready for a new season of QYC cruising! Sharon and I are looking forward to the new season and serving as your Cruising Rear Commodores. The schedule will be pretty much the same as in past years however we will look for some new destinations, new fun, and most importantly, you! That includes new participants and experienced participants (note I did not say old participants). QYC cruises are usually holiday weekend events to destinations close enough for both sail and power. We most often have either a cookout (share a dish), or dining out to a nearby restaurant, or both. And, we usually have a QYC brunch (share a dish) which have become famous, or infamous. These have been great moments, with great food and commodores falling overboard, and are frequently followed with long naps. The club has a small budget for each cruise to help supply some of the food and beverage, and the participants do the rest.

We are also looking for Cruise Sponsors! And that also means you! We would like a sponsor for each cruise event to assist in the planning and execution of each cruise. It's usually a logistics exercise that is also fun and we need boat couples or boat groups to step forward and take a cruise sponsorship. Please let us know if you are willing to help. If we don't hear from you, you'll be hearing from us!

The first QYC Cruise is the Memorial Day Cruise scheduled for May 26-28. We think we have had enough of General Smallwood State Park and it is time for a change. We did a land cruise to Colonial Beach a few weeks ago and we think we have a great destination for Memorial Day. We have reservations at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center (CBYC) for 12-15 boats. More are possible depending on boat size and draft requirements. The biggest concern will be the draft for sailboats and they will be placed on the outer dock/slips. As is always the case, we will need length, beam, draft, and electric power requirements for actual slip assignments/reservations. A "sign-up sheet" is posted on the QYC Bulletin Board so sign up early!

CBYC offers a very nice restaurant, bar, "crab deck", playground, and beach area. The marina has 160 slips with 50/30/15 amp service and can accommodate boats 18-150 feet. The marina is

close to downtown Colonial Beach and you can easily walk to the local sights. Tours are available to Stratford Hall Plantation, Ingleside Plantation Vineyards and other nearby historical sights. We can cook out, hang out and do just about anything, including doing nothing if you just want to chilllike the 'Big Chill'. There is equipment for volleyball and horseshoes.

All interested cruisers need to do some early planning and preparations for this cruise. First, get your boat ready and "ship shape" for the trip. Second, if you want a reservation, CBYC has asked for a one-night deposit from each boat by May 1st. The charge is \$1.00 per foot plus \$2.00 for each 30 amp required. You may pay by check or credit card to CBYC, P.O. Box 400, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, or by e-mail at cbyc@crosslink.net. You may also call in with credit card information to 804-224-7230. No refunds allowed but if you need to cancel they will give you a credit for the one night which is good for one year. Be sure to let them know you are with QYC. Everyone should also sign up at the clubhouse so we can plan for needed food and beverage supplies.

More information will be available at the April and May meetings. Call or email us if you have questions. Let's have a great cruise year!

SOCIAL NEWS Cathy Boynton



This year's social events have been scheduled, and we've already got some members to step forward and help by "sponsoring" an event. The Gooding's have graciously volunteered to sponsor the Mother's Day party, and Cherrie & Jerry Saggars will be hosting the Christmas party. I still need help for Father's Day, the Crab Feast, and the Super Bowl party. I will be calling folks real soon to get more members on board.



QYC - SOUTH & PRYCA INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

QYC South updates - Well as this year's boating season gets started we have some exciting happenings down south on the rivah.... We have a couple of QYC boaters that have moved up and out and have become "beamer" too in

the bargain! Best wishes for light winds and following seas to Virginia and John Redden whom have moved up into a roomier, 33' Silverton convertible. Next time you are at Cole's stop by the slip and check out the third mate that keeps an watchful eye on their newest *PC- Knot*. Congratulations and the same good wishes also go to Sharon and Steve Clossen on their new yacht, a 38' Carver Santiago. They should be taking delivery and commissioning her in the not too distant future. There is also rumors of another QYC couple adding a fishing boat to their "herd" of vessels.

The restaurant has open up for the season at Coles Point Plantation with a new and well-versed chef. The report is favorable on both quality of the food and wait staff available! There is a prime rib buffet every Friday night that I was told was "awesome"!

The restaurant at Colonial Beach has been purchased by the couple that ran the Aquia Harbor restaurant and I have heard nothing but rave reviews for its grand opening. It is really great to have a few more choices for "dinning out" out there on the river. As many of you already know eating and drinking are one of my great pleasures....

PRYCA NEWS - As you read this, our new Commodore and I will have just returned from the planning meeting of the PRYCA. Their calendar of events has been added to the QYC calendar that is in this month's newsletter. There is also a master calendar with events, dates, point of contacts, etc. already posted on the bulletin board in the club for your reference. Of course, if needed, you may also contact me and I will point you in the correct direction. I would like for this to be the year that QYC attends all of the PRYCA functions with more than just a boat or two....and Joe and I are planning on doing our best to represent QYC on the water at these events. It is a great way to share boating tales, fellowship, and camaraderie- who knows, you might make a new friend or two!

Hope to see everyone on the water soon!

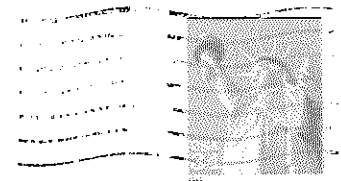
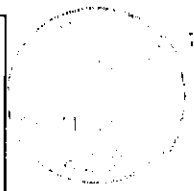


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