

QYC NEWSLETTER

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A NEW SEASON BEGINS WITH THE MOTHERS DAY COOKOUT AND MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Sandy Huizenga

Larry & I had the pleasure of taking our first local cruise. We visited the Capital Yacht Club on the Roy's "Amerid III" and despite the weather, had a terrific time.

It was great to see so many members at our last meeting and I want to welcome the new members.

Mother's Day is approaching and the banquet is in good hands with the Gooding's as sponsors and the Boynton's assisting them. If you haven't signed up yet, please do, and come to the Club for a fun social gathering with plenty of time to go out for a cruise.

Tony, our Marina Manager reports that the cleaning out of the new parking area is on schedule. Also, he reminds us that anyone with "treasures" in the shop, to please get them out ASAP or they will only be a memory.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is scheduled to be at the marina on May 26th for inspections from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Power Squadron Boat Smart course is scheduled for May 19th & 20th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please sign up with Tony. Cost is \$20.

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Thanks to Martin Betts and Cheri Saggars, our Boat US Grant is going according to schedule and should be ready for print soon. We are honored with a special guest at our June meeting with the Commodore of PRYCA, Mr. Phil Bolin. He will be here to give us information on what PRYCA does for us and will try to answer any questions we may have for him.

The Hot Weather is here! Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the river.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE

Cliff Roy

The boating season is finally here and our thoughts are geared towards getting our boats ready for another great cruising year. It's also time to think about Boating Safety. I know that most of you check your safety equipment regularly, however, here are a few things you may want to check. We need to pull those PFD's out of the bag and make sure they are in good condition; fire extinguishers... insure they are full; flares... not out-dated; charts that are fairly current; and signaling devices, Bell, Horn, etc.

While walking around the marina this past weekend I noticed several QYC burgees in need of replacing, so if you are interested, see me after the next meeting. Replacement cost for a burgee is \$20.00. This coming season the Marina office will be open Wednesday through Sunday. Once again I would like to wish you all a Safe Boating Season.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Ed Wright

Well, *The Wright's Stuff* is finally going back into the water this week, after a long winter vacation on dry land. The folks down at Spring Cove Marina in Solomon's do excellent bottom work, but the long drive does discourage spontaneous visits to see how the boat is doing.

In planning our family summer cruise, I came across a web site that I've found to be very useful in determining the cruising itinerary. It's located at

<http://www.MarinePlanner.com> and it allows you to make Trip Tics for your cruise (for free). Just enter your waypoints and average cruising speed and it will give you estimated times between waypoints as well as the segment and total distances. Also, for those of you thinking about getting into electronic charts, but just aren't sure how they compare to real paper ones, you can download or email small area segments like the Potomac River around the Quantico Marina (again, a free service) at <http://www.maptech.com/mapserver>.

Please check out the latest member roster enclosed in this newsletter, and email any changes or corrections to me at wrightee@mindspring.com. See you at the next meeting!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

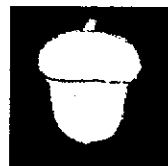


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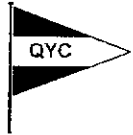
TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

Cathy Williams

Did you ever notice how an advertiser will often portray peace and tranquility by using a sailboat in a Caribbean setting? Though "Rediscovered Dreams" will probably never grace the waters of the Caribbean, we certainly enjoy our days of sailing on the Potomac. We find it just as relaxing and peaceful as the ads in the magazines. Okay, you can't really compare the Potomac to the Caribbean but a good day on the water is still a good day regardless of where you are. Hopefully, we will be having some good days on the water soon.

The spring clean up of the club went really well - and fast - thanks to so many of you showing up to lend a hand. The place looks fabulous! Let the parties begin!

It's great to have so many new members. Welcome to all of you. We hope to see everyone at our many water and land activities that we have planned this season.



QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 6th Blessing of the Fleet - Occoquan Bay (ORMA)
- 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
- 21st Captain's Cruise for Kids
- 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
- 25-26 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
- 15-17 PRYCA End of Summer Party

September (Continued)

- 25th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 29th QYC Crab Feast
- 29th Mt. Vernon YC Fall Regatta

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

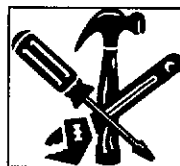
- 11th QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
- 22nd QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 27th Superbowl Party & Chili Cookoff at QYC

February

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

March

- 8th QYC Meeting - Change of Watch



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL Ray Williams

To the members; please accept my many thanks for a very smooth and productive Spring Clean-Up. Among the major accomplishments were a major cleaning of the inside and the moving of the Dinghy Rack to a new location by the clubhouse. We had such a good turnout there are just too many to name and I want to thank all of

you who showed up for your hard work and dedications.

On other matters we are hopeful our boat will be back in the water very soon. All of the major repairs are completed and we are in the process of sealing, cleaning and painting everything we can think of to get ready for the Memorial Day cruise to Colonial Beach.



CRUISING NEWS Don and Sharon Radeke

The first QYC Cruise is the Memorial Day Cruise scheduled for May 26 – 28 to the Colonial Beach Yacht Center (CBYC). We have 13 boats with 40 people signed up as of this writing! This is certainly a great way to start the new season. All participants were to have provided a one-night deposit to CBYC by May 1st. I believe most have done this, if not, or if you are interested in joining this cruise event, please contact CBYC ASAP @ 804-224-7230 or by email at cbyc@crosslink.net for your possible reservation. This is a busy weekend and CBYC expects to be filled with transients including our friends and neighbors from Capital Yacht Club.

CBYC is located inside Gum Bar Point on Monroe Bay next to the town of Colonial Beach. The harbor is located at a longitude of 76 57' 45" W and 38 13'47" N. It is recommended that you approach from the South and use caution if you do "sight-seeing" near the town beach because there are submerged pilings in the area. As you make the turn and head North into the channel, be sure to leave FL R 4 and FL R 2 to starboard. When approaching the marina, please call on VHF 16 for slip assignment and docking assistance. If you attempt a land cruise you can follow route 3 East from Fredericksburg and take 205 to Colonial Beach or a scenic drive is route 218 from Fredericksburg.

There will be many items and events to fill the weekend. Chef Rogers and the Sea Cabin will be brewing some "Frogmore Stew" for the Saturday Night QYC Cookout and all participants are reminded to bring a dish to share. On Sunday afternoon, CBYC will have a band and social from 1:00 – 4:00 PM and guests may also bring a food item to share for that event. We will also have a

QYC brunch (bring a dish) on Sunday or Monday morning (we'll be flexible and do whichever the participants prefer). The marina has other recreation activities, including an excellent restaurant, and is close to downtown Colonial Beach where you can easily walk to the local sights. Tours are available to Stratford Hall Plantation, Ingleside Plantation Vineyards and other nearby historical sights. The Ingleside winery is open from 10 – 5 PM on Saturday and 12 – 5 PM on Sunday. The winery tour and tasting is about 90 minutes plus travel time of about 20 minutes. If you would like to take one of the tours please call or email your Cruising Commodores because we will need to make transportation arrangements. There is a small charge for the tour and transportation.

Next up is the 4th of July Cruise to Coles Plantation. All you patriotic cruisers need to sign-up soon if you have not already done so! We plan to have our QYC cookout Wednesday night, July 4, and followed by the traditional music, honors, sangria and fireworks. The brunch will be Thursday morning and the remainder of the schedule is open. Cruisers may make their own arrangements for arriving early or extending their stay. More information will be available at the May and June meetings. Call or email us if you have questions.



SOCIAL NEWS Cathy Boynton

We had a great turnout for April's meeting - it was great to meet the new members. Please don't forget the activities planned for Mother's Day which is on the 13th and please remember to sign up at the club so that the Goodings know how many to plan for. It will be a great day!

Jeanie and Brian Hand will be sponsoring Father's Day at the club - the sign-up for the cookout will be posted soon.

I still need sponsors for the crab feast and Super Bowl, if interested please let me know. Phone 703-878-3388 or email at JGBTON@erols.com. Thanks!



**QYC - SOUTH & PRYCA
INFORMATION
Rhonda Carson**

Hope this newsletter finds everyone back on the water and maybe even a few cruises under your belts! *Yes Dear....* is, unfortunately, out of the water down south as we are still doing our spring maintenance (better late than never). And as some of you well know, everything is a little slower down the rivah....

The PRYCA boating season has been official started with the Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, May 6th. The great spring weather helped to insure the fantastic turn out of over 125 boats in the Occoquan Bay.

The next PRYCA event is the ever popular "Cobb Island Days" June 15 - 17. This has always been a well-attended event by QYC members in the past and I know that even with the Father's Day conflict, may of us will make the cruise again this year. The channel has been dredged, Cobb Island Marina has upgraded their facilities (electricity) and Shymansky's Marina is also participating to ensure room for everyone! Interested QYC members need to go to the CIYC web page at <http://CIYACHTS.TRIPOD.COM> to download applications, get updates on information, etc.

The 2001 PRYCA Float-In

The PRYCA Float-In will be held at Fort Washington Marina again this year. The dates are July 20-22. But it won't be the same old Float-In this year.

The PRYCA Float-In will be different. We are promoting boating safety and adding some events that really sound like fun. There will be competitive events and educational opportunities too.

The biggest change is the addition of boating seminars on Saturday morning. We are planning to offer several seminars covering different topics. There will even be a seminar that is geared toward the first mate on your boat. The concept we have in mind is similar to the seminars that have been presented at the Solomon's Island TrawlerFest the

last few years. One big difference is we will not charge for attendance at a seminar, they are provided as part of your Float-In registration fee. *MyAL* Toby Jarman is working hard to arrange the seminars, he already has commitments from several interesting speakers. I'm sure everyone on your boat will find at least one seminar that appeals to him or her. See Toby's article for more details.

The seminars are one major change in the Float-In. Here is another: we will have model sail-blow boat races on Friday night and, using the boats, a regatta on Saturday afternoon. The course will be in a house rain gutter! The model sail-blow boats come in a kit you assemble. The kit includes a wooden hull, mast, sail, rudder, and a keel. They are easy to assemble. I'm still pursuing the costs, but anticipate selling the kits under \$4.00. There will be a blow-boat race Friday night, with people allowed to modify their boats and make multiple runs to achieve their best times. You provide the propulsion for the boats by blowing on the sail through a straw. We are still developing the Friday night race details, but we will identify the champion blow hard in PRYCA. The first PRYCA Regatta, using the model sailboats, is scheduled for late Saturday afternoon. As we currently envision the regatta, each club can present a blow-boat competitor to represent their club. The winning club will receive the PRYCA Regatta Cup to keep in their clubhouse. This is in addition to the traditional PRYCA Cup.

There will also be a blow-boat-decorating contest. If you don't want to enter the blow-boat races, you can decorate your boat and enter it into the decorated blow-boat contest, or do both if you like. The decorated boat rules will be simple so we don't have questions about disqualification.

We will also hold the annual PRYCA Cup competition on Saturday. Again, we hope to promote boating safety as part of the competition. One of the events will be based on the percentage of boats attending the Float-In from your club that have a USCG Auxiliary 2001 Vessel Safety Check sticker. There will also be a boating safety and navigation test, a scavenger hunt along with a couple other events.

Be safe and see you at the May meeting!