



QYC Newsletter

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SPRING CLEANUP DAY ON APRIL 20



COMMODORES COMMENTS

Jay Nix

Well a new watch has started and we look forward to serving the members. We had our first Executive Board Meeting on 18 March and it was a long one. There were some lively discussions about the Calendar of Events for this year. We wanted to add some more over night cruises to some new places and we wanted to get back to our old schedule of places in some cases. We added our own Blessing of the Fleet. We set the dates for our Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the QYC and our 50th Anniversary of the Frostbite Regatta to coincide with other events. I would like to add that in some cases that the locations of the Cruises are to be determined (TBD), as we have to get some answers to a few questions. So if you have a favorite place, see one of the Executive Board and offer a suggestion.

Some of you may have heard that Ellen and I are getting a new boat. Well it is not a rumor! We are taking the big plunge to twin engines and getting a 3055 Bayliner. We were told the delivery date is anywhere from the 15th to the 28th of April. They told us they would need 10-14 days to rig it. We hope to have it in time for the Blessing of the Fleet. I was told that the Blessing of the Fleet is a first for the QYC and I am excited about it. If the Old Guard knows different let me know.

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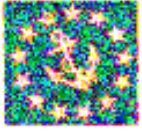
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VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE
Larry Sooby

Hello all,

Thank you for making me your Vice Commodore for the next year. I look forward to many good times and beers with all of you. Even though this winter has been mild, it has been too long as far as I'm concerned. We kept our boat (CAVU) in the water this winter but did not get to use it as much as we would have liked to as I've been 'learning the ropes' of this new vessel. Our prior boat wasn't nearly as complicated. We were able to take her out a few times this winter including a very nice Christmas day cruise. I look forward to taking part in some of this years cruises. We were not able to participate last year because my days off were Monday and Tuesday. With Sunday and Monday off this year we can't wait to join you on the water. See you at the meetings.

Party on,
Larry.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES
Jay Hochstaine.

This is my first attempt to put a newsletter together. I suppose and hope that the first one is the most difficult. Ed set a very high standard for me to meet. Well, all I can tell you is that I'll do my best to keep the secretarial things going. All of the new members of your Executive Board are enthusiastic as we assume our duties and we all aim to do our part to make this a great year for boating.

Along the way I hope we can incorporate some digital aids to keep our club costs down and to improve the club's communications. Our mailing list is about 130 addresses long now. I know some on our list would actually prefer electronic newsletters via e-mail. Some of you will accept a web based digital newsletter instead of a printed edition. We will try to offer those as options.

Elbie J is now back on the pin at Quantico. We look forward to more sailing and cruises this

year. It is, after all, one of the more important reasons for retiring.!



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE
Mike Crouch

Folks,

As you read this Karen and I are likely "underway" on a "real" vessel. Notice the quoted words as MAKIA, as of this writing, stubbornly clings to her land mooring. First, it's important for me to thank you for your trust; supporting our club, our new executive board and myself. My fiduciary responsibilities are contained in the QYC By-Laws and at our monthly meetings I provide a fiscal overview. Not too sexy. So I propose, subject to the Commodore's approval, a new twist. Initially we'll call it "fiscal trivia" and I'll attempt to keep a nautical twist. The thought is I will purchase a \$5.00 block of raffle tickets before the formal meeting. After my prosaic responsibilities have been discharged I will offer the fiscal trivia question to the general membership, and, in true jeopardy fashion, relinquish said block of raffle tickets to the first individual with the correct answer. So, as we'll miss the April meeting you have plenty of time to scour the archives (hint: how many cans are in a six-pack is fair game).

Hope to see you all soon.
Mike



CRUISING NEWS
Jerry & Cheri Sagers

The memorial Day cruise will be at Ft. Washington this year. The sign up sheet will be posted in the club house. We need a sponsor for this event. Please call us if you can sponsor this event.

Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y

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





**QUANTICO YACHT CLUB
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April

- 1st PRYCA Commodore's Night at Tantallon
- 6th Washington Parade of Lights (CYC)
- 12th QYC Meeting
- 15th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 20th Spring Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
- 21st Rain date for Clean-up Day

May

- 4th PRYCA meeting at QYC
- 10th QYC Meeting
- 12th Mothers Day Cookout at QYC
- 18th PYRCA Kids Kup Regatta at QYC
- 19 Blessing of the Fleet QYC
- 20th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 25-27 Memorial Day Cruise to Ft. Washington
- 31st Cobb Island Days - PRYCA

June

- 1-2 Cobb Island Days - PRYCA
- 1-2 Masters of the Potomac QYC
- 8th MVYC Spring Regatta
- 14th QYC Meeting
- 17th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 16th Fathers Day Cookout at QYC
- 29th Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore

July

- 4-7 4th of July Cruise to Coles Point Plantation
- 12th QYC Meeting
- 12-14 PRYCA Summer Float-in at Fort Washington
- 17th QYC Executive Board Meeting

August

- 9th QYC Meeting
- 10-11 QYC Cruise to Nowhere and 25th Anniversary
- 17-18 PRYCA Dog Days of Summer at Colonial Beach
- 19th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 30-31 QYC Labor Day Cruise Oldtown Alexandria

September

- 1-2 QYC Labor Day Cruise Oldtown
- 7th National Capitol Leukemia Cup Regatta
- 13th QYC Meeting
- 13-14 PRYCA End of Summer Party
- 14-15 Tantallion YC End of Summer Party
- 16th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 28th QYC Crab Feast
- 28th Mt Vernon YC Fall Regatta

October

- 5th Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse
- 6th Raindate for Clean-up Day
- 11th QYC Meeting
- 12-13 QYC Columbus Day Cruise TBD
- 13th Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
- 19-20 QYC Frostbite Regatta
- 19-20 50 Yr Celebration Frostbite Regatta
- 21st QYC Executive Board Meeting

November

- 2nd Capitol Frostbite Regatta WSM
- 8th QYC Meeting
- 18th QYC Executive Board Meeting

December

- 7th PRYCA Parade of Lights at Washington Channel
- 14th QYC Meeting and Annual Christmas Party
- 16th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 31st New Years Eve

January

- 10th QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
- 20th QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 25th PRYCA Change of Watch
- 26th Superbowl Party & Chili Cookoff at QYC

February

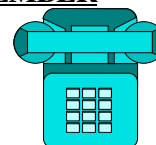
- 14th QYC Meeting - Election of 2003 Officers
- 17th QYC Executive Board Meeting

March

- 14th QYC Meeting - Change of Watch

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129
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**RACING REAR
COMMODORE**
Ray Boisvert

Spring is here and folks have begun their boat preparation rituals at the marina. I am ready to begin sailing again and have my boat ready to go. As you get your boats ready, remember to put two dates on your calendar for racing. First race is at Quantico on the 18th of May (The KIDS'KUP regatta) and the second race is also at Quantico on the 1st of June (Masters of the Potomac). A copy of the full river racing schedule is posted in the club as well as the marina's restroom facility. More info will be passed as we get closer to May.
Hope to see you on the water!



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

Well, Spring is finally here - and with the blooming cherry blossoms comes the boating season! Your newly appointed QYC executive board has scheduled some great outings for the upcoming boating year. Be sure to check out the revised calendar of events (note: We have some NEW events scheduled) in this month's newsletter and coordinate with your personal calendars! You wouldn't want to miss any of the fun on or off the water!

PRYCA's events are already included in our calendar, but, you may want to check out the website for Potomac River Yacht Clubs to see what events are happening with our fellow clubs here on the Potomac. Landmark, Aquia, Ft. Washington, and Dahlgren are just a few of the many clubs that have expressed an interest in having us attend their functions, raft up, or just stop in on a cruise by to enjoy their facilities. You can link to most of the seventeen clubs by going to potomacriveryachtclubs.org.

Hope to see you soon - on the water!



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL
Dick Hansen

Spring Clean Up, April 20,
2002.

Bottom Line Up Front: we look forward to two things from you. First, your input on what needs to be fixed this spring. More importantly, a commitment from you to show-up and help clean up and fix-up our wonderful clubhouse on Saturday, 20 April, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Imagine life in our yacht club without our humble but comfortable facility. We'd be meeting in some stale Quonset hut at the Quantico base. Signing for keys, sweeping the linoleum tile floors and rearranging seats and furniture to the way we found it. Parties would occur at the Holiday Inn, Motel 6, Ramada Inn Ballrooms, or worse yet, on a revolving basis at members' homes. What a pain that would be! The motels and Quonset huts would provide no cozy family room for monthly meetings, no kitchen or bar for food and beverage service, no cable TV, no deck, no grills...no halyard with which to hoist our flag, no place in which to gather and call our own. We mustn't take our clubhouse for granted, as it is a wonderful aspect of the Quantico Yacht Club. Accordingly, we look forward to a strong showing on the 20th of April for our Spring Clean 2002.

We've asked you the members to help list areas we need to address this spring. Please share with us those mental or written notes you've made as you've used the club or said to yourself, "we really ought to...", or "I wish the clubhouse had...". For those so gifted, bring your toolkits for major and minor repairs listed below. Others can provide great assistance just giving the club a good scrub down. You know, see what lurks behind the refrigerators, measure the thickness of dust in the hard to reach places, and throw out the June 1997 copy of Sail Magazine. In addition to the routine

cleaning and organizing normally associated with any Spring Cleaning, our to do list currently includes

- Shore up flooring in ladies head (A recommended "Big" project for this year). Fix contributing factors, e.g., plumbing leak;
- Recaulk shower;
- Fix or retrack vertical and horizontal shades;
- Clean and Waterproof the deck;
- Police the "back yard";

Please send me an email or list your fix and sign up on the Team List posted on the bulletin board. Thanks in advance for your ideas and participation.



SOCIAL NEWS Bill & Betty Walker

This year's social events are all plotted out. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our events and enjoy the fellowship. We need some help and are looking for volunteers to sponsor or host our social events. If you are interested and can help, please give me a call or stop by the Tuscarora where your friendship and company is always welcome.

CHANGES to the AIDS to NAVIGATION IN THE OCCOQUAN CHANNEL (Repeated)

1. Day marker #8, just inbound of Conrad Island, was moved towards the North placing it inward and slightly towards the Fairfax Shore and away from Conrad Island. Renumbered from Red #8 to Red #10.
2. Red lighted marker #10 just off Belmont Bay Marina was moved 10' to 20' maybe E-NE closer to the old wake zone marker. Renumbered as Red lighted marker #12.
3. Green day marker #13 relocated

outwards off the mud bar closer to Belmont.

4. Red lighted marker #12 was renumbered as Red lighted marker #14 and relocated slightly more towards the center of the river westward into deeper water off Fairfax Yacht Club.
5. Green day marker #15 added to replace old #13 close to its original position.
6. Old buoy #14 by Occoquan Regional Park was replaced with new day marker #16.
7. Old buoy #15 replaced new day markers #17 and #19 and placed more towards the Prince William side of the National Channel.

Thus far, the Fairfax Marine Patrol, Salisbury Towing Tug "Capt. Tom" (crew) and Potomac Marine agree that the changes will be of great help in eliminating congestion especially in the areas of Belmont Bay and Conrad Island.

However, prudent mariners should use caution when transiting along the extreme fringes of these channel lines as this short term solution to the congestion issue will still require some dredging especially for the deeper draft vessels.

