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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Jay Nix

What a trip! For those of you who have not heard, it was a fun time at Coles Point. Our Host and Hostess outdid themselves. All the food brought by the members made a feast fit for a king. Due to quite a few members departing for further cruising on Friday, the Volks March was canceled. It was too hot! We stayed in the shade and members sampled the drink. Ellen and I departed for The Tides on Sunday and had a good three days there. We left for Windmill Point Wednesday. After waiting for 45 minutes and no one being able to tell us what slip we were to go in or where the Harbor Master was or when he would be back we decided to head for



Members of QYC Enjoying Buffet at Cole's Point

home. We had hailed them for almost fifteen minutes coming in with no response. Fifteen miles from home the steering went out on us. With the threat of thunderstorms, I opted to bring her in using the engines for steerage. It was quite a learning experience and my bride now has newfound respect for me. Cliff and Sandy Roy experienced engine trouble and were not able to make the trip to Cole's Point. Their boat was pulled for the mechanics to check and they found what they think was the problem. They will be getting their boat back shortly.

We are looking at posting the minutes of the meetings on the internet after they are approved so all members can read what took place at the meeting.

Don't forget to send us your recommendations for improvements to the clubhouse. A special thanks to Phil Rogers for the tape and his recommendations. See you on the water!



SECRETARY'S STUFF
Jay Hochstaine.

We're moving the website! All of the space I had at the previous location was used up and there was no hope of keeping our pictures and announcements so confined. We also ordered our own URL: www.QuanticoYC.org (all combinations of QYC were taken). Check the events pages often to stay up-to-date and view pictures of our last event. Look for the details about the coming events.

I heard that some of you may need a little help reading the roster printed in the last newsletter. There will be copies of the roster at the next meeting with larger print.

The marina added a couple of sailors who would like to crew. Check the Crew Page if you want some extra help on your next sail.

Many thanks to our Commodore for taking the shots of the July 4th cruise for us.



**TREASURER'S BOTTOM
LINE**
Mike Crouch

This is the money man...we're still solvent...but you can always contribute extra.

At a very public gathering at Tim's recently I was

publicly humiliated, berated and maligned over the lack of use of our boat. So, I ran some calculations using the sum of the lunar digit formula: feet x maintenance dollars spent divided by total hours operated. Alas this venerable nautical formula yielded a remarkably curious factor, specifically, that Two Os & a G was in fact the most underutilized vessel in our club. The numbers don't lie - go figure.

How's about a quote to close:

"When Diving into the Sea of Life

Be sure it's not a Belly Flop"

Bazooka Bubble Gum

See you at the docks

Mike & Karen



**RACING REAR
COMMODORE**
Ray Boisvert

Can you believe it is already August! The summer is going fast and the fall racing season will begin soon. So far the winds on the river have been very good when compared to some years when "calm" would be an understatement. My family and I completed a two-week adventure aboard "STACY LYNN" and arrived back to Quantico on 5 July. We visited Port Kinsale on the Yeocomico, Tangier Island, Onancock, Deltaville, Windmill Point, Reedville, Olverson's Marina on the Yeocomico and ended with the club's 4th of July gathering at Cole's Point Plantation. We had great weather and winds with the exception of the 3rd and 4th of July which were beyond HOT. (My wife is seriously looking at air conditioning options for the boat.) We were able to sail about 85% of the time which translates to using a total of 10 gallons of diesel for the two weeks. Most of the motoring was on the Potomac.

The fall racing starts on 7 Sep at the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria with the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. This is a major regatta supported by Volvo, West Marine, and other sponsors. The fun begins on Friday nite, the 6th, for those boats arriving early. There will be food, drink, early registration and more drinks. Saturday morning there is a skipper's meeting and the race starts about 10 AM. After the race there is more food, drinks, silent auctions, raffles, music, T-shirts & hats, and trophies. There are multiple racing classes for spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. If you would like to get a taste of what "big time" regattas (like those on the Bay) have to offer, then don't miss this one.

The rest of the fall schedule is posted on the club's bulletin board. The next QYC sponsored race is 19 &

20 Oct. The Frostbite Regatta turns 50!!! More on this to follow.

Hope to see you on the water.



CRUISING NEWS **Jerry & Cheri Saggers.**

On the 10 & 11 of Aug we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of QYC in conjunction with the Cruise to Nowhere. Sherri Sagger, along with the crew from Two Officers & A Gentleman, will kick the party off with a raft-up at Mattawoman Creek around 1:00 PM on the 10th. At 6:00 PM put on western attire, bring some of your favorite country CDs because that's when the party begins. There will be a small charge of \$8.00 for adults. This will cover all food and drinks. Sunday morning starting around 9:30AM, we are having a brunch and we ask you to bring a dish to share.

Cliff Roy.

Our Beloved Member's Obituary

I was saddened to see one of our member's name in the obituary section of the local paper the other day. As one who sometimes wrote about (poked fun at) his exploits in the QYC Newsletter, I feel that I should be the one who also writes about his obituary.

I guess that now is the time that I should admit that I stretched the truth a bit when I wrote the article two years ago in the Newsletter about how my Columbia 25 cruising sail boat beat his Ranger 37 racing sailboat. It did make for a good story though.

He always had a gnarly gruff mien during all those years that he planned and led all of us in either hauling-out or hauling-in as many as 44 boats at the Quantico Marina with the 50-ton crane. I never heard a soul question his orders as he barked directions during those twice a year, 18-hour workdays. He made sure that the evolution was safe and cost effective. Not one person ever received so much as a scratch that I remember hearing about. He also was a previous QYC Commodore, and was a true professional in his approach to work details on the clubhouse.

I remembered that it was always him who we called on when we had a major problem with a boat or we needed to know how to tie our boats up to prevent damage when a hurricane was coming.

I must not have known about his past very well, because I was not aware of many of the facts about him that the paper mentioned in the article. So, I was not too surprised when he answered the phone when I called after reading the obituary. He, of course, quoted Mark Twain by saying "that the reports of his death were greatly exaggerated". Same name, but different person, kind of mistake. I was glad that it was not the member that we know, but was still saddened for the family and friends of the other gentleman.

Last week, as I watched him single hand his boat "RELENTLESS" into the slip at Quantico Marina, I remembered that all was well. I think that during the up coming summer of 2002, we all will look forward to seeing him sailing strongly with that predominant American flag attached to his boat's back stay.

__Maybe, after musing about the member we know passing and still having him around, we all will reflect on the good times and good people at the Marina that we enjoy today. Maybe before we read a good friend's real obituary.... or before our friends read about ours.... we will stop and spend a few moments just getting re-acquainted and staying friends....

Doug Humston
"SANCTUARY"

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