

# QYC NEWSLETTER

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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**COMMODORES COMMENTS**

Sandy Huizenga

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** Hope all of you had a great December and wonderful Christmas. If you participated in any of the QYC Social Events, we know you had fun. Cheri Sagers was cute as Santa's helper. It's hard to believe that 2002 is right around the corner. The year 2001 will never be forgotten. It is time to think of the New Year at QYC and jump right in and volunteer for a rewarding position, serving on the Board. January is almost as much fun as December, to include the PRYCA Change of Watch, which is always a fun formal affair. To begin the evening, Larry and I would like to invite those QYC members attending the dance to join us for refreshments at approximately 4:00 PM. We'll notify you of the hospitality room number, or inquire at the check-in desk for "Huizenga." Also, plan to come to the QYC Super Bowl Party!

**QYC Web Site:**

<http://www.angelfire.com/va/qyc>



## VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE

### Cliff Roy

Just a brief note this month to thank all who attended and assisted with the Christmas Party. Also, please don't forget that elections for the 2002-2003 Executive Board are coming up in February. Please plan on attending the January and February meetings to have your input into the next slate of officers, and to vote on the leaders of your choice.



## SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

### Ed Wright

*The Wright's Stuff* finally got winterized for the cold part of our winter. Seems like I was a little late doing it (after Christmas), but it just hadn't been cold enough to motivate me into shutting things down for the winter.

This will be one of the shorter newsletters of the season, but don't let that fool you into believing there's not much going on with the club. We will have a slate of officer's presented at the January meeting by the nomination committee, and will take additional nominations from the floor. Then, in February, elections will be held for the next Executive Board. Please plan on attending these important meetings to have your voice heard, and to volunteer for a post if you can.

Even if you do not plan on running for a seat on the board, your input will be needed so the Club's 2002-2003 Calendar of Events can be put together soon after the installation of our new officers. The new Executive Board will need to know member's desires regarding cruising destinations, party plans, and any other events to be planned for the New Year. Also, in addition to the Executive Board seats, there are Rear Commodores for Cruising, Social, etc. that will need volunteers.

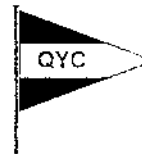
## IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



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.



## QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 11<sup>th</sup> QYC Meeting - Nomination of Officers
- 22<sup>nd</sup> QYC Executive Board Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> PRYCA Change of Watch

### February

- 8<sup>th</sup> QYC Meeting - Election of 2002-2003 Officers
- 19<sup>th</sup> QYC Executive Board Meeting

### March

- 8<sup>th</sup> QYC Meeting - Change of Watch



## CRUISING NEWS

### Don and Sharon Radeke

It may be winter and there may be ice, but don't let that stop you. Get ready for a cruise!

The QYC is planning a Valentines Day, or weekend, Cruise and getaway to Williamsburg Virginia. This is a "Land Cruise" for QYC members and their sweethearts so sign up quickly because the slots will not last. Our

thanks go to Bill Gooding for arranging this fantastic deal! Here is what Bill has put together:

A two-day getaway land cruise to Powhatan Plantation in Williamsburg. We have six two-bedroom condos set aside for the QYC during February 15 - 16. Each condo has a hot tub on the balcony off of the bedroom and each unit has full kitchen facilities and two bathrooms. Powhatan Plantation itself is a large resort with two restaurants on property, one of which is every bit of 5 stars and a gourmet treat. Also located on the resort is a weight room, two racquet ball courts, indoor pool, 18th century manor house, several ponds, hiking trails, Putt Putt Golf, and a number of other activities. A suggested itinerary would be as follows:

February 15 - Cruise down on your own, check in, and have a welcome aboard social hour

February 16 - Traditional QYC Brunch at one of the units. Final arrangements to be made at the previous days social hour.

- Mid Day tour at Jamestown or the Williamsburg Winery
- Afternoon (open); boat maintenance (in the hot tub, pool, or other)
- 1900 Dinner at the Kitchen (Gourmet Restaurant) 18th Century style and adjacent to the manor house. Dress is nice casual.

February 17 - Check out by 1000. Breakfast at the grill and then cruise home.

Cost for the condos is \$50 per night plus tax and whatever you spend at the other activities. We will hold the rooms until January 18th but would prefer to have this booked by QYC meeting time on January 11. First come, first served, and children are welcomed!

Now that is a deal! And, there is no sign-up sheet for this event as time is a critical factor! If you

have questions, please call Bill Gooding at 703-878-6827 or Don Radeke at 703-680-5175.



## SOCIAL NEWS

**Cathy Boynton**

Many thanks to the Sagers on a wonderful Christmas party - the decorations were top of the line, the food superb and Santa out did herself with presents, games and plenty of laughs. Did you know that you can buy Virginia peanuts in the commissary? Just curious. ☺

The Super Bowl party will be held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the details on the meal are still in the works - should be a great evening of commercials and some football.

We are still looking for positions for next year's QYC Executive Board. We need candidates for Vice Commodore and Secretary, and if you haven't received any calls, you will soon, so why not volunteer?

To all of you, a very Happy New Year, may all your wishes and expectations come to be. Thanks for all your help this year.



## PRYCA & QYC - SOUTH INFORMATION

**Rhonda Carson**

First, a reminder that payment and menu selections for the PRYCA Change of Watch Dinner are needed by January 6<sup>th</sup> for those planning on attending. Also, I am passing on a couple articles from PRYCA's newsletter that I thought some other club members may find interesting:

### National Weather Service to Retire 'Igor'

JoAnn W. Goddard, Staff Writer

*Soundings*, August 2001

The National Weather Service is pulling the plug on Igor. The automated voice that delivers forecasts on weather radio, affectionately known as Igor by National Weather Service staff, will be replaced by a more human-sounding computer voice by the end of next year, according to the agency. Igor's computer-generated voice was considered a major breakthrough when it was introduced in 1997, because it allows the weather service to send multiple warnings over multiple transmitters simultaneously, up to several minutes faster. Previously, forecasters had to manually record and transmit each message individually. But mariners and other weather watchers have complained that Igor's monotone voice is annoying, and its "accent" (seemingly a bad, computer-generated Arnold Schwarzenegger impression) is hard to understand. "We've had continuous complaints that the voice is sometimes hard to understand because of the 'accent,'" said Joanne Swanson, leader of the weather service's effort to find a new and better voice. "We want to make sure our broadcasts, particularly our warnings, are clear and understood." A team of information technology experts was asked to develop new voices using sophisticated text-to-speech software with virtually unlimited vocabulary to provide the full range of watches, warnings, advisories, forecasts and other weather information to the public. The team has developed five computerized announcers to "audition" for the job. They are "Linda," "Paul," "Donna," "Art" and "Craig." The weather service is seeking public comment on the voices, and plans to focus groups to help make a final decision. You can hear and comment on the voices at [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/voicesamples](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/voicesamples). The weather service planned to award a contract by the end of June, with a prototype available by Christmas and a new voice in early 2002. Weather radio is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The National Weather Service has about 500 radio transmitters in the United States, as well as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and U.S. Pacific territories. Weather

radio broadcasts warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**From a MAL, Walt Cheatham**  
Washington Marina Seeking  
Renovation/Expansion of Its Marina Facilities

By Public Notice 01-01496-11, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has announced the intent of Washington Marina to renovate and expand its marina facilities at 1300 Maine Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20024 to create a total of 150 slips. There are no dredging or SAV impacts associated with this project. The plan would construct the following floating dock system:

- Upriver of the existing land based facility:
  - Dock A: 276 feet long with a 45-foot long T-head
  - Dock B: 255 feet long with a 60-foot long T-head
  - Dock C: 237 feet long with a 63-foot long T-head
  - Dock D: 190 feet long with a 55-foot long T-head
  - Dock E: 163 feet long with 4 finger docks extending from it
- Directly outside the existing land based facility:
  - Dock F: 88 feet long with an 35-foot long L-head parallel to the harbor line and 265-foot section along the existing seawall
- Downriver of the existing land based facility:
  - Dock G: parallel to the existing seawall approximately 743 feet long by 8 feet wide
  - Dock H: 280 feet long with an 85-foot long L-head The T and L heads parallel the harbor line, and the finger docks off E dock end at it.

Happy New Year!  
-Rhonda