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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Jay Nix

It is official. Summer has arrived. Although we all look forward to this time of year, for me it means that the days start to get shorter. I wish somehow we could just let the daylight hours of summer remain the same and cruise until our hearts were content. We have some great days of cruising ahead and I for one am looking forward to those cruises.

At our last meeting, I brought up that we want to look at ways to improve our clubhouse. Some of the suggestions we have had were an awning for the deck, a screened in portion of the deck, a cover for the grilling area, and motion detector lights. Some other things that can be looked at are new chairs for the clubhouse or having some re-covered and a portable canopy for the cruises. We would like to get rid of the old stereo system and move the refrigerator from the back area to behind the bar. This would eliminate the need for the ice coolers. I encourage each of you to think about what we can do to improve our club and let a member of the Executive Board know. Nothing is too big or small for us to consider, except, a whole new clubhouse.

If you still have not had your Vessel Safety Check,

catch me at the marina and I will be more than happy to take care of it for you.
See you on the water!



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE
Larry Sooby

Hello all,

Ten co-workers and I boarded my boat the Monday after Father's Day and took off for the newest restaurant near the 301 bridge called Gilligan's Pier. They have an outdoor bar with lots of sand and a beach volley ball area. I'm happy to report that everyone said the food was excellent. Many of my friends had seafood fare while I opted for the 10 oz. filet mignon. They have a menu with lots of choices for those of us who are not seafood fans. The pricing is probably more than you are used to for a restaurant on the water in these parts but the quality and excellent service is well worth every penny. This is definitely a place to put on your cruising calendar. It is about a 23-mile trip one way from Quantico. So, for a slower boat like mine it makes a great day trip. They had about six feet of water at the end of the pier and they have a water taxi for those that can't get a spot. I will post a copy of their menu on the board in the clubhouse for everyone to look at if interested. See you on the water.

Party on,

Larry



SECRETARY'S STUFF
Jay Hochstaine.

The events section of our web site will contain information about our events before the event takes place (as soon as I get the information). After the event I'll try to post some pictures there. There are some pictures there from the Fathers Day BBQ. If you have some pictures, e-mail them to me and I'll process them for addition to the web. The schedule for the Fourth of July Cruise is posted there now. Hopefully, someone will take a few pictures during the cruise and send them to me. I'm feeling my way along with this part of the web pages because of the large amount of disk space required to store pictures and the time required for browsers to display the pictures. Suggestions from you are

welcome.

The marina is establishing a list of sailors who would like to crew. We'll post the data to the website under the Quantico Crew Page. If you need crew to help out, check the page and contact the individuals. The marina and QYC are offering this listing as information only. Access the page from a link on our homepage.

Is there anything else that you want on our website? Let me know!



SOCIAL NEWS
Bill & Betty Walker

Great turnout on Fathers Day. Thank you to all who helped make it a great success.



RACING REAR COMMODORE
Ray Boisvert

Ray told me he is saving his wind this month. (July is a tough month for sailors.)



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL
Dick Hansen

Aloha. As I understand it, Aloha means both hello and goodbye...or something to that effect. I feel somewhat in that predicament as I begin a permanent change of station (PCS) to Carlisle Barracks, PA for a one year tour. My family will stay in NJ pending the Army's follow-on assignment for us. We have now avoided two moves in as many years, which, while not optimal, does afford the kids some stability (and me the "opportunity" to live aboard). Sunspur will stay at Quantico, where I hope to coordinate visits to the marina with our monthly membership meetings. Regardless of what works out, I intend to fulfill Fleet Captain/Custodian duties during those visits to Quantico until the term is up, or until I get fired. I've posted a To Do List on the bulletin board for any good

ideas you have or for things you find short of supply. Additionally, you can reach me via email to que up your thoughts.

We have purchased a motion sensor light and associated hardware. We intend to install it at the corner of the clubhouse to illuminate the walkway, stairs, and entry door. We may need a volunteer or two to help with installation, should I run short of time. We are preparing some sketches and a bill of materiel for a deck "bimini". Our deck roof or shade will run from the front door and entry stairs to the sliding glass doors at the center of the deck. We're proposing an all lumber construction with roof shingles consistent with the clubhouse. Once the sketches are complete, we'll post them on the bulletin board and newsletter, requesting your review and approval. We'd also ask that the engineers, architects, carpenters, masons, and roofer members check the data for sound construction and aesthetics. I'll propose to the Executive Committee and membership that we consider this our major project for the Fall Clean Up, unless of course a team of folks wants to volunteer their time before then. Until then, as your Fleet Captain-in-Absentia, I recommend while occupying the deck, that you enjoy the blue sky above. If the skies turn grey and precipitous, then I recommend you don foul weather gear and or go inside. Aloha.



CRUISING NEWS

Jerry & Cheri Saggers

By the time this newsletter is out, the 4th of July will have passed. Many thanks to Ginny and John

Redden and all of Quantico for sponsoring this event. We can't say yet how John behaved! Our assumption is that the food and the company was great. Many of us did not stay the entire weekend but cruised elsewhere. We missed Sharon and Don Radeke. Don's aunt who was to turn 90 in a few weeks died and they had to leave for the funeral. With Don gone there went another person to get us in trouble! Next up is the "Cruise to Nowhere," August 10 and 11. We also will be celebrating our 25th year of organization where we have gone from a yacht and sailing club to yacht club. So far on the agenda, we have planned an afternoon cruise to Mattawoman to raft up, swim and party. On Saturday evening, the Roy's will sponsor a BBQ. More info will be coming at our July meeting. Marti Heins, the cake decorating genius, is planning a special dessert for the club. The Labor Day Cruise sign-up is complete. Anyone

else who wishes to attend, please add your name and we will try to get a few more slips. This will be a great time. We will be investigating to see what is happening that weekend in Old Town. We, in fact, need to replenish our brew cache and get our bottle refilled from the Alexandria Brew Meister. Thanks to Marty and Rosie Betts for sponsoring this weekend. Rosie, our phone line is open and awaiting your questions! The next event is the Crab Feast, the last Saturday in September. More information will be coming on that. That's it from Cruising.

Jerry Saggers.

QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

July

- 4-7 4th of July Cruise to Coles Point Plantation
- 12th QYC Meeting
- 12-14 PRYCA Summer Float-in at Fort Washington
- 15th 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





Jerry on his Fathers Day Cruise

There are Good Days ..

(Courtesy of "Dunk" MacDonald)



.. and There are Bad Days

(Courtesy of Jerry Sagers)



Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129
Marina Office: 703-784-2359



Weather

[Safety Tip from the US Coast Guard]

You should never leave the dock without first checking the local weather forecast. You can get the weather information from the TV, radio, local newspaper, on-line, or from one of the weather channels on your VHF radio.

At certain times of the year weather can change rapidly and you should continually keep a "weather eye" out. While you are out in a boat here are a few signs you can look for that indicate an approaching weather change:

- * Weather changes generally come from the west. Scan the sky with your weather eye, especially to the west.
- * Watch for clouds to build up, especially rapid vertically rising clouds.
- * Sudden drop in temperature.
- * Sudden change in wind direction and/or speed.
- * If you have a barometer on your boat, check it every 2 to 3 hours. A rising barometer indicates fair weather and rise in wind velocity; a falling barometer indicates stormy or rainy weather.

What To Do in Severe Weather

- * Reduce speed, but keep just enough power to maintain headway.
- * Put on your PFDs.
- * Turn on running lights.
- * Head for nearest shore that is safe to approach, if possible.
- * Head bow of boat into the waves at about a 45-degree angle.
- * Keep bilges free of water.
- * Seat passengers on bottom of boat near centerline.
- * If your engine fails, trail a sea anchor on a line from the bow to keep the boat headed into the waves. A bucket will work as a sea anchor in an emergency.
- * Anchor the boat if necessary.