

Masters of the Potomac June 1st & 2nd

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Jay Nix



We have arrived! By the time you receive this newsletter, the QYC will have completed its first cruise of the season! And if you have not heard, our boat, "In Our Dreams" is sitting in its slip. Thanks to all of you who came down and took part in the christening.



Jay Nix Christening "In Our Dreams"

The Blessing of the Fleet was small but as it was our first it made for a good start. The Chaplain said a few words and then a small prayer and the procession began. We had six boats that went forth upon the

waters and were blessed. Then there were five of us who had to sit in our slips, and have our "Ladies" blessed. Chaplain Johnson did an outstanding job for us. The Chaplain, a sail-boater, was impressed when our own Secretary came by under sail and had his boat blessed.

As it has been relayed to me, I was and, as of the writing, still am, under the weather, the Kids Cup Regatta went well, as did the auction that followed. Ellen and I really enjoy attending the cookout and auction but felt no one would want what I had to offer. Hey Ray it was the thought of crewing for you that did it!

For those of you who have not seen the pictures on our Web Site, you are missing quite a bit. You will see the pictures of Cliff Roy's boat and the tree that fell on it. He, Sandy and the grand kids are all fine but had to have the rescue personnel use chain saws to cut the limbs away so they could get out of the boat. Cliff, if you want Sandy up early to start breakfast, just set the alarm clock next time.

I have the materials to do your boat inspections. Just let me know when you would like it done.

For those who missed it the Mothers Day Cookout was great. We had over 50 attendees who enjoyed NY strip steaks over the grill and so many mouth-watering delicacies that I can't begin to name them all. We also had horseshoes, volleyball and other games set up. Don't miss the Fathers Day Cookout. By the way don't be afraid to step up volunteer to sponsor this for Dad.

See all of you at the meeting and on the water.



**VICE COMMODORE'S
VOICE**

Larry Sooby

Hello all,

It has been an interesting month. The Blessing of the Fleet went very well although there were only a few boats participating. This was our first time at this type of event and we had a great time. Now we need to build on this and get more people and boats participating next year. Unfortunately a few members were not able to get their boats ready in time plus the wind and temperature weren't very cooperative. The

Roy's should have had their boat blessed a day earlier and maybe that huge tree wouldn't have fallen on it trapping them inside the boat. Thankfully no one was hurt but apparently the people at 911 didn't have a clue what to do as Cliff kept getting transferred while someone tried to figure out who to dispatch since the Virginia MCCA tree fell on a boat in Maryland waters. The Nix's new boat is finally here and looks great. The Mother's Day cookout was a lot of fun and I'd like to say 'Thanks' to all those who attended and helped out. The food was terrific and there was plenty of it. This summer, should it actually get warm, is shaping up to be a great boating and partying season. See you on the water.

Party on.

Larry



SECRETARY'S STUFF
Jay Hochstaine

What a busy month! We had the Mothers' Day BBQ, the Kids' Kup Regatta, the Blessing of the Fleet and, quite unscheduled, the tree falling on AMERID III. I thought I'd limit my words and try to insert a few pictures in this newsletter. Of course the pictures will look much better on the website. So, take a look at the electronic version posted at <http://members.aol.com/quanticoyc>.



Cliff Roy Emerges from AMERID III May 18th

The Blessing of the Fleet was a wonderful experience. Gusty winds carried Elbie J and crew silently across Quantico pier. We heard every word of the blessing from Chaplain Johnson. Our thanks to him and to all who set up the ceremony.

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



Ross Horton Starts Team Japan at the Little America's



**TREASURER'S BOTTOM
LINE
Mike Crouch**

Wow, what a weekend (5/18-19) at the Quantico marina! Many of you were there but for those who weren't here's a brief recap. Saturday dawned with rain, wind and a downed tree. Trouble is said tree found the committee boat for the Kid's Cup Regatta. Suffice it to say Bayliners can take a lickin and keep on tickin. So MAKIA was tabbed to queue up and in fine power boat fashion we chickened out. Remember the wind? Good for racing...not so good for dodging mooring posts/piers. Anyway with Phil Rogers and Mike Fallon as de facto race officials we were able to fulfill "committee boat" duties from the end of the pier. The afternoon and evening was spent at the club where the chow was outstanding and the auction a lot of fun. Sunday was the Blessing of the Fleet followed by the christening of the Commodore's new vessel. So again, what a weekend and it was great to see many of you. Oh, one other thing. We still have money in the checkbook. See you at the docks - Mike



**CRUISING NEWS
Jerry & Cheri Sagers**

By the time you read this newsletter our Memorial Day Cruise will be over and without fail we will all be back safely home in port. Thanks to Karen and Mike Crouch for sponsoring this event along with Rosie and Marty Betts for their support. (Rosie asked Jerry a "hundred" questions which Cheri had to answer.) We had seven boats cruise to Fort Washington Marina. The

theme of our dinner was Mexican with Mike cooking Tacos. The hope was for good boating weather which stayed with the forecast. The cruise plan was to eat at the Marina Saturday night at the "Proud Mary" Restaurant and then to have brunch and cook out on Sunday.

Actually, what really happened was that we rocked and rolled down the river to Proud Mary's where we then partook of the ambiance. Those that missed the event will not have have our memories and laughs.

Coming Up John and Ginny Redden, along with the help of Jim and Evelyn Rock, are sponsoring the 4th of July Gala Cruise at Coles Point. On one of the nights, the Redden's are planning a barbecue. We definitely need a Volksmarch to keep with the QYC tradition of waking and scaring the campers with our revelry (e.g., John getting smacked in the kisser! That's another story--) With the 4th on a Thursday this year, we may plan to have a breakfast on Friday and leftovers on Saturday morning. There is a great restaurant at the Point, so plan on joining us for a night out and for the weekend. The signup sheet is on the QYC Announcement Board.



**RACING REAR
COMMODORE
Ray Boisvert**

The annual Kids' Kup Regatta was held on Sat 18 May after the heavy rains left the area in the mid morning hours. However, the winds remained which made for some interesting and rough sailing. Six sailboats made the starting line; 3 boats each in the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. The Race Committee wisely chose to start the race from the Quantico pier end because the strong northwest winds made it unsafe to untie those motor beasts from the dock. It doesn't matter how much horsepower you have when 20+kt gusts are pinning you broadside against the dock. If you have not been down to the marina in a while you will see (or not see as the case may be) that the large tree which was standing near the fuel dock is now half of its former self or is completely gone. At about 0630 on the 18th the winds and rain brought most of the tree smashing down upon Cliff and Sandy Roy aboard AMERID III. No one was hurt. The Quantico Fire Department used chain saws to clear away limbs to make a path on and off AMERID III. Damage to the boat is being assessed.

All the race boats safely completed the 11.2-mile course. My boat STACY LYNN was the only Quantico entry and we took a first in the non-spinnaker class. After the race we all retreated to the club for a great social and auction. All proceeds are going to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. It was a fantastic time. Special thanks go the Mike and Karen Crouch for filling in as Race Committee after the Roy's unfortunate accident with the tree, to Bill and Sam Gooding for bringing a great big ham to share, to Ed and Dottie Wright for donating auction items including Miss Lucky, and to all the QYC folks who stopped by to spend some money. At press time the total raised is \$792.

The next race is also at Quantico (or I should say starts and ends at Quantico) on 1 and 2 June. The "Masters of the Potomac" will hopefully get underway that weekend and should be a fun time. The results of that race will be in next month's newsletter.

Hope to see you on the water.

QUANTICO YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

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 & Chili Cookoff at QYC

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



QUARTERMASTER CORNER Ellen Nix

For those of you wanting to show off your club colors, there are many different ways to do it. I have everything from totes to tank tops, to everything for the ladies. If you purchase something and want the QYC Logo and your name or the name of your boat on it the cost is \$7 for the logo and \$2 for the name. See me at the meeting or call to make arrangements. See you on the water!



QYC - SOUTH & PRYCA INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

First, I would like to remind each QYC member that the deadlines for registration for the PRYCA Float-In and Cobb Island Days are quickly approaching.....if anyone is planning on attending these events you need to contact me ASAP if you haven't signed up yet!

The " Dog Day of Summer" event that was scheduled for August has been canceled due to the fire at Colonial Beach Marina. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the accident and our hearts go out our fellow boaters and their personal losses. We shall all miss the Colonial Beach Marina which has been a long time mainstay marina and stomping ground for many a boater on the lower Potomac. There are pictures of the fire and the tornadoes in Maryland on the PRYCA's website.

The PRYCA board has been working on the approval of another yacht club for membership. The Port of Washington Yacht Club is located in the Gangplank Marina in DC. I spoke at length with the newly elected Commodore, Susan Carpenter, who extended a warm and hearty welcome to any QYC members that may find themselves up in her "neck of the woods".

Lastly, and with a very heavy heart, I must step down in July as your PRYCA delegate and MAL. The Carsons are relocating to sunny Florida! Joe has accepted a position in Tampa and, as I don't chose to get a divorce, we are selling the house, the boat, and maybe a child or two!!!!

On the serious side, I have had a great time representing QYC with the PRYCA and hope that my replacement enjoys the post as much as I have. I want to thank each of the Commodores that have placed their trust in me to represent the Quantico Yacht Club in the boating community. I also hope that I will have sparked an interest in the QYC membership to continue in an active role in the PRYCA and its events and activities.

Thank you each and everyone (there are too many to List by name) that has supported me throughout these last three years in my role as PRYCA delegate and MAL.....it has been honor.

Rhonda Carson



SOCIAL NEWS Bill & Betty Walker

Fathers Day June 16 is approaching rapidly. Anyone interested in sponsoring the Fathers Day BBQ let me know. I will be posting a sign up sheet on the bulletin board on Wednesday, May 22.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CALL Dick Hansen

We ask that you give some thought before our next membership meeting on the subject of improving our clubhouse. Some items remain on our "to do" list. The sensor light for our entrance way is an example. Others have suggested some ideas that include a retractable patio shade or more permanent roof or enclosure for our barbeque area. So please give it some thought and attend the next membership meeting prepared to offer up some additional ideas to put your dues to work for you. By the way, just a closing note on our Spring Clean Up. For about \$83 dollars (or the cost of a 60-minute plumber's visit and yard crew), we were able to clean and repair the clubhouse and "landscape" the external grounds. Thanks again to all who helped this year.

Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y



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

Information about Float Plans

Before heading out on the water for any length of time, boaters should always check the marine weather forecast, ensure all their safety equipment is on board and meets state and Federal requirements, AND file a Float Plan, as found on our website.

A Float Plan is nothing more than a trip itinerary a boater leaves with a reliable relative or friend who can contact the appropriate authorities in the event the boater does not return when expected. The Float Plan outlines a description of the vessel, the expected route, ports of call, safety equipment on board and an estimated date and time of return. If the operator or passengers have a medical condition or are taking

medication, that information should be included as well.

One of the U.S. Coast Guard's primary missions is search and rescue. However, boaters can help limit search time if they leave behind a Float Plan. Too often in the past, valuable time was lost because there was very little information available when initiating the search. Another thing boaters seem to overlook is notifying those back home when schedules change or unexpected delays occur. There have been cases in the past where boaters were reported overdue and then later found safe and sound at some distant marina or at some shoreside establishment. Boaters should always notify those back home when they will be delayed or if they decide to change their itinerary.

The PDF Float Plan at our site is designed to print out on one page. We've also included a DOC version so that you may pre-print information about your boat and other known information about your crew with your word processor. Print out a few and keep them on your boat for those summer QYC cruises.

Float Plan:

- Name of the person reporting & telephone number: _____
- Description of boat:
 - Type _____ Color _____ Trim _____
 - Registration No. (Number on Hull): _____ Length _____
 - Name _____ Make _____ Other info _____
- Engine Type _____ HP _____
No. of Engines _____ Fuel Capacity _____
- Survival Equipment o/b (check all that apply):
 PFDs _____ Flares _____ Mirror _____ Smoke Signals _____ Flashlight _____ Food _____
 Paddles _____ Water _____ Anchor _____ Raft or Dinghy _____ EPIRB _____
 Other Equip (ie. radar reflector) _____
- Is there a VHF Marine Radio on board? Yes _____ No _____ Freqs _____
- Is there a cellular phone on board? Yes _____ No _____ Phone Number _____
- Automobile license plate No.: _____ Make/Model _____
 Color _____ Where parked _____
 Trailer plate No.: _____ Where parked _____
- Number of persons on board _____ (Use back of the sheet if necessary)

Name	Age	Address & Telephone Number
- Do any of these persons have medical conditions? Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, what condition _____
 Are any medications necessary _____
- Trip Itinerary: Leave at _____
 From _____ To _____
 Expect to return by (date & time) _____
 and not later than _____ Places you will visit _____
- Any additional info _____
- If not returned by (date & time) _____ notify the
 U.S. Coast Guard at (phone No.) _____ or
 (local authorities) at _____
- Additional Contact Numbers: _____

