

QYC NEWSLETTER

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NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD TAKES CHARGE MARCH 8TH

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Sandy Huizenga



I'm relieved, realizing this is my last turn to write comments from the Commodore. But, at the same time saddened that my year has gone by so quickly. Thanks to all who had the confidence in me to be your Commodore.

This has been a year to remember, not only for the QYC, but also for 2 O's & a G. It was exciting for us to arrive at Quantico with the larger boat. The Quantico Yacht Club had an extremely good year despite the attack on America, which canceled a few of our major QYC functions. No one objected to the long lines at the gate or the close inspections, or even the closing of the Marina. We just respected the efforts and dealt with it. The Quantico Yacht Club had a nice face-lift and Tony Cruz and crew did an excellent job of cleaning up our parking area, so now we can enjoy the Potomac River from the deck. Thank you, Tony.

QYC Web Site:

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

I want to thank everyone who throughout the year helped me with the functions of the club. Three extraordinary accomplishments this year were: the Boat US Grant awarded to QYC for Boating Safety; the participation of three QYC members who completed the Safe BOATR Principal Evaluators Course and were recognized by the PRYCA at their annual Dinner Dance; and, Past Commodore Rhonda Carson was installed as Member at Large of the PRYCA.

The Rear Commodore's are a very important aspect of the club. They clean up, get things out for all the functions and in general contribute the efforts that make our organization so much fun to be a part of. This club is only as good (or as fun) as what you put into it.

February has been a quiet month, although you probably wish your boat was in the water! Larry and Cliff found an excuse to take the *Amerid III* out this past week. They said something like "You should have come along!"

Anyway, Thank you again for supporting me as Commodore of Quantico Yacht Club. I hope to see many of you at the March meeting to welcome the new Board and give them your support.



VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE Cliff Roy

There seems to be a number of new marina patrons. I have approached a few of them in the past couple of months, and some have expressed some interest in joining our yacht club this coming season. If you have a new slip holder next to you, talk to that person and explain to them what QYC is all about. Now is the time to invite these folks to join the club. New members mean new ideas on how to improve and continue to make QYC a great organization to be part of. My time as a QYC board member has come to an end. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Vice Commodore for

2001-2002. I will continue support and help the Club as much as possible in the coming years. I would like to thank the members of the Executive Board for putting up with me for the past year. I would also like to thank the membership for your great support over the past year. Lastly I would like to welcome the new Executive Board and wish them the best of luck for the next year.



SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES Ed Wright

It's hard to believe that I've been putting this newsletter together for two years now. It has been a pleasure, and I hope you all have enjoyed what we've put out as much as I've enjoyed trying to make it interesting each month.

I'd like to congratulate and welcome the members of the new Executive Board: Jay Nix, as our new Commodore; Larry Sooby the new Vice Commodore; Jay Hochstaine, our new Secretary; and, Mike Crouch, the new club Treasurer. Please give them your support, as well as your patience as they transition into their new positions.



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE Cathy Williams

Welcome to our new Treasurer, Mike Crouch, and all of the other new board members. QYC should have a great year of new faces and fresh ideas. Thanks so much for your trust and support during my term. I have enjoyed serving you and learning more about how the club is run. I know that you will be just as supportive of the new board.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water very soon. We're anxious to get back out and are still looking for a new (used) boat. In the mean time, Rediscovered Dreams is resting peacefully and is a constant reminder that boating

season is just around the corner. Thanks again and cheers to the new board!

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.



CRUISING NEWS

Don and Sharon Radeke

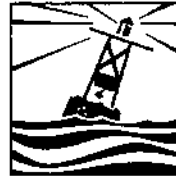


The Valentine's Day and Sweetheart Get-Away Weekend Cruise to Williamsburg was one fantastic Land Cruise. All who attended had the usual fun and frolic of a QYC Water Cruise. There were 10 couples plus guests in attendance that made for a good and friendly crowd. We had a Friday night social and the usual Saturday QYC Brunch. For some, there were multiple trips to the hot tubs, jogging trails, a winery tour, tours of Jamestown, local shopping and just "chillin" or taking a "rester".

Our special thanks to Sam and Bill Gooding for making the special arrangements to get us into the resort. Also, a very big THANKS go to Sharon and Steve Closson and Cheryl and Ron Karels for sponsoring the Saturday Brunch. This was not a club-sponsored event and the crews of "Captain's Choice" and "Beats Workin" made this event a special gift to their fellow club members in attendance. Thanks also go to all the participants because once again, the food was delicious!

We've had a great cruising year. We want to also thank the many club members who have sponsored and participated in the cruises

this past year. Our cruising activities are popular and successful because so many contribute to the fun of the event. Get ready to do it again in 2002!



PRYCA & QYC - SOUTH INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

QYC - South news: It was really great seeing some of my fellow QYC southerners at the land cruise this last weekend. With it being the down time for "water cruising," it gave everyone an opportunity to catch up on what has been going on! I hope that this upcoming year more of the group from down "the rivah" will be able to clear their social calendars and attend more of the club-sponsored events. It is hard to imagine that there is a group that is as social as the QYC membership mainside but...we do have a fantastic group South.

Many thanks to Bill Gooding and Don Radeke for organizing and spearheading the Williamsburg trip. I know my clan (all FOUR of them) had a fun and busy weekend.

PRYCA News: The PRYCA executive board will be holding their May meeting at our QYC clubhouse. This meeting is scheduled for the 4th of May, which is a Saturday, at 10:00AM. Please feel free to stop by after the meeting to ask questions, catch up with friends south, or just say "Hi."

In the February 2002 PRYCA Newsletter there is an article with the most recent update on the changes in the Aids to Navigation in the Occoquan Channel. I thought it was worth another mention in our newsletter as the Occoquan Channel is a popular cruising site for many QYC members. The changes to the Aids to Navigation in the Occoquan Channel are summarized as follows:

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.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

Ed Wright

The Change of Command Tradition

The Change of Command Ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy Regulations, but rather is an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It is a custom wholly Naval, without an equivalent counterpart in the Army or Air Force. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive--designed to strengthen that respect for authority which is vital to any military organization.

Parading all hands at Quarters and public reading of official orders stem from those days when movement of mail and persons was a slow process. This procedure was designated to ensure only duly authorized officers held command and that all aboard were aware of its authenticity.

The heart of the ceremony is the formal reading of official orders by the relieving officer and the officer to be relieved. Command passes upon utterance by the relieving officer, "I relieve you, Sir (or Ma'am)." The officer being relieved responds, "I stand relieved." This simple procedure is duplicated hundreds of times daily throughout the Navies of the world as each watch officer passes responsibility to his or her relief in the conduct of each ship's routine.

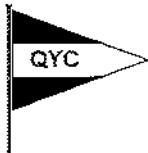
Wetting Down a Commission

In the old Navy, an officer's commission was hand-written on heavy parchment. According to some sources, the newly commissioned or promoted officer held a dinner for his shipmates and friends. During the course of the evening, the new commission was rolled into a cone, the small end folded up to form a cup. This paper cup was passed around the table for all the guests to toast the new officer. Thus, the new commission was "wettered down." Considering the importance of the document, however, this interpretation may be doubtful. Commissions in the early U.S. Navy

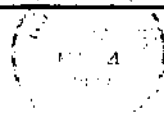
were signed and issued by the President and were of great legal and personal value.

According to other sources, the wetting down party was once quite a rough and tumble affair. It was the custom for the officer to wear his new uniform or stripes for the first time at the wetting down. The guests would then proceed to christen the uniform, the occupant, and the commission with whatever liquid refreshment (paid for by the victim) was available. Over the years, however, Navy life has become more calm, the price of gold braid has skyrocketed and a literal christening is not usually condoned. It might even be considered downright unsociable.





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