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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Jay Nix

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray Boisvert for making the 50th Annual Frostbite Regatta a success. Ray will provide more insight on the race himself. The Chili cook-off after the race was a blast. For those who participated, our thanks for the huge success. Yes, it looks as if boating season is ending with cold weather forecasted and the possibility of wet snow in the near future.

Bill and Sam Gooding really went out of their way to make our land cruise to the Charlestown Races/slots a huge success. Approximately 20 members of the QYC attended. Those who played the horses appeared not to have faired as well as those who played the slots.

In honor of the 227 Birthday of the Marine Corps, we would like to salute all Marines, active and retired, and those civilians serving beside our Marines too. We will not forget our POW's and MIA's. Ellen and I will not be at this meeting as we will be at her Command's Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Ellen and I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. As a reminder, December is just around the corner and QYC is sponsoring a Christmas decorating party on December 7th and a dinner on the 14th.



SECRETARY'S STUFF
Jay Hochstaine

Thanks to all those who sent pictures for the newsletter and the website. Please continue to send them. The crew and I have been travelling a lot and I was a little behind posting the website. Check it out. The pictures from the cruise to Washington are there. Special thanks to Andy Pfiester for the photos.



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE
Mike Crouch

Hello All! I don't know about you but heading home from the Columbus Day cruise was sort of bitter-sweet. In fact, a few of us hung around into the afternoon. This has been an active summer for MAKIA. While many of you will continue to boat, it just gets too cold for the better half to spend time on the water.

A little less than half our current membership has paid their FY03 dues. Thanks! If any one has not received the word/letter, please send in your dues ASAP. Dues are \$84.00 for a regular membership, \$12.00 for an associate membership and can be mailed to our PO box. I'll ask the Secretary to post the dues letter to our website. Remember we're a break-even organization. In reality this means we need roughly 70 full memberships to support planned FY03 activities. Bottomline we need you...and any other folks supporting our mission.

MAKIA will be taking a week-long trip on the Chesapeake next summer and we'd like some company. Here's the thought. We're thinking a Saturday-to-Saturday voyage. We'll meet up somewhere on the Potomac (Cobb Island?). Option A takes us North with the highlight being two days in Baltimore. I'd like to make it as far as the C&D canal, but we can sort out the details. Option B takes us South with the highlight being two days in Williamsburg. Again we can sort out the waypoints. If we get seven boats each crew is in charge of a days' logistics (chow, beverages). That commits you to only one night of responsibility but guarantees hot meals if you don't want to eat out. Again we can adjust. MAKIA will act as the Command Ops, coordinate with the marinas, and tow the jet-ski for emergency operations. Perhaps we can come up with a general fund and buy some burgees to distribute. We're thinking of a week in June, i.e., after our Memorial

Day cruise but before the 4th of July cruise...and before any real heat. If you're interested please contact Karen or myself by phone or Email. It would be great to have firm commitments by Christmas? Again, for us its always fun to have company and these things have a way of picking up steam. Hope to hear from you.



RACING REAR COMMODORE
Ray Boisvert

The Fall racing season at Quantico ended 19 & 20 October with the 50th Annual Frostbite Regatta. QYC hosted 11 boats hailing from Quantico, Neabsco, Mt. Vernon, and Washington DC. Both races on Saturday the 19th experienced strong southwest winds with gusts to 23 mph. The waves were big and strong enough to surf the boats down wind. My boat displaces 10,000 lbs and we caught more than a few surfing waves that pushed boat speeds over 8kts. The conditions made for some exciting action. One boat from DC, "AYDOD", placed too much tension on its rear mast stay trying to keep its front stay nice and tight. The result was the top 4 feet of its mast was sheered apart while they were sailing. Needless to say they were done for the rest of the regatta.

Special thanks goes to our Vice Commodore Larry Sooby for taking his boat "CAVU" out for committee boat duties. Larry had a full boat of folks out there with him rolling with the waves while under anchor. Dennis Hannick, Susan Harding, and another guest came up from Dahlgren to help with the starting signals and to do the scoring. In addition, Joel McCord from Chesapeake Magazine was onboard with a photographer named Della. Add the Sooby's two dogs and you can see that things could have been a bit crazy. But everything went off perfectly. Ann Sooby, however, decided to jump ship and sail aboard my "STACY LYNN". I'm glad she went with us because we would not have sailed as well as we did if she stayed aboard "CAVU". Finally, I must thank new member Dan Loth for offering his boat "TLSEA" as a floating camera platform. I saw his boat out there but the seas were just too much and Della's sea legs were not.

After the racing on Saturday, we gathered at the club for some chili and beer. Pat Williams, "AYDOD", brought up the 4 foot section of aluminum scrap metal which earlier that day was called the top of his mast. Stories were told and exchanged. Joel McCord

interviewed some folks for the magazine article and everyone had a great time. I thank all our members who came out to help feed the 50+ people. Every last bit of chili and fixings were consumed and the last beer was finished at 2300 (11pm). The official 50th anniversary cake was provided by our Commodore and his wife, Jay and Ellen Nix, and it too was a total goner. Thanks to you all.

Sunday morning brought north winds at 10-15mph with very little chop. The 10am start had spinnaker boats sailing a 7.8nm course and the non-spinnaker boats sailing 5.2nm. The outgoing current in the river was fierce. Sailing into the wind and current made getting to the windward mark extra difficult but not any less fun. The conditions were superb. It was a fantastic weekend of sailing. It was fitting to celebrate 50 years of racing at Quantico with conditions that best exemplify our Frostbite Regatta.

Final Results:

Spinnaker Class

Boat Name/type	Owner	Home
1 HORIZON S-2 7.9	Bob Fleck	Washington DC
2 ANTHEM S-2 30C	Doug& Liz Savage	Washington DC
3 STACY LYNN Pearson 30	Ray&Debbie Boisvert	Quantico
4 ARIES II Catalina 27	Dave Leising	Washington DC
5 PANACEA Hunter 25	Phil Akers	Washington DC
6 AYDOD Evelyn 26	Pat Williams	Washington DC

Non-Spinnaker Class

1 WINDWATCH Catalina 25	Doug Borden	Mt Vernon
2 SNOW GOOSE San Juan 23	Clark Barker	Neabsco
3 REDISCOVERED DREAMS US27	Ray Williams	Quantico
4 DOPPLER GANGER Paceship 23	James Hall	Washington DC
5 SUN SPUR Alberg 30	Richard Hansen	Quantico

As a final note, I would like to point out that 3 boats from our own marina made the line and two of us took third place honors. At least two 50th anniversary trophies will stay here at Quantico! Watch for the article about the Frostbite in the Jan or Feb edition of Chesapeake Bay Magazine.



CRUISING NEWS Jerry & Cheri Sagers

Thanks to Mike and Carol King for breakfast at the Capitol Yacht Club on Sunday morning. Jerry and I along with Sandy and Larry Huizenga motored down Sunday morning. Bill and Sam had a previous engagement on Sunday and couldn't join us. We served sloppy joes for our dinner meal Sunday evening. Many thanks to Karen and Mike Crouch for hosting

brunch on Monday morning. Splitting the weekend up for hosting the Columbus Day event worked out well.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's cruising weekends successful. For all the new members, sign up earlier and enjoy the fellowship on next year's cruising events. The more you participate in the clubs activities the more you enjoy the yacht club.

Decorating the Club House for Christmas

Our annual decoration party will be Saturday, December 7th at 3:00 p.m. This is a fun event. The club stores a tree, Christmas lights and decorations. Couples and families join in the decorating frenzy and presto! the club house is transformed into a holiday fantasy. Some call it tacky but we all know it is beautiful the night of our Christmas dinner. If you can not make the dinner, try to come decorate in the afternoon. This is a great way for new and old members to enjoy the holiday season.

Christmas Dinner

Since cruising is over I volunteered to host the Christmas dinner Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. at the yacht club. Instead of our normal Friday meeting, we dress up for the holiday on Saturday night and share a meal together. Last year's dinner went well and I plan to do the same. We will cook steaks on the grill and every one brings a dish to share. There are always different salads, desserts, vegetables and potatoes brought to our holiday table. The cost is \$5.00 for each steak. Drinks are on the club. After dinner we will have a little gift exchange. If you would like to bring a gift this is fine. The club purchases several small gifts which are given out. Don't count on keeping the gift you get. The rules are set up so the next person in line may chose a new gift or take a gift they like from some one else. This exchange adds some fun to the evening. The sign up sheet for the Christmas dinner will be up at our October meeting. Please sign up for this event so I know how many steaks and gifts to buy. This is a family affair.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



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