



## QYC Newsletter

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# Happy Holidays!!

### Upcoming Events

December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting (Nominations of Officers)
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	PRYCA Change of Watch – Crystal City
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Superbowl Party & Chili Cook Off
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

#### Ed Wright

As you all know, the last several months have been anything but typical for our club. In September, Hurricane Isabel destroyed our clubhouse, and while many of us wanted to immediately jump into the destruction, start removing debris, and repairing the club, the Executive Board decided to take a more deliberate, planned approach to this effort. This started the day after the Hurricane with our notification to the insurance company of our loss, continued two weeks later with the scheduled clean-up day and major debris removal, and worked through our last two meetings to establish consensus on a plan to rebuild.

At our October meeting, we had widely diverse discussions regarding our future facility. The Board elected to consider only written proposals and presented those at our November meeting for a vote. At the November meeting, members, Nelson Pacheco,

Doug Humston, and Robert Lang provided three separate proposals for repairing or replacing the damaged structure. The proposals included costs, schedules, drawings, photos, and other supporting information. I want to express my thanks, on behalf of our entire membership to Nelson, Doug, and Robert for their time and energies spent on this effort.

For those who could not make the meeting, the options presented were tailored to fit one overall goal -- to bring the QYC back into a usable clubhouse in a reasonable fashion. The first proposal offered a highly upscale, frame-and-fabric structure for our immediate, seasonal use and other construction to occur later under the peaked roof. The second proposal offered to strip, level, and re-skin the damaged facility at minimal cost, with additional improvements performed in the future. The third proposal called for removal of the existing trailers, replacing them with a larger modular structure. The third proposal, to remove the existing trailers and replace with a 28' x 68' modular facility was approved by majority vote. The general plan has been posted on our club web site, and details on the plan can be obtained from our Fleet Captain, Mr. Robert Lang. The Fleet Captain is coordinating efforts for the salvage and removal of the old facility and debris, as well as working the detailed planning to establish the new clubhouse facility. Work has already begun, with a work team led by our Fleet Captain removing the deck, salvaging the planks for future use, and cutting up the frame for disposal. Your time, labor, and support are critical in making this solution a success, so **BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT!** As our Treasurer has mentioned before, donations of funds or needed materials can help if you are unable to provide labor. Please check the web site for the latest information on what work is being scheduled or what items we need.

Our December meeting will be the Annual Quantico Yacht Club Holiday Party! This year, we will meet at The Clubs in Quantico, at 1800 (6:00 PM) on 5 December 2003 in Ballroom #4. Dinner will be served at 1930 (7:30 PM). Cost is \$20.00 per person for the dinner, payable in advance, and there will be a cash bar. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift and you'll be issued a number for the exchange.

Our January meeting will be held at the Montclair Country Club on Friday January 9th. A map and directions will be posted on the QYC home page soon. Progress on our new clubhouse, nomination of officers for the 2004-2005 Executive Board, and discussion of Superbowl Party plans will be a few of the agenda items for this meeting.

### Vice Commodore



If you have been to the marina lately you have probably noticed that CAVU is no longer there. Two weeks ago on Monday, Larry and I took it to its new (temporary) home. Of course, we didn't just go down to the marina, hop on and go. Life is never that simple. We deliberated about going on Sunday or Monday. In true Sooby fashion, we opted to procrastinate and go on Monday.

Sunday was a beautiful, sunny day...of course. Cieling And Visibility Unlimited, as they say. Monday was FOGGY...of course. My first inclination was to just simply say, "I'm not going out in this." But before making that mistake I realized there were a couple of reasons why that wasn't going to relieve me of my crewing duties. First of all, I'm married to Larry. If he's determined to do something, he's going to do it, and as the first mate, I'm doing it with him. Case closed. There are some things I kick and scream about and get my way. But, I know when I'm not going to win and I wouldn't have won this one. Secondly, as the cold weather was about to set in and our boat batteries have already spent more time in our garage than my car, we needed to get CAVU somewhere that had electricity. Thirdly, since we have some trips planned for this holiday season, our window of opportunity was about to close. If it was going to get done, it was going to be done on that day. So away

All the way to Cobb Island (which is a LONG way in a trawler, made even longer because of that stupid horn!). It was foggy the entire way. Fortunately the trip was uneventful. Also, fortunately (for Larry), I am taking a class and had some studying to do. This kept me busy and thus less inclined to remind him every 3 minutes that if we had an accident it would be all his fault and I would never let him forget it.

Did I say it was foggy the entire way? Not quite. It cleared beautifully just after we left the Potomac and began to go around behind the island. We were able to find the marina and the correct slip without any trouble at all.

This past weekend we went down to Cobb Island. It's a much farther drive than to Quantico so it will be great when we can move CAVU back home again. But for now, this will be fine. There is electricity and water, the marina is clean and the management is easy to work with. And, best of all, there are a lot of areas on that part of the river that we haven't yet explored. We are looking forward to getting acquainted with that part of the Potomac. It should be fun!

Have an enjoyable holiday season. Shalom.

Ann Sooby



## TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE

Mike Crouch

Folks, the response to donations for the building fund has really picked up steam. So far roughly ten members have contributed in excess of \$4,500.00. Many thanks. For those of you who have paid your annual dues thank you too. Is there a "gift" you might like to provide the club? So far just under forty folks have paid their dues which means we have another 20 – 30 members I'll be contacting over the next couple of weeks to determine whether they'll maintain an active membership. But please help our club, and myself, if you have yet to pay your dues. Finally, I have once again lost the tracking for who received membership cards. So, I ask you for an Email or phone call and I'll drop these hot commodities in the mail. Contacts include 703-784-5169 (W), 703-497-4674 (H) and [crouchml@mcwl.quantico.usmc.mil](mailto:crouchml@mcwl.quantico.usmc.mil)

Take care, Mike



## Fleet Captain's Project Status

For what is probably the largest investment that the QYC has made to date, cumulative or as a one-time effort, and based on a show-of-hands vote, the club overwhelmingly endorsed to remove the existing trailers and use a modular, prefabricated structure for our new clubhouse. This is also our most ambitious project and note, **THERE IS NO AUTOHELM!**

As the Fleet Captain, my task was to find a solution to fit our budget and abilities. While I was able to meet my mission, I made some assumptions that I neither control nor greatly influence.

These assumptions include **additional funds** to contract the hardest labor and **full membership involvement** in our work. **YOU HAVE THE BRIDGE!**

As a very pleasant surprise, some members have already **stepped up** and made **significant contributions** to our bottom line specific to our new facility. Others, I hear, have pledged to provide for some things we need within the new clubhouse. These donations are not part of the Fleet Captain's domain, so, while I may know about them, I am not at liberty to name names in this forum.

What is within my domain is the great deal of work ahead of us. Whether physical labor, burning brain-cells as part of the ongoing planning that remains, or bringing cocoa and coffee for a break, **YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE!**

On behalf of the QYC, **thank you** members who worked the 22 November deck removal: Ray Boisvert, Mike Crouch, Mike Fallon, Richard Hansen, Ross Horton, and Wally Previ. Special note of Ray Boisvert, who arrived a little early to run power, and to the Marina Manager, Tony Cruz, who provided access to the power. One other note of member Marty Betts who, while unable to work the hammers and saws, is instead working our plans and material lists to ensure that **we are running true and our plan is sound.**

I need several members who will **take charge of other workdays** when I cannot be at the club. Please let me know.

Robert Lang, Fleet Captain

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(Note: You may go to [http://www.quanticoyc.org/New\\_QYC.gif](http://www.quanticoyc.org/New_QYC.gif) to see the general plan).