



QYC Newsletter

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Summer!

Upcoming Events

July 11 th	QYC Monthly Meeting
July 29 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
August 1 – 2	QYC Cruise to Nowhere
August 1 – 3	PYRC Dog Days of Summer - Colonial Beach
August 8 th	QYC Monthly Meeting
August 26 th	QYC Executive Board Meeting
September 1 – 3	QYC Labor Day Cruise

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Ed Wright

Summer is now in full swing, and the marina expansion project completed. It seems that we've missed out on significant part of our early boating season this year due mainly to the poor weather early on, and I suggest we make up for that through enthusiastic support and participation of the remainder of our cruising and events calendar. This general feeling has already been evident by the terrific turnout for the inaugural Raft-up/Cruise for Tim's Rivershore "Not the 4th of July Fireworks." Your next chance for joining the club for an exciting and fun filled cruise is this week at our July 4th cruise to Colonial Beach Yacht Center. Our annual "Cruise to No-where" follows in August, which is sure to be another fantastic event.

Dottie and I returned our boat, "The Wright's Stuff" to the local area last week. She is now berthed on the Occoquan River, and is now close enough to permit us to attend the club's cruises more frequently. Of course, having it close to home will also allow me to get more of my projects done, too. As is typical, we motored more than we sailed on the trip up from Solomon's as the winds were almost non-existent on the Potomac. We came up during the middle

of the week, when the forecast finally showed a couple of days without thunderstorms or rain, making our usual overnight stop at Cole's Point Plantation. I had half expected to see some of our QYC-South members there, thinking that none of them worked during the week, but I guess they were all waiting for a rainy day to visit their boats. Not much appears to have changed since we last kept a boat on the Occoquan, except perhaps that there may be even more boats in a big hurry to burn all the gas in their fuel tanks as quickly as possible.

Just a final word to request that if any of you find yourself with idle time while at the marina or around the clubhouse grounds, pick up a little trash, or perhaps get the lawn mower out of the shed and pitch in to keep our club looking good. We have been fortunate to have these tasks taken care of by a few dedicated individuals (Thanks, Cliff), and it would be great if more of us pitched in when we can.



TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE **Mike Crouch**

I'm tapped out regarding anything to pass on the fiscal front. Thanks to the Roys for recruiting a few new members. Before long, the executive board will discuss the FY04 budget, but for now there is really nothing to pass except, enjoy the season now that the sun appears to making a more frequent appearance.

Take care, Mike



SECRETARY'S SCRIMSHAW

Mike Fallon
"Oh go row your own dam boat!"

FINALLY, SUMMER!

QYC Members who are patrons of the Martina at Quantico are asked to contact the Marina Management and renew their contracts.

.Last month I penned a few ideas about entering and leaving the marina with less maneuvering room than we are accustomed to. One of the recommendations I made was to make the appropriate sound signals when departing and arriving at the marina. I have had a couple of questions about what are the appropriate sound signals...so here goes.

Lets start with the basic requirements. All vessels (pleasure and Commercial) are required to carry a suitable signaling device. It could be an electric horn, a can of compressed gas type of horn or it could in be device that is sounded by blowing into it. The oddest legitimate sounding device I have seen was a large conch shell on a charter boat in the Keys.

So What are the signals

1. A **Single long Blast** (2 to 3 seconds) indicates that the signaling vessel is departing its mooring or slip. This is sometime referred to as the "Slip Whistle"
2. **Three Short Blasts** indicate that the signaling vessel is **operating astern propulsion**. In other words, he is backing down. When backing away from or leaving the mooring or slip you will often hear the departing vessel issue one long blast (Slip Whistle) followed immediately by three short blasts (Operating Astern Propulsion).
3. **Five Short Blasts** Indicate **dangerous situation**. If you have provided a sound signal and in reply hear five short blasts it means that in the opinion of the other vessel you are standing into danger! If you receive or hear a sound signal and believe that a collision may result or other dangerous situation is eminent you should provide 5 short blasts warning the other vessel of a dangerous situation
4. **Local Rules** At our happy marina the rule is that you should make a sound signal as you leave or approach the marina. This is because small boats often speed by very close to the entrance to the marina. This is a good rule and we should all do it. For those of us that put the pointy end of our boats into the slip first and must back out of the slip. We should issue the three short blasts as we back out of the slip. Then as we approach the Marina entrance, we should sound the slip whistle (a single long blast) to warn any one approaching or passing the marina of our departure. For those of us who back into our slip the strong recommendation is that you provide a slip whistle as you cast off your last line and then again as you approach the entrance to the marina.

Of course there are other sound signals governing the way vessels should react to one another when overtaking or approaching head on or crossing. However, these few signal discussed here will keep us out of trouble in the marina and its approaches.

CRUISING REAR COMMODORE **Karen Crouch**

Ten boats rafted and another three anchored separately! That was the count for the rendezvous at Mattawoman for Tim's fireworks, ala an unofficial club cruise. I think that next year we may want to consider this as a sponsored event? We had a couple of new boats, several boats that stayed the night and several that headed home (at some point in the evening). We had a ton of laughs, the fireworks were pretty good and no one fell over "hopping" boats. So clearly this event was successful.

And now many of us are heading to Colonial Beach for the 4th. At this point fifteen boats are signed up and a great weekend is in the works both activity-wise and weather-wise.

For those heading to CB have great time and be safe.

Still no one has stepped forward to sponsor the Labor Day or Columbus Day cruise?
See you, bye, Karen.

Social Rear Commodore(s)

Sandy & Cliff Roy

Father's Day was very successful. A special thanks to Anne and Larry Sooby for an excellent job organizing the Father's Day event and wonderful chicken dinner **f**