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### Short Notes.

**Face Book for Boaters.** A cruising couple has started a boater's web site that provides a great deal of information. They are pretty savvy IT types and the site is worth a look see. It is [www.activecaptain.com](http://www.activecaptain.com). You join for free. They get their funds from sponsors who are mainly marinas and stores that sell to boaters.

A chart of US cruising areas is the main part of the site and there are reviews of the marinas and stops along the water ways, including the Potomac and Chesapeake. The reviews are completed by boaters like us.

Just recently they also started an eboatcard site, also free. You can get to it from the activecaptain site. You make up an electronic boat card and join various groups where you can blog about your experiences. There is a group (a cruising area group) for the Potomac and many other places. We could make one for WYA should we want to.

If you are one that enjoys the electronic world and have a few minutes you may want to check it out. We'll see over the summer if it makes sense for us to use as a club.

### Past Events

#### ***Colonial Beach River Fest WYA Party at Alex and Maureen's Home, June 8.***

Many thanks to Alex and Maureen for a perfect party during the Colonial Beach River Festival. The Bory's dock was a tremendous viewing spot for the gorgeous fireworks display that are part of the Festival. With Shannon Ritter helping to prepare the main course of flank steak, and many others who brought side dishes, Alex and Maureen worked hard to ensure it was a fantastic party. We had plenty to eat and drink. See all the pictures and details at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).





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***Cobb Island Summer Kick Off Party, June 14-16.***

What a party! We thought the weather was going to give us a problem on Friday, but by noon the River flattened out and we were on our way to a fun filled weekend. Lots of contests held throughout the weekend. We entered 3 of them and won 'em all. Check out the winners and get more pictures of the event at our web site. You can also see pictures of the winners on our Wall of Fame Page there.



## Upcoming Events

### ***July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Party***

Come join us for the Independence Day Celebration. Here are the details.

### ***2013 Fourth of July Celebration***

**Linda Weaver's Residence**  
**520 Potomac River Avenue**  
**Colonial Beach\***  
**6:00 pm**

Come join us for a traditional All-American Cookout on the waterfront of the Potomac River. Family and guests are heartily welcome!

Bring your chairs for front-row viewing of the  
Annual Colonial Beach July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, fixings, beer, wine, soda provided by WYA.

Please sign up for a side dish, appetizer or dessert from the following suggested menu listings. Or, if you have a favorite standard American picnic dish, notify us.

We'll send an updated menu showing what folks have indicated they will bring  
FYI.

Only Hitch.....You'll have to sing for your supper...the WYA song composed by our very own Linda Weaver. Humming not allowed!

Event fee of \$10 per person to offset expenses. No charge for young children.



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RSVPs required by July 1. Respond to Carey Bolin (703-615-2287) or email to [careybolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:careybolin@mvapolonia.com). Include number of attendees and menu contribution.

Route 205 to Colonial Avenue. Left onto Washington (opposite Hunan Diner). Right onto Maryland Avenue to the end. Park in last alleyway on the left or on Maryland or Virginia Avenues. House is second over on the left, fronting on the River & beach.

Fourth of July Picnic Menu

Appetizers

Deviled Eggs (Need Lots of These!)

Dips & Chips or Veggies

Steamed Shrimp

??Suggestions??

Side Dishes

Coleslaw (Linda Weaver providing)

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Corn dish

Fruit

Macaroni & Cheese

??Suggestions??

Desserts

Apple Pie

Strawberries/Angel Food Cake (Tom Carroll providing)

Brownies

Ice Cream Sundae Bar (Carey providing)

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***PRYCA Float-In, July 19-21.***

We have a good group of people signed up for the Float-In and we have started our plans to compete for the Cup this year.

Twenty-eight attendees so far: Phil and Carey, Jack and Ann Southard, Ralph Mason and Kris Butera, Les and Hope Jackson, Dick and Anita Elmore, Phil and Patti Rogers, Bill and Donna Bukevicz, Gary and Nancy Vineyard, Steve and Mary Ann Andrews, Dan and Elaine Braud, Bob and Norma Blunt, Ruth Lovelace and



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Jean Yeagley, Diane Burton and Peggy Saylor, and Tom and Kathy Carroll. Who else????

We have these individuals on a separate email list and we are preparing for the Cup Competition. If you want to join in, let me know.

***Long Trip***

After the PRYCA Float-In 19-21 July we will do the weeklong trip (Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 July). We have developed a list of interested people, 7 boats, and have set up an email list to work through where we are going. So far the votes are to go to Point Lookout Marina, MD; Salisbury, MD; Crisfield, MD; Onancock, VA; Chesapeake Boat Basin, Kilmarnick, VA; Dennis Point Marina, MD; and finally Port Kinsale Marina, VA. We're not final yet but that's the most popular choice so far. If you should be interested and are not on the email list, please let me know.

**Notes from the Treasurer, George Cajigal**

We have had a number of new members added to our ranks in the last two years, a testament to our approach to having fun, whether on land or sea, while boating safely. It was a bit over two years ago that the WYA membership made a significant change to our approach to financing our Association and paying for our many wonderful gatherings. For that reason, I thought it would be a good idea to revisit that momentous decision.

“Back then”, the annual membership fee was \$100.00 a year, plus a \$50.00 initiation fee for new members. These fees covered the association operating expenses and contributed or paid for many activities. The membership felt that there were two major issues with that approach. First, the association felt that the high membership dues and the initiation turned some potential members away. Secondly, most of the membership was not able to attend all events during a year. There is nothing unusual about that as we all lead busy lives with a number of obligations that unfortunately keep us away from some fun filled events – whether we are retired or actively still at the salt mines, or somewhere in between. Also for that reason, many felt that they were paying for many events that they were not going to attend (and subsidizing those party animals that were able to attend most of them☺). After discussions, we found that the best solution that kept the association solvent and was most equitable to the majority of the membership was to half the annual membership dues and fund the parties on a pay-as-you-go basis. We also halved the initiation fee which now just covers the purchase of the WYA burgee provided to each new member. Now, I do not know if it was due to the reduction in fees and the party approach, or it was just our charming personality, or a combination of both, but the membership has just about doubled in those two years.

The approach to funding our parties merits some further details. Each event of the WYA has a Float Captain (FC), a volunteer, assigned to it. The event could be a



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party or a cruise. The FC is responsible for planning, developing a budget, developing a charge per head, and executing the event, in conjunction with the Rear Commodore, per the Bylaws. In many cases we have had other volunteers that assisted the FC. We have been fortunate to have had some superb FCs and the events have exceeded our expectations in more ways than one. In order to keep the cost per head to a reasonable amount, FCs routinely ask the members to bring a dish to the event. This approach has allowed us to have some wonderful parties at a very low cost. Case in point, our Flag Raising/Cinco de Mayo was an all day party with the main course (Flank steak fajita ), chips and salsa, Margaritas, Sangria, wine, spiked lemonade, beer and water furnished, and a Kentucky Derby celebration with champagne, wine, and mint julep punch served for just \$20.00 a person, plus a dish contribution to the luncheon. When was the last time we went to a bar or restaurant, ate and partied all day at two distinct events and only cost you \$20.00? Just a glass of wine typically costs \$4-6. At the same time, those who could not or would not attend that particular event did not have to pay a cent. And all that came to the party had fun.

At that time we thought that this approach was the fairest for the majority, if not all members, while giving us the opportunity to have fun and enjoy each other's company, whether on the water or on a land event.

Additionally, now when liquor, wine, beer, set-ups, other beverages, snack items and party paper supplies are left over, they are retained (chilled, when necessary) for following events. The cost(s) per person for the next event(s) is/are calculated according to additional purchases needed, beyond the retained inventory. As you know, purchasing party provisions is an inexact science, as the actual event attendance and consumption levels of partiers are impossible to nail down. This approach also seems fair and the float captains and rear commodore no longer have to absorb the costs and provisions that weren't consumed.

Last year we ended our fiscal year with about the same amount as we started. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation our objective is not to make profits, but to provide its membership with an outlet for some fun filled boating and camaraderie. If you have any questions or suggestions to make our approach more effective, please send them to me or the Commodore.

### Birthdays

We want to wish the following members a very Happy Birthday in July: Jean Yeagley 7/6, Rod Porter 7/11, Jennifer Murphy 7/12, Doris Buswell 7/12, George Cajigal 7/13, Hope Jackson 7/16, Ross Jebson 7/17, and Ruth Lovelace 7/21.

### Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Dick and Anita Elmore on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There must be a story behind this date!



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## Boating Test

Sea Tow has a site that allows you to test you skills with rules of the road and other knowledge factors. Here is the link. Just start a topic and you will be told how to proceed so you can go through the entire question set.

Not a bad site: <http://www.usboating.com/test.htm>

## Ten Safety Tips from the Recreational Boating Industry

No matter how much experience you have, it's always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules before departures. Read below to familiarize yourself with these 10 basic boating safety tips:

### 1. **Be Weather-wise**

Always check local weather conditions before departure- TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds, or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.

### 2. **Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist**

Proper boating safety means being prepared for any possibility on the water. From compliance with fire safety regulations to tips for fueling up, following a pre-departure checklist is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been forgotten.

### 3. **Use Common Sense**

One of the most important parts of boating safety is to use your common sense. This means operating at a safe speed at all times, especially in crowded areas. Be alert at all times, and steer clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there for one reason only- to ensure your own boating safety.

### 4. **Designate an Assistant Skipper**

Make sure more than only one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and other boating safety tips. If the primary navigator is injured or incapacitated in any way, it's important to make sure someone else can follow the proper boating safety rules to get everyone else back to shore.

### 5. **Develop a Float Plan**



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Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you're going and how long you're going to be gone.

A float plan can include the following information: name, address, and phone number of trip leader; name and phone number of all passengers; boat type and registration information; trip itinerary; and types of communication and signal equipment onboard.

**6. Make Proper Use of Lifejackets**

Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boating accidents where an individual was found not to be wearing a Lifejacket? Make sure that your family and friends aren't part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a lifejacket-prior to departure.

**7. Avoid Alcohol**

Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved, and studies have also shown that the affect of alcohol is exacerbated by external effects such as sun and wind.

**8. Learn to Swim**

If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety means knowing how to swim. Local organizations such as the American Red Cross and others offer training for all ages and abilities- check to see what classes are offered in your area.

**9. Take a Boating Course**

Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need be familiar with boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state- some require validated completion of at least one boating safety course. Regardless of your individual state's requirements, it's always important to be educated, aware and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course, or there are online tutorials to help educate novice boaters.

**10. Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check**

Take advantage of a free Vessel Safety Check from the US Coast Guard (see links below). They offer complimentary boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal



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regulations. Free of charge, they'll provide a specialist to check out your boat and make helpful boating safety tips and recommendations. They also offer virtual online safety checks as well. [Find a vessel Safety check examiner](#) closest to you.

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## Pictures for the Fleet Page

Yes, I need your picture and a picture of your boat or car to put on the Fleet Page of our web site if it's not already there. I'm missing a few. Check out the web page and if your picture is not there, send it in. Do it now please.

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