



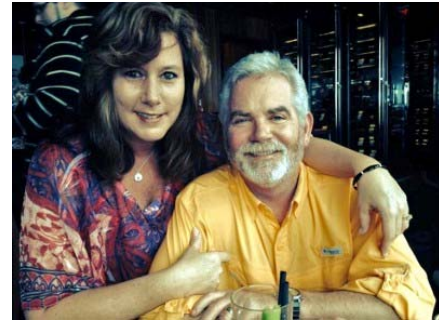
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Commodore's Corner

Dear WYA Members:

May is here and the weather is starting to become boating weather. I hope everyone is not finding too many problems starting up your boats for the season. I understand that there are rockfish in the river but hard to catch. I am sure that I will see a few large rockfish come into Cole's Point over the next few weeks.



In May, the club has two major functions to start our summer kick off. On May 2 starting at 11:30 AM, we are hosting the Cinco De Mayo Party on the Potomac. It will be at the Bayside Marina. George Cajigal has sent everyone a flyer via email. I hope that everyone going has contacted George.

On May 23, we will have our Flag Raising with our annual Memorial Weekend Float-In at Cole's Point marina. I sent out an email to everyone to secure a boat slip for the weekend. The marina is filling up fast and they may not have any slips available if you wait to long for this busy weekend.

Also, I checked to see if any cottages are open. All the cottages have been booked for the Memorial weekend. The information on this event is posted in the newsletter. If you plan on attending this event either by land or boat, please email me so that we can get a head count for food and beverages.

In June, the Cobb Island Yacht Club is hosting the Summer Kick Off, "Cobb Vegas II" on June 19 to 21. This is an event that many of our WYA boaters attend. Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley are the Fleet Captains for this event and is your point of contact for this event. Information on the CIYC Summer Kick-Off event will be posted in the newsletter. I am pleased that we have preregistered 11 boats to the PRYCA Float-In at Point Lookout Marina on July 17 to 19. Last year, we did very well in the race for the Cup. I think this year is our year!!!! Remember, after the

2015 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz
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PRYCA Float-In, we have our club cruise. Information on the cruise will be forthcoming.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for future events, Please do not hesitate to contact me at wbuke@aol.com.

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

Past Events

Sock Burning Party (by George Cajigal)

You got to say one thing about the WYA members -- they will party rain or shine -- sock burning or not. The weather did not cooperate with us and it rained all day long. Although a new fire pit was built by Bill Bowman for this particular occasion (we cracked the old pit last fall – too much heat!), the rain soaked the firewood through and through. So although mentally our socks were off for the season, physically we had to keep them on. Our hats are off to Bill Bowman and the Boathouse Marina for opening the office, store, lounge, and shop so that we could go on with the party. Kudos to Bill Hall for an outstanding pulled pork dish with all the trimmings, to go along with the many delicious plates contributed by the attendees. We had two other great surprises at the party. Our own DJ, Jack Southard, provided great tunes throughout the whole evening. Thanks Jack, for the sounds. We all enjoyed the music – you know the crowd! Mindy Mitchel was the other treat as she sat most of the folks that attended and drew their caricature for free. You need to check out the caricatures in the pictures of the event and see if you can pick out who they are. Mindy also used her artistic talents to face paint.

Take a look at her rendition of a cat on Polly Parks face, it is a hoot. We all had a great time due to the contributions of not only those mentioned above but also by all who participated. See more pictures at our web site, www.wya-va.com .





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Upcoming Events

CINCO de Mayo Saturday 2 May 2015 – 1130 AM at Bayside Marina

Enjoy a festive afternoon celebrating Mexico's Cinco de Mayo holiday with Mexican fare and drinks.

The club will provide the Margaritas, Sangria, Beer, Wine and Sodas. In addition, chips, salsa and Fajitas will be provided. We ask that members pay a donation of \$20.00 per person at the door to help offset the costs.

If you have not signed up and want to attend contact George (571-384-0845 or georgecajibal@earthlink.net . See you there...



Memorial Day and Flag Raising -- WYA FLOAT-IN AT COLES POINT MARINA (by Bill Bukevicz)

Come join us for our annual Memorial Weekend Float-In. **If coming by boat you must call Coles Point for slip reservations on your own. Phone number is: 804-472-4011.**

Dates: May 22 to May 25, 2015

AGENDA:

Fri: ((May 22) - Members arrive @ Coles Point. Everyone's on their own

Sat: (May 23) – Morning members arriving; 3:00 PM Flag Raising Ceremony; Begin Cooking after Flag Raising: Menu (Carolina Chicken Bog)-includes: chicken, smoked sausage, rice, seasoning; members are requested to bring a side dish.

Sun: (May 24) - Sunday morning Bloody Mary Contest - All members welcomed to submit your Famous bloody Mary mix - Judges (Margot & Jeff). POT LUCK Sunday Brunch; bring something to share with everyone. In afternoon around 3:00 PM, take two boats over to Tall Timbers for Food/Dancing/Boat Burning. Come Back to CP after boat burning. Maybe go to sleep or probably Party.

Mon: (May 25) - Everyone say's BYE!!!! Have a few Bloodies and GO HOME!!!

FLEET CAPTAIN: Bill Bukevicz, Commodore, WYA (wbuke@aol.com)





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RSVP BY: May 09, 2015 (We need a good head count so that we have enough food). **RSVP to Bill Bukevicz at wbuke@aol.com** .

EVENT FEE: \$20.00 per person (Kids under 13 free)

NOTES:

Family members and Guests welcomed!

Cover dish welcomed! - Contact-Donna at donnashadowmtn@gmail.com)

Cobb Island Summer Kick Off – 19-21 June 2015

The details on the Summer Kick Off are provided in the registration package from Cobb Island Yacht Club that just arrived. It's attached to the email that sent you this newsletter. Ruth and Jean are the Fleet Captains and will be providing details for us soon.



PRYCA Float-In – 17-19 July

Not the next event in the schedule, but an event that ***requires your immediate attention is the Float-In.*** The event will be held at Point Lookout Marina and the theme is inspired by the theme from the hit TV show, The Love Boat. This year's Float-In at Pt. Lookout Marina promises something for everyone – three days of fun and frolic, including a Friday night barbecue, dance, and Costume Contest; boating seminars on Saturday; the classic Competition for The Cup; Saturday night dinner at Pt. Lookout's new Sunset Cove Restaurant; the awards ceremony and dance; and finally, Sunday Brunch at Sunset Cove before saying good-bye.



We have 11 couples signed up so far -- Bob and Norma, Chris and Mary Jane, Steve and Mary Ann, Phil and Carey, Gary and Nancy, Mike and Vicki, Bill and Donna, Dan and Elaine, Phil and Patty, George and Polly, and Ralph and Kris.

If you would like to join those attending, please fill out the registration forms in the package attached to the email that sent you this newsletter.

The registration package gives you the address of the PRYCA Treasurer where you should send your registration. Please explain on the form that you are with WYA.

We would also appreciate an email to philbolin@mva-polonia.com informing us that you have signed up. Thanks.



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Long Trip after the Float-In. 19-26 July 2015.

For the last few years we've had a group of WYA members that took a weeklong trip starting on Sunday when Float-In ends. Some of our long trip boaters are involved in planning the Float In, so doing the trip before the Float In, as some of suggested, is problematic and can't be done.

OK, we are on again for this trip. I need those that are at least thinking of going to reply to me (philbolin@mvapolonia.com). We will get a plan out in May but would appreciate any input from those that would like to attend.

The following have responded so far (according to my records) indicating an interest in the long trip: Steve and Mary Ann, Gary and Nancy, Dick and Anita and Phil and Carey. ARE THERE MORE????? I really need to know. Please respond if you are interested!!!!



Quarter Master Items

Remember the WYA apparel web site. Many cool items for sale. Put it in your favorites tool bar! Order now to get yours.

<http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish Happy Birthday to Pat Fields on May 2nd and Katherine Smith May 3rd.

We wish a Happy Anniversary to Mike and Sandra Rowzee May 7th, Les and Hope Jackson on May 16th, Buzz and Doris Buswell on May 16th and Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley on May 19th.

Safe Boating Tips (from BOATUS)

No matter how much experience you have, it's always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules before departures. Below you will find 10 basic boating safety tips to help you stay safe:

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.



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Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist

Proper boating safety includes being prepared for any possibility on the water. Following a [pre-departure checklist](#) is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been overlooked or forgotten.

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), staying alert at all times and steering 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 to ensure your own safety.

Designate an Assistant Skipper

Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and general boating safety. 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.

Develop a Float Plan

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
- types of communication and signal equipment onboard

Make Proper Use of Lifejackets

Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters not wearing their [lifejackets](#)? 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 life jacket prior to departure. Wear it!

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 shown that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated by sun and wind.

Learn to Swim

If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety includes 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.



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**Take a Boating Course**

Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with the boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state; however, 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 and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course or [online course](#) to help educate yourself.

**Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check**

Take advantage of a free vessel safety check from the [US Coast Guard](#). They offer complimentary boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal 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.

**Signing off for another month!**