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### Commodore's Corner

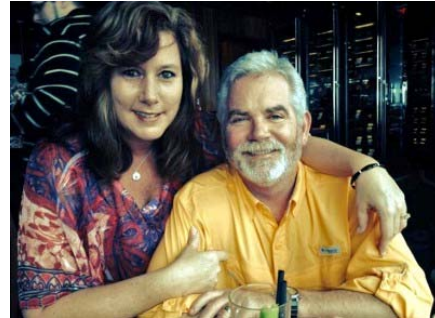
Dear WYA Members:

July was a full month for the WYA! This month's newsletter is going to be full of pictures from the float-in and summer cruise. I am proud of all the members who participated in the float-in. We had a strong group representing our club and the WYA is being noticed by other club members in the PRYCA. This year, we were very competitive in the cup race and lost by 1 point to Mt. Vernon. The cup was retired to Mt. Vernon since they won the past three years. So I feel that next year, we will win the cup and have a new cup to hold onto for the next three years. GREAT JOB!

The summer cruise was a great trip. We had fun at all the ports and loaded up the docks at all the ports except for Cape Charles. At Cape Charles, we would have needed 300 boats to fill their slips! It was exciting to have up to 14 boats flying WYA flags on the bay. It tells me that we have a club that enjoys boating and comradery. Check out the photos in the newsletter and the web site.

I would like to welcome Joe and Ann Littleton to the club. They received their burgee on the long trip at the Chesapeake Boat Basin. Welcome aboard!!!!

In August, Phil Rogers and I are the Fleet Captains for the month. Information has been released for the Dog Days of Summer Event which will be the weekend of August 14 to the 16. If you plan on attending this event you need to register your boat to AHYC. Please, let Phil Rogers or I know that you are going. Donna and I will be attending this event for the first time. So far I believe that 3 boats will be coming from our club. Also, I am planning a weekend cruise for us on August 29 (Saturday) for one night at the Corinthian Yacht Club. We will head up Saturday morning and enjoy their facilities for the day. We plan on cooking out Saturday evening for dinner and socialize in the evening. If you want to join us for a quick weekend get away from home, you can send me an email by August 20 with your



#### 2015 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz  
Vice Commodore – Shannon Ritter  
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Secretary – Katherine Smith  
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PRYCA Delegate – Tom Carroll

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boat information and I will make a list to send to the CYC for slip assignments. This is a spontaneous event and last year everyone had a great time. Of course, Labor Day weekend is the following weekend. Phil and Carey Bolin are planning a trip to Dennis Point Marina. Aqua Harbor Yacht Club will be there too. So if you want to get away for Labor Day sent an email to Phil Bolin ([philbolin@mvapologia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapologia.com)) .

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

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

### New Members

We welcome new members Joe and Ann Littleton who joined just prior to the Float In and long trip. They have a 49' Meridian and live on the Potomac River near Aquia Creek. Joe brings lots of valuable experience and knowledge as a member of the Potomac power squadron, At the Float-In they made big contributions to the Scavenger Hunt and Joe partnered with Mary Jane Smith on the Life Ring Rescue. We're pleased to welcome aboard Joe and Ann and for stepping up so quickly. A fun couple and Ann fixes some super dishes. Looking forward to more!



### Past Events

#### **PRYCA Float-In 17-19 July 2015**

Thirty-six WYA members and one guest attended the Float-In and competed for the PRYCA CUP. We had a superb time but came in second place for the coveted CUP. As the Commodore already noted, we lost by just 1 point. Very close and there were two rules that got modified a bit in the games which just may have cost us a point or two. Not whining, just trying to explain that the games were exciting and close. Good sportsmanship on behalf of the two top clubs (us and Mt. Vernon) ensured all stayed in good spirits.



Large shed used for several events



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It was a fun, friendly time – that’s what mattered. Last year we were in third place, this year second and next year we’ll bring the CUP home.

Attendees included Bill and Donna, Jeff and Margo, Bob and Norma, Ruth and Jean, Chris and Mary Jane, Steve and Mary Ann, Phil and Carey, Gary and Nancy, Mike and Vicky, Dan and Elaine, Phil and Patti, Ralph and Kris with Janet Coleman, Les and Hope, Diane and Peggy, Steve and Andi, Steve and Paula with their son Hunter and our newest members, Joe and Ann.



Hope received a prize as one of the best dressed Love Boat Cast Members -- Isaac the bartender -- at the Friday night dinner/dance. (She’s on the far right above right.) Phil Rogers also won a prize as the best dressed “other crew” as the ship’s painter. Congrats to both. Made us proud.



Friday night’s BBQ buffet started the weekend, accompanied by music. Saturday included continental breakfast, lunch, CUP game competition, dinner and awards plus music and dancing. Part of our group is shown at right for the Saturday night festivities. Sunday we enjoyed a massive breakfast buffet then took off. Twenty-two WYA members headed off for our 7 day long trip.

For all pictures, including competition events, you must go to the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) but I’ll give you one last picture and that’s of Chris Smith and Diane Burton who achieved a first place win in the Navigation Test and Knot Tying CUP event over Mount Vernon who has won that contest for as long as anyone can remember. Congrats to Chris and Diane for changing the dynamics. Just know that you’ve earned your place as competitors in that event next year.







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### **WYA Long Trip 19-26 August**

We crossed and re-crossed the Bay on this long trip and for the first time had members who joined at various stops even though they did not make the entire trip. We love that flexibility.

The 28 members who attended all or some of the stops included: Bill and Donna, Dan and Elaine, Phil and Carey, Bob and Gail, Steve and Mary Ann, Gary and Nancy, Bob and Norma, Phil and Patti, Chris and Mary Jane, Mike and Vicky, Diane and Peggy, Joe and Ann, Ralph and Kris and Mike and Sandy.

Here's the route we took:

**Sunday and Monday** (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) at Chesapeake Boat Basin, Kilmarnock ... one night dinner in town and one night cook-out. Commodore Bill and Donna provided Tuna Tacos/steaks that they caught several weeks ago.



**Eating out in Kilmarnock**

**Tuesday and Wednesday** (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) at the Oyster Farm at Kings Creek in Cape Charles, Virginia, on the eastern shore ... restaurants, golf, charter fishing, shops and pool available. Part of the group took a fishing charter trip. Others used golf carts to tour the town. And of course we ate and had a sip or two of spirits. And, I swear there was no bourbon or whiskey on the trip as I checked every morning and all I saw were empty bottles!



**The fellows found an Irish bar in Onancock**

**Thursday** (23<sup>rd</sup>) at Onancock, also on the eastern shore ... lovely small town nice restaurants, great shops, but no pool. But, who cared? There was an Irish pub. Beautiful creek cruise up to the town. We were impressed.



**Or maybe it was the ladies  
that found the bar**

**Friday and Saturday** (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) at White Point Marina, Potomac River ... crab fest on Friday Night (crabs, corn on the cob, and Gail's super deviled eggs) and on Saturday night a joint cook out with White Point Yacht Club where we paid for a Beer Can Chicken dinner and visited with their members.



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The planned trip allowed 2 days at 3 locations (found to be relaxing). The longest travel day on the water was 44 NM. Nice easy days and relaxing time with good friends. What more can you ask for?

Below are a few more pictures of the long trip, at random. Go to the web site (www.wya-va.com) for all the pictures.



Mike and Vicky on Patriot



Wednesday Pot Luck Breakfast



Members leaving on fishing boat



Part of the gang eating crabs



Bob & Norma on Norma Joan



Joe and Ann on At Ease



Phil & Patti on Sea Cabin



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Upcoming Events

Dog Day's of August, Aquia Harbour 14-15 August

August 14-15th is Dog Days at Aquia Harbour. Great weekend event! It's the Yacht Club's 40th anniversary. Bill Bukevicz and Phil Rogers are the float captains for the event. Attached to the email that sent this newsletter is the flyer for the Dog Days of August sign up. It is also copied below for information. Don't miss it! It appears we have the following signed up so far: Bill and Donna, Phil and Patti, Bob and Norma, Steve and Andi and Steve and Paula.

peace, love and boating

Dog Days of August
Aquia Harbour Marina
August 14 -16, 2015
[COMPLETE ONLINE HERE](#)
(One Form per Boat)

Aquia Harbour Yacht Club
SINCE 1975
THE FIRST ON THE BAY

Aquia Harbour Yacht Club is celebrating our 40th Anniversary with a 70s themed party at Dog Days of August! Come take part in games Saturday, dress in costume on Saturday night and enjoy plenty of food and friends all weekend long. [Registration for the event must be submitted online here.](#) Below are the costs and schedule of event.

BOAT INFORMATION / SLIP FEES: (no need to call the marina and reserve a slip, this form takes care of that)
SLIP FEES: \$1.50 x LENGTH per night

POWER FEES: (we have approx. twelve 50 AMP 120/240 V slips that are first-come, first-serve)
one- 30 AMP \$ 5.00 per day; two- 30 AMP \$10.00 per day; one- 50AMP \$10.00 per day

REGISTRATION FEES: **SPECIAL EVENT – BBQ, CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST:**
Number of People Ages 10+: \$60 per person
Number of Children Under 10: FREE
Number of People Ages 10+: \$40 per person
Number of Children Under 10: FREE

50/50 TICKETS: 6 tickets for \$5 and 13 tickets for \$10
(drawing on Saturday Night and the winning ticket must be present to win)
Go [online here to register](#)

Please, mail check, made payable to AHYC, to: P. O. Box 905, Stafford, VA 22555
Questions?? Email: rear.commodore@ahyc.org

Cancellation: if you cancel your reservation by July 31, 2015 a full refund will be issued. After August 1, we can only issue a 25% refund of the registration and event fees. Slip fees will fully refundable if canceled by August 6.
Pool Party: This event is rain or shine and unfortunately we are unable to refund any registration fees due to inclement weather.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 28, 2015

Schedule at a Glance:

Friday:
12:00pm – 8:00pm Registration packets available for pickup at AHYC Clubhouse
6:00pm – Last Call AHYC Clubhouse (and Bar) Open for Appetizers & Happy Hour

Saturday:
8:30am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar at AHYC Clubhouse
9:00am – 5:00pm Transportation Provided from Marina to Golf Course with advance reservation
(Call 540-659-4478 to Arrange Tee Times. \$16 per person for 18 holes plus cart)
9:30am – 11:00am Kayak Scavenger Hunt (Meet at Kayak Launch/Fishing Pier)
9:30am – 11:00am Guided Walking Tour of Government Island
12:30pm – 2:00pm Bean Bag (Corn hole) Tournament at AH Marina Parking lot
4:00pm – 6:00pm at Harbour Inn Parking Lot: **** SPECIAL EVENT – BBQ, CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST ****
7:00pm – 8:00pm Evening Cruise Around Island (Meet at Boat Ramp)
8:30pm - 10:00pm Appetizers and Pool Party with Games
8:30pm – 11:30pm Bar, DJ Music, Dancing, Karaoke
9:00pm 70s Costume Contest, Awards Ceremony and 50/50 Drawing at Pool Party

Sunday:
9:00am – 11:00am Bon Voyage Brunch (Silent Auction Item Awarded at 10am)
10:00am – 12:00pm Kayak Tour (Meet @ Kayak Launch/Fishing Pier)

Overnight Trip to Corinthian YC – 29 August 2015

Commodore Bill is planning an overnight trip to Corinthian on Saturday the 29th. Please email him at wbuke@aol.com if you want to attend. It will be an easy one night trip at a very friendly and fabulous facility.



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Labor Day Trip to Dennis Point 5-7 September 2015

Near the end of the boating year we are planning a good trip to Dennis Point -- good restaurant, pool and tiki bar. They treat us right with a golf cart to use and a fire pit and picnic tables near our boats to end the evenings. We'll probably eat one night in the restaurant and one night we'll grill out.

Special about this trip is that we'll arrange a gathering with Aquia Harbour YC that is also attending Dennis Point on Labor Day. Our new members Joe and Ann have associated with this club as they live near the area and I was a Past Commodore of the Club many moons ago. Meeting new boaters will be fun.



Please email me (philbolin@mvmapolonia.com) if you are interested in attending. You don't have to be fully committed but I really need a fair count of who will be attending. Please respond soonest with your intentions or leanings!!!! I already have George and Polly, Joe and Ann, and Carey and I.

General Membership Meeting Saturday, 17 October 2015

Mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this one! The GMM is coming and Bob and Gail Mayer have graciously offered their home on Maddox Creek for the event. The party will be from **3 to 8 PM Saturday 17 October** and the theme will be the Roaring 20s. Get your best duds out. Their address is 521 Harborview Circle, Colonial Beach, but the home is off Route 3 almost adjacent to Stepps Harbor View. Available by land or water. A perfect party venue. More details soon. And, for those coming from afar, we can arrange accommodations in Colonial Beach very near their home.

WYA Change of Watch, 7 November 2015

We'll induct the new bridge at a dinner/dance on 7 November somewhere. We'll let you know. Put it on your calendar. Always a nice affair.

Quarter Master Items

Remember the WYA apparel store 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

Happy birthday wishes go to: Chris Lovejoy 8/4, Diane Burton 8/5, Mary Ann Andrews 8/10, Don Radeke 8/12, Pat Ralston 8/13, Rhonda Breer 8/14, Mary Jane Smith 8/15, Sharon Radeke 8/17, Paula Giles 8/20, Vicky Enos 8/25, Brad Gehret and Maureen Bory 8/26. August is just full of birthdays of our members!



Happy Anniversary wishes go to: Stan and Pam Raymond 8/9 and Steve and Andi Cirbee 8/29.

Grants Available to Help Pay for Visiting Boater Facilities

Deadline to Apply Sept. 18

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 28, 2015 – Visiting boaters, whether staying over for just one night or a couple weeks, offer real economic benefits and add to the vitality of waterfront communities, marinas and boat clubs. But laying out the welcome mat can be challenging. Transient boat docks that are protected and safe for overnight tie-ups, deep-water channels, restrooms, and pumpouts – just some of the infrastructure necessary to draw visiting boaters – can be expensive. However, the [Boating Infrastructure Grant](#) (BIG) program from the US Fish and Wildlife Service can help communities, marinas and boat clubs pay up to half of these improvements, but they need to apply by September 18 by going to their state's BIG administrator, typically a boating, wildlife or natural resources agency.

Not a government handout, funding for the competitive BIG program comes from excise taxes on boat gasoline and fishing tackle that boaters and anglers pay into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The goal is give cruising boaters convenient access to shore-side amenities via slips dedicated to transient boats as well as mooring fields and dinghy docks. Municipal or privately-owned marinas as well as boat clubs can install these conveniences including moorings, restrooms (including floating ones), fuel docks, electricity, water and sewage utilities, recycling and pumpout stations, and undertake small dredging projects (up to \$200,000) using BIG dollars. Two tiers of funding, both competitive and non-competitive, are available.

Projects must be located on water bodies deep enough for boats 26-feet in length staying overnight from one to up to 15 days, and to navigate at a minimum depth of six feet. Matching funds – a 25% minimum is required – may not come from other federal sources, but state, local and private funds can be used to match.



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Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) was instrumental in creating the program in 1998 that is viewed today by local municipalities as an economic development tool to attract cruising boats and related boater spending. To date, over \$177 million in grants have been awarded.

BoatUS suggests that if your community, club or marina is interested, take a look at what's possible by seeing a list of projects that received prior grant funding at BoatUS.com/gov/BIG.asp. There's also a helpful link to state BIG administrator contacts.

Using Active Captain

If you plan on cruising any US waters over the next years you can enhance your enjoyment by going to places that offer great service and value. One way to find these special places is to get an Active Captain account and learn how to use the interactive cruising guide. The account is free and you sign up at www.activecaptain.com. There is a lot of functionality in the Active Captain organization and all is free to boaters. Although not complicated, it takes a bit of time to understand and use. Something to consider.

Signing off for another month – except for the item below!

Commodore Bill Bukevicz of WYA and Commodore Vicky Moss of White Point Yacht Club exchanged burgees at the Beer Can Chicken Dinner the last night of the long trip.

