

## **Commodore's Corner**

Dear WYA Members:

Well, we are moving into the fall season for boating. Fall fishing is approaching rapidly and we still have events forth coming over the next few months.

We had two boats head up to Aquia Harbor for the Dog Days of Summer Event on August 14 to 16<sup>th</sup>. We did have the winning team as WYA took first place in the Corn

Hole Tournament. Thanks to the following members Bill & Donna Bukevicz, Bob & Norma Blunt, Phil & Patty Rogers and Erica Bukevicz with Patrick Flynn who helped us win the tournament. Everyone attending this event had a great weekend. The weather traveling up and down the river was unbelievable with calm water and low humidity. Finally, I believe that I tanned on this trip. To finalize the month of August, we had our get away from home port to the Corinthian Yacht Club for a weekend. We had six boats travel down to the CYC for a relaxing stay by the pool, cooking food, and some spirits to end the evening.



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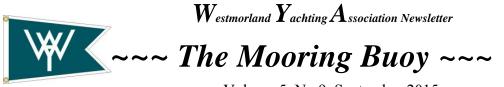
wyamembers@wya-va.com

#### 2015 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz Vice Commodore –Shannon Ritter Rear Commodore –George Cajigal Secretary –Katherine Smith Treasurer – Anita Elmore Immediate Past Commodore – Bob Blunt PRYCA Delegate – Tom Carroll

A special month in new members! I would like to welcome 15 new members to the club: Bill & Jayne Wolf, Kimber & Cecelia Boyer, Jay & Ellen Nix, Loyd & Beverly Alspaugh, Erica Bukevicz and Patrick Flynn, Tom and Terrie Knauf, Peter Salter, and Craig and Paula Hajos. This is 8 new memberships this month. Welcome Aboard! I hope to meet all of you at a club function to welcome you into the club in person and hand you your burgees.

In September for the Labor Day weekend, the WYA will be cruising to Dennis Point Marina. Phil and Carey Bolin are your Fleet Captains for the month of September and are the points of contact. It looks like they have planned a fun weekend. So far, they have 10 members attending this event and the WYA will be having joint activities with the Aquia Harbor Yacht Club. I think you guys will have a full/fun agenda. Also in the month of September, Occoquan Yacht Club will



be hosting the "End of Summer-Send Summer Down Under" which is a PRYCA sponsored event. The date for this event will be September 18 to 20 at the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. Information on this event will be posted in the newsletter.

In October we will be holding our General Membership Meeting for the club. Information on this event will be posted in the newsletter. At this meeting we will be voting in a new Bridge and finalizing club business. I hope that many of you will attend this event. Information on this event starts on page 7 ... don't miss the details.

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

## **New Members**

We welcome 8 new memberships -- 15 people to our club this August. As we give

them their burgees, we'll get pictures.

Jay and Ellen Nix hail from Fredericksburg and boat in a 34' Meridian named Wildest Dream. They keep their boat at Colonial Beach Yacht Center.

Kimber (Kim) and Cecelia (Cece) hail from Falls Church and boat in a 42' Sea Ray named Water Dance. They keep their boat at Stepp's Harbor View Marina. Burgee given at Corinthian YC.

Bill and Jayne Woolf hail from Gainesville and boat in a 43' Silverton named Attitudes. They also keep their boat at Colonial Beach Yacht Center.

Pete Salter is a live aboard at Coles Point on the Dorothy Scott, a 42 Pace Maker. His burgee was presented at Coles Point.

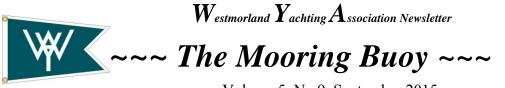
Loyd and Beverly Alspaugh of Colonial Beach boat in a 36' Trojan named Every Chance II that's docked at Colonial Beach Yacht Center.



Kim and Cece Boyer



**Pete Salter** 



Tom and Terrie Knauf hail from Montross and keep their 32' Carver, Nauti Lady, at Coles Point Marina. Burgee given at Corinthian YC.

Erica Bukevicz and Patrick Flynn are also new members and we'll provide details on their boat and some pictures soon.

Craig and Paula Hajos hail from Gaithersburg, MD and keep their 30' Trojan, Galley Down, at Corinthian YC where their burgee was presented to them. Paula is the Immediate Past Commodore of Corinthian.

While the club does not have a goal to increase membership, it appears, from talking to new members, that they are hearing that we really do boat, have good fun events and do it all without having to deal a lot with side issues. We're a friendly, gregarious group that enjoys cruising, good times, and each other!



**Tom and Terrie Knauf** 



**Paula Hajos** 

## **Past Events**

### Overnight Trip to Corinthian YC – 29-30 August 2015

Six boats traveled to Corinthian Yacht Club Saturday 29 August for an overnight stay at this very hospitable Yacht Club on Smith Creek near Point Lookout Marina. Attendees included Bill and Donna with friends Rod and Candy, Steve and Mary Ann, Phil and Carey, Tom and Terrie Knauf (new members) with their son Nickolas and daughter Michelle with her fiancee John, Dan and Elaine, and Kim and Cece Boyer (new members). Paula and Craig Hajos joined us during our stay.



**Relaxing on Rhapsody** 



We relaxed on the docks and around the pool Saturday afternoon, then enjoyed a cookout under the trees that included superb side dishes and sweet corn brought by Bill and Donna. There might have been some conversation and an after dinner drink or two on the docks later that evening. Sunday morning after coffee on the docks new members Tom and Terrie took us on their boat to Point Lookout Marina, just a half mile away, to enjoy a breakfast buffet at the Marina restaurant. Tom's daughter Michelle was the Captain of the boat for the trip and she expertly handled the boat and a rowdy crew. Back by noon we decided it was time to go home ... all with smiles on our faces. You can see all the pictures we took at your web site, www.wya-va.com.



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

Aquia Harbor Yacht Club hosted the event which is supported by the PRYCA. Two boats made it up river representing the WYA. Attendees from the WAY were Bill & Donna Bukevicz, Phil and Patty Rogers. Bob and Norma Blunt who drove up by car on Saturday. In addition, we had Erica Bukevicz and Patrick Flynn, the Commodore's niece, Brooke Hertzler and Mark Garrett with Joe and Robin Bycina who are potential new members to the WYA. Prime Time and Sea Cabin pulled into AHYC on Friday afternoon. The cruise up the creek was a tranquil run and it felt like you were running a portion of the Amazon delta. Friday evening, the AHYC hosted a welcoming happy hour and on Saturday, the WYA Corn hole team took first place in the tournament. We enjoyed a crab and shrimp dinner and finished up with a 70's theme dance. It was a perfect weekend with warm weather and the river was flat as a pancake. We have to get Dan (our in house Construction guy) to make us a set of corn hole boards with the WYA logo.

See some pictures of the event on the next page and all the pictures at your web site, <u>www.wya-va.com</u>.





Pat, Erica, Brooke and Donna relaxing



Phil Rogers and Erica Bukevicz



Group dancing Friday night on the dock and



Ericka, Pat and Donna at the Pool



Bill & Donna at the pool and Mark Garrett and Joe Bycina









The Winning WYA Teams

Bob's happy!

# **Upcoming Events**



# Labor Day Trip to Dennis Point 5-7 September 2015

We have the following WYA members confirmed for Dennis Point: Phil and Carey, Joe and Ann, Les and Hope, Dan and Elaine and Steve and Mary Ann.

Aquia Harbour YC has 8 to 9 boats attending and we'll be joining them for some activities on Saturday. Here's the current plan for the weekend.

In general:

We've reserved one golf cart for the WYA group to use (\$15 per boat of those that want to use the cart will cover the cost for the weekend). Dennis Pt will provide a fire pit and firewood near our boats for evening bon fires all three nights, as they've done in the past.

Dennis Pt will have music at the TiKi bar all three nights

The restaurant will be open all weekend.



Friday – Both clubs' boats arrive ... everyone on their own or with their club. Restaurant or whatever for dinner ... depending on how close the two clubs are on the piers we may have a combined bon fire ... and we'll enjoy the music at the TiKi bar.

Saturday --

3-5:30 pm ... first annual WYA/Aquia bocce ball tournament with equal number of teams of two from each club competing in marked off bocce ball court in grassy area near pool. Prizes to the winning team. Depending on participation, we'll determine number of points each two person team plays to and that will determine



final total to select winner among two clubs. We'll have an hour to an hour and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of playing. Phil and Carey will be the moderators and supply equipment. If you don't know the game ... no worry ... it's easy and fun! Promise. Dennis Pt will provide corn hole for those that enjoy that game. Prizes to those winners alsp.

6:30 till ... Joint cocktails and dinner at the gas grills under the trees. Start with cocktails ... then follow with pot luck ... everyone bring their own main course, drinks and a dish to share ... bon fire after dinner. Singing optional.

Sunday -- just let it happen ... should be a breakfast buffet at restaurant and dinner for sure at the club. Those eating at the restaurant for Sunday evening should make reservations when they arrive and no later than Saturday.

We'll provide name tags for Saturday. Should be fun.

Any late minute attendees should call or email me: 804-761-3425 or philbolin@mvapolonia.com.

# WYA General Membership Meeting Saturday, 17 October 2015

# Saturday October 17, 2015

3:00 - 8:00 PM

This year's theme has been set by Bob and Gail Mayer at their home on Mattox Creek

# "Roaring 20's"

# Need RSVP to Phil Bolin (philbolin@mvapolonia.com)

by 7 October 2015!!!

Tell Phil whether you are coming or not. Give Gail confidence she is preparing for the right number of people.

Dinner, beer and wine all for \$15 per person collected at the door!

Pull out your gangster – Flapper – Prohibition attire. Be careful when transporting your Spirits. We'll provide beer and wine but BYOB for hard stuff or special drinks

# Dinner Menu

Chicken Kabobs with veggies and rice

Desserts to Follow

Appetizers Welcomed!!!



Those choosing to travel by water ... they have their dock along with neighboring docks. Boat pooling recommended.

# Street Address:

521 Harbor View Circle, Colonial Beach, VA

Home: 804-224-2521 Cells: Gail 703-303-3731; Bob 703-901-3286

Traveling by vehicle:

DO NOT go into Placid Bay (GPS has not been updated). From Rte. 205 (Colonial Beach) towards Oak Grove turn left on Rte. 3 (towards Montross) go 1 mile turn left on RT 664 (Bowie Rd). Go 1 mile and at Stop Sign turn left on Ebb Tide Rd ... 1 mile go pass marina (Stepp's) ... 9<sup>th</sup> house on left.

Waterway: N38-12.51 W 076=58.861

Besides all the fun we will hold a membership meeting and vote on next year's Bridge and on a motion to buy a covered trailer to store all WYA inventory including wine glasses, liquor, tables and other items.

# Occoquan End of Summer September 18-20 2015 Occoquan YC

Here is information on the End of Summer Party that is in September before the General Membership Meeting.

Friday:

12:00pmVessels may begin to arrive

4:00pm – 6:00pm Registration packets available for pickup at Marina Office (@ venue after 6PM)

6:00pm Venue open for Happy Hour and Pizza Dinner (beer and wine for purchase)

Saturday:

8:30am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast, Bloody Mary Bar, and Mimosa Makings @ Venue

10:00am – 4:00pm Activities

Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve \*Within walking distance of marina\*

Painting Lessons Wine Tasting (with advance reservation, BYOW, and \$50)



Shopping or Lunch in downtown Occoquan (transportation available) \*Sign up for pickup/return times during registration\*

11:00am Golf at Osprey's at Belmont Bay (with advance reservation and \$50)

\*Within walking distance of marina\*

5:00pm Awesome Aussie ShrimpFest (beer and wine for purchase)

6:00pm Music and Dancing (our Aussie friends call it A Rip Snorter!)

Sunday:

8:00am – 9:30am Continental Breakfast, Bloody Mary Bar, and Mimosa Makings @ Venue

10:00am – 2:00pm Activities

Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympic Games

All Day Vessels Depart

Operations:

Vessels may arrive on Friday, September 18th after 12:00 PM to get slip assignments. When approaching the Marina, hail Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on Channel 16 to obtain a working channel. You will be provided a slip assignment, and dockhands will meet you at your assigned slip to assist with docking.

Questions?

Contact the OYC Rear Commodore, Pat Schondel @ vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org

For questions regarding the Marina, visit the Marina Office, or contact the Marina Harbor Master, Jim Brooks @ <u>bbharbor@comcast.net</u> or 703-490-5088



# END OF SUMMER PARTY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 8, 2015

CAPTAIN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_YACHT CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_\_ NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY:

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME\_\_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **BOAT INFORMATION / SLIP FEES (pay directly to Harbor Master):**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

 Number of People Ages 10+:
 x \$65 = \$
 SUBTOTAL: \$

 Number of Children Under 10:
 x FREE = \*\* FREE \*\*

 Includes Friday and Saturday dinner and Saturday entertainment

 Includes Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfast

#### **EVENTS REGISTRATION:**

 Free Activities (circle and indicate choice):
 \*\*FREE\*\*

 Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve – Saturday

 Transportation on Request – please indicate your day/time preference:

 Occoquan Shopping or Lunch (at participant's personal expense) – Saturday

 Transportation Available – please indicate your day/time preference:

 Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympic Games – Sunday

Special Activities: Painting Lessons and Wine Tasting (Bring Your Own Wine): No. of People x \$50 =\$\_\_\_\_\_ Golf at Osprey at Belmont Bay (within walking distance): No. of People x \$50 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ SUBTOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Email registration form and mail check, made payable to Occoquan Yacht Club, to: P. O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125 Email: vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org Westmorland Yachting Association Newsletter

# ~~~ The Mooring Buoy ~~~

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# WYA Change of Watch, 7 November 2015

We'll induct the new bridge at a dinner/dance on 7 November somewhere, most likely at the Riverboat in Colonial Beach. 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/



# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Happy birthday wishes go to: Buzz Buswell, Patty Kasold and Polly Parks 9/1, Margot Snyder-Gibson 9/6, Steve Giles 9/9, Dale Breer and Mike Enos 9/14, Ralph Mason 9/17, Jack Southard 9/21, Peter Salter 9/23, Tom Knauf 9/24, Gloria Dunckel 9/30,

Happy Anniversary wishes go to: Mike and Vicky Enos 9/7, Gary and Nancy Vineyard 9/12, Steve and Paula Giles 9/15, Chris and Heather Lovejoy 9/19, Alex and Maureen Bory 9/22,

# Get your Virginia Boater Education Certificate in 3 steps – if you don't already have it.

Go to https://www.boat-ed.com/virginia/

## 1. Study and Pass the Virginia Boater Safety Course

Register for the course, study the free online course material, and pass the Virginia boater safety quizzes. Once you pass all of the quizzes, you have passed the course.

## 2. Pay and Print Your Temporary Certificate

After passing and paying the \$29.50 course fee, you'll instantly print out a temporary certificate, which is your temporary operating permit to operate legally on Virginia waters while you wait for your permanent card to arrive.







### 3. Receive Your Boater Education Card in the Mail

Your lifetime Virginia Boater Education Certificate will arrive by mail in 8-10 business days. (Use your Temporary Boater Education Certificate to get on the water immediately after passing the course and until your permanent card arrives.)

# Who needs the Boater Education Card?

### It's the Law!

As of July 1, 2011, all PWC operators 50 years old and younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger must complete a boating safety course. This is the beginning of the phase-in of the Education Compliance Requirement for all Virginia boaters.

All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012.

Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013.

Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014.

Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015.

All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

## You Must Carry the Card

Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

## Reciprocity

All states, territories, and provinces will recognize boating education cards that meet NASBLA requirements and Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Cards that meet Transport Canada's requirements. (This is known as "reciprocity.")

## Signing off for another month .....