



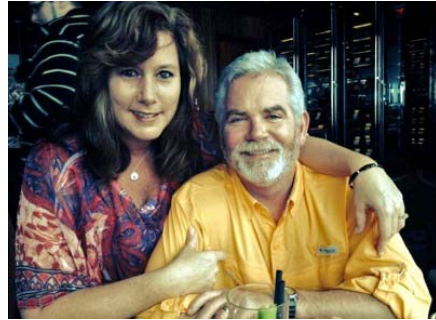
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Commodore's Corner

Dear WYA Members:

We are coming to an end of the 2015 boating season. I must say that our year has been full of fun and exciting times. Many of our events this year were well attended and I would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time to host an event or help in setting up events. Without your participation, our club would not be successful. As one member in our club told me, "We are a club made up of very well-mannered misfits. Which means we are a happy go lucky club with little drama. Within four years, our club's annual cruise on the bay went from two boats to 14 boats in 2015 and everyone on the cruise had a great time. I will say that our club has some of the best cooks on the bay and we will never go hungry! We lost by one point in the PRYCA Cup race but everyone that participated in the events did a great job and we are all proud of you. Next year will be our year as the Cup winners!



This year, our club showed growth in membership. We have 15 new memberships in 2015. I believe that we will be growing in the coming years, because many boaters that hear of our club and meet members of the club, show immediate interest and sign up. As a group let us keep the ball rolling for the upcoming year.

 In October, we are having our General Membership Meeting on October 17 at Bob & Gail Mayer's home from 3:00 to 8 PM. The theme this year is the **Roaring 20's**. I think my wife has given all my suits from the 1920's to Good Will. Do you think that I can buy them back for \$2.00? Anyway, this is an important meeting for the club because we will be taking care of end of year business which includes approving and voting on the 2015-2016 Bridge and on other motions before the club. **I will be emailing every member the business agenda in advance with the motions of the meeting.** I hope to see you there.

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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

Don't forget that we will be having the Change of Watch (COW) on November 7.



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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

While we don't have pictures of all new members yet, we are working on it. At right are Bill and Jayne Woolf who received their burgee last month from Commodore Bill at Coles Point Landing. Welcome aboard.



At left, Joe and Robin Bycina, along with another new member Mark Garrett receive burgees at Coles Point. Standing to the right of Mark is Brooke Hertzler. The Bycina's and Mark Garrett jointly own a boat named Persuasion (31' Larson). Welcome aboard.

And at right you see Patrick Flynn and Ericka Bukevicz as Commodore Bill gives them their welcome aboard and burgee.





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More pictures of our new members as we capture them. Today we have 103 members and we believe an enthusiastic and active club.

### Past Events



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

This Labor Day weekend we held a joint boating trip with Aquia Harbour Yacht Club (AHYC). Boats from Aquia Harbour included: Dave's Dinghy, Idle Time, Life is Good, We'll Sea, Phoenix, Diamond Sea, Nema, The Lady Liberty and three couples in their RVs. And from WYA Hope II, Rhapsody, Our Time, Apolonia, At Ease and Dorothy Scott. Close to 30 people joined in a superb event. The weather was perfect and the company was even better. Most arrived on Friday. Some ate in the restaurant while others cooked out at the picnic tables. Dennis Point provided the combined group with a free golf cart to use, a fire pit with sufficient wood to run a bon fire every night and a charcoal grill for a joint cookout on Saturday evening. The marina has a great pool and their Tiki bar had music every night. Most of us anointed Dennis Point as the best marina we've been to this season. On Saturday we relaxed, ate, drank and went swimming. Then at 3:30 we held the first AHYC vs WYA bocce ball tournament. I was amazed that most everyone liked the game and the WYA members loved that we won the tournament. Hurrah WYA! Kudos to new member Pete Slater as a real player but most of the real points were scored by our three aces; Mary Ann Andrews, Elaine Braud and Ann Littleton, new bocce players with champagne







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flutes in hand! Great showing, with style! We gave them all prizes for pushing us over the top. Afterwards, we joined forces and food and enjoyed each other's company while we held a joint cookout and finished off with a few toddies and a bon fire, the second since our arrival. Sunday was a quiet day with a homemade breakfast by the WYA ladies and bloodies by AHYC and a few others. All smiles. Most laughed at, but mainly agonized over, the Karaoke participants who performed at the Tiki bar from 3 to 7 pm. The participants were not bashful, but some should have been. Moreover, they had volume! For dinner, some meandered up to the restaurant and the rest cooked up left over food for another tasty meal ... then you guessed it ... another bon fire on the most beautiful night of the trip. Monday came too early as we ate breakfast at the restaurant and headed home. When can we do this again? More pictures at our web site: www.wya-va.com.

Upcoming Events



**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, as noted by Commodore Bill.

“Roaring 20's”

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!!!



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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.

***RSVP needed if you have not sent it in. Email to [philbolin@mva-polonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mva-polonia.com).***

Waterway: N38-12.51 W 076=58.861

Besides all the fun, we will hold a membership meeting to 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.



***WYA Change of Watch, Saturday, 7 November 2015***

***You really should attend the WYA Change of Watch. It's going to be another great party. Guests are welcome.***

The event will be held on Saturday, November 7, at The Riverboat, 301 Beach Terrace, in Colonial Beach. It is the same location as last year. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Cocktail attire is the norm.

A cash bar and light appetizers will be set up for the occasion. Music for dancing after dinner will be provided by a DJ.

You will have several choices for the meal with different prices for each item.

Please e-mail your reservations and choice of your meals to our Commodore, Bill Bukevicz at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com) not later than October 26 in order to allow the Restaurant plenty of time to order food. Regrets, if you are not able to attend, would be appreciated.



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The meal choices and prices (including tax and tip) are as follows:

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| Chicken Masala | \$24.00 |
| Prime Rib | \$30.00 |
| Shipwreck (Seafood) | |
| Broiled | \$30.00 |
| Fried | \$30.00 |
| Vegetarian | \$21.00 |

Each of the choices will come with Baby Bakers, Green Beans, and Rolls.

Salad \$ 2.75 (The dinner does not come with a salad so this is an additional item)

And you pay for the food and that price is the total price, except for the cash bar.

Where can you get *a party and dinner, with music and great friends for this price???* You cannot.

Please bring a check made out to the Westmoreland Yachting Association for the total amount of your menu choices and provide it to Bill when you arrive.

Please send your RSVP (to include regrets) to Bill Bukevicz at wbuke@aol.com as soon as possible.

Quarter Master Items

Buy Clothes with WYA Logo



Share & Sell(TM) - LogoSportswear.com

Remember the WYA apparel store web site. Many cool items for sale. Put it in your favorites tool bar! Order now to get yours. Here is the URL → <http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday wishes go to: Sandra Rowzee 10/4, Peggy Saylor 10/17, Carey Bolin 10/26, and Pat Frappier 10/28.



Happy Anniversary wishes go to: George Cajigal and Polly Parks 10/9, Kim and Cece Boyer 10/11, Phil and Patti Rogers 10/15, and Jay and Ellen Nix 10/28.

## The Fleet Page

We have a Fleet Page that has room for pictures of all members and their boats. Some of the pictures are not so good and we also do not have pictures of all members.

**Look at page and update your picture.**

Just go to <http://www.wya-va.com/fleet.html> and take a look. Update or add pictures by sending to me, [philbolin@mvapoloia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapoloia.com) . Please help us out.

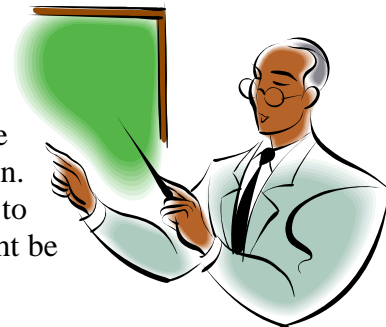
Thanks.

## Membership Biographies.

When we started this monthly newsletter in 2011 we asked each member to write a short paragraph about themselves and send it in. We put 1 to 2 biographies in the newsletter each month to ensure our members knew each other better. Let's try it again. Carey and I will step up first. Please take the time to write a short bio for yourselves and send to me. Might be fun.

Phil and Carey Bolin:

Carey and I have been married for 9 years. We're both retired and in the last decade have traveled 35,000 miles on our boat Apolonia to include the Bahamas and several locations in Canada. Carey worked for the Smithsonian for 33 years working all her days in the Smithsonian Castle in DC in Congressional/legislative affairs. I served 24 years in the Navy, ran a Naval Architect firm in DC and later joined the ranks of beltway "helpers" for the Navy for a decade. We are now





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planning a move to Florida, but will keep our boat Apolonia in Colonial Beach to live on every summer. We'll enjoy the warmth of Florida and new boating adventures at other times. We have a married daughter who lives in Annapolis with her wife Cynthia and two grandkids. We love visiting with them. No spoiling involved! We enjoy the members of WYA and hope to continue the association. We purchased a small 22' antique run about boat from Bill Bowman last year and we are having a great time fixing it up using it around the area.

### Boating Safety

#### Safe Boating Tips



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:

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 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.

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),





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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.

#### 4. **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.

#### 5. **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, such as an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)

#### 6. **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!

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

#### 8. **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.

#### 9. **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](#).



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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.

10. 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