

Westmorland Yachting Association

PO. Box 325, Colonial Beach, VA. 22443



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Our Monthly Newsletter, Volume 1, Nr 1, November 2011

Our Web Site: www.wya-va.com

2012 Bridge

Commodore – Phil Bolin
Rear Commodore – Carey Bolin
Treasurer – George Cajigal

Vice Commodore – Chris Smith
Secretary – Nancy Vineyard
IPC Diane Burton

From the Commodore

The Bridge has decided we'll try a monthly newsletter. We will not mail it. We'll email to you at the end of every month. We'll also put on the web site so you can download if you desire.

You can send me (philbolin@mvapolonia.com) an input for the newsletter by the 25th of every month and I'll include your article. Anything you want! We'll try this and hope that all enjoy and contribute ideas, comments, and photos. I welcome comments on sections that should be included. For now, we'll try the following: Commodore and other Officer/Member input, past events, upcoming events, members' profiles, minutes and budget info, and boating information.

One important thing for the upcoming year is to boost our current membership. If you know boaters or boater friendly people, who may be interested in joining, please talk to them about the club. Send them the newsletter! The web site has information on all of the events in 2011 and a membership application. I know there are lots of people out there who would like to be part of our great group!!!!

Past Events

General Membership Meeting.

A great time was had by all on Saturday, October 22, at the General Membership Meeting. It was held at Coles Point Plantation Marina. At the meeting we approved some bylaw changes, voted in a new bridge, and presented Jack and Ann Southard with their burgee. They joined earlier this year. Here they are with Anita Elmore on the beach.



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After the meeting we all enjoyed a fantastic low country boil, clam chowder and sides, under the direction and hard work of Gary Vineyard and Ruth Lovelace. See Gary dumping the meal on a table. He had to move quickly to get out of everyone's way as they were ready to eat. Later that evening we stayed on for a sing-along at the beach and bonfire, lead by Linda Weaver. Check out more pictures and details at the club web site.



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JOINT BRIDGE MEETING

A joint meeting of the 2011 and 2012 Bridge members was held November 5 at the Lighthouse Restaurant at 11:30 am, followed by a Dutch treat lunch at 12:30. We discussed the upcoming year and many other issues that will be forthcoming once those attending approve the minutes. You should see the approved minutes within the week.

Upcoming Events

CHANGE OF WATCH:

Up next is the Change of Watch, which already has over 28 people signed up, and will be held at the Riverboat on the Potomac in Colonial Beach. Below are the details. To sign up—if he can still get you in—you need to quickly inform Dick Elmore, the Rear Commodore.

Date: November 12, 2011

Time: Cash Bar opens at 6:00 PM

Location: Riverboat on the Potomac- 301 Beach Terrace- Colonial Beach, VA- 804-224-7055

Dress: Semi Formal (Coat and Tie/Party Dresses)

DJ starts at 8:00 PM and plays the hits until Midnight, so bring your dancing shoes.

The Riverboat on the Potomac is famous for its off track betting, Keno, and is hosting a Texas Holdem' Tournament that same night.

The membership voted to have the Change of Watch event include a meal, free to members, except for the cash bar. Guests of course can attend for a \$25.00 per person charge. You will have a choice of one of these five dinner entrees.

Menu:

All entrees are served w/dinner salad, hot roll, steamed vegetables of the day and your choice of baked potato or rice.

Entrée choices: (remember to specify rice or potato)

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Salmon Filet- 8 oz. pan seared salmon filet
Shipwreck Platter- Broiled: shrimp, scallops, crab cake, and flounder (House specialty)
Prime Rib of Beef- 12 oz of slow roasted and served au jus
New York Strip Steak- 12 oz, cooked to perfection
Fried Chicken- 4 pieces (half of a chicken) Southern fried chicken

The cut off to respond to Dick Elmore (dickelmore@gmail.com) was Thursday, October 27. Talk to Dick if you missed the date and still want to go. I think we all will have a great event and witness the swearing in of the new 2012 Bridge.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

This winter your Bridge will be preparing plans for next year and finalizing a budget. We'll get some money. We'll spend some money. We'll have some fun.

The next major event for most of the members will be a Plan Fest in early January when we'll get together and finalize the schedule for the 2012 boating season. Next year you'll see some land events, some water events, and several combined land/boating events. If you have suggestions for events email them to our new Rear Commodore, Carey Bolin at careybolin@mvapolonia.com. All ideas and comments are welcome.

Member Updates

At the General Membership Meeting we welcomed our first new member of the 2011 fiscal season, the owner of Coles Point Plantation, Trina Sobotka.

But, what I thought we'd do with this section is get a little info out on our members by highlighting one membership per month. Carey and I will go first. We encourage members to share their profiles.

THE BOLINS: Carey and I are almost newly-weds, having married in 2006. I had been married before and served 24 years in the Navy and later for a naval architecture firm and a Dahlgren-based government contractor after that. I'm now retired. Carey, also retired, spent 33 wonderful years at the Smithsonian Institution, was a single mom for 16 years, and enjoyed raising her son Mark.

I have a daughter, Lauren, who is with her partner Cynthia and they have a new son, Oliver who Carey and I dote on. Carey and I live in Farnham in an old farmhouse half of the year and, most years, on Apolonia the other half. I've



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boated since 1972 and earned my 50 ton USCG Captain's license as well as having driven US Navy destroyers. Carey came later to boating but took hold quickly. She drives and docks Apolonia and has been on board for well over 10,000 miles of travels on Apolonia. We love boating and are encouraging any and all to take off.

Minutes and Budget Info

In the future, we'll distribute the minutes of past meetings and Treasurer's reports on the proscribed routine basis. Today the club has slightly over \$5,500 in the bank and we're well set to schedule some fun inclusive events.

Annual dues for 2012 are due not later than 30 November for each membership. Please remit the new rate for annual dues of \$50.00 to Westmoreland Yachting Assoc, PO. Box 325, Colonial Beach, VA. 22443. An invoice was sent to all members by our 2011 Treasurer Doris Gentry-Buswell.

Boating Information

A boat has more pumps then you might think. The engine itself is a large pump with over a half dozen supporting pumps. Then you have pumps for water supply, bilge maintenance, anchor cleaning, and a host of other activities. Your club web sight has a great article on pumps and their maintenance requirements on the "Boat Facts" page. Check it out at www.wya-va.com

Trivia

And, just for kicks, can you name when these pictures were taken this past year??



What We Need from You!

- Send in your pictures of yourself and your boat for the FLEET PAGE of the web site. If you don't have a boat send your picture anyway with a picture of your car, house, or what ever. We just want to get to know you better.
- Talk up the club to people you know who may have an interest.
- Pay your dues by the end of the month.
- Give us your ideas about next year's activities.
- Send me a member profile to use in follow on newsletters like Carey and I did for this one. (philbolin@mvapolonia.com)