



### *From the Commodore*

The weather has not turned drastically cold yet, so some of us may not have completed our boat winterization. If you need to review a good check list go to your web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com), and review the check list on the Boat Facts page.

If you have not mailed your \$50 annual dues to the Treasurer at PO Box 325, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, please do so today. Our new bylaws require dues payment by November 30 each year. After that date repayment of the initiation fee is required.

On a very happy note I want to welcome two new members to the Club.

First are Gary and Pat Ralston. They live in Colonial Beach and as their second career own and operate Wishes and Dreams, a first-class consignment shop in town. They boat in a 40 foot aft cabin power boat named Sea Dancer II.

Next are Stewart and Debbie Lindsey who live in Warrenton, with a weekend home in Colonial Beach. They operate a 23 foot runabout named Re Pete.

If you see them around please welcome them to the Club. Otherwise you'll get a chance to say "Hi" at one of our next gatherings.

#### 2012 Bridge

Commodore – Phil Bolin  
Vice Commodore – Chris Smith  
Rear Commodore – Carey Bolin  
Secretary – Nancy Vineyard  
Treasurer – George Cajigal  
Immediate Past Commodore – Diane Burton

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### *Boat US Cooperating Program*

WYA is now a member of the BOATUS Cooperating program. Benefits include ½ price BOATUS membership and with the membership you get a great monthly boating magazine and savings through West Marine Advantage Program for boating gear. To get the ½ off price for BOATUS membership you will need our group ID number. You can email the Commodore ([commodore@wya-va.com](mailto:commodore@wya-va.com)) to get that number when you need it.

### *Pictures for the Fleet Page*

We post pictures of our members and their boats on the FLEET PAGE of our web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)). We're missing a few pictures. Please check out the Fleet Page and send in your pictures if they are not already there. For those without boats, we still want the personal photos. It gives everyone a chance to get to know you. Please send them in.



### ***Past Events***

Since the last newsletter we have had two events. First was a Joint Bridge meeting where the 2011 and 2012 Bridge met to turn over the administration of the club. Good event as we ended it with a nice lunch on Monroe Bay.

The second event was our Change of Watch. The Change of Watch, November 12, 2011, was a great gathering, held at the Riverboat Restaurant in Colonial Beach. It was planned and executed by our 2011 Rear Commodore Dick Elmore. All 34 members and guests who attended owe Dick our thanks. We had a social hour, dinner, Change of Watch ceremony, and dancing to a DJ. Lots of fun for all of us. For those not there, you missed a great social event. See pictures at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).



### ***Upcoming Events – 2012 Plan Fest***

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 first major event in 2012 will be a Plan Fest, tentatively planned to be held Jan. 14. After our Bridge meeting on Dec 10 we will firm up that date. At the Plan Fest we'll get together and finalize the schedule for the 2012 boating season. In 2012 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](mailto:careybolin@mvapolonia.com). All ideas and comments are welcome, and encouraged.

### ***Upcoming Events – 2012 PRYCA Change of Watch***

OK, who is going with Carey and I to the PRYCA Change of Watch????



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The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association 2012 Change of Watch Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

Hospitality Suite Open: 5: - 5:45 pm

Cocktails in Ballroom: 6 pm

Dinner: 7 pm

Change of Watch Ceremony: 8 pm

Dancing to follow w/music provided by "25th Hour Band"

Winter Uniform/Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$70 per person before December 31<sup>st</sup>/\$75 per person after

December 31<sup>st</sup>

(No refunds after January 14)

This year's PRYCA Commodore is our own Ruth Lovelace, a past Commodore of WYA. Besides showing our support for Ruth, I know from personal experience that this event is a great one for those that enjoy a dress up party. Our web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) gives more info. There will be a break in room prices for the night and info is available on these rates at our web site! Don't want to drive home after this party. Please, Please let me know by email if you are going, but each couple should send in their own reservation form (obtained at our web site). Pass me an email if you are going, to either of these addresses: [commodore@wya-va.com](mailto:commodore@wya-va.com) or [philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com) .

### Member Updates

Last month we provided a short profile on Phil and Carey Bolin.

This month we feature Linda Weaver. You see her here rowing on her favorite boat and at right receiving her burgee from the 2011 Commodore Diane Burton. She also composed a WYA song you must hear! Linda says she is downshifting! "A simpler life is in the cards for me. Although my fondest memories are those spending the earliest part of my life on



a houseboat along with fishing and crabbing along South River and daydreaming about living in Thomas Point Lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay as well as a variety of boating experiences from there to adulthood, my favorite river, by far, is the Potomac, where I am privileged enough to awaken as the sunrises over her every blessed day and paddle to my heart's content on the Tequila Sunrise if I so choose.

Ummm! That's what I call life!"





PLEASE members, send in a profile on you that I can use next month!

### ***Minutes and Budget Info***

The minutes of the last Bridge Meeting, a Joint Meeting with the 2011 and 2012 Bridges, are included with the email that forwarded this newsletter.

### ***Trivia***

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



### ***Boat Facts***

And here is a quick check list for high-winds in port. For all of us who leave their boats in the water over the winter, I'll bet we'll have high winds before spring. Might be worth a quick read, even if it appears to be more appropriate for a sailboat.

#### **High-Wind Checklist: In Port**

- Check ground tackle, including mooring lines, shackles, pennants, chafe guards, mooring cleats, and chocks.
- Make sure anchors can be used immediately. Secure the inboard end(s).
- Remove any items that cause windage: sails, bimini tops, dodgers, and leechcloths around the cockpit. Shackle halyards away from the mast to prevent banging and chafe.
- Remove unessential gear if there is time to do so.
- Stow life raft ashore or below.
- Hang fenders along the side to prevent damage from other boats.
- In a marina, double up on dock lines; consider the effects of a storm surge.