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From the Commodore

Carey and I sincerely hope your Christmas was merry and bright. We wish you the very best for the New Year, and let us all commit to using a designated driver if drinking is involved in our New Year's Eve plans.

Carey needs your input for the 2012 boating season. Please pass your ideas for the 2012 schedule on to her at rearcommodore@wya-va.com or careybolin@mvapolonia.com. Also, please come prepared to discuss your ideas at the Plan Fest Saturday, January 14. The Plan Fest starts at 11 am at the Lighthouse in Colonial Beach.

Our Secretary, Nancy Vineyard, is updating the membership roster. She said she is getting a good response from most of the members updating their contact information. If you have not passed an update to Nancy, please do so soon. Her email is gnavineyard@yahoo.com. And, thanks to all of you who have already provided the information.

Our plan is to have a monthly Bridge meeting. The minutes and Treasurer's report from that meeting will be approved in email by the Bridge and emailed by the Secretary to the membership by the end of the month. Nancy just sent out the December minutes and financial report. Also, near the end of each month you will receive this newsletter.

This newsletter is YOUR newsletter. If you want to write an article of general interest, do so and email it to me by the 25th of each month. Comments on the content are always welcome.

Boat US Cooperating Program

Remember that WYA is now a member of the BOATUS Cooperating program that gets you ½ price BOATUS membership including your yearly renewal. To

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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Upcoming Events

- Jan 14, 2012 10 AM Bridge Meeting
The Lighthouse,
Colonial Beach, VA
- Jan 14, 2012 11 AM Plan Fest
For the membership
The Lighthouse,
Colonial Beach, VA
- Jan 21, 5 PM PRYCA Change of
Watch (details later in
Newsletter) at the
Springfield Hilton.



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get the group ID number needed for the 50% price reduction go to the Membership Page on the web site (www.wya-va.com) or email commodore@wya-va.com. On the membership page you will see the link to the group ID for BOATUS. You will need to use the password to open this file. If you don't have it, click on the link at the top of the page to obtain the password. It will be emailed to you.

Group Email for Club

These paragraphs explain how you can communicate among members of the club.

The "TO" line in the email that sent this newsletter has the current list of members and can be copied and used by members to pass information, only on club business, of course, to the membership. However, the list changes at times, with the addition of new members and there may be changes to current members' email addresses.

We have set up a group email address (wyamembers@wya-va.com) that you all can use. To ensure our privacy and eliminate spam, any email you send to wyamembers@wya-va.com goes through our web server and my email account where the current roster is updated and then forwarded to you all. You'll know when your email reaches everyone because you will be on the list and receive a copy of your own email at the same time it is passed to others. This process is more secure but at times may take a day for the email to reach the members. We'll try it and see how it works.

The other way you can communicate with members is to get phone numbers or email addresses from the membership roster on the MEMBERS Page of the web site. This roster list requires that password again. Once you get the password by clicking on the password link at the top of the MEMBERSHIP page you are ok. We'll change it at regular intervals.

NOTE: Some programs, such as MICROSOFT WORD have an auto correct spelling feature. It is located in Tools > Autocorrect Options. The default list changes "wya" to "way." Be careful with this auto correct feature or go to Tools > Autocorrect Options and delete the item labeled "wya."

Past Events

Since the last newsletter we have had only one event, the Bridge meeting on Dec 10, 2011. It was held at The Lighthouse in Colonial Beach. We approved a budget, decided to move our accounts to a local bank in Colonial Beach from one in Fredericksburg, and decided to include the Club Change of Watch (COW) at the end of the year in the current budget. To get this last item taken care of, our 2012 budget will reflect revenues and costs for two Changes of Watch (2011 and 2012). In the following years the current bridge budget will reflect the COW that they planned for the end of the year. Read the minutes that will be passed to you before the end of the year and you'll be in the know on all we did. You'll also receive a copy of the Treasurer's report.



First Upcoming Event – 2012 Plan Fest

The first major event in 2012 will be a Plan Fest, to be held Jan. 14. Hope that all are ready for the 2012 boating season. To ensure that all WYA members will have the opportunity to join in club events in the coming year, we look forward to everyone's input at our annual Plan Fest that will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at The Lighthouse Restaurant in Colonial Beach. The Bridge hopes that you will join us for lunch, Dutch treat, at the restaurant, following the meeting.

This will be a great opportunity to welcome new members and to brainstorm on a lively calendar of events that suits everyone. So, start thinking of new places to explore and events to celebrate!

Second Upcoming Event – 2012 PRYCA Change of Watch

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

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 31th /\$75 per person after December 31th

(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) 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 or philbolin@mvapolonia.com.

Member Updates

Last month we provided a short profile on Linda Weaver. This month we feature Gary and Nancy Vineyard.

Nancy is our Secretary. Nancy says that "Gary and I were married on Sept. 12, 1966, while he was in service in the Army, stationed in Germany. I went to Germany in Jan. of





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1967 and we were able to travel to Italy, Switzerland, Austria and all over Germany. Upon returning to the United States we bought our first boat - a 14' wooden craft with a Johnson outboard motor. Thus began our boating life together. Our next boat was a 14' fiberglass, followed by a 19' Renken which we ordered during the first gas crises and almost cancelled the order for fear of not being able to purchase gas. This boat went up and down the Potomac River for 20 years until we finally had to tow it to the Stafford dump. We next purchased a 24' Bayliner which we traded for a 28' Regal because the Bayliner did not have a shower and we were moving up in our boating needs! The Regal was the boat we took down the intercoastal waterway when we moved to Cape Coral, FL. in 1963. We sold the Regal in FL. and purchased a 32' Crist Craft with a fly bridge. We decided in 2000 to move back to Virginia as our daughter had given birth to our one and only grandchild "Summer "C". We purchased our current boat, the Summer "C", for our return trip up the intercoastal back to Virginia. Now, we are waiting for some property to sell, so that we can move on to our dream boat and have many more great times on the water with family and friends.”

Thank you, Nancy, for your profile. Now, how about some more members sending in a profile I can post next month.

Trivia

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



Boat Facts

Safe Boat Operations – Knot Tying – Terminology

May 16th, 2011 By [CaptainBob](#) | Comments ([0](#))

Tags : [bight](#), [boat knots](#), [knot tying](#), [knots](#), [overland loop](#), [round turn](#), [running end](#), [standing part](#), [underhand loop](#)



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Knots are used for pulling, holding, lifting, and lowering. When using line for these purposes, it is often necessary to join two or more lines together. Knots and bends are used for temporary joining, and splices provide a permanent joining. In either case, the breaking strength (BS) of the joined line is normally less than the BS of the separated lines. The weakest point in a line is the knot or splice. They can reduce the breaking strength of a line as much as 50 to 60 percent.

Knots are the intertwining of the parts of one or more lines to secure the lines to themselves, each other (bends), or other objects (hitches). Because knots decrease the strength of the line, they should always be treated as temporary. If something permanent is needed, a splice or seizing can be used.

- The **running end** (bitter end) is the end of the line that is worked with.
- The **standing part** is the long unused or belayed end of a line. It is the remaining part of the line, including the end that is not worked.
- The **overhand loop** is a loop made in a line by crossing the bitter end over the standing part.
- The **underhand loop** is a loop made in the line by crossing the bitter end under the standing part.
- A **bight** is a half loop formed by turning the line back on itself.
- A **turn** is a single wind or bight of a rope, laid around a belaying pin, post, bollard, or the like.
- A **round turn** is a complete turn or encircling of a line about an object, as opposed to a single turn.

