



From the Commodore

Port Kinsale Marina. Port Kinsale Marina and WYA have an excellent relationship and we've enjoyed many great events there. Owners Rod Porter and Georgia Derrico are fellow members of WYA and, with their son Devon Porter, Manager of the Facility, have offered WYA members the following very favorable considerations to further solidify the relationship between the two groups.

- All WYA members will receive a 10% discount at the Mooring Restaurant. They should show their WYA credentials to Pam Anair or their waitperson.
- WYA members will be welcome to use the PKM facilities, such as the pool and pool clubhouse, for all WYA events held at PKM.
- WYA members will pay \$1.50 per foot for transient slips instead of \$1.75

We wish to thank Rod, Georgia and Devon very much for this kind offering and we hope that our members will make good use of their hospitality and visit Port Kinsale marina and the Mooring's restaurant on a regular basis.

Devon publishes an electronic newsletter about specials at the Moorings restaurant. To receive the newsletter just send me an email (philbolin@mvapolonia.com) and I will get you on the distribution list.

Parade of Sail Up the Chesapeake- A new event has been added to OpSail 2012 Virginia. As the fleet of tall ships depart Norfolk this summer, they will proceed in formation out of the Elizabeth River, past Fort Monroe in Hampton and turn northward in the Chesapeake Bay towards their next port of call in Baltimore. The fleet will maintain a speed of six knots, passing Smith Point at the mouth of the Potomac River around sunset (about 9PM) on Tuesday, June 12. Recreational boaters, yacht clubs and charter vessels are encouraged to participate in the Parade by sailing alongside the fleet as they make their way northward. This will offer a unique opportunity to see the tall ships in their natural environment - at sea. For more information, visit <http://www.opsail2012virginia.com/tall-ships-navy-ships/parade-of-sail>.



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Smart Phone App. For those that use those smart phones, there is a *free* TowBoatUS app, which allows even the most befuddled skipper to relay the phone's (and boat's) Lat/Long position with the tap of a finger. The towboat captain will immediately know your position within a few square yards as opposed to, say, a few hundred square miles. Another feature of the app includes the ability to text, e-mail, or post your position on Facebook to anyone — friends or family. The app is available by going to BoatUS.com/app

Past Events

The only event in February was the Bridge meeting which was held at the Bavarian Chef in Fredericksburg, followed by lunch. Not quite like the lunch at right, but we enjoyed our Dutch treat meal nonetheless. When we hold them again at a nice restaurant we'll let you all know. Members are always welcome to attend and enjoy the camaraderie.



A Preview of Upcoming Events

March 17, St. Paddy's Day Party – Harry and Lori Wehr are hosting the party at their King George home. Details are available on the web site, www.wya-va.com. We must have your RSVP by March 12 in order to provision. Don't miss this party! Plenty of Irish fare, beverages and music. And, wait 'til you see their party room! Some of us plan to stay overnight in Dahlgren, so don't let distance be an issue. Directions to Harry and Lori's will be sent soon, along with information on Dahlgren motels.

April 7, Fireworks for Cherry Blossom – This is a potential cruising event, with others joining us by land at the Capitol Yacht Club in D.C. or at Alexandria's docks, coming aboard the boats and cruising out into the Potomac to enjoy the Festival fireworks on the water. The fireworks start at 8:30 pm and there are events all day the 7th. Vendors will line the walkways at the Southwest waterfront on Maine Avenue. Diane and Peggy's boat, Emerald Sea, is docked at the Yacht Club and we can enjoy a BYOB gathering aboard her before departing out into the Potomac to enjoy the fireworks from mid-river. Details will follow.

April 14, Wine Tasting, Ingleside Winery – We're going to a Barrel Tasting at Ingleside Winery for the afternoon! M J Smith is Float Captain for the excursion and will provide details on how to sign up and pay your fee of \$20 per person.

May 5, Flag Raising at The Lighthouse, Colonial Beach – We're combining Flag Raising with a Cinco de Mayo party at the water's edge at The Lighthouse. Our new WYA members, Bob and Norma Blount, have graciously invited us to use their establishment's premises for the event. Beginning at noon with the



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appropriate flag-raising ceremony and rituals, we will continue throughout the day, as we celebrate the Mexican holiday with South of the Border food, music, and, of course, those luscious Mexican libations. The cannon will fire, signaling us to proceed forward, in accordance with the WYA motto – “Party Like You Mean It!” If you come by sea...actually, by Monroe Bay..., remember that the water is a bit slim near The Lighthouse Marina at low tide. Daytime high tide Friday (4th) is 1:40 pm with Saturday (5th) and Sunday (6th) highs following 1 hour later each day. Carey and I are Float Captains; she’ll work up the decorations and the menu with members and I’ll handle other arrangements. We’ll keep in contact with the full membership as plans develop.

Upcoming PRYCA Events

We want to alert you early to PRYCA-affiliated events for June and July as reservations must be made early. They are the ever-popular Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick Off on June 15-17 and the PRYCA Float-In (now planned for July 14-15). Those planning to attend need to sign up and pay well before the event to get a firm reservation. Those not planning to attend need to rethink it. These are fun-packed weekends.

The Cobb Island event registration forms are out and Peggy Saylor, the event’s Float Captain, has emailed details on how to sign up. We need to register immediately to get good slips for the event. This year there is also be a “drive-in” registration form for those that will be arriving by land.

The PRYCA Float-In requires a sign up and payment of fees the first week in April. I will be Float Captain for the event and will post details when they are available. Please, please do not miss this event.

Member Updates

Personals:

Our best wishes go out to Doris Buswell who is recuperating from back surgery. We hope that your recovery is quick and successful.

Members’ Profile:

This week’s profile is on Chris, our Vice Commodore, and Mary Jane (MJ) Smith. Chris starts out with a question. After being married for 41 years, how do you write a short bio? MJ grew up in Claremont California in a John Boy Walton farmhouse in an orange grove. I grew up at the beach in Redondo Beach-surfing and fishing. We’ve lived in Hollywood; Hermosa Beach; Morro Bay; Mendocino; Micronesia (Yes, we lived off the grid for 2-1/2 years!); Hawaii; Chapel Hill; Lincoln, Nebraska; Hawaii again (17 years); and now here in Virginia. We’re not moving again (except by boat)!



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Mary Jane had spent 10 years as a medical technologist specializing in microbiology; then 26 years as a travel agent. She switched careers when we decided to start a family. We now have a beautiful 25-year old daughter living in Leesburg.



I started my career in petrochemical engineering then went back to school to become a soil scientist. Ultimately graduating with my PhD, and with 37-years service with the government, I have studied and mapped soils in all the places above (except Hollywood) as well as India, Nepal, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Japan, and Puerto Rico. MJ retired in August, but I'm still working for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in D.C. A few of my favorite projects lately involve developing a national inventory of soil carbon that will be useful to assess the nation's soil health and provide data for climate change modeling. Another is measuring soil phosphorous loading capacity. This helps address phosphorous loading to surface waters in order to target priority treatment areas for water quality hotspots such as the Chesapeake Bay and the Gulf hypoxia issues. Of course, the more phosphorous in our water, the more slime and barnacles on our boats. My newest project is developing a soil-health, sustainable-agriculture program for farmers. When to retire? Maybe end of this year or when it stops being fun.

MJ started sailing at the University of Washington back in 1967. I started at 9 when our grizzled old renter took me out in his home-made Sabot off Redondo Beach. Sailing through undergrad years with friends off San Luis Obispo, I got serious about it when in North Carolina in the 80's crewing with MJ's cousin in Flying Scott races (he was a 2-time National Champion and I never moved fast enough for him).

We bought our first boat in Omaha (yeh, Omaha) and sailed on Lewis & Clark Reservoir (Missouri River, South Dakota) because it was the closest body of water for hundreds of miles. When we moved to Hawaii we towed the boat (23' Beneteau sloop) to Long Beach, CA, and put her and the Blazer on a ship for Honolulu. We sailed her there for 17 years in the 10 to 25-knot trade winds and 4 to 12-foot seas (Yahoo!). She was berthed most of those years at the Waikiki Yacht Club where I raced aboard other peoples' boats around the cans and blue water to Molokai.

We've also traveled to Mexico, Canada, New Zealand, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Fiji, England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, France, and Italy. When our daughter studied art in Florence for a year, while attending Gonzaga University, we fell in love with Italy-returning several times to explore its many flavors. So here we are, with our nice little house in Hopyard Farm out of King George overlooking a marsh draining into the Rappahannock, with our



35' Beneteau *Dauphine* moored at Monroe Bay and enjoying the Potomac and our WYA friends.

Now, how about some more members sending in a profile I can highlight next month.

Trivia

Ruth Lovelace won the last trivia contest. Now for this weeks. Can you name when these pictures were taken? Get all three correct in an email to philbolin@mvpaulonia.com and I'll send you \$5 in the mail. If there is more than one correct answer, the first one to arrive gets the five bucks. You must state the name of the event as well as the location. (Hint == pictures are on our web site!) Carey is ineligible, even if she wants to retrieve the five bucks!



Picture 1

Picture 2

Picture 3

Boat Facts

Peggie Hall is recognized in the boating industry as one of the few experts in marine sanitation, and is often referred to as "the Head Mistress." She has written a number of articles for major boating magazines, is often asked to speak at conferences, conduct seminars for various organizations and at major boat shows, and is a consultant to a number of state agencies. She also hosts plumbing and sanitation forums on several internet boating sites.

Her comprehensive article "Marine Sanitation: Fact vs. Folklore" was long considered the most definitive guide to US marine sanitation laws, various types of sanitation equipment, proper installation, operation, maintenance and odor control ever written.

Her first book "Get Rid of Boat Odors! – A Guide to Marine Sanitation Systems and Other Sources of Aggravation and Odor," published in April 2003 by Seaworthy Publications [Get Rid of Boat Odors](#), is the first book ever written devoted entirely to that subject.

Here is an answer of hers on the subject of cleaning a build up in heads and the associated hoses.



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Question: I have heard of using Muriatic Acid for cleaning build up inside parts of a head and its associated hoses. Will it damage the metal working of the heads macerators?

Answer: Muriatic acid will dissolve the buildup, although you may need more than one application to do it completely. It will not harm anything in the system. Raritan has always recommended a 12% solution to clean the buildup off their LectraSan...so I'd use that same dilution for this job. FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS FOR MIXING AND HANDLING VERY CAREFULLY! It'll do about all it's gonna do each time in about an hour.

Your head intake hose and channel in the rim of the bow are prob'ly almost as blocked as your head discharge hose, so I would disconnect the intake hose from the thru-hull (prob'ly a good idea to close the seacock first) and put it in the bucket of muriatic acid solution and flush it through instead of just pouring it into the bowl

Once you succeed in clearing out the hoses, you can prevent future buildups with a WEEKLY cupful of undiluted distilled white vinegar flushed all the way through the system. Do NOT leave it sitting in the bowl.

For what its worth, the average lifespan for any hose--water, sanitation, engine, exhaust--is about 10 years, because by then they've become hard and brittle, prone to cracking. So nightmare or not, sooner or later you'll have to replace the hoses...if they are at least 10 years old, I'd do it now instead of cleaning 'em out.

All toilets, manual and electric should be rebuilt about every 5-6 years. If it's been at least that long since yours were rebuilt, it's time to do it. The joker valve should be replaced annually.

Birthdays

Anita Elmore will be celebrating a birthday March 4. Hope Dick has big plans for you. And, we say Happy Birthday to Ronnie Farmer on March 13 and Chris Smith on March 24. We'll toast these March milestones at the St. Paddy's Day Party. By the way, we'll celebrate with Linda Weaver her birthday at the Flag Raising and Cinco de Mayo party May 5. Arriva! Arriva!

Minutes and Membership Cards

Nancy Vineyard, our Secretary, is emailing the minutes of the Bridge meetings each month to members, usually about two weeks after the meeting. Read them to get an idea of what we're up to. Nancy has also mailed all the membership cards so everyone should have their cards by now. If not, let Nancy know at secretary@wya-va.com.



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Sign Off

As I sign off, I ask again for all to send in a picture of themselves and their boat or favorite mode of transportation to be posted on the FLEET PAGE, if it is not already there.

There are three ways we're trying to get everyone acquainted. First, of course, are the events. Second are pictures of our members on the FLEET PAGE, and third are the monthly "bios" of members. Contribute please ... come to events, send me pictures of yourselves, and send in that short bio. THANKS!

Pictures and bios can be sent to philbolin@mvapolonia.com or commodore@wya-va.com.