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***From the Commodore***

**Boating season has arrived. Is your boat ready?**

Let's welcome our newest members Danny Spicer and Leslie Hanson, who live in Mechanicsville and boat on the Potomac in their 27' Sea Ray "Spice of Life." They're friends and relatives of Gary and Nancy Vineyard and we'll surely see them around this summer.

This month we'll do our first boat event -- Memorial Day to Tall Timbers -- and I know many of us are ready to go! Dick and Anita Elmore just purchased a new boat (for them) - a 43' Marine Trading Tradewinds. It is a beauty and they're getting ready to cast off.

As we have a few new members I'll remind everyone that there's plenty of membership information on the "MEMBERS' PAGE" of the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)). You can get the Group ID number that is needed to get 50% off BOATUS membership and yearly renewals. Don't pay full price as a WYA member. You can get a copy of the membership roster, the current bylaws, and get a copy of the WYA Position Descriptions and Procedures manual. It's a 12 page document describing Bridge positions and duties and provides a easy to read description of your duties if you volunteer as an event Float Captain. You'll need a password for a few of these documents and there is a "click here" link on the page that will get you the password by return email.

We've banded together to do some boating, socialize with old friends and meet new ones. If you have a business in the local area or boating skills and knowledge you want to share with members, just send me an email with a few words and I'll put it in the Newsletter. And if you have boating stuff for sale or give away, pass that to me also and I'll post it in the newsletter, as well. And just for kicks, at right is a picture of the 9 locks you go down from Ottawa Canada to the Ottawa River. It takes about 1.5 hours to go through all 9 locks.



**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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**PRYCA 2012 Float-In (Coles Point July 13th – 15<sup>th</sup>) T-Shirt Contest.**

Calling all Artists and “Doddle” enthusiasts!!!! Create your design digitally or free hand. Color or Black and White. Scan and send to Bob Blunt, Fleet Captain, PRYCA [robertblunt2@verizon.net](mailto:robertblunt2@verizon.net). All entries must be submitted by May 31, 2012. Winning entry will be the official design for the 2012 PRYCA Float-In T-Shirts sold at this event!!!!!! Winner will be selected based on originality and design and notified at the Float-In. Winner will receive a prize to be determined and recognition throughout all of the Potomac!!!!!! All members may compete. PRYCA Board members competing will be disqualified from judging. 2011 Winning Entry by Ashley Rice, Landmark Yacht Club

**Metro Golf Carts on the Potomac**, run by Buzz and Doris Buswell, is ending an era this month and will stop doing business. We will miss the business but probably see a lot more of Buzz and Doris as they are members of the club and are really retiring. We never thought Buzz would retire. We’ll see what he does next.

***Past Events***

**Wine Tasting, Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Ingelside Winery.** We gathered at the winery on that beautiful spring day for the afternoon to tour the Winery and sample wine fermenting in the barrels. We all enjoyed the occasion and everyone found particular wines to their tastes and



purchased bottles to share. MJ Smith coordinated a wonderful event and set out a bountiful feast of food for all to enjoy...including some non-WYA members who helped themselves to our buffet pictured here. We presented Tom and Kathy Carroll, new members from last month, with



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their burgee and got acquainted. Rumor has it that Kathy makes the world’s best Margarita. We’ll have to test that out! Big thanks to MJ and her helpers for a fantastic afternoon.

*A Preview of Upcoming Events*

**May 5, Flag Raising at The Lighthouse, Colonial Beach** – It’s coming this weekend! Bring your boat chairs—we are outside—and join your mates at the flag-raising ceremony at the water’s edge on Monroe Bay. We’ll salute our past Commodores, present new members, Bless the Fleet, hold a short membership meeting, fire the cannon and adjourn to celebrate Mexico’s Cinco de Mayo holiday with Mexican fare, music and liquid refreshments.

Schedule	
11:30 am --	Flag Raising with guest speaker David Adams Division 25, 5 <sup>th</sup> District, USCGAUX,
12:00 pm --	Blessing of the Fleet
12:10 pm --	General Membership Meeting
12:30 pm --	Cinco de Mayo Party

Ed, Bob and Norma Blunt, our gracious hosts at Bayside Marina, are extending special slip rates at \$1.00 per foot, including electric, for WYA members’ vessels for the event. Call 804-224-7570 or 703-853-8191 for slip reservations. You can also go to <http://www.baysidemarina.org/>, click on “slip reservations” to get a slip and note you’re a WYA member. At high tide there is 6+ feet of water but you must stay fairly close to the marina side of bay after passing Curly’s. Do not go down the middle of the bay after Curly’s. Daytime high tide Friday (4<sup>th</sup>) is 1:40 pm with Saturday (5<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) highs following 1 hour later each day.

***Come one and all and enjoy the festivities and camaraderie! And, of course, a genial lazy day by the Bay!***

Donations of \$5.00 per person, excluding Past Commodores & Mates, will be collected to offset those pesky drink expenses. We also ask members to contribute south of the border or complimentary vittles. Fajitas and fixings, Sangria, Margaritas, Tequila Sunrises, wine and beer will be provided. A grill will be onsite for everyone’s convenience. And, Rear Commodore Carey Bolin will contact members via e-mail to coordinate our menu.

Contact Commodore Phil Bolin (804-761-3425 or [philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com)) for any additional information.

**Blessing of the Fleet in the Washington Channel.** Not a WYA event but one that may be of interest to some boaters. There will be a Blessing of the Fleet in the Washington Channel open to all boaters in the region. Hosted by the Port of Washington Yacht Club. The date: May 19th and the time 12:30. Here is a link to the registration form if you care to go.



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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEJCb3hPZVlzWWtkRF8tOUtZY0JnTFE6MQ#gid=0>

**May 25-28, Memorial Day Weekend at Tall Timbers Marina** – Mark your calendar to join Rick and his crew at the Marina's annual party weekend, featuring cookout & breakfast buffets, live music and the boat burning! Gary Vineyard and Ruth Lovelace are Float Captains and will put out information about signing up shortly. It has always been a great time as you can see from some pictures from last year!



Talk about people having fun – Dancing and enjoying the beach and boat burning!!

**June 9, Dock Party at Monroe Bay (Curley's) Marina.** A Saturday evening event with Chris Smith as Float Captain. We'll party on the Dock at Rusty Curley's Marina in Colonial Beach and introduce the Club and Members to potential members. The River Festival's fireworks will light up overhead that evening. More details from Chris as time nears.

**Cobb Island Summer Kick Off. June 15-17!!!** Let the summer parties begin! The 2012 Summer Kick Off theme is Mardi Gras and planning is well under way. **Early registration is complete but there is still room.** Registration forms for the 2012 CIYC SKO are available at the Cobb Island YC web site: [www.cobbislandyachtclub.com](http://www.cobbislandyachtclub.com), and our own: [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com). Fill out the appropriate form and send it in. Also email Peggy Saylor ([psaylor@ymail.com](mailto:psaylor@ymail.com)) that you will attend. Looking forward to seeing all our boating friends festooned with Mardi Gras paraphernalia. Note there is also a registration for those driving to Cobb Island.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration @ Linda Weaver's home on the Potomac River Riverfront.** More details next month, but it will be the place to be to see Colonial Beach Fireworks.

**The PRYCA Float-In. July 13-15!!!** The Float-In requires early sign up to ensure a slip. The first deadline has passed, but room is still available. We have turned in the first list of attendees for the Float-In. As of today we have the



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following attendees: Phil and Carey Bolin on Apolonia, Gary and Nancy Vineyard on Summer "C," Mike and Vicky Enos on Patriot, and Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley on Rutean Pleasure. We'd love more participants. If you want to go, email Phil Bolin ([philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com)) and visit our web site to get directions to send your registration in to PRYCA.

### Trivia

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun!



Gary and Nancy at Tall Timbers last year



Remember Coaching Days

### Boat US Insurance Claims

The 4<sup>th</sup> most common insurance claim at BOAT US is Explosion and Fire.

These types of claims are probably the most feared and for good reason. Explosions are sudden and horrific. Fires will often spread quickly, forcing a crew off of a boat in minutes. At marinas, other boats are sometimes destroyed. With any explosion or fire, injuries are always a possibility.

When *Seaworthy* analyzed why boats catch fire in July 2003, the number one cause was found to be DC wiring faults, with the most common fault being chafed wires. Wires that aren't properly supported or protected whenever they pass through bulkheads can chafe through, short, and cause an especially nasty fire. These fires are hard to put out because the source remains hot and will re-ignite. The solution is to cut power by turning the battery switch to OFF.

The study found that AC shore power inlets were another prime area for fires. Corrosion causes increased resistance at inlet connections and the resistance, in turn, causes a lot of heat. Enough heat to start a fire. Check shore power inlets periodically for blackened or burned ends.

Fires can also be caused by corroded exhaust manifolds that block cooling water and cause engines to severely overheat. Manifolds need to be inspected every few years to keep cooling water flowing. Manifolds that can't be cleaned-out will need to be replaced.



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The last major cause of fires is fuel leaks. Leaks from fuel tanks, fittings, and hoses are the most common. If you can smell raw fuel, something's really wrong. Get everyone off the boat and have it checked immediately.

And finally, make sure you have the proper number of working fire extinguishers aboard.

### *Items for Sale or Give Away*

By separate email we passed out that Shannon Ritter has a cooler available. If you did not see the email and need info please let me know at [philbolin@mvapollonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapollonia.com).

### *Sign Off*

Signing off for another month. Send in those articles if you have something to pass on, a boat story to tell, or want to inform members about yourself or a boating related matter.

Please note we have a FLEET PAGE on the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) and it's missing pictures of some of YOU and YOUR boat or mode of transport. Send me a picture and I'll put it on the page. AND guess what, enough people are using the page that you can put in "Westmoreland Yachting Association" in google and get our page!!!!