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From the Commodore

Carey and I've really enjoyed visiting with club members over the last two months. Often the conversations have included discussions of how the Club is evolving and a majority of members appear interested in considering having a "home" base or maybe two bases to use, but not a facility that we would have to invest in or maintain...just a gathering spot for folks to socialize between scheduled events, or a place to

hold events. Port Kinsale and Bayside Marina are both interested in further discussions about using their facilities, each located at the end of Westmoreland County and each owned by WYA members. As you know, Port Kinsale has already established an agreement with us, providing discounts for meals at the Moorings Restaurant, discounts on slip rentals, plus arrangements for use of facilities. Bayside gave WYA discounted slips and their fantastic facilities for the Flag Raising and Cinco de Mayo party, making the entire day a wonderful experience. We need to continue these discussions among club members so we gain a feel for what the majority of members would like. So the next time you are having a drink or boat ride with fellow members, explore the subject. Later in the summer, maybe at the "Fellini at the Farm," we can have a good old democratic group discussion of this issue and of the generous offers from both marinas. We can always test run the concept, spending time at and supporting both with our patronage.

Nancy Vineyard, our Secretary, has forwarded the approved minutes and financial reports for the month to all members.

New Members

Please join me in welcoming three couples to our club. Nina Young and Jennifer Murphy, who joined us at Tall Timbers, have rejoined the club. Jennifer really looks happy at right. We're certainly happy to have them back. We also welcome Daniel and Crissy Southard of Warrenton and Colonial Beach as new members. They participated in Flag Raising as guests of Stewart and Debbie Lindsey. So glad they decided to join our ranks. And, let's welcome Tim and Pat Fields of Chantilly as our



2012 Bridge

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latest new members, who got to know us a bit at the Memorial Day Tall Timbers event, as guests of Tom and Kathy Carroll.

Past Events

May 5 Flag Raising. What a great turnout! Forty plus members and guests enjoyed the all afternoon Flag Raising, Recognition of Past Commodores, the generous presentation by founding member and First Commodore of WYA of brass Bosun's whistles (also called Boatswain's Pipe) to the current Bridge members, the Blessing of the Fleet, and Cinco de Mayo party at the Lighthouse, followed by the running of the Kentucky Derby in their upstairs "Captain's Lounge."

We want to thank Mary Jane Smith and Carey Bolin for staging a fantastic Cantina site, and all members for contributing food and drink for the party. A special thanks to the Blount's who graciously allowed us use of the Lighthouse facilities. The \$5 donations per member contributed to covering the cost of the drinks for the day. Really wonderful food! Pictures and details at our web site, www.wya-va.com.



May 25-28 Memorial Day Trip to Tall Timbers. Ten boats and 26 WYA members and guests joined Rick's Tall Timbers crew for Memorial Day festivities. Fun, casual days with gorgeous weather, enjoying Friday night dinner, and Saturday lunch, music and dinner, followed by a Sunday afternoon buffet with the 25th hour band, ending with our toes in the sand and a drink in our hand at the wooden boat burning on the beach. It just can't get any better.

Below we're lounging under the shade trees enjoying frozen libations on Saturday before we moved the party to the dock. And, you can see some of the 200 marina guests watching the Sunday evening boat burning finale.

See more pictures and details at our web site.





A Preview of Upcoming Events

June 9, Dock Party at Monroe Bay (Curley's) Marina. A Saturday evening party with Chris and MJ Smith as Float Captains. We'll meet on the Dock at Rusty Curley's Marina in Colonial Beach at 5 pm and introduce the Club to potential members. The River Festival's fireworks will light up overhead that evening. Just bring a favorite dish, meat for the grill and your drink of choice. RSVP to Chris and MJ Smith at csmithsail@aol.com

Cobb Island Summer Kick Off. June 15-17!!! Nine member boats attending: Rutean Pleasure, Saylor's Delight, Apolonia, Summer "C", Constant II, SS Ritter, Patriot, Party Time and Norma Joan. We are not all berthed together due dual club memberships and other issues. Be sure you email Peggy Saylor (psaylor@ymail.com) about any problems with this event. We are going to have a great time! We've received our slip assignments from Cobb Island Yacht Club for the weekend, but if you haven't gotten yours, email me or Peggy. The theme this year is Mardi Gras. Grab your beads and join us!

July 4th Celebration @ Linda Weaver's home on the Potomac Riverfront. More details this 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 at Coles Point Plantation Marina. The first deadline has passed, but room is still available. As of today we have the following attendees: Phil and Carey Bolin, along with Ann and Jack Southard, 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 me (philbolin@mvpapologia.com) and visit our web site to get directions to send your registration in to PRYCA.

The Week Long Trip, July 15-22. This year, we hope to stage a week long trip following the Float-In. Those interested in forming a regatta to visit various Bay and Potomac ports, with several rafting-up opportunities, let me know you're interested and share your suggestions for spots you'd like to visit. We can come up with a route to suit everyone's fancy.

"Fellini at the Farm" or "Occupy Farnham," August 18-19. Mark your calendars. Italian Food and Games all Saturday afternoon, bon fire at night, and breakfast in the morning at the Bolin's Place in Farnham. Bring your tents, cots, or sleeping bags for a Club sleep-over in the country. Details and directions prior to the event.

Reminder! Anyone having an idea or hankering for an impromptu get together – on land or water – just send a note to our Rear Commodore



(careybolin@mvapolonia.com) and she'll coordinate with you and/or send out an "all hands" notice to members.

Trivia

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun! And who's that lady in the hat by the pool?!?



Navionics

Navionics is offering BoatUS Members the Navionics PC App for FREE-a \$49.99 value! Visit the Navionics Webstore and use code 4246096851 by August 31, 2012 to download the App! Note: Webstore software must install prior to PC app software. Includes USA Charts only. Navionics PC/Mac App is a great resource for boaters or fishermen to plan their adventures with Navionics charts. Users can edit charts which may be shared with the Navionics community! This feature rich app includes route planning, tides & currents, wind, import/export of routes & waypoints to/from select plotters, optional terrain overlay and so much more.

Active Captain: A Properly Outfitted Mobile Phone Aboard Your Boat Can Be a Valuable Piece of Gear

The following is an article by the owners of Active Captain. If this interest you, more information and the complete article, is available on their web site: www.activecaptain.com. You can join for free.

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Many of us have spent hours shopping for marine electronics, be it researching the latest networked system or comparing prices on a nifty hand held. But the truth is that one of the most powerful pieces of gear in your arsenal is hanging on your belt or sitting in your purse right now: your mobile phone.

While most people carry a mobile for business and emergencies - and perhaps have an idea that their phone is capable of far more - few of us equate them with the marine electronics on our dashboard. This series will attempt to change that



perception and show how a mobile phone can become an integral piece of equipment. **Karen uses her smartphone to navigate on the dinghy.**



Modern mobile phones like those made by Palm, Apple and Blackberry do far more than just send and receive calls. They can also transmit email; store information, such as lists of supplies and spares; call up data on weather, tides and currents; carry charts and help you navigate; and give you access to the Internet, where you can get still more information.

In this series, we will explain how to properly configure a mobile phone on your boat, with an amplifier and antenna. We will look at the applications available for high-end mobile phones, including those specific to boating, and we will examine the platforms that mobile devices use, such as Palm, Apple iPhone, Windows Mobile and Blackberry. We have also provided a [Glossary](#) of terms that you can refer to when you come across jargon you don't understand.

It's not possible to cover every aspect and nuance of the fast-changing and ever-growing mobile industry (a search on "mobile phone technology" under books on Amazon.com turned up 2,572 entries). But you should learn enough to be able to analyze each of the technologies in light of your needs, discuss these needs intelligently with mobile phone providers, and select a device, software and plan that will best suit your situation.

Your phone really can be used for so much more than just ordering pizza. The key is to understand how you can use the technology rather than letting the technology use you.

REAL WORLD USE

Before we get to some crucial items, such as how to evaluate phones and mobile plans, let's look at how this works in the real world. Coming from a high-tech background, we have cruised our DeFever 53 trawler, aCappella, from Maine to the Bahamas and Key West with an array of high-end computerized gadgets. In recent years we have found that using a mobile phone on our boat has changed our experience in many small but significant ways. It has made our trips safer, more convenient and more interesting.

Here is a typical day onboard before our mobile phone, a situation that might be familiar to many. We go to bed early hoping to move out in the morning as there seems to be a break in the weather coming. The alarm is set for 6 a.m. We get up, hastily pull on some clothes, head up to the helm and turn on the VHF. While coffee brews, we patiently listen, waiting for the portion of the report that actually



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pertains to us and hoping we don't miss it as we begin preparations. Finally it comes and we are disappointed to hear the winds will be increasing in the afternoon and turning to the southeast. It's now 6:30 a.m., we're wide awake and wondering what to do with the rest of our day.

That same day with our mobile phone is much different. We still go to bed early hoping to pull anchor in the morning. Our mobile phone's alarm is set for 6 a.m. and it is set beside the berth. When the alarm goes off we reach over and connect to the NOAA website going directly to the text report for our area, the same text being broadcast on the VHF. It says the winds will be increasing and shifting to the southeast later in the day. It's now 6:05 a.m. We disconnect, try to retrieve some of the covers from the dogs, and sleep until the seagulls wake us 90 minutes later.

The use of our mobile phone does not stop there. Over breakfast we send a quick email to our cruising buddies to tell them we will be staying put another day. Then we go online to look for a better anchorage. The one we're in was fine when the winds were from the north but leaves us wide open to the southeast. We quickly find a perfect cove a mile up river with a 4-star rating and protection in southeast winds. We make plans to weigh anchor in the afternoon but decide to run the dinghy to shore and explore a trail on the nearby island first.

We bring our mobile phone with us on the dinghy, running [ActiveCaptain Mobile](#) to direct us up the small creek to a landing. We hike to the top of a hill and sit to enjoy the view. Using our mobile phone camera, we take a picture and post it to our cruising blog. Another quick check of NOAA weather shows us the winds should start building after lunch, so we decide to hustle back and move the boat to the new anchorage sooner. The trip is quick and uneventful and we use our anchorage program to mark the anchor position. While preparing and eating lunch, the mobile phone is periodically checked to ensure we are holding firm.

An email arrives from our cruising buddies with the plan to meet tomorrow if the weather clears. We settle in for the rest of the day and when we turn in at night, the mobile phone is beside us, monitoring the anchor, waiting to awake us again at 6 a.m. for another try, and ready to give us tomorrow's NOAA predictions.

All of these are things that we have done with our mobile phone many times. In addition, we often check out possible destinations through local websites - almost every town has a website with a calendar - and look into available marinas and anchorages for the days and nights ahead. We have sought advice on maintenance issues, found the closest supermarket and even ordered a hard-to-find part and had it delivered to a marina. All without plugging in our laptop.

More details and the complete article in the Resources Page at www.activecaptain.com.



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Disclaimer. I'm just a satisfied user ... I have no financial interest in Active Captain.

### *Sign Off*

Signing off for another month. Send in those articles if you have something to pass on, a boat story to tell, or a boating related matter. Have a special skill or business that would be of interest to your fellow WYAers? Let us know. Something to sell or give away? Consider this newsletter as your personal classifieds, you may just have a boat or equipment that your fellow members would be interested in. (Heads up, Dan Southard!) I'm offering once again to post short bios of our members. If you care to share a paragraph or two about yourself with the rest of the club, just send the words to me and I'll post in the next newsletter.

Finally, please note we have a FLEET PAGE on the web site 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. (Dick and Anita....new boat!) AND, guess what? Enough people are using the page that you can put in "Westmoreland Yachting Association" in google and get our page!!!!