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***From the Commodore***

Lots of activities so far this summer. Read more about what's happening in this newsletter. And, please send me your stories, bits of boating tips, etc. to share via the newsletter.

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

And you know ... it's not too early to start thinking of the Bridge for next year. Our IPC, Diane Burton, will chair the nomination committee for the Bridge slate that will be voted on at our main General Membership Meeting that will be held at Port Kinsale Marina on October 20.

Our bylaws state, "ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Officers shall be elected at the October General Membership Meeting to take office on November 1 and serve for a period of one year or until relieved. The nominating committee may recommend more than one person per office. Any Regular Member may be nominated for office by the nominating committee or by a petition signed by five Regular Members and may thereby stand for that office at the October General Membership Meeting. Such nominations or petitions must be presented to the Secretary not less than one month prior to the October General Membership Meeting to be valid (that means by Sept 20). The slate of officers shall be provided to all Regular Members not less than two weeks prior to the October General Membership Meeting. Any person holding an office may be nominated for another term."

Being part of the Bridge is enjoyable and the best chance to get to know the members and fellow Bridge members better. We get together once a month, usually at a restaurant where we can enjoy each others company and of course conduct necessary business. Every member ought to consider serving. If you are interested notify Diane Burton.

We're also interested in anyone that wants to be the Newsletter Editor, the Quartermaster, or the Web Master. For these positions let me know of your interest ([philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com)).

**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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## *New Members*

This month we welcome Bill and Donna Bukevicz to the club. They hail from Warrenton and keep their boat, a 40 footer named "Prime Time," at Cole's Point Marina. We'll get to meet up with them at the July PRYCA Float In there.

## *Past Events*

**Monroe Bay Dock Party.** Saturday, June 9, we gathered to celebrate the Potomac River Festival and introduce potential members to the club. Chris and Mary Jane Smith were the Float Captains and did yeomen's work and a great job planning, decorating, and ensuring we all smiled, drank, and ate more than we should. Thanks Chris and Mary Jane. Everybody brought a dish to share and we surely sampled some of the best food in the state on that day. Amazing food!



**Cobb Island Summer Kick Off. June 13-15...** Best boat trip yet! A great time at Cobb Island with members and guests from 8 WYA boats collecting beads, eating, dancing, seeing old friends and making new ones. Cobb Island Yacht Club proved themselves as the "hosts with the most" with finely orchestrated activities and accommodations for all attending. With a Mardi Gras theme for this year's event, the weekend featured the now-traditional walking tour scavenger hunt throughout the Island in search of the coveted necklace beads...many handmade by CIYC's beadmaster. Our own Diane Burton won the contest by collecting 82 beads this year and wearing her collection from previous years. Diane's success was matched by two other WYA awards at the weekend. See our new "WALL of FAME" page on the web site for details on the other two wins. ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com))



## *A Preview of Upcoming Events*

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration @ Linda Weaver's home on the Potomac Riverfront.** On July 4th we'll gather at Linda Weaver's house at 520 Potomac River Avenue in Colonial Beach for an old-fashioned hamburger/hot dog cookout. Folks bring their folding chairs and sit on the lawn right at the river's edge, a few doors down from the River Boat. We'll have front-row seats for the fireworks display. As of today, we have 35+ members and guests signed up. In addition to burgers and dogs, we'll provide traditional picnic side dishes and the wine, beer and soda, plus dessert. For \$12.50 per person (\$25 per couple), you can eat and drink to your



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heart's delight. If your beverage preference is hard liquor, please bring it along. We'll have standard set-ups available. Or, you can bring a concoction to share....always nice. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the fireworks will start blasting at 9:15. We have a good list of attendees but always welcome more. If you have not signed up but want to attend email Carey at [careybolin@mva-polonia.com](mailto:careybolin@mva-polonia.com). Guests are welcome; we just need an accurate count of bodies. Sorry if the timing is difficult for some....as it's in the middle of the week.

**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 14 confirmed 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, Bill and Donna Bukevicz on Prime Time, Bob and Norma Blount on Norma Joan and Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley on Rutean Pleasure. We'd love more participants. If you want to go, email me ([philbolin@mva-polonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mva-polonia.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 have a week long trip following the Float-In. So far we have Phil and Carey, Ross and Kathy, and Gary and Nancy signed up to go. Several others said "maybe." **Anyone else ????** **let us know.** Our current stops include the following. If the weather is not great for boating on the Chesapeake we have a backup trip that keeps us on the Potomac.

1<sup>st</sup> night ... White Point Marina ... 13 mile trip ... pool ... slip or anchor option available. Courtesy car for trip to get crabs for dinner.

2nd night ... Tangier Island ... 30 mile trip ... restaurant ... inexpensive slip. Historic town, but dry. WE ARE THINKING of Chrisfield, MD as a substitute for Tangier.

3rd night ... Onancock ... 17 mile trip ... many restaurants ... slip or anchor. Quaint town, friendly, nice shops and galleries.

4th night ... Onancock second day because there are so many great restaurants and shops. An excellent Irish pub.

5th night ... Deltaville ... 29 mile trip ... Doziers Marina or anchor in harbor ... restaurants and cook out options.

6th night ... Reedville ... 21 miles trip ... several restaurants ... slip or anchor options

7th night ... Port Kinsale ... 32 mile trip ... THINKING OF a WYA gathering on this Saturday for those that did not make the trip but want to join us there. Great opportunity for an early afternoon crab feast in the screened pavilion and dips in the pool.



**“Fellini at the Farm” or “Occupy Farnham,” August 18-19.** . Italian Food and Games all Saturday afternoon, bon fire at night, and breakfast in the morning at the Bolin's Place in the country, somewhere near Farnham! (6 miles past Warsaw on Route 3). Bring your tents, cots, blow up mattresses or sleeping bags for a Club sleep-over. Details and coordination for the Italian feast will be initiated August 1 to ensure a seamless event. Directions and misc details will be forwarded well in advance for individual planning purposes. The extension of invitations to guests will be determined later and will depend upon the number of Club attendees and the amount of reasonable remaining space available.

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](mailto:careybolin@mvapolonia.com)) and she'll coordinate with you and/or send out an “all hands” notice to members. Raft Up? Short trip? Rum drink competition?

### ***Trivia***

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun! And who are those new members? Tim and Pat Fields in the foreground and Nina and Jennifer in the background.



### ***Birthdays***

I've fallen down on naming birthdays and anniversaries over the past few newsletters ... sorry. I'll do better in the future!

Let's all say “Happy Birthday” to Jean Yeagley 7/6, Rod Porter 7/11, Doris Gentry-Buswell 7/12, George Cajigal 7/13, Ross Jebson 7/17 and Ruth Lovelace 7/21.

### **Anniversaries**

Congratulations on upcoming anniversaries to Dick and Anita Elmore July 4<sup>th</sup> and to Phil and Carey Bolin July 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## **Safety ...It's A Dog's Life (Jacket!)**

The last thing we want is for Fido to fall overboard, creating panic onboard, and a potential safety nightmare. Fitting him for a life jacket is easy – really! – if you follow a few simple tips.

"Some of the most important safety items on any boat are the life jackets — for you, your passengers, and of course your “best friend.” Since our last report on this topic 12 years ago, the canine life jacket market has taken off by leaps and hounds. Back in 2000, we came up with four viable canine life jacket models. This time, we were easily able to double the number of jackets tested. West Marine has many in regular stock, and so do some of the big-box stores.



While it might seem as if all dogs have an innate ability to swim, many dogs simply don't take well to water. Dogs with low body fat, such as Greyhounds, or dogs with age or health issues may have trouble. Jackets are a good idea even for dogs that love the water. A long day in the water can get tiring, even for the best swimmers — a fact that was proven on our day of testing.

Most of our test jackets came in a variety of sizes, so we were able to try them out on a variety of dogs — from a 12-pound rat terrier, to a 130-pound Newfoundland, and six other dogs in between. There are also different types of foam and construction materials in use today, as well as an inflatable model. With prices ranging from about \$20 to more than \$100, there's a vibrant dog-PFD market, and a jacket for every budget.

### ***Some Things To Consider Before Purchasing***

Is the dog likely to jump in the water? Is the dog heavy? Will the dog want to lie down, or will it be active? If you can, take your dog to the store to try on the jacket, or at least make sure you can take it back. See how the jacket fits, and how hard it is to adjust for a good fit. Check where the straps hit — you don't want the straps or buckles rubbing sensitive parts. Also, you'll want to check the way the foam padding rides on the dog — too much foam in the wrong place will make it uncomfortable, if not impossible, for the dog to sit or lie comfortably.

One feature that testers found universally important: a lifting strap/handle. If you've ever tried to pick up a swimming dog, you'll agree that having a lifting handle makes getting the dog back into the boat much easier. If your pet needs to be on a leash,





having a ring on the collar is another important feature. Safety features to consider include having reflective tape and a jacket made of bright colors to make it easier to spot the dog in the water in adverse conditions. And keep in mind, if the jacket has Velcro-style closures, your dog's shedding might clog it up, and necessitate frequent cleaning.

## **Lightning**

*by Don Casey* of BOATUS

The technology of lightning protection hasn't changed significantly since Ben Franklin invented the lightning rod in 1752. The best way to protect boat and crew from this random force is still to provide the strike a straight, low-resistance path to ground. If the highest metal structure on the boat is properly grounded, the risk of structural damage or personal injury is extremely small. Onboard electronics are, unfortunately, not protected. Lightning induces current to flow in any conductor it passes near, and a powerful strike even 100 yards away may induce currents that exceed the capacity of the low-current components inside most marine electronics. You can gain limited protection by twisting all electronics power leads so induced currents will tend to cancel. Electrical wiring should run perpendicular to bonding wires to minimize the inductive effect of current flowing to ground. Ground the chassis-the metal housing--to protect internal circuits and components from directly induced currents. A surge protector in the supply line may stop a limited range of lightning-induced power spikes. But despite every protective effort, if lightning strikes your boat, your electronics have only one chance in two of not becoming toast-so keep your insurance paid up.

## **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. We need short bios of our members to post. We've got an infinitely interesting group...so tell the folks about you.

Finally, we continue to need pictures of your and your boat or mode of transport for the FLEET PAGE. I don't want to name names..... (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!!!!