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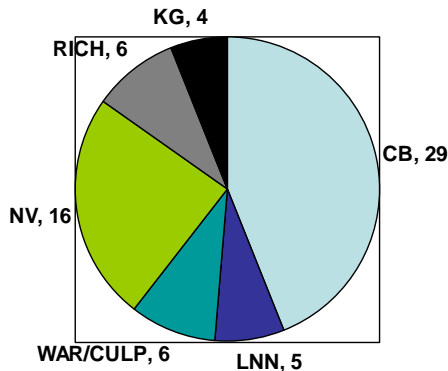
From the Commodore

It is almost too hot to boat!

Up front, I'm asking you all to review the Fleet page of the website (www.wya-va.com) ... that is, after you read this newsletter ... and if your picture and boat (or mode of transport) is not there please send me pictures so I can update the page. We have 66 members now and pictures help us remember names. Here is who needs to send photos: Carol Abbott, Bill and Donna Bukevicz, Tom and Kathy Carroll, Pat Dates, Tim and Pat Fields, Stewart and Debbie Lindsey, Ralph and Kris Mason, Rod Porter and Georgia Derrico, Shannon and Sue Ritter, Danny Spicer and Leslie Hanson, Chris Vazquez and Katherine Smith, and Nina Young and Jennifer Murphy.

Our Bridge meeting was late this last month, so you'll see minutes of the meeting within the next week.

Take a look at our 66 members' living location in the pie chart below. We have 29 members from Colonial Beach, 5 from the lower Northern Neck, 6 from Warrenton and Culpepper area, 16 from Northern Virginia/Maryland, 6 from the Richmond area, and 4 from King George. Those members who have homes in Colonial Beach and other areas, such as Northern Virginia, were counted as living in Colonial Beach even if the other location is the main home. There are 10 members in this category.



I'm still pushing for members' articles. Please pass along your comments, advice, or off-hand comments to fellow members. Just send them along by the 25th of the month and I'll gladly include them in the Newsletter. For those that

2012 Bridge

Commodore – Phil Bolin
 Vice Commodore – Chris Smith
 Rear Commodore – Carey Bolin
 Secretary – Nancy Vineyard
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have not sent me an introductory bio, please do so. We all want to know you. So, just grab a drink, sit down at the computer and send off an introduction to you and your partner to me. I'll pass it along to your new friends in WYA who are waiting to meet you!

Tall Ships: A message from Nancy Newlin Lain, Past President of the Waterfront Association of Washington, D.C. Please note the following e-mail from her:

Subject: Possible visit of tall ship Pride of Baltimore II in Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24

From: Nancy <nancynewlin@aol.com>

I am working as a volunteer with the Pride of Baltimore II - a beautiful tall ship.

There is a possibility she will be in Washington DC around the 22, 23, 24 September. They are looking for ways to interest people in sailing plus if possible raise some funds for the ship. We are planning for school group tours on Monday but the Saturday and Sunday would have open times to tour and/or sailing from SW Waterfront to Alexandria or to the Anacostia depending on wind. Anyone onboard is welcome and encouraged to help with the lines and assist with sailing of the ship. I love to see the history of tall ships kept alive so I am sending this email to see if you have any interest - it could be just day tours free to very little charge or 2 to 3 hour sail with about \$50 per person event. The ship is also available for up to 100 people to be onboard for an evening sunset event for 2 to 3 hours and they ship ask for a donation of \$2500.00. Please let me know if you have any interest and/or put this on your web site or news letter. Give me any ideas you have as this is my first year working with the ship. If you are interested, please contact Nancy directly.

Thanks, Nancy Newlin Lain, Past President Washington Waterfront Association
703 517-0043

Dog Days of August, Colonial Beach. Being sponsored by Colonial Yacht Club. The attached flyer has all necessary details, including the sign-up deadline.

New Members:

We continue to welcome new members and this month we say "Hello" to Brad and Amy Homar. They have two children - Fenleigh Rose and Tyler aka T-Bone and live in Glen Allen in a beautiful farm house which they restored. They also have a family waterfront home on Monroe Bay which they have owned for a very long time. Their boat is a 32' Cris Craft and they are avid boaters, as well as staunch VA Tech and Nascar fans. They work in the medical field marketing



drugs and medical equipment. Welcome aboard, Brad and Amy! Hope to see you all soon.

Past Events



July 4th On the 236th anniversary of Independence Day, over 40 WYA members and guests gathered at Linda Weaver's home at the edge of the Potomac and immediately next to Colonial Beach fireworks to celebrate. We opted for a simple 1950's traditional hamburgers and hot dogs cookout with sides and desserts,

easy choices on an overly stifling and humid day. Hearty thanks to Linda for providing her home and joining Carey Bolin with the majority of the food preparation. We really have to acknowledge the two tireless chefs of the day, Gary Vineyard and Gary Ralston, or we'll never hear the end of it or, even worse, they might never cook again. Those burgers and dogs (along with some fantastic Indian chicken) wouldn't have made it without them. And, hats off to Linda Weaver, Becky Hunt, Pat Ralston, and Lori Wehr for chipping in to get the food on the table and folks rounded up. Lots of other offers to assist were really appreciated. See the web site for more pictures (www.wya-va.com).



The PRYCA Float-In. July 13-15 WYA had 16 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, Ralph Mason and Kris Butera on Party Time, Bob and Norma Blount on Norma Joan and Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley on Rutean Pleasure and Summer C one night.

We had a good time participating in the CUP competition, but we've decided to get serious and step up to the plate! We're gonna work hard to not place or show, but to win the Cup next year. And our new dynamic member, Donna Bukevicz, set the tone for revving up! We have the talent, so let's resolve to practice, be prepared, and hustle next year. This will be a first-time focus on the Float-In games and here's to the Club gearing up for it next year!!



For those that haven't participated in the yearly Float-In, you've missed the best event on the Potomac. The friendships you form, the good times you share, the food, the music, THE PARTY, the food...it's all great. The Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA) serves up excellent events and participating each year is an exceptional ritual. Don't miss it again! Please!



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The Week Long Trip, July 15-21. Phil and Carey on Apolonia and Gary and Nancy on Summer "C" made the short long-trip. Sunday we ate crabs at White Point Marina, joined by Ruth and Jean. On Monday three boats from Landmark Yacht Club stopped in for a nice stay. Tuesday we made it across the Chesapeake easily ... flat and calm ... arriving at Crisfield early in the afternoon. Great food



and a nice swimming pool, but the town is really having trouble. Half of the store fronts were closed – out of business. Next morning we traveled on to Onancock, VA for a two day stay. Beautiful town that we really enjoyed even if we did not enjoy the trip there ... winds and seas were up! But, the scenic ride up the creek to Onancock was protected from the winds and was a leisurely trip (see homes in

above picture). Thursday morning Apolonia headed to Dennis Point on the Potomac and had a terrible ride, a rough day on the Bay. Apolonia enjoyed Dennis Point once there. Summer "C" waited until Saturday to make the crossing but did not fair much better. Wind and seas were not nice. We finished the trip at Port Kinsale with the addition of Ross and Kathy Jebson and Dick and Anita Elmore. See all the pictures at our web site (www.wya-va.com).

A Preview of Upcoming Events

There are four main planned events left this year. Here is what to expect. And don't discount that we may have an impromptu event or two when the weather cools off a bit.

Labor Day Weekend Trip to Tall Timbers Marina, Tall Timbers, MD, Aug 31 to 3 Sep. Trip to Tall Timbers for dancing, party, fireworks, and boat burning. Members with confirmed reservations consist of: Phil and Carey Bolin, Dick and Anita Elmore, Mike and Vicky Enos, Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley, Shannon and Sue Ritter, Chris and Mary Jane Smith, Gary and Nancy Vineyard, Diane Burton and Peggy Saylor, and Nina Young and Jennifer Murphy. Also attending will be the Rodriguez' as guests of Gary and Nancy.

"Fellini at the Farm" or "Occupy Farnham," Saturday, Sep 15. After much consideration and discussion, the Bridge has approved the rescheduling of Fellini at the Farm due to the reasonable prospect of continued sweltering weather. Many of our members have spent time this summer at boating/land events that, while great fun, were not very comfortable in this year's heat and humidity. We have chosen Saturday, September 15, as the new date and hope that timing will be convenient for all. Carey will forward a detailed memo within several days that will outline the time and arrangements for the event, including the development/coordination of the meal. We're looking forward to a great celebration and opportunity for everyone to get better acquainted. However, because our club has grown so and we want to keep the affair manageable, this



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will be strictly a Members Only event. The addition of guests would be a definite strain on our ability to accommodate everyone with food, seating and parking. MJ Smith and Carey are busy with physical preparations and guarantee you all a nice affair...with no plastic or paper products. Start practicing your Bocce ball; competition may be stiff!

The bottom line: we'll have 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. Directions and misc details will be forwarded well in advance for individual planning purposes.

General Membership Meeting, Oct 20, 2012. The membership meeting will be held at Port Kinsale this year. George Cajigal is the Float Captain and details will be published soon. Plan on an afternoon or evening meal and meeting that will include elections of next year's Bridge.

WYA Change of Watch, Nov 10, 2012. We are planning a great Change of Watch. We have reserved the entire Moorings Restaurant for the event ... all to ourselves. We'll eat upstairs in Virginia Room and dance to a band or great DJ in the lower bar room. Port Kinsale Marina is reducing the rates for the cabins and Skip Jack Inn Rooms to \$99 per night. Call them and make your reservations if you want to stay the night. We'll have cocktails in the bar early afternoon. Guests will be welcome for this event. In fact guests are encouraged. This is a great venue to let potential members meet "us." Pricing and full details being worked as I type this so we'll provide more information soon.

Trivia

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun! Shannon Ritter selling raffle tickets at this year's St Paddy's Day Party, Ruth and Jean at the PRYCA 2011 Change of Watch, and Bob and Norma at the same dance.





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members: Peggy Saylor 8/5, Crissy Southard 8/6, Pat Ralson 8/13, Debbie Lindsey 8/14, Mary Jane Smith 8/15, Vicky Enos 8/25, and Maureen Bory 8/26.

Anniversaries

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Daniel and Crissy Southard on August 1.

Safety ...

If you have a portable GPS, don't leave it attached to your windshield in the summer. An employee at China Lake left their GPS in the bracket attached to the windshield in the sun.

The battery overheated and exploded. See the damage in the below pictures. A good lesson for all of us!



Sinking Boats ...

The cost of repairing a boat that has been underwater, even briefly, is usually about 40% of its value. Besides having to pay the deductible, the skipper typically loses the use of the boat for several weeks while it is being repaired. The best defense against a dockside sinking? Visit your boat. And, at least twice a season, inspect any fittings above or below the waterline that could be letting water into the boat. All too often, skippers rely on bilge pumps to bail them out when they can't visit their boats. The pump fails and the boat sinks. If you can't visit your boat regularly, consider using a buddy system with other boat owners to watch each other's boats.

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.



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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.

Enough people are using the page that you can put in "Westmoreland Yachting Association" in Google and get our page!!!!