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From the Commodore

August was hot! Events were rescheduled for September to give us a better chance to enjoy them. Read below for all the latest on Fellini on the Farm and other events for the remainder of the year.

We hope everyone has had a good time at the events so far this year. If you have suggestions for next year pass them via email to careybolin@mvapolonia.com. She will pass this on to next year's Rear Commodore.

And speaking of that ... if you are interested in being on the Bridge of this fine club please pass an email to Diane Burton, our IPC, and Chairman of the nominating committee. Her email address is: dlb854@yahoo.com. We are also looking for someone to maintain the web site, pen the newsletter and handle quartermaster duties.

The upcoming General Membership Meeting (GMM), to be held Oct 20 at Port Kinsale Marina, will discuss a club "home base" in addition to electing new officers. Two marinas have offered their facilities for our use. These two marinas are Port Kinsale and Bayside Marina. There has been general discussion on this topic over the summer in an informal way. We'll put the topic on the discussion agenda for the GMM. We don't have to make a decision at this time, but it is probably a good idea to see what you all think about the topic. It would be a place to relax and enjoy each other over the winter months as well as having a place for land events. So ... talk it up a bit and we'll see where everyone stands on the issue in October.

Past Events

No events were held in August. Now that the weather is cooling down we hope to get out and about.

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.

Labor Day Weekend Trip to Tall Timbers Marina, Aug 31 to 3 Sep. Trip to Tall Timbers for dancing, party, fireworks, and boat burning. Members with

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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confirmed reservations are Phil and Carey Bolin, Dick and Anita Elmore, Mike and Vicky Enos, Shannon and Sue Ritter, Chris and Mary Jane Smith, Gary and Nancy Vineyard, and Nina Young and Jennifer Murphy. Also attending as guests are the Rodriguez and Norm and Lucinda Johnson.

“Fellini at the Farm” or “Occupy Farnham,” Saturday, Sep 15. After much consideration and discussion, the Bridge rescheduled Fellini at the Farm to Sep 15 due to the high probability of very hot weather in August. Carey has forwarded a detailed memo outlining 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 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: Saturday afternoon we’ll have Italian Food and Games, bon fire at night, and breakfast in the morning at the Bolin's Place 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 details have been forwarded in a separate email.

General Membership Meeting, Oct 20. 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 early evening meal and meeting that will include elections of next year’s Bridge.

WYA Change of Watch, Nov 10. We’re planning a great Change of Watch and have reserved the entire Moorings Restaurant for the event ... all to ourselves. We’ll eat in cozy 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, phone # (804) 472-2044. 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. This is a semi-formal affair.

AND there is more

Aquia Harbour End of Summer Party, Oct 5-8. While not on our calendar, the End of Summer Party can be a lot of fun. Following is the schedule.



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**Schedule of Events:**

Friday: Appetizers, cash bar and socializing.

Saturday: Brunch buffet, games, dinner, cash bar and live music

Sunday: Continental breakfast and Bloody Mary bar, walking tour of Governor's Island, and Transportation to Taste of Stafford

Monday: Muffins and USA Today delivered to your yacht

Cost is \$65 per person.

Extras: Tickets to Taste of Stafford: \$15 per person (must pre-purchase)

18 holes of Golf with cart \$10 per person

Slip fee: \$1 foot plus \$5 per power cord (Pay at marina when you arrive. **Must reserve slip by phone in advance at 540-659-4232.**

***The details and registration form are on the second attachment that came with this newsletter. Everyone attending should read the other attachment and send in the form and check plus email [philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com) so the club can coordinate those WYA members attending.***

***Trivia***

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun! Gary Vineyard and Tom Carroll having a laugh, members at Tall Timbers on Memorial Day, and Gary Ralston and Bill Bowman at the St Paddy's Day party at Harry and Lori Wehr's home.



***Birthday***

We wish Happy Birthday to all the following folks: Buzz Buswell Sep 1, Polly Parks Sep 1, Patricia Kasold Sep 1, Hunter Spencer Sep 11, Mike Enos Sep 14, Ralph Mason Sep 17, and Jack Southard Sep 21.

***Anniversaries***

And, we wish Happy Anniversary to the following members: Gary and Nancy Vineyard on Sep 12 and Alex and Maureen Bory on Sep 22.



***Safety ... you can go to the following URL to get connected to a boating safety course, recognized by the USCG. There is a charge so if interested please check it out thoroughly.***

[http://www.boatcourse.com/Virginia\\_Boat/default.aspx](http://www.boatcourse.com/Virginia_Boat/default.aspx)

The "Virginia Online Boat Operator" safety course is authorized by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) and recognized by the U. S. Coast Guard to satisfy boating education requirements.

By completing this course, you will earn your Virginia Boating Safety Education Certificate and be able to operate any recreational powerboat in Virginia - from Personal Watercraft (jet skis) to large motor yachts!

As soon as you complete the course, you will be able to **print your certificate** which allows you to boat legally, today!

We feel it is important to allow all Virginia boaters free access to our boating safety course and charge only a nominal fee to process your certificate of completion once you complete the online course. To track your progress as you study the course, you will need to create a user name and password.

Virginia law requires the online course be a minimum of 3 hours in length. Therefore, there are timers built into each page anywhere from 1 - 12 minutes and you must wait for the timer to elapse and a 'Next' arrow to appear before progressing to the next page.

There is also a 30-minute 'Session' timer on each page - if the page is left idle for 30-minutes, your session will time-out and you will have to log-in again to continue.

***Semi-Annual Checklist ... here is a reasonable semi-annual checklist to use on your boat to ensure safety for you and the people aboard***

Fire Extinguishers

- Do you have all required quantities and types of fire extinguishers?
- Have they been checked within the past year?
- Are serviceable units tagged by a licensed facility?
- Are units accessible?
- Is at least one accessible from the helm or cockpit?
- Are you and your crew familiar with their operation?

Lifelines or rails in good condition.

- Stanchions or pulpit securely mounted.
- Hardware tight and sealed at deck.



- Grab rails secure and free of corrosion or snags that may catch your hands.

- Non-skid surfaces free from accumulated dirt or excess wear.

#### Fuel System

- Is the system properly grounded at the filter, tank, deck, pump, etc.?

- Is the fuel tank free from rust or contamination?

- No leaks from tank, hose or fittings.

- Hoses U.S.C.G. approved and free of cracking or stiffness with adequate slack to account for vibration.

- Is tank secured?

- Fuel shut-off valve on tank and at engine.

- Engine compartment and engine clean and free of oily rags or flammable materials.

- Blower switch at remote location.

- Is your fuel system protected from siphoning?

#### General

- At least two anchors on board.

- Anchor and rode adequate for your boat and bottom conditions.

- Tackle properly secured.

- Length of chain at anchor.

- Thimble on rode and safety wired shackles.

- Chafing gear at chocks for extended stays or storm conditions.

- Anchor stowed for quick accessibility.

#### Stoves

- Labeled and designated for marine use.

- Properly ventilated to remove carbon-monoxide from cabin.

- Retainers or rails for pots and pans while underway.

- If built-in, properly insulated and free from combustible materials, CNG and LPG (propane).

- Stored in separate compartment from vessel's interior and engine room.

- Tightly secured shut-off valve at tank.

- Proper labeling and cautions in place at tank location.

- Hoses, lines and fittings of approved and inspected type.

- Compartment is ventilated overboard and below level of tank base.

#### Electrical

- Wiring approved for marine applications.

- Is system neatly bundled and secured.

- Protected against chafing and strain.

- Adequate flex between bulkhead and engine connections.

- Clear of exhaust system and bilge.

- System is protected by circuit breakers or fuses.

- Grounds to Zincs if required.

- Wire terminals and connections sealed to prevent corrosion.

#### Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) and Bilge Pumps



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■ In addition to your pre-departure inspection of PFDs check for wear or abrasion, weak or torn seams, secure straps and buckles. Some types of PFDs are equipped with inflation devices; check to be sure cartridges are secure and charged.

■ Will pump(s) adequately remove water in emergency? Do you have a manual backup? Are bilges clean and free to circulate (clear limber holes)? Do you check bilges frequently and not rely on automatic pumps?

### Corrosion Prevention

■ Through-hulls, props, shafts, bearings, rudder fittings, and exposed fastenings free of non-destructive corrosion.

■ Zincs are adequate to provide protection.

### Through-hulls

■ Through-hulls are properly bonded.

■ Inspect the steering cables, engine control linkage and cables, engine mounts and gear case for corrosion.

■ These items are properly lubricated or painted to prevent undue corrosion.

■ Strainers, intakes and exhaust or discharge fittings are free from restrictions such as barnacles, marine growth or debris.

■ Inspect sea valves for smooth operation.

■ Handles are attached to valves for quick closure.

■ Hoses are in good condition and free from cracking.

■ Double hose-clamps below the waterline.

■ Anti-siphon valve fitted to marine toilet.

■ Through-hull plugs are near fittings or attached to hose in case of emergency.

### Batteries

■ Stored in non-corrosive, liquid tight, ventilated containers.

■ Non-conductive covers are fitted over posts.

■ Batteries are well secured.

## *Sign Off*

Signing off for another month. Come on folks, 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.