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From the Commodore

WYA WEB Store. Many thanks to Vicky Enos who has set up the Quarter Master store for us. The WYA Store is now open and ready for you to place your orders for some great things for the upcoming boating season. Go to

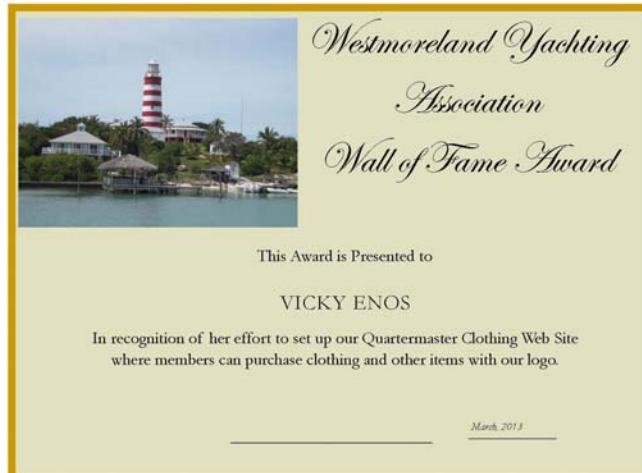
<http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>.

You can order what you want, pick your size and quantity easily. Most of the time this site will offer a discount or free shipping for a minimum purchase amount. The turnaround time has been very quick in Vicky's experience. WYA is not profiting monetarily from the store, except for making products available for our members easily and affordably. WYA declined a 15% markup on products and passed the discount to you, our members. The price shown on the web site is the discounted price. Some items in the store are embroidered with our logo and some are imprinted, so be sure you select the correct ones you want. "Enjoy," says Vicky.

And to Vicky we offer a great well done for setting up the store for us. As the Commodore I award Vicky a spot on the Wall of Fame for her effort. You can view the facts on our web site, www.wya-va.com at the Wall of Fame page. You can see the certificate we'll give her at the next event below.

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WYA Flag Flies in Antarctica. Tom and Kathy Carroll went to Antarctica in February. Wasn't there enough snow here for them?! They thoughtfully took the WYA flag with them. How many other clubs had their flag flown there? Thanks Tom and Kathy!! I think that you've started a new tradition.



Blessing of the Fleet on the Washington Channel. Blake Olofson, the Rear Commodore for Cruising Events of the Port of Washington Yacht Club is pleased to announce that the 2013 Blessing of the Fleet on the Washington Channel will be held on Saturday May 18, 2013. For those interested in this event you can register now at <http://www.powyc.org/blessingofthefleet.htm>. On the page you can click the link to the registration page, download the Course Map, and download a flyer to print and post/distribute. The registration deadline is May 3. There will be a Fleet Captain's meeting on May 7 @ 7:00 pm (MPD Harbor Patrol Classroom - 550 Water St SW). Registered vessels will be provided with more details in the upcoming weeks/months. Get excited for cruising in 2013!!!! It's almost Spring!!!!!! Feel free to forward this message to your fellow boaters. Everyone is welcome.

Tucson tech: Storm-tracking craft test waters here: A tiny unmanned watercraft developed by a Sahuarita company is on course to provide new hurricane-tracking data. The four-year-old company previously developed the EMILY (Emergency Integrated Lifesaving LanYard) for use as a remote-controlled water rescue craft. The EMILY Hurricane Tracker version is being developed under a Phase III Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant to help NOAA better track hurricanes by going where no watercraft has gone before. You can read the full story at the Arizona Daily Star –

http://www.wef.org/about/StoryPage.aspx?story_id=182734977

New Members

We are pleased to welcome several new members this month. First is Michael and Sandra Rowzee from Warrenton, VA. They have a 37' power boat, AquaHolic, that they keep at Coles Point Marina. Next, we welcome Paul



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Dowell and Kimberly Thompson who have a 43' catamaran sailboat and do a bit of traveling. Their local address is in Washington DC. We look forward to learning about their travels this summer. And, finally, we welcome Daniel and Elaine Braud from Richmond. They've got a 31' boat called Our Time that they keep in Coles Point Marina. Seems that we have a firm outpost at Coles Point!

Past Events

Reports are that the St Paddy's Day party and pub crawl was a huge success. We say a great thanks to Norma Blunt, Jeanne Yeagley, and Ruth Lovelace for planning and making it all happen. Additional thanks will go out to Bill Millicent and Bob Swink for providing transportation and safety. And to Bill Hall for being the Chef of the Day. Thanks to all. Below you see four of the pictures taken at the event. See more about the event at our web site, www.wya-va.com.



Preview of Upcoming Events

Dennis Point Marina, April 19-21. Crazy, crazy March weather!! Getting to be routine for us.....winter ends with careening temperatures and snow storms as an afterthought....followed closely by warm breezes and flowering daffodils! Just in time for WYA's opening Spring foray to Dennis Point Marina, shown below.



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So...get those boats ready, load your weekend provisions and set your waypoints downriver. We have a full weekend planned that'll include prepping your boat for the season, visiting with friends and meeting/greeting our newest members.

WE NEED YOUR RSVP IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. SEND AN EMAIL TO philbolin@mvpolonia.com. Every boater will have to make their slip reservations with Dennis Point, but before we do that we need a count of how many may attend. We need to know three things: 1) days you will attend, 2) do you want a haul out and pressure wash on Sunday, and 3) will you participate in the \$18/person cookout on Saturday evening. The marina must know how many will attend so they can schedule adequate staff for the haul outs and to order food for the cookout and have staff on hand to prepare and serve. Let's help these nice folks gear up.

To date we have the following attendees: Phil and Carey Bolin and Jack and Ann Southard on Apolonia, Hope and Les Jackson on High Hopes II, Dick and Anita Elmore on Moon Dance II, Diane and Peggy on one of their boats, Gary and Nancy Vineyard, and Ruth and Jeanne, plus Patti Woodside, a new member. That's 15 so far! How many more? If your attendance depends on the weather that weekend, let me know. We're looking for our new members from Coles Point Marina and Bill and Donna heading over the Potomac to join us.

We've also extended invitations to several other clubs to join us: Colonial Yacht Club, Aquia Yacht Club and Mount Vernon Yacht Club. Of course, other club boaters will receive a hearty welcome! Encourage your friends from those clubs to join us.

Carey and I are now back in the states and heading north. Our schedule is uncertain...the norm for cruising...but we will be back on the Potomac ahead of the event weekend and are available by email and cell phone (804-761-3425) to answer any of your questions.



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To recap the event schedule....here it is.

Friday night, April 19

Eat on board or Dutch treat at the restaurant ... Tiki bar available for drinks and, after dinner, sit by the bonfire provided by the marina. Bring your musical instruments, favorite drinks and signing voices. Tall tales also encouraged.

Saturday afternoon:

Lunch at the restaurant/Tiki bar or onboard. Afternoon games of bocce ball, volleyball, kayak races, corn hole and horse shoes. We can drum up a bit of friendly competition between clubs. Evening cookout of barbecued chicken and ribs, with all the fixings for \$18 per person, plus music at the Tiki bar. (I see a Tiki bar theme happening.)

Sunday morning:

Breakfast Buffet at the restaurant. Special price for a haul-out and pressure wash ... \$3 per foot with the small lift; \$4 per foot if the 75 ton travel lift is required. If additional work is needed, such as zincs, the price is time and materials ... but they will be fair.

SO ... that's the plan. In addition to above, is the slip fee of \$1.50/per foot per night for the boat and electric is \$5/30 amp and \$10/50 amp.

Let's give this boating season a lively jump start. We're expecting you!

Please email me at philbolin@mvpapologia.com if you're planning to attend and if you want to join us for the cookout. We want to keep the marina management posted on how many folks to expect. Then, we'll give you final instructions to make firm reservations.

Flag Raising and Cinco de Mayo, Saturday, May 4. Ole!! We had such a great time last year for Flag Raising that we're going to do the same thing, but maybe even better. It'll be held again at Bayside Marina in Colonial Beach. The new restaurant there will be Seaside and that may cause a few changes in the actual schedule, but I know that MJ and Carey will plan and coordinate a great event. ***Beginning at noon*** with the appropriate flag-raising ceremony and rituals, we'll move along to the real business of the day---celebrating at the water's edge throughout the day, with South of the Border food, music, and, of course, those luscious Mexican libations. What could be better than Kathy Carroll's fantastic Margaritas? And Tom's roasted, stuffed peppers? The cannon will fire, signaling us to precede forward, in accordance with the WYA motto – "Party Like You Mean It!" If you come by sea...actually, by Monroe Bay..., remember that the water is a bit slim in the middle of the Bay in that area. We'll give you the local knowledge to get in safely if you want to bring your boat. More details to



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follow. And, we'll move along to the Captains Lounge, ready with drink in hand for the Kentucky Derby's Post time. Betting may be encouraged.

May 24-27 Memorial Day Trip to Coles Point Plantation. Bill Bukevicz will plan this event for the club, as he and Donna keep their boat at the marina. And, we have new members from there. Many improvements have been made there with the swimming pool and many of the piers having been redone. AND A SPECIAL NOTE ... new cabins have been built for rent. That means the entire club can attend, those wanting to come by boat and those preferring to drive. More details as the time draws near. There will be a bonfire on the beach and special activities. Let's plan on this one. And, if you want to rent a cabin, better reserve it now. This will be a very popular spot! Call 804-472-3955 to get your accommodations lined up.

PRYCA Float-In, July 19-21. It's time to sign up for a great summer weekend.

Phil and Carey, Jack and Ann Southard, Ralph Mason and Kris Butera, Phil and Patti Rogers, and Bob and Norma Blunt are on the list of attendees, so far. Who else???? Attached to the email sending this newsletter is the information on the Float-In.

Each member attending needs to mail their registration to the PRYCA Secretary Joey Sowell at 10 Old English Way, Stafford, VA 22554. Club checks will not be accepted. Please read the Registration form Pg1 for details on how to figure your charges, write your check and mail it with the Registration Page 2 form to Joey.

This will get you in. For a great boating weekend sit down tonight and send in your registration. BE SURE TO put on the page 2 form that you are with WYA. All registrations mailed to Joey will be recorded as received on April 2 which will get us all a slip. Don't delay.

For info, the point of contact for WYA is Phil Bolin. You do not need to send in the Page 1 form. I'll take care of that. Just put your boat info on the page 2 form and mail it. Let's get a good crowd.

PLEASE PLEASE email me when you send your form in so we'll know who is attending. *AND you that don't want to come by boat,* note the places you can stay ashore and enjoy the fun. There are even new cabins at Coles Point. Reserve soon if you want one. The number is 804-472-4011.

And there is more for this years' activities. Check out the 2013 Schedule Page on our web site, www.wya-va.com.



Trivia

Here are pictures from our past. Always fun! Buzz, Bob and Bill at St Paddy's Day party and the Cherry Blossoms in the spring of 2011.



Birthdays

Let's say happy birthday to Christopher Vazquez on 4/2, Stewart Lindsey on 4/3, and Bruce Kasold on 4/26.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Daniel and Elaine Braud on their anniversary on April 1.

Einstein's Energy For His Boats

By Ben Zartman

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Even while unlocking some of the world's most incomprehensible mysteries, Albert Einstein, like ourselves, just had to get down to the water and go messing about in his boat.

To many people, the word "genius" conjures up a familiar picture: a benevolent, wrinkled face topped by an untidy mop of white hair radiating wildly in every direction. Usually a long chalkboard full of minute scribbling comprises the background. This face most associated with genius, of course, was that of the German-born physicist whose Theory of Relativity rocked the world of physics in 1907, and became the foundation upon which the modern study of space and time is based. His most famous formula, $E=mc^2$, is recognized everywhere, by young and old alike, even if few of us can explain what it actually stands for, and even fewer can fathom its ramifications.



Albert Einstein told a reporter, "Atomic power is no more unnatural than when I sail my boat on Saranac Lake."

Though arguably one of the world's greatest minds, Albert Einstein was, in many ways, much like the rest of us. In his spare time, to sort out his thoughts, he didn't resort to an isolated ivory tower lined with dusty books, high above the world's concerns. He craved instead to get out on his boat. And if he ran that boat aground more often than he would've liked, perhaps we can let the occasional lack of seamanship slide, supposing that a eureka moment of inspiration may well have been distracting him.

Before World War II dispossessed Einstein of his home and possessions, and turned him into one of the world's most celebrated refugees, he used to putter at every opportunity aboard his pride and joy, a 21-foot sloop called *Tummler* that had been given to him by friends on his 50th birthday, after he had been ordered by his doctor to take it easy. *Tummler*, which means "porpoise," had been built with Einstein's tastes and needs in mind. Einstein wasn't fond of engines, deeming them too complicated, and he never even learned to drive a car. *Tummler* was fitted with a cleverly hidden inboard engine — even the controls weren't visible when not in use. Her tiny cabin had a small head, extra seating, and a special shelf for storing his pipes.

Einstein sailed *Tummler* out of his summerhouse in Caputh, Germany, until 1933, when the gestapo seized all his property. Later, from his home-in-exile, in New Jersey, he tried to get his beloved "thick little boat" out of Nazi clutches, but was unsuccessful. The German boatyard's owner, who easily could have moved *Tummler* to neutral territory for shipment to America, was too frightened of Nazi



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retaliation to do so. *Tummler* was eventually sold at auction and records of her disappear in the mid-1940s.

After moving to the U.S. Einstein owned another boat, a 15-foot dinghy that he sailed around New England, named *Tinef*, Yiddish for "worthless" or, simply, "junk." Perhaps he was drawing a comparison between her and *Tummler*, a more splendid boat. Or he may have called her *Tinef* in playfulness, for we do know he had great times in her. Some reports say he was a very good sailor, barreling pell-mell toward other boats only to turn away laughing at precisely the last instant; others cite those maneuvers as a testament to a certain happy-go-lucky seafaring ineptitude, adding also that he was known to periodically run aground on the same sandbar several hundred yards from his house. *Tinef* was eventually stove in against a rock while he was sailing in Saranac Lake, New York, and no trace of her or many photographs remain.

It has struck some observers as strange that a man of such an orderly and precise-thinking mind could so enjoy boating, which involves constantly varying and unpredictable factors — wind, tides, waves. They speculate that perhaps a little chaos might've been just what a mind such as his needed as a release from the rigid structure of complex scientific thought. But those of us who love boating, and who spend as much of our time as possible out on the water, might come to a different conclusion. We know that the elemental forces of nature, whether gently ruffling the waters or piling them into roaring billows, are always on display, that they exhibit great order, and what was Einstein's work dealing with if not those very forces? It's that energy — the invisible "E" in his famous equation — that moves the matter that creates the winds and tides and waves that so addict those of us who love the sea and boats. It may very well be that seeing the end results of nature's work — and there may be no better place for that than upon the sea in a little boat — helped Albert Einstein to recognize and define the elemental laws of nature that lie at their source

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